



Walnut Valley Quilters's Guild
P.O. Box 990, Winfield, KS. 67156

MEETINGS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Cancelled

Fellow quilters,

Wasn't it fun to see Janell's quilts? It is amazing what she has accomplished during her quilting career, all while raising and home schooling her children! Much inspiration was there for all of us to see.

However...due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in the county and the onset of flu season, your Board of Directors have made the difficult decision to cancel the November and December meetings. We hope that this will allow everyone to remain healthy, concentrate on the holiday season, and maybe get to enjoy some time with your family. We will revisit this issue and make a decision regarding the January meeting at a later date.

Also...your Board has decided that the March quilt show will need to be canceled as well. A show needs to already be in the planning stages and with illness in the community, plans just can't be made far enough ahead of time. The pandemic has changed many things and this is one of those things. Hopefully, we can have a bigger and better show in 2023!

When we do meet again, we will not be having a Freebie table or extra door prize tickets. Another casualty of the pandemic. But keep your stuff! There will probably be a new and improved Silly Sack Sale in the future. Who knows what treasures will have been collected in the meantime!

Elsewhere in this newsletter is information about the T-shirt design contest, a UFO completion challenge (both with prizes!), and an award that our guild received from the Winfield Chamber of Commerce. The award plaque is available for viewing at Field to Fabric Quilt Co. So when you go in to buy quilting supplies for those holiday projects, please take a look. You all stepped up to the plate and really contributed to the mask making effort. Thanks, quilters!! And...while you are in the shop, remember to purchase your guild calendar for 2021. They are beautiful!

With the arrival of cooler weather, there is less work to be done outdoors and more time to stay indoors and quilt. Take advantage of that and enjoy some time with your sewing machine.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Sally Ray
WVQG President

Way To Go Quilters

Sarah Werner, Chamber of commerce CEO, presented the Walnut valley Quilter's Guild Board of Directors with a Community Champion Award at their meeting on October 19th. The Award was a recognition of our work during the 2020 Covid 19 Pandemic. Information and a picture were posted on the Chamber and WVQG Facebook pages. The award will be hung at Field to Fabric for awhile.



NEW..... WVQG T-SHIRTS.....CONTEST!!!

The Competition Has Begun!

WVQG Board has decided to have a “Competition to Design” the next Guild T-Shirt. The T-Shirts will be printed in the late Winter/Spring.

Rules of the Contest Are:

- 1. The designs must be turned by the February meeting.**
- 2. They must fit on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper; in black ink with colors filled in if applicable. (We will work with designer about colors with regards to the price.)**

The WINNER will receive a FREE T-SHIRT and recognition in the Newsletter.

So get those Crafty Pencils out and Join in the Fun designing our own shirts!!!!

THAT’S NOT ALL !!

Ruth Gordon is Planning a UFO CHALLENGE 2021

In my planning of programs for the year, Mary from KC area was to give a program about finishing UFO’s at the November meeting. This was to have been the “kickoff” for a UFO Challenge like we did 2 years ago. I finished 9 of the 10 projects I entered in the contest. I knew I wanted another Contest during my year as program chairman! In September, the Board decided to not have an expensive speakers at this time, resulting in the cancellation of this speaker which would have cost around \$600.00. At the October board meeting, it was decided to cancel both November and December meetings, but to continue with the UFO Challenge.

I watched several videos about UFO’s. The one I found the most thought provoking is from Leah Day. She gave useful information about getting UFO’s completed, but also presented a psychological explanation for why we have UFO’s. I would suggest watching this 30-minute video through You Tube.

What is an UFO?

Most instructors I watched define it as a project that has been put away out of sight and probably has not been active for 6 months or more. There are some various reasons this project became an UFO. There will be reasons some projects will even continue to be UFO's. We are concerned with finding 10 or less, that you could Finish for the Challenge 2021.

UFO Challenge 2021

Dig ALL the UFO projects from their storage areas.

Place on a large surface area where all can be seen and examined. As you look and feel the item, try to remember why you started the project.

Ask yourself, do I feel anything positive from it? Is it still interesting? What was the purpose? If there is only negative feeling or no feelings at all, is there a reason to finish it? Can the project plan be altered? Can it be downsized to a smaller more manageable quilt? Can the purpose be altered? If there is still no interest, maybe it could go to a guild fundraiser or passed to a friend?

Once you have projects that have again become of interest, separate these into piles of what needs to be done, such as finished tops together. There are various ways to select your 10 or less project for the challenge. Think about the time you have in the next few months, as well as the costs of completing several projects. Put your selections in front of you and think of what each project needs to be finished. Next, think of what caused you to get stuck on the project? Did you run out of fabric, make a mistake, have a problem understanding the pattern, or did you get tired making repetitive blocks? The challenge form is designed to give you a place to make notes about the problems you may have encountered. Again, you have the right and power to put it back in the closet, or to change techniques or designs.

Leah Day Defines 3 Distinct Emotional Stages of Quilt Making:

- 1. The starting energy is the excitement, high emotional feeling of finding a fantastic pattern or dreamy fabric or technique that is all the rage. This might be compared to a runner high with all the good feelings from happy brain chemicals. If you are constantly starting new things you may be a starting junkie.**
- 2. The messy middle is where the learning occurs, and skills are built. But it is also where problems happen, mistakes are made or reality hits as to the amount of work is involved. That is where we are most likely to get stuck. Sometimes we are stuck**

because there is a decision that needs to be made. Leah suggests putting the project up where it can be seen. Ideas are more likely to flow to us and we are more likely to get unstuck if we have more thoughts about the project. Another way to get unstuck may be to work on the project for 15 or 30 minutes a day. Consider giving yourself a reward for these short sessions!

