



St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

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Next Meeting: November meeting canceled

Love of Christ Lutheran Church
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St. Cloud, MN 56303

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President Chris Hoover

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Chris Hoover

Hello everyone,

Thanks so much to Teri Olson, Tom Kremer and Sue Skoblik for their work in organizing our Quilts of Honor presentation on October 1st. It was a beautiful evening to pay our respect to those who have served our country. Many, many thanks also to those of you who donated quilts and who attended the meeting. We honored 17 veterans that night, hearing about their service and sacrifice. Shortly before the meeting as Teri and I were setting up, I glanced east and saw two bald eagles flying nearby. What a sight to see right before we thanked our local veterans! My only disappointment in the evening was that we didn't pack the parking lot to show our appreciation for all they gave for us and our country.

Our meeting for November is canceled. I was so looking forward to seeing Heidi Pridemore from The Whimsical Workshop. But Teri tells me she has been rebooked for next November so there is something to look forward to.

Stay well and quilt on...

Chris

Contact Chris Hoover

2021 Membership Dues

In a normal year, we would be asking you now to begin paying 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.

PS: This also means that you are eligible to enter a quilt in our 2021 quilt show!!! 😊

SCHQ Program Information

Nancy Piltz and I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Quilts of Honor Ceremony that was held on October 1st outside at Love of Christ Church. A special thank you to Tom Kremer who helped with the program, lead singing the Star-Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful and for contacting veterans along with Sue Skolik. Thank you to Chris Hoover for all your help with the ceremony. Thank you to the men and women who donated quilts to be presented; Diann and Tom Kremer, Chris Hoover, Marj LaTour, Bonita Benschoter, Mary Billig, Ann Hiltner, Elaine Randall, and Deb Danneman. Also thank you to anyone who helped in any way to make this program a success. Sixteen quilts were presented to veterans either at the program or in private if they were unable to attend and one quilt was donated to a family as the veteran wished. Thank you all for donating time and talent to this very worthy cause.

[Contact Nancy Piltz or Teri Durbin or Darlene Felling or Teri Olson](#)

2021 Board Members

The following members have been elected to serve on the 2021 SCHQ Board:

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| President: Julie Johnson | President Elect: OPEN |
| Secretary: Paulette Bober-Lind | Co-chair: Barb Corson |
| Treasurer: Maggie Voigt | |
| Service Projects: Sue Skoblik | Co-chair: Pat Gerchy |
| Small Groups: Diann Kremer | Co-chair: Jan Stockinger |
| Membership: Julie Anderson | Co-Chair: Fawn Wright |
| Programs: Teri Olson | Co-Chair: Nancy Piltz |
| Special Events: Sandy Anderson | Newsletter: Marie Zaczkowski |
| Website/Facebook: Julie Johnson | Sunshine: Mona Ritten |
| Meeting Coordinator: Tom Kremer | |

Many thanks to all these volunteers for serving on the 2021 board.

Last week we received a message via the guild's email address wanting to know if any of our members were interested in a donation of old quilts. Here's the message:

"Hi I was given some old quilts. Some fabric is decomposed but the feed sack pieces are still in solid form. I would like to donate them to someone that could make use of the fabric pieces. One of the quilts is done in a fan style pattern and contains several different feed sack patterns. I got these from a woman in her 70's and she said these were made by her mother and grandmother."

If you are interested, email Marie Zaczkowski and I will give you the contact information for the donor.

LAST CALL! President's Challenge – It's All About the Numbers



This is the last call for submitting a photo of your President's Challenge quilt for voting! Please **email** me a picture of your completed quilt by October 30 – a straight on shot in good light. Watch for information in the next newsletter on where to find these pictures and how to vote for your favorites. Three prizes will be awarded. Each prize will include: a basket, 20 fat quarters and a pin cushion featuring the Lemon Grass collection by Island Batik (the same collection used in your challenge quilts). You can send your picture at any time between now and October 30 to

Contact Chris Hoover

2020 Mystery Quilt

Karen Cyson

The final clues, including the assembly instructions, have been mailed out to all participants in the 2020 Mystery Quilt program. I hope everyone enjoyed making this quilt. I'm just sorry that we can't see everyone's finished project. I had mine done and ready to show at the October reveal. Alas, as in-person meeting seems unlikely in the near future - heck, all the national quilts shows have been cancelled for 2021 already - I will look for a 2021 project that can be distributed via email. Stay well!

Contact Karen Cyson

Service Projects

Pat Gerchy and Sue Skoblik

Through the generosity of the St. Cloud Heritage Quilters, we recently donated 10 quilts and 4 pillowcases to the Veteran's Administration.

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 - Chris Hoover

One of those things that quilters hate to do is mitering a border. But we do love the look – especially if we are using a border stripe. There are all kinds of videos and instructions out there for this process (I have listed a couple links below). I agree with the sewing instructions, just not necessarily the cutting instructions as you will see...

I have a few quirks when I sew (my husband would say many, but I'm just talking quilting now) and one of them is wasting fabric. The first time I mitered a border, I followed instructions that said to allow 4 – 8" over the length of the borders you cut (depending on the size of your border). And yes, it worked, but oh, what a waste! So, I tried to come up with a better formula to precut my borders that didn't waste as much fabric.

