



JULY 2020

# St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

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**Next Meeting: July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
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**President Chris Hoover**

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**Chris Hoover**

Hello everyone,

As I sit down to write this, I realize that if this were a normal June I would be heading to the River's Edge Convention Center today for the Minnesota Quilters' annual quilt show. That's just one more thing added to my mental list of "what I've missed in 2020". There will be a few more events on that "canceled" list before the summer is done – at least one visit to Summertime by George, the Lemonade Art Fair, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, and the State Fair. But one thing that didn't get canceled was my annual June retreat. Yes, I went on a retreat this past week! It felt so good to be with friends, to sew and laugh, eat and un-sew, stay up way too late and catch up on everything we had missed. Usually at this retreat, I would have been on a mission to complete several samples that would be due to fabric companies. But for many reasons, I have no deadlines this summer and it was the most relaxing retreat I have been on in a long time. I found myself sitting back and enjoying everything and thinking how thankful I was that this, too, did not get canceled. We even made plans for a road trip! I certainly don't need any fabric, but it will be fun to visit some quilt shops and see what's new. I feel like I've gone through withdrawal! It's time to get addicted again ...

I hope you were able to join us at our June "drive-by" meeting. We had 50 cars go through and it was so much fun to connect with members again. If you missed it, there is a video and pictures on our closed group Facebook page. Keep reading as we are planning a July meeting – another outdoor event – and we need your help. I hope you will join us!

Chris

**Contact Chris Hoover**

**PROGRAMS****Nancy Piltz****SCHQ July 2020 meeting information**

Governor Walz is cautiously opening things up again, but a regular meeting for July is just not going to happen. So once again we are getting creative. Our tentative plan is:

**The first ever SCHQ Quilt Rally on July 16<sup>th</sup>! [This is NOT the first Thursday in July]**

We haven't got all the details worked out yet because we need your help! We are looking for 25 – 30 members who would be willing to show a quilt. Do you have a quarantine project you've been working on? Do you have something already done that you would like to share with the guild? These quilts do not have to be finished – meaning they can be tops only, partially quilted, quilted without binding, or finished quilts. The quilt will be displayed on your car as we did at the June meeting.

If you have a quilt to show, please email Chris Hoover by July 1.

And watch your email for more news on this event early in July!

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

**SERVICE PROJECTS****Pat Gerchy and Sue Skoblik**

Through the generosity of the St. Cloud Heritage Quilters, we have been able to donate the following: 100 masks to WACOSA, 49 mask to Whitney, 30 masks to the VA, and 5 quilts were delivered to Recovery Plus.

Due to the pandemic we have been unable to deliver support items for Cancer patients or quilts for Pockets of Hope or Stearns County Public Health at this time.

**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**

**Monthly Tip – From Chris Hoover**

One of my favorite parts of quilting is picking out the fabrics for whatever project I have in mind. I know that for many of you this can be the hardest part so I have a few tips to share.

- 1) Start with a color scheme. Find a piece of fabric, a picture, an item (pillow, dish, yarn) that has the colors you love or want in your quilt.
- 2) Go through your stash/collection and see if you have pieces in these colors. Don't worry about the prints and don't worry if they don't match exactly. In fact, I try really hard not to be matchy, matchy as this tends to make a pretty quilt, but not a WOW quilt. And don't worry about a "background" fabric at this time.
- 3) Now head to your favorite quilt shop. (This is the fun part!) Search for fabrics in the colors you are looking for. Choose at least twice as many fabrics as you need and don't worry if they all don't "go" together. Look for different scales in prints and different types of prints – florals, geometrics, solids, and tone on tones. Lay them out on a table so that you only see the smallest portions of the fabric (if it's on a bolt, lay the bolt on its skinniest side) as this is what you will see in your quilt.
- 4) Arrange all the fabrics you have by color – group the blues together, etc. I also arrange from light to dark. This will tell you if some of your prints are too similar or if you have "holes" (no mediums, not enough darks or lights) in your selection.
- 5) Now stand back and see if any of the prints stand out or draw your eye straight to them. If there is one, it either needs to go back on the shelf, it needs a playmate for balance (another similarly "attention grabbing piece") or it needs to be the star – main focus - of your quilt. Think stripes, strong geometrics, large prints or bold colors.
- 6) This is the point where I choose a background if I need one. Do you want high contrast or low? Traditional (white or black) or another neutral such as gray, brown, tan or navy? Audition different colors/prints with the fabrics you have picked.
- 7) It's time to narrow down your selection. Think about the quilt – do you want it to read soft, masculine, fun, bright? Do you want high contrast or low? Remove fabrics one at a time and look at the other fabrics to see what happens when that piece is gone. Does the quilt go flat? Put it back in and remove another piece. Keep playing! It may take a while and you may not find everything all at once. And don't be afraid to ask for help! But don't feel like you have to accept every opinion. After all, this is your quilt. You have to live with it, not the shop clerk or your friends and fellow shoppers. And don't be afraid to start over or give it up for another day. Sometimes we just aren't in the right mood for fabric selection.

