

Stringtown Quilters

Needles and Notes

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October 2020

Meeting: October 15, 7:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting: Charity Quilt Donation

Link will be on website in the members only section. [Www.stringtownquilters.com](http://www.stringtownquilters.com)

Come join the fun!

From our President...

Hello, Quilting Friends!

The weather so far this fall has been absolutely delightful- I hope you've been out enjoying it as much as possible! The crisp air reminds me of Meg Ryan's line from *You've Got Mail* referring to "a bouquet of freshly sharpened pencils". It feels productive and stimulating! (Speaking of pencils... the kids and I are back into the full swing of our school routine and it actually feels nice. I spend the mornings teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic; and then in the afternoons I run to my sewing machine as much as I can!)

Our Guild continues to move bravely forward during the intrigue of 2020!

Our philanthropy hasn't skipped a beat, as we are collecting and donating quilts this month to two worthy organizations in our area, Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati and Benchmark Family Services. Thank you Pat and Pam for promoting these groups. I pray that our quilts will be a blessing to the children they cover!

We continue to plan interesting meetings, even though we have to do them online. (Thank you, Cindy!) Show-and-tell is still the exciting Grand Finale of each meeting.

We are still working to grow our Guild membership for the year... so spread the word to your quilting friends!

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting next Thursday. Just so you know, during Show-N-Tell, I will be asking for some tips and information on IRONS!! (Please be prepared to share some of your wisdom on brands you recommend, tips for cleaning, when different sizes are appropriate, etc.)

Ann Lightner, President



From our Vice-President...

Hello Quilters:

This month is our Charity Quilt Program. First I want to Thank, Pam Steele and Pat Slater for recommending these charities and for all of you who made the quilts they will be receiving.

Our first charity is the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati and the second is Benchmark Family Services. Both of the organizations will be in attendance at the meeting to give us brief details on their organizations and how this donation will assist them.

If you missed last month's meeting, you missed a great speaker, Kris Vierra. She has a great story on how she became a quilter and how she worked into being an award winning quilter. I told Kris, we would love to have her back someday in person as I thought her presentation was really good.

I hope you are planning on participating in our December Block challenge. Details are included with this newsletter, so please check it out. It will be different, but that is not always a bad thing and I hope to have so many blocks that a decision will be very difficult.

Also, keep working on those Mystery Quilts. As soon as we are able to meet again, we will work on having a display and having a viewer's choice award!!

Virtual Sit and Sews are set up for the following dates and will begin at 10:00 am

Mark your calendars!!

Wednesday, October 14th

Saturday, October 31st

Wednesday, November 11th

Saturday, November 28th

Remember, you **MUST register** for our Zoom meetings, by clicking on the link on our Members only page. You will then receive an email directly to you, with the meeting information. If you do not register, you cannot get the link. Any questions, please send them to me: cgamble@fuse.net

See you at the Zoom....meeting, October 15th!!

Cindy Gamble, Vice-President



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From our Retreats Chair....

Hi Peeps!

Nothing much going on with retreats these days!

Millersburg Retreat is scheduled for April 15 -18, 2021.

I have extended the deadline to get credit card info for your room to the hotel until January 1, 2021. At that time, I will check with the hotel to see who has given their credit card info and release those rooms that have no credit card info.

Higher Ground Retreat is scheduled for November 4 - 7, 2021.

My minions and I miss all of you and can't wait to see you at one of our retreats!

Happy Quilting!

Kim Ryles, Retreats



From our Membership Chair....

Do you miss your Quilty friends?

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, WE MISS YOU!!!

If you have some friends who might want to join us, PLEASE INVITE THEM!!!

As of November, if you haven't renewed your membership, your access to the members only section of the Stringtown website will be restricted. That means you will no longer be able to view the newsletter, see the posts about Sit-&-Sews, download the Mystery Quilt, etc. We don't want that to happen!!

Please let me know ASAP if you still want to be a member, and you'll be entered to win one of 10 mini-charm packs to be given away in November!

