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Presidents Message

We sure live in interesting times! So much has changed during the last four weeks, and we are forced to figure out how to adapt to the new situation. I am very much a creature of habit and I usually hate change but not all change is bad. Many things that were deemed impossible before are suddenly happening. For groups like ours that connect through meetings the restrictions are especially challenging. Right now all we can do is wait and see. We have cancelled all meetings until further notice and will re-evaluate the situation every month.

Our executive meeting has been moved online, and it worked really well. It was very good to "see" everyone. Physical distancing can be stressful, and worrying about the pandemic situation doesn't help either. I had some serious anxiety issues in March and finally realized that I needed to call my doctor. I am telling you this to let you know that this is perfectly normal. Mental health is important, and you are not alone if you feel stressed. Please reach out if you need help. Make an effort to call your friends on a regular basis. Talk to your fellow quilters and see how they are doing. I felt so much better after our virtual executive meeting, and I hadn't even realized that I was missing social connections because I work alone from home every day anyway.

We are trying to keep our membership connected

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during this time. The easiest way right now is through Facebook. Not all of you are on Facebook, and I understand if you don't want to join. I would just like to point out that you can have a Facebook account that is invisible to the general public. You don't have to have Facebook friends or give out any personal information. All you need is an email address. You could create an account just to become a member of our private guild group and ignore everything else. If you would like to join but don't know how, please contact us, we will be happy to help.

Our newsletter is another way of keeping us connected. We will continue to send it out, and we will try to keep everyone who is not on Facebook in the loop as much as possible. But since we have no general meetings we need your help in creating content. Please send us anything that you think might be interesting for all guild members to be included in the newsletter. Several of you have already emailed us pictures of their finished projects for virtual Show & Tell, and we thank you for your support. Please keep those pictures coming. Karlie will try to update our website as much as she can to give those of you who are not on Facebook a chance to keep up with everything that is going on.

We will get through this, and we will get through it together. Stay healthy, Beatrice

CONNECT And WIN!

Even though we can't connect in person, we can still CONNECT ONLINE. Our Guild helps us to share, learn, support, encourage, create, have fun, inspire, laugh, make friends and lift each other up. Wow - That's quite a list isn't it? So let's keep all that good stuff going in every way we can!

WIN PRIZES - Each week starting next week, we will do random draws from everyone who has connected on FaceBook and via email. All you have to do be entered in

Virtual Show & Tell!

April 8, 2020

Our first virtual Show & Tell ...well It's just "Show" with no "Tell" actually, but lots of beautiful work to look at! Thank you to everyone who emailed in pictures. Please keep the pictures coming for next months Newsletter.



the draws to WIN is to share quilting goodness online. Post on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/PieceMakersgroup/ or send a photo to the guild email. chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com

Let's do this!

Post your quilting pictures on our guild Facebook - don't be shy! It's our own private page just for guild members. There has been lots of activity and great posts happening already - yay! We want to see more - your show & tell, works in progress, Make one Take one, your successes and epic fails too! Post a link, a like, a heart, an lol! and be sure to comment some encouraging words on someone else post. The more you connect the more chances you have to WIN!



April Meeting

We can't meet in person but we can still connect! On meeting day April 15, post a picture of your name tag (or better yet a selfie of you wearing your name tag!) on our Facebook page for an extra chance to WIN a prize. www.facebook.com/PieceMakersgroup/

We Care



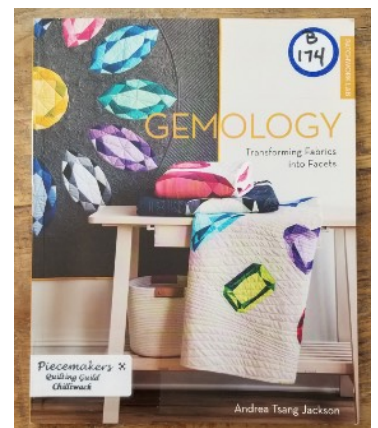
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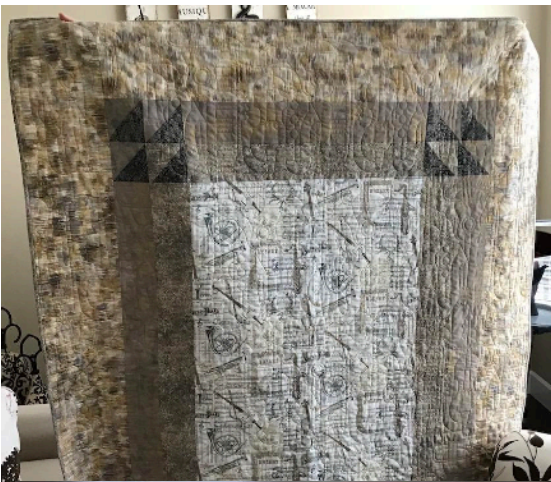
We were unable to host the We Care Workshop last month, but the committee has prepared many kits and are ready to be distributed. If anyone is interested in a kit, you may contact Gail by emailing the guild email chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com. You may agree on a designated time and place to obtain a kit. To be on the safe side, it is recommended that you bring your own bag and then the kit can be placed in it. Then leave that bag in the garage for three days (plastic) before sewing. For those quilters who wish to use their own fabric and batting; please let us know and if you wish we can replace your batting at some point in the future (up to a few quilts). Quilts will be delivered to the organizations again when safe to do so. Cynthia Project: we would like to encourage those who are involved in this challenge to continue to show them by emailing photos for the website and newsletter and posting on Facebook. Thank you to all our committed quilters for donating to our local organizations. Stay safe everyone! Gail and Ginger

Library Report

Our fabulous PieceMakers Library is certainly one thing we will be missing while our in person meeting are on hold. Instead of our usual Library Report I thought I'd do a book review of Gemology by, Andrea Tsang Jackson. I got this book at our last meeting in February and I guess I get to keep it until our next real meeting - lucky me!

