

The Hospitality Hour



January 2021

A Message from Sandy....

New Year Blessings To One and All!

2020 has certainly been a difficult year, but yet a year that you as Hospitality Quilters have continued to give back to the community.

We received another letter of thanks from the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Christmas Mother Committee. As you may recall we were asked to supply quilts for the Senior Citizens that had applied for Christmas assistance. Our chapter was able to supply over 100 quilts.

Here is an excerpt from the note that Kathryn Lunsford sent to us. "...the quilts have been so well received!! They laid on top of the elders' bundles, so often they (the clients) see them as we give them the bundle and the comments have been terrific. In some cases we have handed the quilt through the car window directly to the client....and their eye light up! What a gift!" Kathryn continues, "so my note comes to tell you that you all are making a huge difference to many! We are so grateful and our entire committee has been touched by your generosity. We appreciate your talents and the fact that you are willing to share with those less fortunate. Once again, I extend my sincere thanks on behalf of our committee for your generosity."

Dear friends, though we wait for the opportunity to gather again, even in our separation we continue to be a vital part of service to others.

As we continue to "quilt on" in the New Year I hope you've chosen one of Hospitality's quilt challenges to unleash more of your creative talents. Remember what they are?

First challenge: "I've been dreaming of...." A quilt to express your hopes and dreams during this time of limitations

Second Challenge, "I'm thankful for..." A quilt that would help us focus on the very many things we are grateful for, in spite of all of the new challenges we face.

Third Challenge, "Richmond, a city of beauty"... A quilt displaying Richmond from your own perspective

Fourth Challenge, "Learn Something New" Each person who enters the challenge will submit a photo of the finished project with an explanation of what the new learned technique was and how it was accomplished. As I shared in last month's Hospitality Hour it could be a new technique using paper piecing, a novel way to embellish.

PLEASE NOTE: JANUARY WEATHER CAN BE DIFFICULT SO WE WILL NOT BE HAVING OUR QUILT ROUNDUP AT THE CHURCH. PLEASE STAY HOME ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH AND QUILT FOR FEBRUARY!!

So my friends, stay safe, stay well and may your heart be blessed with the joy you give to others through quilting!
Sandy

Charity Giving in 2020 -- from Janet Bettinger

Quilts Summary 2020

	Fetal Demise	Lynchburg Baptist	McGuire Patients	Family First	Alzheimer's	Crater Community	Hospitality House	JW NICU	Fisher House	Xmas Mothe	Other	Monthly Total
April												0
May							2				8	10
June												0
August							1				3	4
September					2		11			25		38
October					8		5			28		41
November					4		12			24		40
December					2		3			18		23
January												0
February												0
March												0
Year Subtotal	0	0	0	0	16	0	34	0	0	95	11	
Year Total												156

8 q quilts for k9 for warriors

3 quilts for k9 for warriors, Ponte Vedra, Fla.

Your Fidget Quilts at Work

I had a goodly number of your fidget quilts for the folks at the Alzheimer's Association, In these Covid days their office is not open to the general public, so the process is for me to email her that I have some quilts ready, she has me leave them with the guard in the lobby and she then picks them up at her convenience. I thought you might be interested in the communications which ensued after this delivery....

On Dec.4 Marie wrote: "Ann, the quilts are lovely and one of our Care Consultants is coming in this afternoon because she's had requests for more! Your timing is perfect! What a wonderful gift you are sharing with others. Thank you, and have a wonderful Christmas. *Marie.*"

The same day I replied: "I'm delighted that the timing worked well for everyone. There will be more quilts in the new year, I am sure..."

Blessed holidays to you all, *Ann*"

On December 17 Marie wrote again: "Ann, I wanted to let you know that we've given away almost all of our Fidget Quilts. This past week Ruthie at Sunrise at BonAir came by in desperate need of a couple of fidget quilts for a resident and we were able to provide them. Thanks to you and the Quilters Guild.