Can't wait to hear from you!!

See you at the Wednesday Sit-&-Sew (14th) and our next virtual meeting on the 15th!!

--*Theresa Muth*, Membership Chair

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE BLOCKS

Our Challenge Block contest for 2020:

Guidelines:

Membership dues have been paid for the 2020/2021 year.

All blocks must be 12.5 inches square

We are encouraging the use of stash material.

Colors required are Red, Green or Christmas prints.

Neutrals colors can be used: White, cream and/or black.

Categories will be pieced, paper pieced and applique, submit your block in the appropriated category.

Number of blocks submitted will determine the number of blocks that winners receive.

Blocks must be postmarked or received by December 1st, 2020.

Blocks can be mailed to Cindy Gamble, 8347 Woodcreek Drive, Florence, Ky. 41042

Blocks can also be dropped off at First Church of Christ at Front Office – only on Monday's! Please have it in an enclosed package for handling. Mark the package for Cindy Gamble.

All blocks will be photographed and will be placed in a Slide Show, by category, for voting purposes.

Slide show will be available to members by December 7th and voting will take place at the December 17th meeting.

Winners will be announce via our Facebook page and Stringtown Web Site.

Winners will be allowed to pick out blocks (as determined by the number of blocks submitted). More information to come after blocks are submitted.

Any questions, please contact a member of the Stringtown Board.

Below are sample blocks:



Stringtown Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report

Stringtown Quilters Guild

Report for September 2020, delivered October 2020

Bank Balance on September 1 \$ 15,102.46

Revenues Collected

Membership dues (
By mail – checks (10)	\$ 250.00
By website (0)	\$ 0.00
Total Revenues	\$ 250.00

Expenses Cleared Bank by September 30

Business Manager User Fee	\$ 0.00
Service Charge Prior Period	\$ 4.00
Chk #290 Kristin Vierra - Sept Guest Speaker	\$ 300.00
Total Expenses	\$ 304.00

Bank Balance on October 1 \$ 15,048.46

BB&T has merged with SunTrust and is now called Truist.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Schmid-Perry, Guild Treasurer

2020 Charity Quilts

In October, we will have a presentation of our charity quilts, at our monthly Zoom meeting, to the following charities selected by our guild in February 2020.

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati (DSAGC)

Benchmark Family Services

In order to make this presentation, we are asking that our members drop off their quilts at the following location:

Law Office of Roxanne Hummel
6900 Houston Road, Suite 9
Florence, Ky. 41042

Between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm (Monday through Friday)

We would like for all quilts to be dropped off no later than, Tuesday, October 13th.

Instructions for the dropping off your quilt(s):

1. Place quilt in a plastic bag.
2. Tape a written paper on the outside
3. Information needed:
 - Your name
 - Charity (if you don't have a preference, put "where needed".)

Minutes for Stringtown Quilt Guild – September 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held online via Zoom. First, at 7:00 p.m. our speaker, Kris Vierra, gave a presentation via Zoom. The guild's business meeting followed, and it was called to order by President Ann Lightner at approximately 8:20 p.m.

WELCOME

Those in attendance were welcomed.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the August 2020 minutes was made by Theresa Muth and seconded by Cheryl Cappadona. All were in favor. There were no additions or corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cynthia Schmid-Perry sent the treasurer's report with last month's newsletter. There were no additions or corrections, and no one had any questions. The report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Theresa Muth announced that 42 members have paid their membership dues. Membership dues can now be paid online. Also, a Facebook page has been created for the guild named Stringtown Quilt Connections, which allows members to buy and sell quilting items online. You have to request to be part of the page, but so long as you are a guild member your request will be accepted.

Membership roster – President Ann Lightner asked every member to let her know if there were any objections to posting your contact information (accessible to members only) so that other guild members can reach you. If there are any objections, please let Ann know as soon as possible and your information will not be shared. Everyone on the Zoom meeting expressed consent to allow their information to be shared. The Membership roster will be available in November.

