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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the nice weather the little green shoots are starting to peek out and they are a reminder that a new season is about to begin.

The same can be said of our quilt guild. Our April meeting will be election of officers, submissions for next years Charitable Interest ideas are due, and we will be winding down our 2021 Raffle Quilt ticket sales.

We also have a nice program planned for those of you who do sewing marathons and then stand up to say "Oh my aching back!".

Don't forget we will be doing breakout rooms again, so have your "Show and Tell" project ready and be prepared to visit and meet new members! Just a reminder, we are meeting the second Saturday, April 10, due to Easter being the first weekend.

Hope you find lots of new project "sprouting" in your sewing space.

Linda

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April Regular Meeting

Via ZOOM – April 10 – 10:00am

Election of New Officers

Program to follow – See page 2

Please join in!

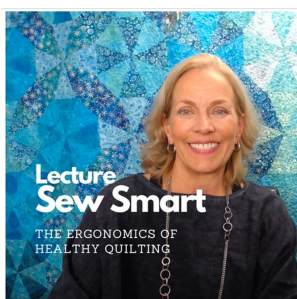
FABULOUS AND FUN IN 21



April 10

Saturday

Program



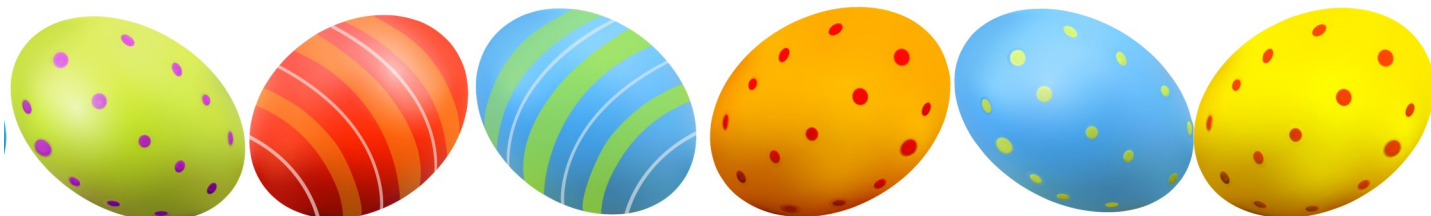
Rose Parr—Healthy Quilting


(www.healthyquilting.com)

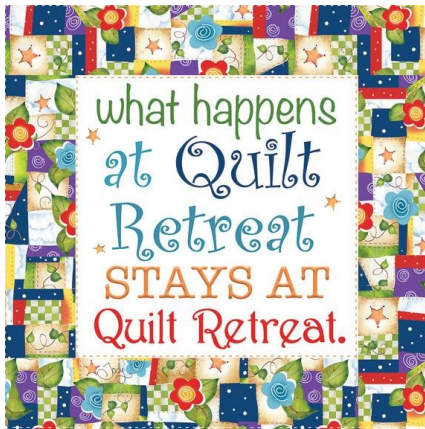
“Sew Smart - The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting” is a live Power-Point presentation that applies ergonomic theory to your crafting life. From cutting and sewing posture to stretches designed to be done at your sewing table. Strategies and tips are designed to “use what you have” to stay pain-free. Rose recommends viewing the program from your sewing space so that you can immediately relate to your own situation. She will answer questions about ergonomics and studio design at the end of her talk, and we can email her questions about personal modifications to stretches for up to 30 days after her talk.

Rose holds professional certifications in Holistic Nutrition, Ergonomics, Personal Training, Home Economics, Reiki, and more. She says, “My ergonomic improvements / strategies are based on documented research. The health and wellness information I present is selected specifically for the chronic conditions and common problem areas that makers encounter; it is based on health industry standards of practice and not on ‘what worked for me.’”

For those Interested, her book, “Sew Happy and Healthy” will be available in March, available for preorder now, on Amazon.