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/quilting-basics/choose-fabrics-confidence><https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2016/09/choosing-fabric-for-a-quilt.html><https://www.simplesimonandco.com/2018/04/how-to-choose-fabric-for-a-quilt.html/>

**QUILT SHOW - 2021****Chris Hoover and Renee Sauve****St Cloud Heritage Quilters 2021 Quilt Show: The Land of 10,000 Pieces****2021 Quilt Show Board Positions**

The following positions are still open on our committee. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Renee Sauve or Chris Hoover.

**Publicity** – This will involve sending out postcards/bookmarks to quilt shops. Emailing flyers to guilds. Working with local print media. Working with our website chair to keep the quilt show page updated. Contacting local businesses to be sponsors of the show. Working with downtown restaurants on cross promotion. Working with our Quilt Show Facebook Page Coordinator.

**Raffle Quilt Travel Coordinator** – We want to take our raffle quilt on the road and we are looking for someone to coordinate the travel. This would require contacting guilds or event sponsors willing to let us show the quilt and sell raffle tickets and show tickets, keeping track of when and where the quilt needs to be and getting volunteers to travel with the quilt to these events.

**Contact Chris Hoover or Renee Sauve**

**Basket Raffle**

The basket raffle committee would like to remind everyone that we need baskets for the basket raffle at our quilt show next fall. The baskets can be done by any number of people so call your friends to talk about a plan. We also like to have small objects like table runners, aprons, or other decorative items to include in the raffle. I made a list of some ideas to get your creative wheels spinning!

Themed baskets:

Any food like pizza or spaghetti for example.

Coffee

Gift cards

Chocolate

Travel items

Fall theme

Workout items

Pet care

Sports team

Minnesota proud

Christmas theme

Grill items

Things for around the campfire

Any alcohol theme

Any items you have for sewing, or bundles of fabric could be put together by the committee to make a create basket. Thanks ahead of time. Last time we also took cash donations and enhanced some baskets that we got random donations for.

**Contact Mary Proell**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Alice Sue Becker

**SPECIAL EVENTS: Together-Apart!**

Hi to everyone;

I have been missing all of you. It sure is hard to plan a special event when we can't sew together, but we can sew together- apart! That is what I'm calling our first pandemic special event and I hope you will be inspired to join in.

Before I explain how this works, I'd like to tell you the story of how this idea came to be. For about 2 years, Mary Proell and I, both Tula Pink fans, would tell each other at Featherweight meetings, "We really should do a Tula challenge from our scraps!" But of course, we never got around to it. Then 3 things happened: 1.) We discovered we both owned Tula Pink's "100 Modern Quilt Blocks" book. 2.) COVID 19 happened, and 3.) I challenged Mary to make a Tula Pink mask on Facebook and we both made the same dang mask! Mary suggested we start our challenge by each making the same block and going on from there. Then we planned to share our blocks to create a quilt. She told me, "We can make a quilt together- apart!" and the name was born. At first we thought we'd donate the quilt, (to avoid fights over who got to take it home, I guess!). But then I thought, "Wait a minute- what if other friends wanted to do something similar using something THEY are passionate about?" We could make it a special event, have people show them at Show and Tell and then do a full display at the Quilt Show. They could be auctioned off by silent auction or even a regular auction, as a Guild fundraiser at the show, or donated. Or the makers can keep them, too. Just as long as there are no custody fights!

***So here's the plan for the Together- Apart! Challenge***

- Find just 1 or 2 people (no more, just to keep things manageable, please) who share your passion for something in quilting. It could be ANYTHING - A certain designer, a particular color scheme, a technique you enjoy, like foundation piecing or English paper piecing, bags, wool work, batiks, or dying your own fabrics. Truly, ANYTHING you want it to be.
- Plan your work by communicating together, but then create the parts of your work apart from each other. Share frequently about what you're doing with each other and as time goes on, we will all know if we can get together to join our pieces, or if one person in the pair or group of 3 will be responsible for sewing them together, depending on how the pandemic goes. Finish your projects anyway your heart desires!
- When the time comes that we can all see each other again, we could have a great show and tell of our quilts or a wonderful fundraiser at the quilt show but most importantly, we will have reached out to a friend or two to help make this time of isolation a bit less lonely.

I'm in, Mary Proell is in, and we're starting our challenge with blocks #100 and #4 from our book. What will you do? I can't wait to see what you create Together- Apart! If you have questions, please contact me. Thanks!