NEW BUSINESS

October – we plan to present the charity quilts in October. In-person meetings are still cancelled, so the representatives from the charities will be on the Zoom meeting to accept the quilts.

November – a representative from Sulky Thread Company, Eric Drexel, is planning a presentation for us via Zoom.

December – Unfortunately, we are unable to have an in-person Christmas Party this year. In lieu of the Christmas Party, the guild will be providing a Christmas gift to each of the members! Yay!

Quilt Block Challenge – Each year the quilt block challenge allows everyone to submit quilt blocks and the guild members vote on the “best” for each category. This year there is no packet of fabric to purchase, but rather, we can use any Christmas prints in reds, greens, and you may add white, cream or black. The quilt block should measure 12 ½” finished. Pictures will be taken of the blocks and members will be able to vote, possibly through a slideshow (still working on the details).

Sit ‘N Sews: You must register online through the Stringtown website. They will be held virtually on Saturday, September 26 and Wednesday, October 14.

Retreats:

Higher Ground – the 2020 retreat is cancelled; deposits will be applied towards next year (November 4 – 7, 2021)

Hotel Millersburg – still on! Must call the hotel directly to reserve your room. If you fail to do so, you may lose your spot.

Clifty State Park – we are currently checking into their policies to see if we will be able to hold a retreat there

Blue Lick – we confirmed that they are able to meet social distancing requirements for a retreat if we are interested

ADJOURNMENT

No formal adjournment due to running short on time, but the meeting ended at approximately 9:00 p.m.

PROGRAM / SHOW & TELL

Several members participated in show and tell following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Hummel, Secretary



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August 24, 2020

SRO QUILTS

Each year during Law Enforcement Appreciation month Boone County Schools recognizes our brave officers of the Florence Police and Boone County Sheriff's Department who serve and protect our students and staff year round.

This year that recognition was made impossible by the isolating COVID pandemic. But it gave us more time to come up with a unique idea for a very special way to honor these brave officers and deputies.

Members of the Stringtown Quilters Guild picked our School Resource Officers as their latest quilting project. For each SRO serving our schools they made a special thank you quilt. The volunteers picked their SRO based on either knowing them or their children knowing them from the school they serve.

Cindy Bonar Gamble chose Officer Hill from Stephens Elementary because she liked what she saw when dropping her granddaughter off every day at school. Officer Hill welcomes the students to school and would give Izzy a daily 'high five.' Mrs. Gamble also did a second quilt for Officer Schwartz at RA Jones Middle School. Through his interactions, Officer Schwartz left a positive impression on Mrs. Gamble's husband who is a bus driver for Jones.

Susan Elizabeth Hutcheson chose Officer Travis Brown who serves Ockerman Elementary because her children went to Ockerman and Officer Brown's family lived in their neighborhood.

Many of the stories were personal and have emotional connections for each quilter, each officer or deputy. There is no better time than now to remind our law enforcement men and women that we understand, respect and support the life risking, hard work they do.

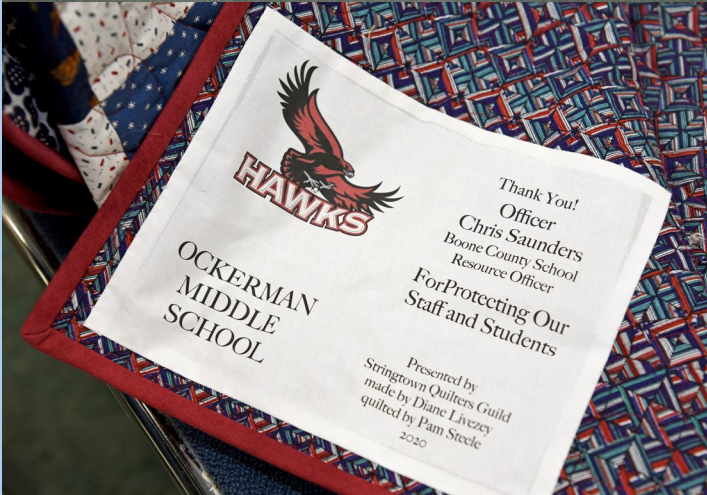
*Please note that in pictures where masks were not worn the quilter and/or school board member and the officer remained 6 feet of social distance apart.