<p>May 1</p> <p>Saturday</p>	<p>June 5</p> <p>Saturday</p>
<p>Program</p>	<p>Program</p>
<p>Installation of Officers</p> <p>Member Recognition</p> <p>Small Group Discussions</p>	 <p>Pattern Demonstrations</p>



RETREAT!!!

Everyone should have received an email this past week from MRQ about a new venue for our retreat.

Be sure to be at the meeting for more details!

Slate of Officers for 2021-2022

Election on April 10, 2021

President—Fran Oblander

Vice-President—Gaye Paquet

Secretary—Julie Hiscox

Treasurer—Jean LeBlanc

Member-at-Large— Lill Helming



FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Maye River Quilters Quilt Raffle

Deadlines are coming up quickly. All money and tickets must be returned by April 1 and the drawing will be held on May 1.

We still have over 140 tickets left to sell, so if you haven't bought any yet, there's still time. Remember, all envelopes contain 10 tickets and each ticket sells for \$1.

For those in the Haven community, you can contact Debi Bacon (kansaswx@verizon.net) to arrange pick-up and drop-off.

Similarly, those in Sun City can contact Sylvia Cameron (sacquilts@gmail.com).

In Beaufort, you can contact Kristine Richardson (kristine@mysoftbubbie.com).

Or you can contact Nancy Vandenberg (vandenberg_nancy@yahoo.com).

Prizes will be awarded:

- To the member who sold the most tickets: \$100 gift certificate for the Blue Heron
- To the member who sold the winning ticket: \$50 gift certificate for Island Quilters

Remember this is our biggest fundraiser. Good luck to all!



If you have questions about meetings, times, or places, or some other guild function, please send your question to mayeriverquilters@gmail.com.

Your question will then be answered by the proper person.



Birthday Bundles

WE NEED YOUR HELP! One quilter's stash is another quilter's treasure!

The Fund Raising Committee is seeking donations of items such as fabric, patterns, books, and sewing notions, to make up additional bundles to add to our ongoing monthly birthday bundles. There has been a drop in the number of Birthday Bundles we have been receiving each month, so we thought we would reach out to everyone. Please look in your stash for those duplicate rulers you may have purchased, a quilt kit you no longer like or extra fabric you can part with.

April Bundles

Place your bid by going to mayeriverquilters@gmail.com membership/birthday bundles five days prior to zoom meeting. Winners will be announced at the end of the **April 10** Zoom meeting. Karla Ward and/or Sharon Savastano will then deliver the bundle to the winning bidder and will collect payment upon delivery or you can now pay via Paypal. Thanking you in advance.

May Birthday Ladies

Please consider donating a birthday bundle to help out with fundraising for ongoing programs and workshops. Email a picture of your donation with a brief description of your item/item to irisgirl54@yahoo.com or ssavy51@gmail.com by **April 30**.

Happy Birthday and bidding. Stay safe.

Go to the Members Page. Enter the password. Click on the balloons. Place your bids by entering your first and last name and bid amount as a comment under the bundle you are bidding on. Then hit the comment button. Put your name and email address in the boxes on the page that comes up. No need to fill in the website box. Hit the 'Comment as Guest' box below your name and you should see your amount underneath the Comment Box on the bidding page. The instructions are also on the website next to the balloons.



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Thank you so much for your generous donations during the drive-by.

All items have been combined and made into 15 different, exciting bundles.

Watch for them on the Maye River Quilters' site within the next few months and Bid, Bid, Bid!!!

Thanking you again, Karla and Sharon



Quilt Confessions:

One of my unfinished quilts may be considered "vintage" by now.

Maye River Quilters Guild

March 6, 2021, Guild Meeting via ZOOM

President **Linda Forry** opened the meeting at 10:00 am. She introduced two new members, Teri Levin and Kelly Coombs. We had 47 members present.

The minutes from the February guild meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted as published, and will be filed for audit.