This book has great photos and instructions and all the templates needed to create nine different gem stone blocks. It's paper piecing which I love, and there is really interesting detail and explanations on how to create facets with shape and colour.





I haven't made any of the gem blocks yet (too many other things on the go right now) but I did use some of the round gem stone template when I was creating the paper pieced version in my Apples series. I think my summer project might be a series of mini gem stones! Bring on the Bling! Be well and keep sewing! Kate D



If you have a PieceMakers Library book you are enjoying please send in your review to share for next month's newsletter.

chillpmnewsletter@gmail.com

Guild Web Page

<http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com>

At our Executive meeting via Zoom we talked about ways to stay connected and to support our guild. The guild webpage is a great place to do this especially if you are not connected to our guild Facebook page. I realize the webpage does not allow for comments and conversation but at least you will be able to see what everyone is working on. I



plan to use the homepage as the landing place with many links taking you to updates as I add them.

I hope many of you will send me pictures to update the **April Show & Tell, We Care** you have made, your pouch for **Make It Take It, Quilt Show Challenge** and anything else you can think of that would be of interest to the members. Please send photos to the guild email address chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com

Make One - Take One

In view of the current situation we won't be able to exchange pouches in person but that doesn't mean we can't share!

We decided to ask you all to post a picture of your completed pouch for our April Make One Take One. Please post on our guild FaceBook page

www.facebook.com/PieceMakersgroup/ or email a

photo to the Guild at

chilliwickpiecemakers@gmail.com and it will be

posted on the Guild web site.

We will have our actual exchange on the first occasion we can have a meeting. I haven't completed mine as I put it on the back burner!!!! I am getting to it and hopefully will post by the end of the week.

Here are a couple of cool pouch photos that have been shared already! Stay safe, Janet



QUILT SHOW 2020

With these uncertain times we do not know if we will be hosting our biannual quilt show for Oct 2020, only time will tell. At our executive meeting via Zoom we talked about other possibilities - hosting it in the spring of 2021 or skipping a year and have the next one in 2022.

Either way we will just have to wait and see how things unfold. One thing I do know the raffle quilts are all made and waiting, so if we do run a show on



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short notice this part is already complete, and they can be kept for a future time. If there are any new developments regarding the quilt show I will keep you updated. - Karlie

Challenge QUILT 2020

We would like everyone to consider starting their Challenge Quilt Project, especially since many of us are all at home with more time to spare. Following are all the details and they can also be found on our website. <http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/quilt-show-2020>

One way or another the Challenge Quilts will be displayed at a future quilt show. I would like to generate a page on the website that displays the finished projects, so please submit your photo to the guild email address when done.

To Celebrate the year 2020 the theme for our Challenge is **"Twenty Twenty"**. Your design can be any theme you want but **must include the 10 items listed below plus 10 items of your choice. For a total of 20 different items and be the specified size (20" x 20")**. We encourage everyone in the guild to participate in this challenge. All quilts entered will be displayed at our quilt show on October 23rd and 24th.

Rules of the Challenge

- #1 Rule: Have Fun!!!** Use your imagination!
- You must include at least one of each of the 10 items on the list below plus 10 items of your choice** (more of each item if you're adventurous). All 20 items must appear on the front of your wall hanging. The items from the list can be any size and you are not limited to just those items, but 20 listed items must appear individually at least once on the front of your challenge.



Challenge QUILT 2020 cont...

****Remember your challenge will be hung up so make sure these items are securely fastened and not so heavy they flop over.**

These are a list of the 10 items that must appear on your quilt

- 1.A Square
- 2.A Triangle
- 3.A Hexagon
- 4.A Circle
- 5.The Color Blue
- 6.The Color Yellow
- 7.Applique - Machine or Hand
- 8.A Bead
- 9.A Button
- 10.A Number (any number)

**Remember it must include ONE of each item!!!
No combining items like a blue, round button.**

•Finished Size: Your wall hanging must finish as a 20" x 20" square to fit with the "Twenty Twenty" theme. No exceptions!!

•Methods of Construction: You are free to use whatever construction or quilting methods work best for your creation (i.e. machine piece, hand piece, paper piece, machine applique, hand applique, machine or hand quilt, etc.), but it must be 3 layers and quilted. We encourage you to challenge yourself and be creative.

•Fabric Requirement: You can use whatever fabrics you want in your challenge. There is also no limit to the total number of kinds of fabrics used in your challenge but you must include the items on the above list plus 10 items of your choice.

•Hanging Sleeve: The quilt back must have a hanging sleeve.



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Quilt Show

Karlie M / Janet S

Fun Free Project from Pumpkin Patch



I have just started another Block of the Month for 2020. It is called "Penguin Promenade", and features cartoonish penguins engaging in different winter activities.

This year there will be only nine blocks, all appliquéd (the fusible kind). Each block will be posted on my blog on the first day of the month at 9 am and will be available for free download until the end of the month. <https://pumpkinpatchbc.com/blog/>

The last block will **not** include the finishing instructions this time. You are free to just collect the blocks and assemble them any way you like. I will, however, send my finishing instructions (that include a couple of pieced filler rows) with no charge to anyone who makes all nine blocks and sends me a picture (or shows them to me in person) until March 31, 2021. Beatrice R