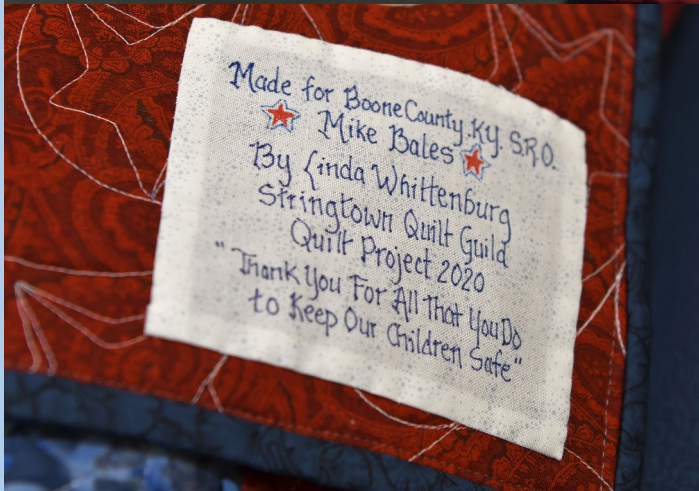
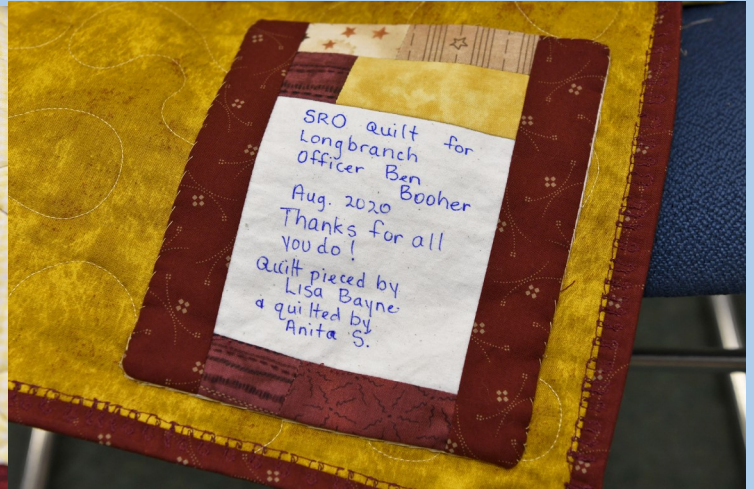
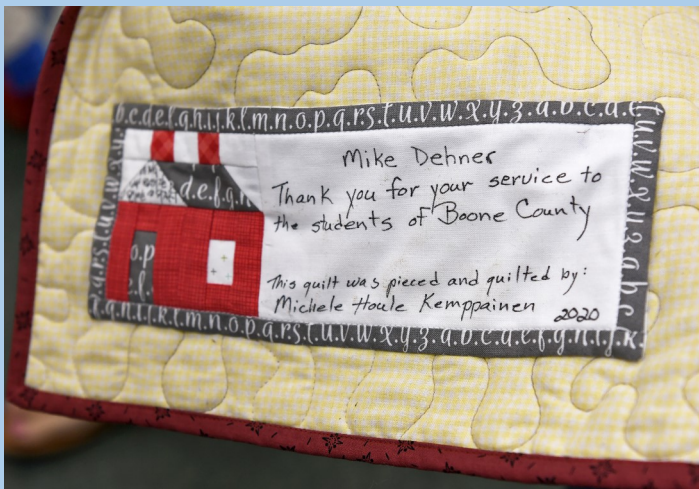
Amazing Quilts that Stringtown Made for Boone County School Resource Officers!











A friend of ours pass away. So I made a pillow out of his favorite silly ties. They loved them.

Cheryl Cappadona

Also, here is a seasonal wall hanging.

