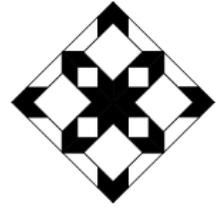


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President's Message

Spring is finally just around the corner and we had been finalizing plans for our April Spring meeting followed by our annual West Virginia Quilt Festival in June.

These events are now cancelled.

Unfortunately, the recently announced national emergency by President Donald Trump and West Virginia state emergency by Governor Jim Justice due to the global novel Coronavirus outbreak has caused the Board to take alternate action. Our decisions were not made lightly, and we understand that everyone may not agree with them. However, we took our actions based on the most recent available information regarding the pandemic.

Our overriding concern is the health and wellbeing of our membership, their loved ones, and the general public, and the preservation of our members' resources in WVQI. While we could have delayed a decision, WVQI would have incurred expenses that could not have been recouped should we have ultimately cancelled, and WVQI would have incurred significant financial losses if we had held the events with low attendance.

It is our expectation that we will be able to hold our Fall meeting and class as planned September 18-19, 2020 in Moundsville, WV. Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

We pray that all of our members remain healthy and unscathed by the novel Coronavirus. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about the Board's actions.

Mary Utt, President

*** IMPORTANT INFORMATION ***

WVQI's April 2020 Spring meeting and class have been CANCELLED

WVQI's June 2020 West Virginia Quilt Festival has been CANCELLED

March 14, 2020 Actions of the Board

- Resolution to cancel the WVQI Spring meeting and class. Resolution passed unanimously.
- Resolution to cancel the 2020 West Virginia Quilt Festival. Resolution passed unanimously.
- Resolution to waive the Spring and Summer meetings of WVQI called for in the By-Laws due to the extraordinary situation with the novel Coronavirus pandemic and the declared national and state emergencies. Resolution passed unanimously.

Festival Chair Message

Sadly, the 2020 West Virginia Quilt Festival has been cancelled due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the novel Coronavirus outbreak. It is not an action the Board of Directors took lightly, nor was it done without a great deal of soul-searching.

I would like to thank the Festival Committee members and those people who have helped out at past Festivals, putting in many hours and hard work to make sure that WVQI put on a great event. Our main sponsor, Vickie Fler, of the Quilt Shoppe, has always been there for us; not only has she supported us financially, she allows us to use her shop as a storage facility throughout the year. There are our vendors, who show up with all their amazing fabrics and new products. And of course, there is the public, who comes out to see all the beautiful creations from the hands of our membership.

I am hopeful that this pandemic runs its course soon, and that you and your loved ones will be spared the dreadful consequences that so many others across the globe have suffered. With planning, preparedness, and a good bit of luck, we will be able to resume our traditional schedule later on this year. I look forward to seeing all of you, and the work of your hearts and hands at next year's Festival, scheduled for June 17 – 19, 2021.

***Respectfully submitted by Joni Hoffman,
Festival Chair***

**Minutes of WVQI Meeting
September 21, 2019
Beckley, West Virginia**

The Meeting was called to order by President Mary Utt at 1:00 pm. She welcomed members and guests. Thanks were extended to the host guild today "Hands All Around" and Vice-President Sue Papouschek for all of their efforts in organizing today's meeting. President Mary Utt introduced Audra Rasnake, the presenter today, who offered a class this morning titled "Folded Cutwork Applique." Today's vendor "Itchin'2 Be Stitchin" was introduced and thanks extended to them for spending the day with us.

Officers' Reports:

Secretary Report – Claudia Covey made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Barbara Green.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Green gave the report. As of September 23, 2019, our balance was \$37,778.35.

Committee Reports:

Festival Chair Connie Forth shared the dates for the 2020 Quilt Festival: June 18, 19, and 20th, in Summersville. The quilt entry date is April 30, 2020. We already have seven vendors committed. We will continue to accept donations for our Quilters Boutique. We were reminded of the Little Quilt Auction and encouraged to submit little quilts.

Documentation – Fran Kordek let us know that the 500th quilt was documented here in Beckley, 4 weeks ago. Informational Brochures are available for pick-up on the sign-in table. She reminded us of upcoming documentation days to be held at Malden and Mountaineer Week in Morgantown.

Membership – Joni Hoffman has membership forms available if anyone needs one.

Virginia Quilt Museum – Barbara Green encouraged everyone to visit the Museum in Harrisonburg, Virginia and see our exhibit "From the Hills and Hollers of West Virginia." The exhibit will remain there until December 15, 2019.

Elections – Vicky Graham, Nominating Chair, presented the slate of officers as follows: Vice- President, Sue Papouschek; Secretary, Connie Forth; and Festival Committee Coordinator, Joni Hoffman. The above list was voted on and elected by the members present.

We do not have a nomination for Newsletter Editor and a request was made for a volunteer.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Adjournment – Connie Forth moved to adjourn the meeting and Barbara Green seconded the motion.

Announcements – Joni Hoffman shared information on the Retreat to be held at Cedar Lakes.

Kathy Johnson made us aware she is in training to be a Certified Quilt Appraiser with AQS, and will be available if any one wishes to have a quilt appraised.

Show and Tell – Many beautiful items were shared.

Anne Perella, of A&J Sewing Studio, gave us information on the new Bernina Dealership she is opening in the Seneca Center, Morgantown, WV.

Sue Papouschek shared dates of the Spring 2020 Meeting to be held at Bolts & Quarters Quilt Shop in Parkersburg on April 25, 2020, with a class planned for April 24, 2020. More information will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

Sue Papouschek introduced Audra Rasnake, who gave a wonderful presentation and shared techniques from her “Folded Cutwork Applique” class taught earlier in the day.

Respectfully Submitted by Vicky Graham, Secretary

WVQI Officer Appointment

Susan Brooks volunteered to take on the role of Newsletter Editor after the call for volunteers was made at the Fall meeting. Susan’s appointment began on January 1, 2020. Our many thanks go out to Deb Curtis for her years of service as Newsletter Editor and we wish her well in her new role as a “regular old member now.”

WVQI Dates to Remember

September 18 – 19, 2020 – WVQI Fall Meeting & Class, Moundsville, WV. Details to follow.

Call for WVQI Officer Nominations

Any members interested in serving a two-year term as President, Treasurer, or Membership Secretary, please contact Nominating Chair Barb Green at barb.wvquilterinc@gmail.com.

Out and About and Quilting Events

Due to the rapidly evolving novel Coronavirus pandemic, please contact event sponsors directly for updates and cancellations.

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