

# President's Letter from Lisa Burham for the 2020-2021 Guild Year

## A Look Back at 2020

What a year! I was looking back at the events that shaped this historic time in our guild. Though I see so many cancellations and losses, I also found many positives that we can celebrate as we reminisce.

Thinking back to our March meeting, when we met in one big group together, complete with hello hugs, standing right next to one another, visiting without masks, and no sanitizer in sight ... it really feels like a different era doesn't it? And then the world -- and what was normal -- began changing.

Safety concerns led to unwanted but necessary cancellations ... the Isles sale ... National Quilting Day ... the April ... May ... June ... July meetings ... the Quilt Show. Then things shifted again and we were able to meet in August with safety restrictions in place.

Here's our meeting room set up and ready for the August meeting, with social distancing and sanitizers in place.

It wasn't long though until we again needed to move away from meeting in-person.



I just got an email with some 2020 thoughts. It said that "the dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner." So true!

However, all dark clouds have a silver lining.

Happily, we were able to finish our program schedule for the year with ZOOM presentations in September, October, and November with around 70 members attending each month.

Even though our Quilt Show was regrettably cancelled, and the ability to travel and present our beautiful Raffle Quilt to outside groups for ticket sales was curtailed, we were still able to sell ALL of the raffle quilt tickets. This was the result of the hard work and creative ideas of many members who promoted and sold raffle tickets. The ticket drawing was held on



Facebook Live and our own Joyce Pope was the winner of this lovely creation.

Creative solutions by creative people!

The circumstances surrounding the pandemic have revealed the heart and strength of our quilting community. You can see it demonstrated by the thousands of items (**27,226 masks, 500 surgical scrub caps, 269 surgical gowns and 12 pair of surgical shoe covers--so far**) created and donated by the Lincoln Covid Sewists – a group of quilters and sewists that includes many of you-- as well as some Lincoln Modern Quilt guild members and other non-guild friends.



Surgical Scrub Caps



These numbers don't even include all of the countless masks that members of our guild have created for themselves--as well as those they've created and given to family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors--in an outstanding effort by quilters to make our world a safer place.



Think also of the **560** Meals on Wheels recipients whose meals will now be served on beautiful quilted placemats made by our guild. Watch for a news article to be published soon in the Neighborhood Extra about this effort.

Just imagine how these placemats will brighten some quiet isolated lunchtimes across our community!

**500** masks from the Covid Sewists were also included in that donation delivery to Tabitha.

Did you know that our Cuddles group made and donated **575** quilts this guild year?

(88 quilts to People's City Mission, 23 to California Fire victims, 16 to the Malone Center, 72 for Kindergartners at Clinton Elementary, 61 to Hartley Elementary for Kindergartners, 150 to Kindergartners at Belmont Elementary, 30 to Home Instead, 25 to Fresh Start and another 110 whose final home is being decided right now.)

Vicky Skuodas reported that the donated Cuddle quilts included cowboys and aliens, stripes and polka dots, spaceships, foxes, frogs, and lizards, chili peppers, elephants, sock monkeys, snowmen and poinsettias and every kind of other flower you can think of.



These quilts are a source of physical and emotional comfort to so many children and adults. They are also just beautiful quilts! Hopefully when we can meet together in person next year, we can ask Cuddles quilters to display some of their works of art. You should see them up close!



## Looking Ahead to 2021

As we look ahead to our new Guild year, our thoughts are filled with hope and careful anticipation. We all want to have things return to the way they were before COVID, but we are also much wiser about the reality of remaining flexible as we respond to the safety concerns that we may continue to face.

The Board is in discussion about the upcoming guild year and all the opportunities that it presents. Below is the list of all the Programs and Workshops that are planned for 2021. You can also find the list as a pdf [here](#). It contains two copies of the list, formatted as bookmarks, so print and share with friends who might like to join us sometime! Many thanks to the Program Chairs for all they've done to line up this excellent and diverse group of presenters. It is going to be a great year of learning!

