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#  PRESIDENT’S COLUMN Julie Johnson

**Next Meeting: January meeting canceled**

Love of Christ Lutheran Church

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Well look at the year! Time flies when you are on constant lockdown….not really. One thing I have appreciated with Covid-19 is actual quiet time to stop, read, go for walks in the woods, enjoy the quiet and actually do some sewing! I just finished a year-long project and was excited to pass it off to a long-armer. Of all the things I have missed this year, it’s Featherweight Group. The laughter, stories and amazing quilters and friendship have always filled my heart with joy each month as I see everyone’s beautiful creations.

A quilt doesn’t have to be perfect or even beautiful. You made it with your hands and creative mind. That’s the joy I get from fiber arts and quilting in particular. I joined SCHQ way back in 1993 or 1994. I wanted to learn to sew (other than middle school sewing class) and took a community education class in Sauk Rapids taught by Tammy Miller. It really started me on a path of life-long friendships with so many quilters and provided an outlet when our 3 kids were so very little. I haven’t always had time to sew, but I have always loved any kind of creative outlet. It must have started with spending summers with my Grandma Ethel in Le Center. She always had a big garden and was a crochet master. That creative gene totally skipped my mom (she could burn boiling water…Its true!) and she admitted it! Somehow it landed on me. However, my mom’s sister Diane and I have become very close over the past 8 years since my mom’s passing and she is an extraordinary fiber artist! I try to get to her home in St. Peter as much as possible to see her weavings, quilts, beadwork and any other creative outlet she is pursuing.

That’s one of the joys of quilting. The sharing and taking in of each other’s creations whether they are masterpieces or simple and adored. As this year progresses, I hope we are able to gather a few times for show and tell via Zoom.

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Iceland 2017 – Guild President Julie Johnson and Kevin



 **MEMBERSHIP Julie Johnson**

#  PRESIDENT’S COLUMN *(continued from page 1)* Julie Johnson

A few outdoor options when it warms up again, plus hopefully together again as more of us are vaccinated or if you have had Covid-19 and safely recovered. I wish you all well and hope to see you soon but for now….

There is beauty in our quilts. There is beauty in spending time outdoors walking in nature, and there is beauty in the Christmas season. So, sew on…and enjoy Christmas as you are able. Happy New Year.

*Julie*

**Contact Julie Johnson**

**President’s Challenge 2020 – It’s All About the Numbers**

A huge thank you to all of you who submitted quilts for my challenge! And another thanks to those of you who voted for your favorites. The results are in and the following three members received prizes for their quilts:

1st Place: Shelley Moldan – Blue Hawaii

2nd Place: Pam Schirmers – Global Pindemic of 2020

3rd Place: Marie Zackowski – Cabin and Skein

My website has been updated to show the winners and who made each quilt. You can view them at: [Challenge (whirligigdesigns.com)](http://whirligigdesigns.com/index_files/Challenge.htm).

A special prize was also awarded to Gwen Carlson. Gwen (also a proclaimed “numbers” person) submitted 2 quilts: 2020 in Binary Code and 20” x 20”. Her photos were the first I received and they made me laugh and smile every time I looked at them. She truly took the challenge “It’s All About the Numbers” to heart. My award for Most Creative Interpretation of the Challenge was given for 2020 in Binary Code. How could I not give a prize for something so specifically about numbers???

I never imagined when I thought up this challenge that the year 2020 would be “all about the numbers”. Every day the news gave us numbers and many of the quilts submitted reflected your thoughts on the challenges those numbers created. I think the numbers 2020 will be forever on our minds.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you soon in 2021.

*Chris Hoover*

**Treasurer’s Report Diane Kremer**

There were no financial transactions for the month of November. We had $40.00 income for a Dec. newsletter ad from Bev Radaich. We also received a thank you note from Quiet Oaks for the four beautiful placemats made by Barb Corson. Note from Quiet Oaks:  "Thank you! We are so blessed by your skills, Barb!  These were so lovely."

I would like to thank those of you who shared the kind words and your prayers during this difficult time of losing my Dad on Dec 3, 2020. We have another angel from heaven looking out for us. What a gift we received. He will be forever missed. Thank you again.

**Contact Diane Kremer**

Join the SCHQ Member’s Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/265950997740170>

Please remember that our private SCHQ Member’s Facebook group is for members only. You can invite someone to join the group, but they must be a paid member of SCHQ to be approved. Our Facebook page is public and can be viewed, liked and followed by anyone.

**2021 Membership Dues**

In a normal year, we would be asking you now to pay your membership dues for the upcoming year. But as we all know, there is nothing normal about 2020. The Board has made the decision to extend your 2020 membership dues through 2021. In essence, if you are a current member receiving this newsletter (via email or snail mail), you are paid through December of 2021.

**20 Blocks in 2020**

The final instructions for this quilt were emailed early in December. If you did NOT receive them or if you are missing months, please let me know ASAP and I will email them to you.

*Chris Hoover*

**Contact Chris Hoover**

**SUNSHINE Mona Ritten**

If you know a guild member in need of a little sunshine, please call me (Mona’s phone number can be found on the mailing page attached with this newsletter) and if no answer, leave a message or email me.

**Contact Mona Ritten**

**NEWSLETTER Marie Zaczkowski**

Anyone is welcome to put an article in the newsletter. The deadline for receipt of articles to appear in the February 2021 newsletter isthe **12th** of January. The guild also accepts ads. Contact me for advertising rates and requirements.

**Contact Marie Zaczkowski**