



MARCH 2020

St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

www.stcloudheritagequiltersofmn.com

**Next Meeting: Mar. 5th, 2020
7:00 P.M**

Love of Christ Lutheran Church
1971 Pine Cone Road S.
St. Cloud, MN 56303

[Click here](#) for directions



President Chris Hoover

**See the Quilt Guild
calendar on page 8.**



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Chris Hoover

Wow! What a fun night we had at the February meeting. It was a full house and our membership is growing and growing. I love seeing so many new faces so thank you, to all who attended the meeting and have joined SCHQ. It's going to be a fantastic year!

When I joined the guild way back when, I wanted to meet people who shared my passion, learn new techniques, get tips and tricks, and be inspired. I hope that this coming year will fulfill all of that for you and more. Programs, Small Groups, Special Events and Service Projects are working hard for you so keep reading for all the details on what's in store for 2020.

I had a great conversation with a fellow member a few weeks ago, talking about the guild and what's happening with SCHQ. I loved the ideas she shared with me (I hope to implement a few in the coming months) and want to encourage all of you to share your thoughts with me on what you would like to hear, see and learn. There's only so much time at our monthly meetings, so how about an article in our newsletter each month featuring a tip or trick that others might not know about? Keep reading for the first installment. And if you have an idea you would like to share let me know.

Make sure to highlight March 5th on your calendar! You won't want to miss this meeting. Kristen Bender will be our speaker and I know that she will have truly inspiring quilts to show us. We will also have some big announcements to share with you regarding the 2021 Quilt Show. And I know that our "Show and Tell" will once again be exciting – the quilts I saw at the February meeting were amazing.

See you next month!

Contact Chris Hoover

President's Challenge 2020**Chris Hoover****It's all about the NUMBERS!**

I'm a numbers person. By that I mean that I constantly seem to have numbers running through my head. I tend to count how many pieces I have yet to sew, how many pieces there are in each block, how much longer it's going to take me (in minutes/hours) to finish the binding, etc. And that's just numbers I think about when I'm quilting! So my quilt challenge to you had to be about the numbers – 2020.

The rules for this challenge are:

- The quilt must finish at 20" x 20".
- The quilt must contain the two fabrics provided and you must add two other fabrics (to represent the "2"s in 2020). I will have bags available for pick up at the February, March and April meetings (no cost) that contain two fat 1/8th yards of fabric.
- The quilt must have at least two circles or "0"s somewhere on it (to represent the "0"s in 2020). These can be appliqued circles or circular shapes, circles in the additional two fabrics, or part of the quilting design.
- The quilt must contain 2 (and only 2) different quilt blocks. You may have as many or as few of these 2 blocks as you want, but you can't have more than 2 different quilt blocks.

For example, your quilt may be:

- 1 – 20" block with another block embedded in the large block (i.e. a second block in the center square or corner square of the 20" block)
- 5" blocks that alternate in a 4 x 4 set
- 4" blocks that alternate in a 5 x 5 set
- blocks with plain squares or sashing
- 10" blocks that alternate in a 2 x 2 set or with plain squares set 2 x 2
- an art quilt with 2 blocks featured somewhere within the design
- random sized blocks in a random setting

Please consider adding a 2" sleeve to the back (top) of your quilt and entering it in the 2021 quilt show. There will be a category for these quilts.

The quilts will be displayed at our November meeting. Members will vote on their favorite. The November speaker and I will vote on our favorites. Prizes will be awarded!

I look forward to your creativity and hope that you will accept my challenge!

Contact Chris Hoover

Our website, <https://www.stcloudheritagequiltersofmn.com/>, now has a calendar feature. Our events, meetings, and get-togethers all in one spot. Check it out.

PROGRAMS

Nancy Piltz

March 5th Program

Our speaker is Kristen Bender, Certified Judy Niemeyer instructor, from Minnetonka, MN <http://www.quiltworx.com/instructors/kristen-bender/>. Kristen has been teaching since 2011 and is thrilled to share Judy's techniques, tips & tricks with others. She loves to see students' eyes light up with excitement when they learn about them for the first time. Her passion for sewing began in Germany at age 9, when she sat with her mother and sewed clothes for her dolls. After she discovered quilting in 2004 her patchwork addiction was born. When she's not quilting/teaching, she manages an office full of non-quilters and enjoys spending time with her husband and golden retriever.

April 2 – Marilyn Foreman, Twister Sisters <https://quiltmoments.com/>

May 7 – Our May program with Bonnie Lundorff of Willow Wood Market will include a class the next morning (May 8) at Love of Christ Lutheran Church. More information will be coming about that class. <https://www.willowwoodmarketdesigns.com/>

July meeting date has been rescheduled to July 16th! Our speaker will be Krista Moser
<https://www.kristamoser.com/>

Just a reminder to start making some Quilts of Valor for our October meeting. We have some fun things planned for this meeting and want to have a good amount of quilts.

