



St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

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Next Meeting: April Meeting Cancelled



Iceland 2017 – Guild President Julie Johnson and Kevin



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Julie Johnson

SURPRISE!!!

It's a new Presidents Challenge! This is one everyone can easily do. We ALL have leftover scraps, Half Square Triangles and stuff just gathering dust in the far reaches of our sewing room.

So, the challenge is a simple one. Every block, including the borders are half square triangles. No cheating trying to sneak in another border or design. Only half square triangles. The size of the half squares is up to you. 2.5, 3.5, 6.5 or even be brave and mix it up with multiple sizes of HST's. There are loads and loads of examples online of HST quilts and I think they are just beautiful! I also happen to have loads and loads of scraps that I have been cutting and saving just for a project. Since we were lucky to have Becky Goldsmith teach us all about color in March, let's put it to good use and challenge ourselves.

I have two pieces of fleece on my sewing wall that I use as a design wall. It will help you immensely as you lay this out to see the pattern of your HST's and the color layout. Also, take a picture with your phone before sewing it all together. The camera eye sees what you cannot perceive. A misplaced or turned square will jump out at you as you look at the image.

I've included a sample HST quilt in the newsletter for your use but make it your own! The finished quilt could be a wall hanging but I'm going big for this one, queen sized for a spare bedroom.

Also! We are not having an April meeting. With no speaker planned and it being Easter week, the board voted to cancel until May. **HOWEVER! May will be our first IN PERSON meeting at Love of Christ Church.** I am very excited to see everyone again! There are TV monitors there so we can still use Zoom for the rest of the year. Thus, anyone still needing

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

to stay home can log in and see and hear the speaker. The program chairs have been working hard to secure some great speakers. I think this may become the new normal! If the speakers can zoom for the audience and no travel costs what a win for both members and speakers! It opens up a whole new kind of programming and teachers from all over the U.S. and maybe even the world for SCHQ. More info will come as we get closer to May, so stay tuned!

So, Happy Easter! Make those cute quilted bunnies and baskets and enjoy Spring! It's finally here.

Julie

Contact Julie Johnson

We still need to fill a very important board position for 2021.

President-Elect. This position is a 2-year commitment. You will work with the current President for one year and assume the role as President in the second year.



Need more information about the position or interested in serving? Contact Julie Johnson or Tom Kremer

SMALL GROUPS**Diann Kremer and Jan Stockinger**

Some of the Small Groups are starting to meet again. If your small group is meeting, contact Diann or Jan and let them know so the information can be included in the newsletter.

Featherweight Group - The Featherweight Small Group is for sewers who own a Featherweight Sewing Machine. The group has "in person" meetings planned for April 8th and May 13th, from 9:30 am to 3 pm at the Eastside St. Cloud VFW. June and beyond the group will be back at Messiah Lutheran Church. Cost is \$3 for use of the facility. Contact Julie Johnson to be added to the email list for meeting notices.

Scrappy Stash Busters - This group is not meeting but you can join in at home. You make an "unwritten promise" to make any size quilts, pulling from your stash. You can purchase background fabric if needed. There are lots of free patterns on the web for scrappy quilts that can be downloaded. When finished with these quilts, you can donate them to our service projects. That way you are using up stash and providing comfort and warmth to someone who needs a quilt!

Contact Diann Kremer or Jan Stockinger

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE #1**Julie Johnson**

See the PDF labeled "Card Trick Home Block 2" attached to this newsletter for directions on sewing the Card Trick Block.

Additional instructions for the block:

- After you have the center block sewn together your block should measure 12.5".
- You can stop here or add the following border to make it 16.5".
- Add a solid 2.5" unfinished border to the left and right sides. (Cut 4 at 12.5")
- Make 4 half square triangles for each corner. Piece together the remaining two strips with two HSTs at each end to make the final two border strips. Add to the block. Your block should now be 16.5" square.

Of course, my math could be completely wrong! Double check your measurements before adding final borders.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE #2**HALF SQUARE TRIANGLE CHALLENGE**

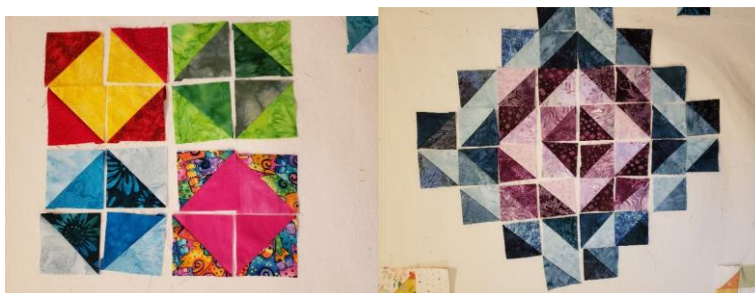
So, I am sneaking in one more President's challenge for everyone in SCHQ. This should be an easy one as we all have those scrap squares and even HSTs laying in boxes or totes everywhere. It's so hard to throw out a scrap that might have a purpose.

The challenge is this. You must make a quilt (any size) that uses ONLY half square triangles. No Cheating! No solid borders (unless it's HSTs). There are literally hundreds of layouts online and search to see what appeals to you. This will be very fun to see everyone's variety of colors and layouts.

Size of HSTs doesn't matter. You can go small at 2.5" or even very small at 1.5". Or go big at 6.5", 8.5", or 10.5". Or even a combination of sizes as long as the entire quilt is HSTs.

I've just started mine and have been playing with layouts. Just for some visual effect, enjoy.

So have fun with all those leaders and enders you've been sewing together for years and let's see what you can make. Final show and tell on these will be October 2021!



Contact Julie Johnson

SUNSHINE

Mona Ritten



Do you know a guild member in need of a little sunshine? Can't we all use a little of that?

If so, 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

MEMBERSHIP

Julie Zupfer Anderson

Greetings from membership!

Since the guild is planning on starting in-person meetings in May, we may be welcoming new members! If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the guild and would like to sign up, please have them contact Julie Zupfer Anderson by phone (her phone number is on the mailing page attached with this newsletter) or email.

Contact Julie Anderson



The guild received the follow messages of thanks –

From CentraCare - *During challenging times such as these, the role of philanthropy is especially critical, and we are truly grateful for your recent gift to CentraCare. Thank you for your very thoughtful gift of 35 neck pillows. Your generosity will help CentraCare's staff better meet the needs of Central Minnesota during the COVID 19 Pandemic.*

As you may know, we rely on support from friends like you to help us be a steward of CentraCare's purpose, which is to listen, then serve, to guide and heal. Because health means everything. Again, thank you for thinking of us with your gift.

Sincerely, Brad Konkler, Vice President, Foundation

From Julia McLeod (Speaker at our February Meeting) - *Many thanks for engaging me to speak to your friendly guild. I enjoyed my evening with you all. Thanks also to Julie for her facilitation of the evening. Please keep me in mind for future programs, workshops and retreats, should your members be interested.*

Warm wishes, Julia

NEWSLETTER**Marie Zaczkowski**

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

Contact Marie Zaczkowski