I love the Easy Angle™ ruler – mainly because you don't waste fabric. It's also a very versatile ruler and great for mitering corners. [There are comparable rulers out there if you don't have this one: Creative Grids 45° Half Square Triangle ruler, Nifty Notions 45° Half Square Triangle ruler, Folded Corner Ruler, Simple Folded Corner ruler...] So, here's my formula for cutting borders with little waste using this type of ruler: (Note: finished size does not include seam allowances and ALWAYS measure twice before you cut!)

Formula

Width of Quilt = A

Length of Quilt = B

Finished size of border = C

Side border length to cut: $B + C + C$

Top/Bottom border length to cut: $A + C + C$

Example

A = 24 ½"

B = 36 ½"

C = 4" (border is cut 4 ½")

$36 ½" + 4" + 4" = 44 ½"$

$24 ½" + 4" + 4" = 32 ½"$

Now, follow the pictures...

1) I fold my border strips in half as shown with the fold to the left. Placing the ruler so that the flat tip is even with the short end of the strip and the side of the ruler is even with the bottom edge of the strip, I trim along the diagonal edge of the ruler. Those tiny triangles are the only wasted fabric.☺ Repeat for each border.



2) Now to the sewing... Pin the short side of the border as shown in the photo. First, I find the center of the border strip and the center of the quilt and pin. Next, I place a pin through the border at each corner ¼" from the edges and through the quilt ¼" from each edge. Then I pin the length of the border to the quilt top.



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3) Sew the border to the quilt starting and stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from each end, backstitching a couple of stitches.



4) When sewing the next border, pin as you see here, making sure the sewn border is folded back out of the way. Continue sewing each border to the sides of the quilt.



5) To sew the ends of the borders together, fold the quilt wrong sides together so that the seamed border edges are even. Your trimmed corners will line up as you see here and the quilt will be out of the way of your sewing.



6) Sew in a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, starting $\frac{1}{4}$ " in (where the border seams end), be sure to backstitch and sew to the outer corner. In my photo I started sewing at the top.



7) I press my border seams out away from the quilt center. I usually press them after I have all the borders sewn to the quilt center. The corner seams I press whichever way they want to go. [This is not what most recommend for pressing, but what works for me.]



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8) And there you have it – a beautiful quilt with lovely mitered borders. 😊



<https://quiltnotes.com/learning-center/mitered-corners/>

<https://quiltedworks.com/blogs/tutorials/mitered-border-corners>



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Are you following Moda's Stitch Pink Sew Along? I thought it would be a great way to use up some of my scraps so I decided to "sew along". I started Block #1 with some leftover fabrics from Northcott's Sweet Jane collection (a breast cancer awareness collection). But I had all these leftover batiks from my latest project sitting on my cutting table so I decided to make another block too. The Sweet Jane quilt will be just like the Moda quilt. But the second one, I've decided to add sashing and borders to make it bigger. After all, I have all these scraps ... 😊 [Check out our Facebook page for pictures of my blocks.] Even if you don't participate, the blog about the blocks has been fun to read – lots of inspirational quotes and helpful hints. You can still participate as the blocks are archived. Use this link and then search for the Stitch Pink Quilt Along (<https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources>).

[Contact Chris Hoover](#)

NEWSLETTER

[Marie Zaczkowski](#)

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

[Contact Marie Zaczkowski](#)

Treasurer's Report

[Diane Kremer](#)

If anyone has outstanding bills which you need reimbursement for, please send them to Diane Kremer, 5912 Prairie Rose Circle, St. Cloud, MN 56303.

Also, we received a thank you note from Recovery Plus Adolescent Services. Note inside card says: Thank you so, much for the quilts! The kids love them. They say it "makes this place feel a little more like home." So, thank you again! from Recovery Plus Adolescent Staff and Clients.

[Contact Diane Kremer](#)

**St. Cloud Heritage Quilters
Treasurer's Report for September/October 2020**

SCHQ Checking Account Activity (1430)

Beginning Balance in Quilt Checking as of 08/01/2020

\$2,359.97

Income

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Deb Ost Scholarship fund | 50.00 |
| Quilt 20/20 | 5.00 |
| Mystery quilt | <u>28.00</u> |
| | 83.00 |

Total Income \$2,442.97

Expenses

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Check</u> | <u>Payor</u> | <u>Description</u> | |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|
| 8-17 | 2697 | Sue Skoblik | muslin backing | \$66.55 |
| 8-31 | 2698 | Marie Zackowski | stamps | \$22.00 |

Total Expenses 88.55

Ending Checkbook Balance as of 09/30/2020 \$2,354.42

Savings Account Activity (5908)

Beginning Balance as of 08/1/2020 \$5,140.71

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| Transfer into Savings from Checking | |
| Interest | .008 |
| Transfer to Quilt show checking | 00.00 |

Ending Savings Balance as of 09/30/2020 \$5,140.79

Quilt Show Checking Account Activity

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/2020 \$1,543.50

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Transfer into Savings from Checking | |
| Transfer out to checking | |
| Transfer to Quilt Show checking | 00.00 |

Ending Savings Balance as of 09/30/2020 \$1,543.50

Quilt Show CD Activity

Beginning Balance as of 08/01/2020 \$17,539.49

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Transfer into Savings from Checking | |
| Transfer out to checking | |
| Transfer to Quilt show checking | 00.00 |

Ending Savings Balance as of 09/30/2020 \$17,539.49

Total of all 4 accounts \$26,578.20