Contact Nancy Piltz or Teri Durbin or Darlene Felling or Teri Olson

Monthly Tip – From Chris Hoover

Are you one of those quilters who doesn't change the needle in your machine unless it breaks? That used to be me until I was a "newbie" at a retreat and the quilter across the table handed me a new needle and very politely said, "I think this will help." It was amazing how much quieter my machine was with that brand new needle, I no longer had skipped stitches and my thread stopped breaking. But the best part was I could actually hear what this quilter was trying to say to me!

I taught machine quilting for many years and the first thing I would tell my students is, "Sewing machine needles have a life of approximately 8 hours of continuous sewing." They do not last forever. Whenever you start a new project, CHANGE the needle. Needles are less than \$1.00 each and well worth the investment. Your machine, your fabric and you will be so much happier if you get in the habit of starting out with a fresh needle.

Want to learn more about when to change your needle? Check out this video from Schmetz Needles:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wC0g--VImRQ&list=PLQjw4DiWyD-hviRUMrhW-wHb-UsNSRFu1&index=6&t=0s>

Preparing your quilt for Machine Quilting (Submitted by members of the SCHQ Guild Longarm/Midarm Quilters Small Group)

- Square your top and backing. The lengths of the right, left and middle should be the same. The widths of your right, left and middle should be the same.
- Press your quilt top and backing.
- Secure your edge seams by basting a large stitch around the outer edge of the top so the seams don't unravel, or secure the edge seams with a backstitch.
- Check for open seams. The longarm hopping foot could get caught in an open seam and rip the quilt.
- BACKING AND BATTING MUST BE 4-6" LARGER THAN THE TOP ON EACH SIDE OF THE QUILT. An example would be a 60" x 60" top needs a 68" x 68" backing and batting.
- If the backing fabric is pieced or seamed, use ½" seams with a small stitch and remove selvages from the seams only. Cut seam edges with pinking shears, if possible. Press seam open.
- Remove extra/loose threads, pet hair and fuzzies.
- Check for pins left in the quilt.
- No embellishments (buttons, beads, charms, etc.) Add these after the quilt is quilted.
- Mark the size of the quilt where it can be seen. (Pinned to the top or written on the outside of the bag.) If this is your personal quilt, not a service project quilt, it would be a courtesy to your longarmer to place your pressed top and back on a hanger and pin your name and phone number to both the top and backing.

Note: Your machine quilter may have other guidelines. Print a copy of these guidelines for them to review.

A Note from Marlyn Anderson -

I have lots of **paper for String Piecing**. The newsprint type paper measures 8" X 10.75". I have books from 1/2" - 3/4" thick available for you to have. I have used this paper for making String Pieced blocks for Tummy Time quilts, in the past. The ink does not transfer to the fabric, even with starch applied after sewing the strings on. The paper rips off easily.

If you'd be interested in getting some of this paper, please let me know and I'll bring it to the next SCHQ meeting. Contact Marlyn

Service Projects

Pat Gerchy and Sue Skoblik

Hey, quilters – Want a day or two to sew for others in need? Is your scrap basket overflowing? There are two opportunities in March to help with cutting and sewing for our service projects.

The first sewing days are March 9th and 10th at Gruber's from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and go as your schedule allows. You can sew on your own donation quilts or on blocks using the strip-pieced method. We will also be sewing hats and other items in support of cancer patients.

You need to bring your sewing machine, cutting scissors, rotary cutter, pins, thread in white, ecru or light gray, and any personal sewing needs. With making quilts we create a scrap basket or large tote. This is a way to get rid of your scraps and create at the same time. If possible, cut strips 1" to 1 3/4" wide. If unable to come and sew, any strip or scrap donations would be appreciated.

We can leave sewing machines at Gruber's if you plan to come for both days. Patterns using scraps or strips are welcome. We have two ideas.

*Since we are using Gruber's classroom for sewing, they request that we buy lunch at the café.

The second sewing days are March 30th and 31st at east side VFW (104 Franklin Ave NE, St Cloud) **from 9 am to 4 pm.** Bring your sewing machine, serger, rotary cutter and white, ecru and black thread. We also need any drapery or upholstery fabric or home decorator sample books you have to donate. You can leave your sewing machines overnight if you are coming both days. You can bring your lunch or eat out.

Let's create, make new friends and share our sewing talents with others.

