



St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

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Next Meeting: **March 4 by Zoom Videoconference**

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Iceland 2017 – Guild President Julie Johnson and Kevin



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Julie Johnson

You should know I LOVE flowers! I love every kind of flower, every shape, scent, beauty that is flowers. My gardens, while messy, are bursting with color, shape and size. If I didn't have to grow vegetables for food, I would replace them with flowers. Every summer the butterflies of all kinds flock to my gardens. Wild bees, bumblebees, honey bees and any many more come to eat and thrive. I am a no spray gardener so the insects thrive, and so do the frogs, salamanders, snakes, toads, and everything else.

At best I am a MESSY gardener. If I see a plant, I like I put it in the ground and let it take off. I'm not afraid to mix it up and make mistakes. Some people love fabric, some notions, for me it's flowers! While I have plenty of fabric, I don't think I can ever have enough flowers.

Which brings me to the **Presidents Challenge, "HOME"**. I am not a talented quilt designer; in fact, this is my first! I do have a nice 18" wide quilt wall rack that my hubster built for me and it is in dire need of variety. So, for this year's Presidents Challenge I am designing 12 stand-alone little quilts. Each block will be a theme from the last year of many of us being stuck at "HOME". We all have plenty of bed sized quilts it's time for a tiny challenge. Each block is 16.5 inches square. You also have the option to leave off borders to downsize it to 12.5 inches. You are allowed A LOT of flexibility in these blocks. It's all about what you, not I, like best.

The first block is your favorite "FLOWER". Mine is the sunflower, well I have lots of favorites but this one stands out. The directions are enclosed in this newsletter, and I encourage you to explore one of the many ways you can embroider a flower.

At the February virtual meeting we all enjoyed Julia McLeod's "Everything but the Cotton" lecture. It was also emailed to you to enjoy at your leisure. Thank you for all the kind notes back from those of you that enjoyed the video!

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

SCHQ will have a speaker for March as well by Zoom videoconference. If you have never used Zoom before or are having struggles with it, please feel free to call me and I can walk you through the log in. I will open the meeting at 6:45 pm for social time and encourage you to log in at least 5 minutes before 7 pm. We will record the speaker portion for the club and email it to you after the meeting.

So, happy sewing on these very COLD days.

Julie

Contact Julie Johnson

PROGRAMS**Nancy Piltz****March 4th Program (Meeting via Zoom videoconference)**

Our program this month is a lecture by **Becky Goldsmith, “A Practical Approach to Color”**. You walk around with your eyes open – but how much do you really see? It’s amazing what you can learn about color just by paying attention! She will share with you what she’s figured out about color over the years and how you can use this knowledge in your own quilts.

Becky Goldsmith is an award-winning quilter who travels to teach quilting both nationally and internationally. Her classes are always interesting and informative. Becky met Linda Jenkins, her partner in Piece O’ Cake Designs in 1994, and since then has published more than 30 books and hundreds of patterns, including 7 Blocks of the Month. Linda is mostly retired now while Becky continues writing books and patterns. Becky says that, for all of us, making quilts is interesting, fulfilling, and challenging – and that being a member of the quilting community is an added bonus. She never imagined that being a quilter would become her life’s work, but she’s so happy that it did! Becky’s website is www.pieceocake.com

Please try to log onto the Zoom meeting by 6:45 so that we can help you if you have any technical difficulties.

Contact Nancy Piltz or Teri Olson

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Julie Johnson

“Home” by Julie Johnson

Well, this is a big challenge for me!! I am a pattern lover, and have never designed any quilt. We all have a LOT of large quilts, so for 2021 you can choose to make 1, 2, 6 or 12 mini quilts.

Each month will have 1 or 2 blocks. Each will be a stand-alone little quilt or you can choose to put them all together as one big quilt. I am making 12 small quilts. Each block will measure 16.5 inches unfinished. It's a nice size but can present math challenges as I've found out. So, feel free to adjust up or down as you see fit.

The theme of “Home” came about as so many of us have been home for up to a year now and so we should all know what our favorites things are! This quilt or 12 quilts are all about you. What are your favorite things; what can't you live without; what are your favorite foods, pastimes, etc.

So here goes...again feel free to not “stay in the lines” and make it your own!

Block #1 Favorite Flower

If you know me, you know I am a massive gardener! I absolutely love Sunflowers and grow many varieties. So, the center of this 16.5” unfinished block is a machine appliqued sunflower. Feel free to change to wool, hand appliqued, or pieced.

I also deliver flowers so it seems appropriate to start with the joy that flowers bring me. It truly is one of my happy places to grow plants to enjoy.

Measurements!

- Center block is an 8.5” unfinished (8” finished) square. Hand Applique, machine applique, or piece your favorite flower into the square.
- Next a 1” finished border with cornerstones. (Cut 1.5” x 8.5” strips and 1.5” x 1.5” cornerstones)
- The next border is 2” finished half square triangles. Cut 3” squares, sew down the middle, then press to the dark side. Cut off the excess fabric (2 layers). Or make the half square triangles your way, there are several methods. Square them up to 2.5” unfinished blocks. Mix light and darks or mediums. Corner blocks are a medium/dark combination. Sew into strips and attach to the center block.
- Add 1.5” dark border.

Block #1 is finished. Use your tips and tricks to do this block your best way. There is no wrong method!

Show your blocks in March!!



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



We still need to fill two board positions 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.

Co-Treasurer. This is also a 2-year commitment. The first year you assist the Treasurer. You take on the role of Treasurer in the second year, paying bills, depositing money into the bank and creating statements for the board. You would also be responsible for picking up and distributing the mail.

Please step up and volunteer for these positions.

Contact Julie Johnson

SERVICE PROJECTS**Pat Gerchy and Sue Skoblik**

We delivered 16 fleece blankets to Pathway for Youth and a large number of underarm pillows to Coborn Healing Center

Thanks for all you do to support our service projects.

Contact Pat Gerchy or Sue Skoblik

NEWSLETTER**Marie Zaczkowski**

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

Contact Marie Zaczkowski