**Contact Alice Sue Becker**

## **SCHQ Members Group Facebook Page**

There are many things we miss when we can't get to a meeting: seeing our friends, hearing great speakers, winning birthday fabric and door prizes... One thing I miss the most is the Show and Tell portion of our meeting. I always say that we have wonderfully creative quilters in our group and I love seeing what you've been up to. So, in this time when we can't get together and for those times when we can't make it to a meeting, we decided to create a group Facebook page where members can post pictures of what they've been working on. To join, follow the directions below:

1. Log in to Facebook.
2. Search on St. Cloud Heritage Quilters and click on our regular Facebook page. This should be the first choice.
3. Look for the Groups tab. On my computer this was on the left. On my phone it was just under Publish and "No Rating Yet" but you need to scroll to the right. On my iPad it was to the right below "No Rating Yet".
4. Click on the tab that says "Join" for the SCHQ Members Group. A request will be sent to the group administrators. Once we verify that you are a member in good standing (you've paid your dues), we will accept you as a member and you will be able to post pictures of what you are working on and comment on what others have posted.

Please note that this is a PRIVATE Facebook group. Only members will be allowed to join. We would love to see some virtual Show and Tell. Join us!

Join the SCHQ Members Facebook page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/265950997740170/>  
and share your recent quilt creations.

## **NEWSLETTER**

**Marie Zaczkowski**

Anyone is welcome to put an article in the newsletter. The deadline for receipt of articles to appear in the August newsletter is the **12<sup>th</sup>** of July. The guild also accepts ads. Contact me for advertising rates and requirements.

**Contact Marie Zaczkowski**

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

Patterns for the SCHQ2020 Mystery Quilt will be available for pick-up at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Contact Karen Cyson**

**NOTE: Check with the small group leader/coordinator to determine when the group will resume meeting or watch for information via email, on the guild website or in future newsletters.**

**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. All are welcome! Contact Julie Johnson

**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) are starting another small group called **Scrappy Stash Busters**. Let us know if you are interested. Keep on sewing up your Scrappy Stash Busters so you will have room to buy new fabric!

**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

- July 16 -- **NOTE: This is not the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of July.**
- Aug 6 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; **Bonnie Lundorff**, Willow Wood Market trunk show. <https://www.willowwoodmarketdesigns.com/> Workshop details to follow.
- Sept. 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; **Suzi Parron**, <http://www.barnquiltinfo.com/>
- Sept. 4 -- **Barn Quilt Workshop** with Suzi Parron
- Oct. 1 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; **Quilt of Valor Presentation**
- Nov. 5 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm; **Heidi Pridemore** of Whimsical Workshop. <https://www.thewhimsicalworkshop.com/>
- Nov. 6 -- **Workshop** with **Heidi Pridemore**
- Dec. 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:15 pm; Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm;

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

## SCHQ BOARD MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT

The board did not meet in June.

There were no changes to the Financial Report published in the June Newsletter.



**Important Update: Great Wisconsin Quilt Show**

Dear Quilting Friend,

We hope this message finds you well. As you know, the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic has led to disrupted routines, school and work closures, and event cancellations across the country.

The safety of our attendees, presenters, vendors and volunteers is paramount. Therefore, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show has made the difficult — yet necessary — decision to transition our 2020 show into an immersive online experience. While we will not be meeting together at the Alliant Energy Center, we will still convene around our love of quilting, sharing inspiration and learning new techniques online.

We are excited to bring you a safe, digital event that will unite and engage our quilting community while we are unable to be together in person. At this time, we are diligently working to transition The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show's in-person offerings into an easily accessible virtual experience. These virtual offerings will include educational opportunities, shopping options and more – all online.

And, we will still offer our Quilt Contest and Exhibit — virtually on the web! Entries are due June 30.

The deadline to enter The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show's 10-category juried-and-judged Quilt Contest is approaching! The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions, will take place online rather than in person this September. Join The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show for a new, virtual experience! Quilters of all levels are invited to enter up to four quilts. Prizes will be awarded in each category, plus special prizes will be awarded to the Best of Show and Viewers' Choice winners. Enter by June 30 online at [www.QuiltShow.com/QuiltContest](http://www.QuiltShow.com/QuiltContest). Interested in more contest opportunities? Entries are also being sought for The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show's Kids' Quilt Challenge and Botanical Quilt Challenge! Last September, nearly 300 quilts were accepted into the juried-and-judged Quilt Contest exhibit (plus 239 in the other special exhibits). Winning entries came from across the United States. A gallery of the 2019 award-winning quilts can be found at [www.Quiltshow.com](http://www.Quiltshow.com). We humbly ask for your patience as we develop this year's online event, and we promise you will be the first to know as soon as the details are announced.

We look forward to connecting with you this September!

-The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show team  
PBS Wisconsin | Nancy Zieman Productions