If you have any questions, call Sue or Pat. Their phone numbers can be found on the mailing page attached with this newsletter.

Contact Pat Gerchy or Sue Skoblik:

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

SPECIAL EVENTS**Alice Sue Becker**

Our winter Sip, Swap and Sew (Triple S) will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18th, at Alice Sue Becker's house, 1213 Millstone Court, St. Cloud. The swap item will be a batik fat quarter. Triple S is an evening of fun, food, wine and sewing open to all members of the guild and held 4 times a year. A main dish will be provided along with wine and nonalcoholic beverages; please bring along an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Bring any handwork you'd like to do, too, and remember to bring your batik fat quarter to swap!

Please RSVP to Alice Sue. Triple S is a fun way to get to meet other members, so we hope you can join us on February 18th.

Contact Alice Sue Becker

MEMBERSHIP**Julie Anderson**

Greeting from the membership table!

We had another busy night at the membership table at our February meeting with 5 new members and 13 renewing members. This brings our current membership up to 144! Until things slow down a bit, I'd like to locate the sign-in sheet on the left side of the table (as you're walking in) and have the renewing/joining area on the right side. Also, don't forget to pick up your 2020 membership card. Thanks!

Contact Julie Anderson

Meeting Mentors

We are looking for members who would be willing to greet guests and new members upon arrival and mentor them through their first SCHQ meeting (introduce them to other members, show them the birthday fabric area, explain our service projects and offer information on small groups, etc.). No sign up required and no commitment – assist at one meeting or all year, it's up to you.

If you would like to help, meet Julie Anderson or Fawn Wright at the membership table by 6:30 pm on meeting night.

SMALL GROUPS**Diann Kremer and Jan Stockinger****2020 Mystery Quilt**

Shopping & cutting instructions and the first sewing clue were passed out at the February guild meeting. If you were not at the meeting, your clue will be available at the March meeting along with Clue #3. If you are a new member and would like to participate in the 2020 Mystery Quilt but missed the sign-up deadline, please contact Karen Cyson or see me at the March meeting. Cost is \$4 for the year-long program.

Featherweight Group – The Featherweight Small Group is for sewers who own a Featherweight Sewing Machine. The group meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 am at Messiah Lutheran Church in Sartell, MN. Contact Julie Johnson to be added to the email list for meeting notices.

Undercolor Club – This group meets the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm at Dunn Bros. Coffee Shop in the Coborn's on Cooper Ave. S. Members work with the "Color Play" book. Make a small project or bring fabrics to illustrate color combinations. Contact Marlyn Anderson .

Handwork New Small Group – If you like to do wool work, applique, handwork, or just need time to bind a quilt, join us. The new handwork group will meet at Julie Johnson's home Tuesday, February 25th from 6-8pm. All are welcome!

Address: 140 75th Street NE, Rice MN I have a very long driveway that can be hard to find in the dark. Email me for directions or call.

Longarm/Midarm New Small Group – The Longarm/Midarm Group is for quilters who do longarm or midarm machine quilting. The group meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at each other's homes as space allows, or at Alice Sue Becker's house. For more information and the location of the next meeting, please contact Alice Sue Becker or Kathy Gunderson, co- facilitators.

We (Diann Kremer & Jan Stockinger) would like to start another small group called **Scrappy Stash Busters**. Let us know if you are interested.

1. Pick a block pattern that you like.
2. You can only use fabric from your stash.
3. Only background fabric can be newly purchased.
4. Sewing can be done either at your home or if available sewing in Gruber's Classroom at a cost of \$5, or if you eat in the café the \$5 is waived.
5. When these quilts are finished, they can be given to the Guild to donate to our different service projects.
6. This is a win, win group! Our sewing rooms get room for a new stash supply and the recipients will be very happy with their new quilts!

Contact Diann Kremer or Jan Stockinger

ST. CLOUD HERITAGE QUILT GUILD CALENDAR

Remember to bring your 2020 membership card and wear your name tag at the meetings. Bring your show and tell items, birthday fabric/gift, \$ for birthday fabric/gift tickets, and finished service projects.