Linda Forry reminded the membership of the drive-through drop-off event on March 6 from 1-2 pm at the Church of the Palms at 1425 Okatie Highway. Members can return raffle ticket stubs and money. Membership chair **Sandra Walsh** will distribute MRQ membership cards. Charity quilts can be dropped off, Birthday Bundles or donations for future Birthday Bundles can also be delivered. **Linda Forry** will have the acrylic 5 x 7 holders for the quilt tool caddy for those who ordered one earlier.

The guild meeting next month will be April 10th, so as not to conflict with Easter. At that meeting members are encouraged to submit ideas for our charitable interest project for next year. We will be voting to choose our next charity at the May meeting.

Eileen Keohane spoke about the upcoming guild elections for board members. She began by reminding the members of the duties assigned to the various offices, then introduced the slate of officers the board is presenting. They are **Fran Oblander**- President, **Gaye Paquet**- Vice President, **Julie Hiscox**- Secretary, **Jean LeBlanc**- Treasurer, and **Lill Helming**- Member at Large. Each candidate was asked to briefly address the membership and say something about how long they have been a member of the guild, and perhaps any previous jobs they may have held within MRQ so people can see who they are. **Linda Forry** called for nominations from the floor, and there were none. **Linda** spoke about our election process to be held in April. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be voting online within the regulations for emergency voting. This requires 80% participation from the members to comply with SC law for emergency voting.

Debi Bacon gave us an update on guild quilt retreats. She has spoken with Epworth in St. Simons, GA. They have confirmed that they are closed to outside users through at least July 31, as they have a private contract to house workers. We currently have a reservation with them for October 8-10, 2021, and the guild has previously given them an \$800 deposit. We could possibly change this date, and perhaps increase the length of the retreat by a day as this is over Columbus Day Week-end. We will need a minimum of 10 people to attend. **Debi** will survey the membership on interest in this retreat, and if we go forward with an October retreat, sign-ups will begin in August. The deposit is not refundable so we must plan a retreat in order to use our deposit.

Nancy Vandenburg informed us that of the 2000 raffle tickets printed, she currently has 240 tickets left to distribute. Money and ticket stubs are due back to her by April 1, and the raffle will occur on May 1. The publicity committee had a picture of our beautiful quilt included in a story in the Bluffton Sun, which was successful and produced an increase in ticket sales. Our thanks to **Pat Cohen** and **June Jones** for their work on publicity.

Eileen Keohane gave a report on our charitable interest project for this year. She distributed 8 quilts to the Bluffton Police Department; they will carry these in their patrol cars for use as needed. The Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry received 12 more quilts for distribution to their clients. We have distributed 36 quilts since the fall, and hope to continue these donations.

Fran Oblander reviewed the remaining programs for the spring. **Linda Forry** will present her program today on making a quilt tool caddy using an acrylic photo stand. Members who attend this meeting on Zoom will receive a free pattern for this. April's meeting will be a program by Rose Parr on setting up our sewing space in an ergonomically proper way. She recommends that we be in our sewing area for this talk, so that we can assess our needs.

May's program will be the induction of new officers, and we will also have a presentation of awards and a reflection on the past year. There will be a break-out into small groups included.

June will be our annual round-robin demo day, to be held on Zoom. Currently the demos include paper-piecing, half-square triangles, sewing curves, log cabins, and making Dresden plate blocks. **Fran** is in need of volunteers to demonstrate at the June 5 meeting.

In order to increase donations to the Birthday Bundles fundraiser, **Sharon Savastano** and **Karla Ward** have reached out to the whole guild to donate any items they may not be using, and they will make up or add to existing Birthday Bundles for bidding on our website. As this is a major fundraiser for our guild, members are asked to make up a Birthday Bundle during the month of their birthday, send a photo to the ladies who will arrange to have the bundle posted for auction. March 22 is the cut-off date for Bundles to appear before the April meeting.

We've received information of a new quilt show this spring, in Landrum, SC. That is about a four hour drive from here, and it is scheduled for May 1, 2021 which conflicts with our May meeting. For those interested in attending, the information indicates that this is the first annual "Quilters Rock" Landrum City Wide Quilt Show, and quilts will be displayed in local businesses or in the open air market area. Contact elainesattic@yahoo.com with any questions.

