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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, there is actually a sunbeam coming through my window and it is such a welcome sight after all that rain!

Our March meeting has fun things to snap you out of your grey days!

Our new slate of officer candidates for 2021-22 will be presented.

We will be having another "Breakout Room" between the meeting and our program. For those of you who were not on for the February meeting, that means you will be in a small group where you can visit AND have a mini "Show and Tell" - only one quilt per person please!!

Then I am going to show you how to make a Tool Caddy to keep by your machine. Everyone attending will get a free pattern for it.

Then at 1:00 don't forget our drive-thru at Church of the Palms! Bring your raffle tickets and money, get more tickets if you need them, pick up your free pattern and MRQ membership card, pick up your acrylic stand for the Tool Caddy if you ordered one, and you can drop off any baby or lap quilts that you have done. Now that is one stop shopping!

Hope you can join us!

Linda

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March Regular Meeting

Via ZOOM – March 6 – 10:00am

Breakout sessions to follow the meeting

Program to follow – See page 2

Please join in!

Programs for



March 6

Saturday

Program

MRQ President Linda Forry will give us a demonstration on the At Your Fingertips Stand Up Quilt Tool Caddy



Everyone who attends will receive the pattern sheet FREE!

Please Notice This



Following the meeting and demonstration on Saturday, March 6, please plan on a drive-thru at Church of the Palms on Rt. 170 in Okatie between 1—2 pm. (The actual address is 1425 Okatie Hwy.)

This drive-thru is to accomplish the following:

- Turn in raffle quilt tickets and money
 - Pick up your copy of Linda's pattern and stand
If you ordered one, you must pay \$3.00 (cash or check) for it
 - Pick up your 2021 membership card
 - Drop off any baby quilts you have finished for our "Charitable Interest"
- IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT ON MAR. 6, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ABOVE. NONE OF THIS CAN OR WILL BE DONE BY MAIL**



Quilters of SC Spring Meeting 2021

District 7 invites you to Charleston's QSC 2021 Annual Spring Meeting—
Low Country Hospitality! presented by Zoom.

The Zoom link will be sent by email one week prior to the meeting. In addition to the meeting on Saturday, Mary Kerr will present two workshops. One on Friday, Mar 19, (Wonky Stars) and one on Sunday, March 21 (Stars over Virginia)

For more information: quiltersofsc.org

April 3

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.

May 3

Saturday

Program

Installation of Officers
Member Recognition
Small Group Discussions

June 3

Saturday

Program

Pattern Demonstration
*We are asking members to nominate a pattern
by emailing Fran Oblander.*
The deadline for nominations is March 1.

Please see notice on Page 2 about raffle tickets and money turn-in.

Maye River Quilters Quilt Raffle

Ticket pickup options are:

- Members from Sun City community can contact Sylvia Cameron, sacquilts@gmail.com, to arrange pick up.
- Members from the Haven community can contact Debi Bacon, kansaswx@verizon.net, to arrange pick up.

All envelopes contain 10 tickets. Each ticket is \$1.00.

There will be a prize for the member who sells the most tickets and the member who sells the winning ticket.

All tickets will need to be returned by April 1st.

For those of you selling more than one pack, you can pick up more from the neighborhood reps or contact Nancy Vandenberg (vandenberg_nancy@yahoo.com) for more. Be sure to return the money and tickets you have sold when picking up extra packs. For those who pick up from Debi or Sylvia, you can return your tickets and money to them.



If you have questions about meetings, times, or places, or some other guild function, please send your question to [**mayeriverquilters@gmail.com**](mailto:mayeriverquilters@gmail.com).

Your question will then be answered by the proper person.

INSPIRATION

LIVE LIFE LIKE A QUILT...

BE SOFT WHEN IT'S IMPORTANT,

BE WARM WHEN IT IS COLD,

BE PROUD TO SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS,

AND ALWAYS SCRAP TOGETHER

WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH.

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. Sharon and Karla will be accepting items for the Birthday Bundles on March 6 at the Church of the Palms between 1 to 2pm.

March 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 March 6 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.

April 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 **March 31**.

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

The Board has had a few inquiries about posting information by email to our members. We realize it is harder to reach out to each other during the pandemic, but do not want to overload our member with emails.

If you have something you are looking for, wanting to sell, or wanting to get rid of, please consider using our Facebook page to reach out to our guild members.



Maye River Quilters Guild

February 6, 2021, Guild Meeting via ZOOM

President **Linda Forry** opened the meeting at 10:00 am. She reminded us that this was the 6th anniversary of the formation of our guild. We had 3 visitors with us today, and 55 members present.

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

Linda reminded us that on March 6, there will be a drive-through event from 1-2 pm at the Church of the Palms on Rt. 170 in Okatie, where members will be able to return raffle ticket stubs and money, and pick up additional tickets if needed. Membership chair **Sandra Walsh** will have membership cards available to be picked up, and if any members have completed quilts to donate to our charities they may bring them along at this time. There will be a free tool caddy pattern available to members who attend the March guild meeting. If you had ordered the acrylic stand from **Fran Oblander** before February 20, they will be available for pick-up at this time. Cost is \$4.30, and either exact change cash, or a check made out to MRQ will be accepted.

There is a new quilt shop coming to the area. Somewhere along Bluffton Parkway, the Sew Sweet Studio of Summerville, SC will be opening. The owner will become a new member of MRQ starting next month.

