

The Hospitality Hour

December 2020



A Message from Sandy....

Holiday Greetings To One and All.....

Your Hospitality Board met on November 4th right after our monthly Quilt Roundup at the church. You should have seen us! We sat in a socially distanced circle in the garden area of the driveway. The masks that we had worn since 10 a.m. remained in place ready to go to work. We were quite a fetching looking group!

We had two orders of business. The first was a new Quilt Charity Coordinator. As you may know Janet Bettinger has served Hospitality for many years in this vital position. With the new year Janet will be passing on her responsibility to Haxall Ward. We are so grateful to Janet for her long service and to Haxall for graciously accepting this responsibility.

As you can imagine the board's ongoing discussion concerns the date when we will be able to return to monthly meetings. We are mindful that the science and medical information informs us that the next 2 to 3 months will be difficult. We also have on the horizon the hope that a vaccine will be available. With that information in mind the board has voted that Hospitality will try to return for our first meeting on April 7, 2021. We referred to this as a soft opening. We will be ready with a wonderful program, but we also know that we will be in a wait and see position. Given the fact that 97% of our 101 members are 65 years old and better your safety is our primary concern. Hope is on the horizon!

In the mean time, we have one more opportunity to donate quilts towards the 185 seniors registered with the Christmas Mother, the date is December 2nd. While you are making your quilts for the Alzheimer group and Doorways I would invite you to consider making one for a senior as part of their Christmas gift.

Our quilt drop off will be on Wednesday, December 2nd between 10-11 a.m. at the Community of Grace Church on Cranbeck road. As a reminder, place your quilt in your trunk, with an information sheet pinned to the quilt indicating the destination of the quilt and your volunteer hours. Please remember to wear your mask!!

Dear friends, let us continue to be grounded in Hope for the future as we continue to share love, peace and joy with all.

Blessings,

Sandy

Detailed Treasurer's Report for December

The treasurer's report is a one-liner this month:

"We had no income and no expenses for November, so our balance remains the same as last month, \$10,577.78."

Polly Oliver

Vice President's Report

Happy Post Thanksgiving, Friends!

On a beautiful November morning we collected 11 quilts for Doorways and 13 for Christmas Mother. There were also 4 Fidget Quilts donated.

The childrens/juvenile quilts donated with a designation to Christmas Mother were counted for Doorways as Christmas Mother is collecting only quilts for Seniors this year. Some quilts had no designation (6). I am not sure where they went. There was one tag with a charity designation (Christmas Mother) and charity hours reported, but no name.

The charity hours totalled 1246; this included 400 hours for quilts made for the Richmond Symphony and 60 Cap and Scarf sets for the Merchant Seaman. I was not sure if we were able to count these.

Looking forward to the December Drop off with a big push for Christmas Mother.

Be safe and God Bless, *Diane Phillips*

Janet's Charity Quilt Count

4 Fidget quilts
12 Doorways
24 Christmas Mother
40 total

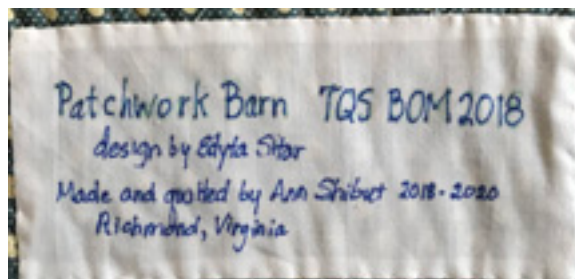
Janet Bettinger

SHOW AND TELL

I asked for pictures showing what you have been making, and I have had some responses... thank you. Everyone... feel free to join in to our HH Show and Tell until we can do it in person.

Susie Rikard has a tip that Piecemakers' members liked. "I like to hand-write my labels but my handwriting is deteriorating with age, so this time I have just tried something different.

"I like to buy labels in shops or online and fill them in. First I type the message on plain white paper. Then I iron blank freezer paper on the back of the label. I tape the message on my light table and put the fabric label on top. I move the label around until I am happy with the words' placement. Then I tape it down and trace the message onto the label with a Pigma pen. Then I fold under the label edges, pull the freezer paper off, and stitch the label to the quilt. The writing turned out so much neater than in the past because I was tracing. Good luck."



Note: Susie had sent me a lovely picture of her label, but in the course of upgrading my computer to a new operating system, that photo inexplicably was lost. So I am showing one of my labels made using Susie's basic method. AS



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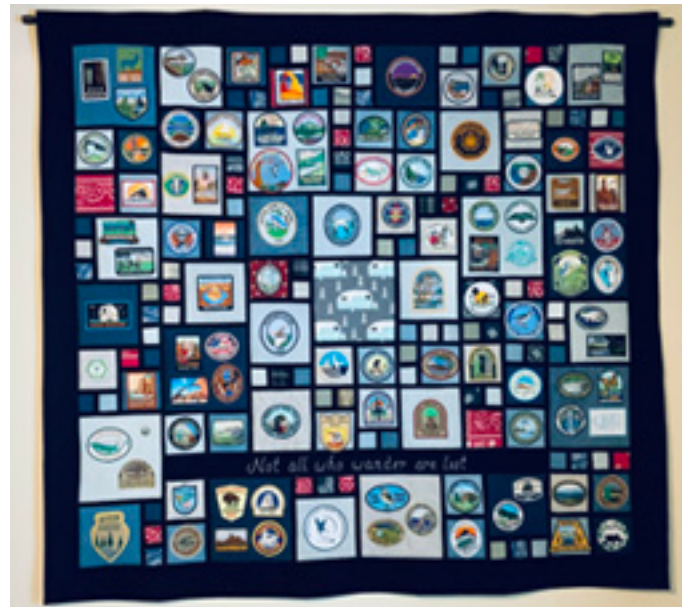
More Show and Tell

From Polly Oliver.... **At right-**

Since retiring I've visited many state and national parks, wildlife refuges, and other destinations along the way. I collected patches from many of them and finally got around to designing a wall quilt to display these patches. This was a great project for 2020, the 'stay at home' year, since every patch reminded me of a fun trip and some great hikes and adventures, and the people who shared in those memories.

I chose a center fabric with an RV theme, since lots of my traveling was with my husband in the RVs we bought after retirement. Other trips were with my sisters, brother and /or best friend from high school. The background patches in the quilts came from worn out denim clothes and bandanas, most of which we wore on these adventures. So even the background patches are very personal, making the quilt even more meaningful to me.

The pattern is adapted from one I found online many years ago for a denim scrap quilt. The neat thing about it is that once you learn the grid method, you can change arrangement and size of your quilt pretty easily, making this a very adaptable pattern. You could make a smaller version with patches from Scouts or any other endeavor.



Below: Here is my latest quilt. It is my rendition of a photo my husband took at sunset of a white egret fishing in an inlet of the river at Henricus Historical Park in Chester, Virginia. Helaine Meadows



Left: This is a charity quilt made from the kit tossed into my car at the first quilt "drop off" day...

Ann Shibut