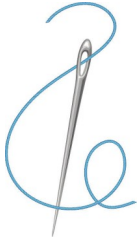
The members were broken out into breakout rooms of about 6, where we could introduce ourselves to others, and discuss ideas for programs and workshops for next year. The breakout rooms are popular with the membership, as we have been unable to socialize for a year and many of us don't know the newer members. Hopefully we will be able to meet in person soon, but Palmetto Electric controls the timeline for this to happen.

Linda Forry did a wonderful demonstration of how to make a quilt tool caddy from a 5 x 7 acrylic photo stand and fabric. Members in attendance will receive a free pattern with directions for this great project. **Linda** adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.

Submitted by Eileen Keohane, Secretary



Needles To say...



14—Cindy Strubbe	18—Peggy Binder	19—Emily Riepe
20—Sandy Graves		27—Darla Frey



Happy Birthday, Ladies!!!

MEMBERSHIP

Total Paid Members : 105

February via Zoom: Members— 48; Visitors—3

March via Zoom: Members— 47; Visitors—0

Two New Members in March

Please Welcome Kellie Coombs and Judy Hertel!



Sew Suite in Summerville will be opening a store at 4375 Bluffton Pkwy in April!

They will sell machines, fabric, etc., and have classes.

CHARITABLE INTEREST!



Thank you again for donating your time and talent to make these donations.

Suggestions for the 2021-22 Charitable Interests are due by the meeting on April 10. We need a list to present to the membership to vote on at the May meeting. All ideas are welcomed!.



Another note about Charitable Interests...

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

Granny's Fabric & More has graciously donated fabric to MRQ to make the pregnancy center baby quilts and also some to use for the lap quilts for the Bluffton Police Dept. If you would like to take a carefully curated stack of 5 yards and sew it into quilts, please contact Linda Forry (linda4e@gmail.com) to reserve yours.



2020-2021 Officers

President Linda Forry
 Vice President Kristine Richardson
 Secretary Eileen Keohane
 Treasurer Jean LeBlanc
 Member-at-Large Peggy Anderson

Committees

Charitable Interests Julie Hiscox
 Nan Brown
 Financial Review Brenda Lucas
 First Responders Eileen Keohane
 Fund Raising Sharon Savastano
 Karla Ward
 Guild Friends Janet Swan
 Historian Peggy Binder
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 Programs Fran Oblander
 Publicity June Jones
 Raffle Quilt Barbara Millsap
 Nancy Vandenberg
 Retreat Debi Bacon
 Website/Facebook Holly Martin
 Workshops Sandy Graves
 Sue Smith

Founding Mothers

Debi Bacon
 Ann Godwin



2021 Meetings

Meeting: 10:00 (unless otherwise posted)

Until further notice all meetings will be held
via ZOOM

You will receive an email with instructions on
joining the meeting.

We don't know when we will be able
to meet at Palmetto Electric.

Meeting Dates

April 10 *	May 1	June 5
July 10 *	August 7	September 11 *
October 2	November 6	December 4

* Indicates meeting on 2nd Saturday



American Quilter's Society
Quilt WEEK

ALL 2021 AQS SHOWS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

QuiltFest, Inc.
of Jacksonville, FL

NEW DATES

MAY 13-15, 2021

Prime Osborn Center

Jacksonville, FL



QUILT CON

Atlanta GA—February 24-27, 2023

40th Quilt Show & Competition

DEADLINE TO ENTER: JUNE 1, 2021



Show Dates:
Friday, July 30, 2021 -
9am—5pm
Saturday, July 31, 2021,
9am—4pm

Knoxville Expo Center
5441 Clinton Hwy
Knoxville, TN

- ▶▶ More than \$6000 in Awards
 - ▶▶ 14 Categories
 - ▶▶ 12 Special Awards

For information/Entry Forms

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 - ▶▶ call: 865-382-596