3. The finishing energy is an even, steady flow of energy. By this time, you probably have an eye on the finish line. Sometimes a UFO in this stage may have had an interruption without as many problems as in the messy middle.

RULES

Using the attached form, fill out the information for up to 10 projects or less to be entered in the contest. Pictures of the project may be helpful, but not necessary. Entry forms can be sent to Ruth Gordon at 1314 E. 6th, Winfield, KS 67156. Also you can TEXT Ruth at 620-229-1316. The forms can be emailed to egordon1@cox.net or Facebook page or bring the form to the January 11 meeting. The projects will be due at the April meeting, where they will be shown. For each project and completed, an entry will be made and placed into a drawing. A \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Field to Fabric will be given to the WINNER of the drawing.

You have heard that statement “GET UR DONE”

COME JOIN THE FUN AND GET THOSE UFO’S OUT AND “GET UR DONE”

Smile it makes people wonder what you been up to, of course that is getting those UFO’s done! Right?

UFO CHALLENGE 2021 ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

1. Describe Item _____

What is needed to finish? _____

What is the problem? _____

2. Describe Item _____

What is needed to finish? _____

What is the problem? _____

3. Describe Item _____

What is needed to finish? _____

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4. Describe Item _____

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5. Describe Item _____

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8. Describe Item _____

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9. Describe Item _____

What is needed to finish? _____

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10. Describe Item _____

What is needed to finish? _____

What is the problem? _____

Walnut Valley Quilters' Guild
Board of Directors meeting
October 19, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Winfield 5:30pm

Call to order- President Sally Ray

Sarah Werner from the Winfield Chamber of Commerce was here to speak. The Chamber is recognizing people who have gone "above and beyond" during the COVID pandemic. Our guild was given a "Community Champion Award" for the efforts in mask-making over the past months. We received a certificate, balloon bouquet and cookies.

Minutes of previous meeting- It was moved by Kathy and seconded by Debbie H to approve the meeting minutes; motion passed.

There was discussion regarding the November 9th meeting in Winfield; COVID numbers in Cowley Co are currently high. Ruth is willing to coordinate an incentive to finish unfinished projects by starting a UFO challenge. Entries should be called to Ruth by January 1st. UFO's should be finished by April and prizes will be given.

Debbie Hathaway moved that we vote whether to have a meeting in Nov and December; seconded by Debbie Walker. A vote was taken individually on each month. The majority voted "no" to a November meeting. The majority voted "no" to a December meeting. There was discussion about whether the board should meet in November. It was decided not to meet in November. The December board meeting will be on December 14th, one week earlier than normal.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary- Debbie Dennett – no report.

Treasurer- Kristi Hawkins – September report attached. Judy was asked to put the partial Oct report in the newsletter.

Kristi confirmed that storage fees are paid to date; a discount was given for paying the year's balance in full.

The e-postcard was filed with the IRS in June, 2020. (It was due by October 15).

1st Vice-President- Ruth Gordon

Discussion about upcoming programs. The cancelled speaker from Sept is scheduled in January. The Duwe's are scheduled for February.

1st Vice-President-elect- Debbie Hathaway- No report. She would appreciate ideas for local talent to do a potential program during the 2021-22 quilt year.

2nd Vice-President- Chris Todd - No report. Sign up at the October meeting was done outside and went well.

Publicist/Historian- Debbie Walker- No report

Ways and Means- Janell Williams/Gretchen Gropper

*Calendar proof was available to view during the meeting. There will be no increase in the printing cost. Calendars are to be sold by board members and the local quilt shops since we will not have a guild meeting during Nov/Dec.

***Opportunity quilt; \$424 was received during the Quilt Shop Hop opening weekend.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

ENJOY YOUR FAMILIES AND STAY SAFE

SEE YOU IN 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!



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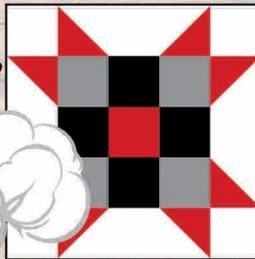
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M-W-F 9-5 / Closed Tuesday / Th 9-7 / Sat 9-3

**Board Of Directors Meeting December 14, 2020,5:30pm, At Trinity Luthern Church, Winfield
(this is the 2nd Monday not the 3rd Monday in Dec.)**

Next Guild Meeting is January 11, 2021, at 5:30 pm, Winfield.

Sew What- Fourth Monday, 6:00 pm, Cowley County Room
311 E 9th, Winfield. Contact Janell Williams @620-221-7249 .
Anyone is welcome!

Quilting Bees – Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday from 6-9pm at the
Ark City Senior Center, 320 S. A Street. Come join!!

Sew Much Fun- meets second Thursday and Fourth Monday of the month
9-4pm at Field to Fabric Quilt Co in Winfield. Anyone is welcome to join.

TMT- Meets all day First Thursday and ½ day on the Third Thursday at Field To Fabric
Everyone welcome. Contact Donna Thompson at 620-262-1895 or Charlene Brewer at
620-218-2083.

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SEE YOU JANUARY 11, 2021

5:30 PM. CORNERSTONE

WINFIELD