### 2021 Programs & Workshops

#### March: Merrie Ford

Instagram@artofsewingKC.com  
Program 3/8 *"I Love Chocolate—Making Brown A Delicious Choice for Your Quilts"*  
Workshop 3/9 *"Laura Heine Collage Techniques"*  
Laura Heine college quilt certified instructor  
fiberworks-heine.com

#### April: Tonya Alexander

stashlabquilts.com  
Program 4/12 *"Trunk Show"*  
Workshop 4/13 TBA

#### May: Connie Lange

Quiltworx.com/instructors/connie-lange/  
Program 5/10 *"Trunk Show"*  
Workshop 5/11 *"Foundation Paper Piecing"* Judy Niemeyer certified instructor

**June 21:** (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) **Member Appreciation at IQM** Details to be announced

#### July: Lori Dickman

quiltingwithlori.com  
Program 7/12 *"Speedy Solutions to Cut/Organize Your Stash"*  
Workshop 7/13 *"Lady Bug, Lady Bug, Fly Away Home"*

#### August: Krista Moser

kristamoser.com  
Program 8/9 *"Diamonds Are a Quilter's Best Friend"*  
Workshop 8/10 TBA

#### September: Chris Taylor

Program 9/13 *"Trunk Show"* Enjoy quilts made and stories told by the LQG's own Chris Taylor!  
Workshop 9/14 *"Specialty Ruler Speed Dating"*  
Nancy Anderson & Marti Franti

#### October: Sherri McConnell

aquiltinglife.com  
Program 10/11 *"A Quilting Life Journey"*  
Workshop 10/12 TBA

#### November: Jonathan Gregory

Program 11/8 Scholarship Talk  
Join us as the IQM's Jonathan Gregory delivers a lecture based on the research that his LQG scholarship helped fund.  
Workshop 11/9 TBA

### All Programs & Workshops are Subject to Change.

Program & Workshop Information/Registration Forms will be available on the LQG website: [lincolnquiltersguild.org](http://lincolnquiltersguild.org) under Programs & Workshops.

The March workshop with Merrie Ford sounds so exciting ... we will be making collage quilts. You can add your name to this workshop list by contacting Nancy Anderson, [nanderson@buros.org](mailto:nanderson@buros.org).



Workshop registrations and supplies make great holiday gifts! You might mention this to your favorite Santa. ([Here's the supply list for March](#))

Program chairs are also working on a list of those presenters who have a ZOOM format, if that is what we need to do at any time this next year.

You will find your membership card for the coming year at the end of this letter. It includes the address for our guild website. Be sure to take a quiet evening sometime soon and take a look at that website. It is full of information about the guild and is a great resource.

Due to the financial difficulties that this pandemic created, as well as the many cancellations that we were forced to make, the Board made the decision to waive the dues for the current membership list for 2020-2021. The Membership Co-chairs have posted information about the Membership process this coming year on the LQG website.

<http://lincolnquiltersguild.org/members/>

The fundraising efforts of past years have allowed the guild to be able to offer this timely benefit. In order to continue the work of Lincoln Quilters Guild, we do need to invest in our future through fundraising efforts. The quilt show has been a major fundraiser in the past, and because of its cancellation the Board has been in discussion about other ideas that can be implemented this coming year and in future years to provide for the financial needs of this guild.

One of the fundraisers we'd like to do in 2021 is a Silent Auction that we hope to have open to the public. Details will depend upon the COVID restrictions for meetings, but we are considering an online auction if gatherings are restricted. Dates and details coming soon!

Therefore, we are putting out the call for auction items. Over this winter break, pull out those patterns, or magazines, or view some YouTube videos and get inspired. We can start creating a collection of quilted items that each of us can enter into the Lincoln Quilters Guild auction. Maybe you'd like to make a full size quilt, or a quilted bag, or a sweet pincushion, or a pillow. Try making that new block you've been wanting to try and turn it into a hot pad or a placemat, or a table runner. Make one for yourself, and one for the auction!

Here's just a short list of some of my favorite YouTube channels where you can get some great ideas for quilting projects.

- A Quilting Life
- Shabby Fabrics
- Midnight Quilter
- Missouri Star Quilt Company
- Jordan Fabrics

We haven't forgotten about your *Fun in the Sun* Challenge quilts. Once we know about in-person meeting restrictions, we will provide you with the plans for the Challenge Quilt contest, with the accompanying prizes from Bernina.

The Challenge quilt contest information started me thinking once again about this past guild year. By definition, Challenge quilt contests restrict the quilter to certain colors, or fabrics, or themes, or sizes. Yet, every challenge quilt contest I've observed seems to lead to a burst of creativity because of the restrictions. The fantastic and beautiful quilts that are created would never have happened without those limitations.

Lincoln Quilters Guild, I know, will continue to take the restrictions that we have been given because of the pandemic challenge and we, too, will create a beautiful and amazing 2021 Guild year together.

Lincoln Quilters Guild is a group of caring, talented, creative, generous quilters. How can that outpouring of hard work and heart work even be measured? It is such a joy to be part of this Guild.

Wishing all of you the blessings of health and happiness,

Lisa Burham  
President Lincoln Quilters Guild