The guild is in need of officers for next year, with the most pressing need being candidates for president. The current board would like to have an election with more than one person running for each office. Any member with an interest in helping out is encouraged to contact any current board member. It takes all of us working together to continue making our guild the special organization that it is.

Debi Bacon spoke about the possibility of scheduling another quilt retreat at Epworth on St. Simons Island. Last fall's event was cancelled by the facility due to a scheduling conflict on their part. After some discussion, enough people expressed an interest in either a spring retreat or a fall event that **Debi** will explore the availability of dates with Epworth and update the membership soon.

The raffle quilt is on display at Blue Heron Stitchery in Bluffton. It measures 77 x 91 after quilting was completed, and will reside there until late February. Any member needing more raffle tickets can get in touch with a neighborhood representative in Sun City, The Haven, or stop into Granny's Quilt Shop, Island Quilters, or Blue Heron Stitchery to receive more. This is one of our largest fundraisers as a guild, so all members are encouraged to participate.

Julie Hiscox reported that she has delivered 16 finished quilts to our charities. Eight went to the Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry for inclusion into layettes for new moms in need. Eight were presented to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office so that deputies can keep them in their patrol vehicles for distribution during times of need. **Eileen Keohane** has more quilts, with the next group going to the Bluffton Police Department for their officers to have on hand. Please keep those baby or lap quilts coming!

Linda Forry reported that the March 6 program will be a demonstration of how to make a 5 x 7 inch quilt tool caddy. **Linda** will be teaching this, and members will need a heavy duty acrylic photo stand for the project. Pick-up of the stand for those who ordered one, as well as the free pattern, will be on March 6 from 1-2 pm

at Church of the Palms in Okatie.

Our April meeting will be a program by Rose Parr on the proper ergonomics of our sewing area. She encourages all members to actually be in their sewing room for this zoom meeting, so we can assess whether we should make changes to our set-up. She has written a book on this subject, which will be published soon. The June program will be a variation of our round robin demonstration from prior years. **Fran Oblander** and **Lynn O'Neal** are looking for suggestions for blocks to be used during the zoom demonstration, so please forward your ideas to them.

Karla Ward announced that she and **Sharon Savastano** will need Birthday Bundle information by February 20. A photo and a short write-up are needed; it will be uploaded to our website for bidding. All members with a March birthday, and any other member who wishes to donate one, are encouraged to donate a bundle for our guild fundraising. We all then have the fun of bidding! The winners of the Birthday Bundles in February were **Gaye Paquet, Jean LeBlanc, and Karla Ward.**

The guild tried something new at our February zoom meeting. Zoom now has the ability to create breakout rooms within the zoom meeting, and **Kristine Richardson** divided us into groups of 6-8 for about 10 minutes so that we could introduce ourselves to each other. Without the ability to meet in person, we've all missed the opportunity to talk with one another and meet new members. I think we all agreed that it was fun and nice to be able to chat with a few people at a time, something that really can't happen effectively in a group of 55. We may continue to do these, and perhaps add a small show and tell event.

Our February program was a wonderful zoom quilt show and demonstration by Diana Mann. She is a certified instructor for Studio 180 quilt rulers, created by Deb Tucker. Many of us have several of these rulers in our collection, and this program showed us lots of ideas for how to use them. The concept of these rulers is to make oversized sections for your blocks, then trim them to the perfect size. This creates more uniform, perfect blocks. Several rulers can be used in combination to make more complex quilts. Diana will be sending a copy of her power-point presentation to **Kristine Richardson** and **Linda Forry** after the meeting for our use.

Linda Forry adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

Submitted by Eileen Keohane, Secretary



What's happening around The river bend...



1—Kathy Lennox	4—Pat Campbell	6—Janet Swan
11—Lynn O'Neal	12—Nan Brown	12—Margo Silva
13—Beth Rasmussen	16—Becky Robinson	16—Mindy Weaver
21—Joyce Haskins	24—Brandy Yingling	30—Susan Tyler

MEMBERSHIP

Total Paid Members : 101

January via Zoom: Members— 55

February via Zoom: Members— 48; Visitors—3

One New Member in February

Please Welcome Becky Robinson!



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!



Charitable Interests have accumulated 16 finished quilts to date. 8 are about lap size quilts and will be delivered to the Beaufort County Sheriff's office on Hilton Head Island on Thursday. The other 8 are Baby to Crib size and will be delivered to The Pregnancy Center of the Low Country on Hilton Head Island on Thursday.

We really appreciate all the donations for these organizations. The next donations of lap size quilts will be delivered to the Bluffton Police Department so we can ensure that all the organizations we contacted receive quilts as quickly as possible. Baby size quilts can be 36"-45" wide and 45"-54" long; lap size quilts should be 54"-60" wide and 68"-76" long. Please contact either Julie Hiscox at 912-656-1183 (jewel61356@gmail.com) or Eileen Keohane at jekeohane13@gmail.com to have your quilts picked up. Or they can be dropped at Blue Heron Stitchery for us to pick up. We have people who are willing to do the quilting, binding and labeling if you don't want to do those yourself. Also note that Linda Forry has backing material available to give you if you need it.

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



2020-2021 Officers

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Debi Bacon
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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

March 6	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