Please give everyone our best and thank you all again for the blessings you give to others.

Marie"

Then, on December 18 Ruth D'Alessandro of Sunrise wrote: "Dear Marie & Members of the Quilters' Guild, "I would like to thank you all so much for the Fidget Quilts.

"I hardly made it through the door with them before the physical therapist took one from me for the gentleman that was so in need of it. The timing was incredible that you, Marie happened to be in the office when I needed them.

"Ladies of the Quilters Guild, it is such a wonderful service that you provide through your artistry and I hope that all of you know how needed the quilts are for those with dementia.

"You have truly helped this gentleman and the staff of Sunrise at Bon Air. I hope that God blesses each and every one of you that way that you bless others.

"Have a wonderful holiday season and I again thank you. *Ruthie*

If this doesn't inspire you to make some more fidget quilts, I'll be very surprised!

Diane Philips' Report

Fifteen (15) quilts were donated during our December drop off event.

It was a cold morning and some poor souls were having a terrible day; there was an automobile accident at the intersection of Huguenot Road and Cranbeck. I know that I had to be detoured to get to the church, but it was far better for me than for the vehicles in the ditch and those hugging the light.

Our volunteer hours totaled 392.

Thank you for all you do. *Diane*

News of Carolyn Mendel

Gail Plante let me know the sad news that the husband of Carolyn Mendel, former Hospitality member and president (and former Guild President) passed away on December 22. Ernie and Carolyn retired to The Villages, Florida, in 2014. He and Carolyn were married for twenty years. The family requested that those who wished to express condolences consider a donation to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Mariposa Way, The Villages, Florida 32162.

Due to constraints of Covid-19 a **graveside service here in Richmond will be limited to immediate family. You can join it livestream at 2 pm on Tuesday, December 29**, by clicking the link at www.blileys.com.

Treasurer's Report

Same as last month:

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

Whew! This is just wearing me out! Thanks Ann! And Merry Christmas! *Polly*

Janet's Final Charity Quilt Report

Christmas Mother	18
Doorways	3
Fidget	2
Total	23

Show and Tell

Susie Rikard wrote, "I finally got the binding on this one. It's called Storm at Sea in a Pond of Koi. Perhaps you could use it. It's a miniature, 31" x 34". The storm in the center is 15" x 18". The center was a die-cut kit by John Flynn. Happy holidays!"

And **Shawne Kaeser** also wanted to share one of her quilts and its story: ...2020 Pandemic (Oversized) King Size Quilt. "When the isolation of the pandemic started, I had already begun gathering fabrics for the paper pieced quilt for our son and daughter-in-law. So a quick trip to the local quilt shop for additional fabrics and help. Josh and Christen wanted neutral colors, not exactly more forte. Next step trace the 8" block design to tracing paper. First problem—how did I miscalculate the number of blocks needed? Back to the quilt shop for more fabric, and I needed more neutral thread. And then each border side ended with a half pinwheel, so create a border strip that would include the other half of the pinwheel to complete that design. Next step-- the quilting design needed to be in an 8" block and with an open center due to the confluence of pinwheel seams. Design was chosen. So, exactly 4 months later the quilt was quilted. Next problem, they wanted the quilt to hang at least 16" from the mattress top. Not possible on a standard long arm machine. So, create an additional quilted 8" border to add. It is no simple task to marry two quilted areas while wrangling a 102" quilt. And now a new problem—not enough of the choice fabric for this extra border and using the fabric that was available was not an attractive pairing to the quilt. So, add a row of blue piping to break up the joining. But what else do I have to do during isolation. Certainly not clean the house! These last finishing features took 5 months to complete and the beauty of the quilt has actually grown on me, even though it's in neutral colors, except the blue which I added for interest. So . . . last problem, when will I be able to deliver this mammoth King Size quilt? Shawne Kaeser"

At right.. Susie's miniature



At left.. Shawne's king-size

Do send your show and tell to
Ann... everyone is hungry to
see others' quilts!