2020

- Mar 5 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; **Kristen Bender**, Certified Judy Niemeyer instructor, <http://www.quiltworx.com/instructors/kristen-bender/>
- Mar 6 & 7 -- Workshops with **Kristen Bender** (Workshop is full)
- April 2 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; **Marilyn Foreman**, Twister Sisters (Tool & Design) <https://quiltmoments.com/>
- May 7 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; **Bonnie Lundorff**, Willow Wood Market <https://www.willowwoodmarketdesigns.com/>
Watch for details about a workshop in May.
- June 4 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; TBD
- July 16 -- **NOTE: This is not the 1st Thursday of July.**
Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; **Krista Moser**, <https://www.kristamoser.com/>
- Aug 6 --
- Sept. 3 --
- Oct. 1 --
- Nov. 5 --
- Dec. 3 --

NEWSLETTER

Marie Zaczkowski

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

Contact Marie Zaczkowski

SCHQ BOARD MINUTES**Barb Corson****St Cloud Heritage Quilters Board Meeting for February 6, 2020**

Present: Chris Hoover (President), Paulette Bober-Lind (Co Secretary), Barb Corson (Secretary), Diane Kremer (Treasurer), Maggie Voigt (Co Treasurer), Fawn Wright (Membership), Nancy Piltz (Programs), Teri Durbin (Programs), Sue Skoblik (Service Projects), Pat Gerchy (Service Projects), Alice Sue Becker (Special Events), Diann Kremer (Small Groups)

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 by Chris Hoover. The January 2020 minutes were approved with one correction: The budgeted deficit amount for 2020 is corrected to \$7,430. The change was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report (Diane Kremer): The February Treasurer Report was unanimously approved. Chris Hoover informed each board member of her budgeted amount for 2020 and each board member is tasked with controlling expenditures for her area. Larger expenditures (in excess of \$100) are to be reported to the President immediately.

Membership (Fawn Wright): Records show 190 members at present. Meeting mentors are needed at meetings to assist new members to become familiar with the Guild. A discussion was held regarding noting members who are long-armers on the website but no decision was made. Members are encouraged to wear their nametags at meetings.

Programs (Nancy Piltz): Plans are afoot for a May workshop and Kristen Bender's class. Plans are also afoot for future speakers for meetings.

Service Projects (Sue Skoblik & Pat Gerchy): Preferred sizes for service project quilts were discussed, and these were presented to members at the meeting. Sewing days at Grubers are planned for March 9 & 10 to work on service projects. Ideas for using scraps were presented to the board and at the meeting.

Special Events (Alice Sue Becker): The next Sip Swap & Sew (SSS) is planned at Alice Sue's house for 2/18/20 at 6 pm. Bring a batik fat quarter to swap and an appetizer or dessert. Contact Alice Sue if you plan to attend and she will provide her address.

Small Groups (Diann Kremer): Existing small groups are to be discussed at the February meeting. Please contact Dianne with new ideas for small groups. A calendar has been added to the website listing dates for various activities.

Quilt Show (Chris Hoover): Seed money will be transferred to the Quilt Show budget soon and STAY TUNED for exciting plans!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Corson, Co-Secretary

Contact Barb Corson

**St. Cloud Heritage Quilters
Treasurer's Report for February 2020**

SCHQ Checking Account Activity

Beginning January Balance in Quilt Check book (1430)	\$3,699.83
Income	
Membership	\$1,214.00
Mini Quilt Auction	95.00
Quilt 20/20	150.00
Mystery quilt	48.00
Krista Bender Class (Program)	1169.85
Miscellaneous Corporate Franchise Tax reimbursement	19.00
	Total Income \$2,695.85
Expenses	
<u>Date</u> <u>Check</u> <u>Payor</u> <u>Description</u>	
2-Jan 2679 Love of Christ rent/extra night	1050.00
6-Jan 2680 Sandra Williams Prize reimbursement	25.00
2-Jan 2681 Ann Hiltner Shredding paper	4.62
23-Jan 2682 West Bend Union Insurance	400.00
	Total Expenses 1,479.62
Ending Checkbook Balance as of 1/31/2020	\$4,916.06

Savings Account Activity

Beginning Balance as of 01/31/2020	\$8,136.50
Transfer into Savings from Checking	
Transfer out to checking	
Transfer to Quilt show checking	00.00
Ending Savings Balance as of 1/31/2020	\$8,136.50

Quilt Show Checking Account Activity

Beginning Balance as of 01/31/2020	\$188.50
Transfer into Savings from Checking	
Transfer out to checking	
Transfer to Quilt Show checking	00.00
Ending Savings Balance as of 1/31/2020	\$188.50

Quilt Show CD Activity

Beginning Balance as of 01/31/2020	\$17,220.90
Transfer into Savings from Checking/Interest	318.59
Transfer out to checking	
Transfer to Quilt show checking	00.00
Ending Savings Balance as of 1/31/2020	\$17,539.49

Contact Diane Kremer

All board members: Please remember to use the New Voucher payment form which was given out at the meeting. Please give all voucher payment forms (filled out) for reimbursement to the Treasurer, Diane Kremer, before the monthly meeting begins at 5:15 pm, so it can be acknowledged and approved at the meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.