



### Newsletter, Paula Weston:

Nov-Dec Newsletter has gone out to the membership. Yesterday, Paula sent out the question for the next newsletter. Paula will be looking for submissions for the Jan/Feb 2021 Newsletter shortly.

### Membership, Anne Sabatini:

We have 145 members. Membership booklet has been sent out to membership who will receive additions/corrections quarterly. The Board decided to do a General Members promotion for \$20 until the end of May, 2021. Geri will send out a letter re: the special promotion to other guilds. It will also be promoted on Facebook. If you have any family, friends who may be interested in becoming members, please have them contact Anne.

### Education, Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson:

Peggy reports they are working on kits and getting things down for when we reopen. Their committee may try to have a meeting in January. They will be talking to an instructor at URI after the first of the year; as well as 4-H and Girl Scout Troop at Meeting Street School.

### Comfort Quilts, Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka:

There was a successful pick up/drop off held in October. Please contact Brenda with any finished quilts. Hopefully we will be able to have another pick up/drop off in the spring. Several "thank you" notes have been received from quilt recipients.

### Website, Pat Andraka, Maria Knight:

The website has been updated. There was an issue a month or so ago but firewall protection prevented any potential problems. If you have any corrections, please forward to Pat

### Programs, Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti:

From Gail: tonight, we have the very charming and talented David Sirota presenting his lecture to us with his workshop to follow tomorrow morning at 10am. On Friday, **December 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm**, we will be hosting a **Sip and Sew** where we can enjoy an adult beverage and snacks for our holiday get-together. Geri has suggested we do an ugly sweater contest and Missy will be conducting a trivia game. There will be prizes!

JANUARY 2021: On Saturday morning, **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Colleen McFarlin** (teacher and owner of Beyond the Bolt, Bristol), will be holding a zoom class for us on how to make a zippered cork box pouch. You will need an 18 x 18 piece of cork and a 14 inch zipper. She has 70+ pieces of cork in her store. I'm also talking to her about doing a virtual tour of her store on Thursday night.

FEB 2021: under construction

MARCH 2021: at our **March 18<sup>th</sup>** meeting, we will have **Karen Echmeier** presenting with a zoom class on Friday morning. I am going to see if I can change that to Saturday morning because I am seeing a trend where classes do better on a Saturday morning.

APRIL 2021: under construction

MAY 2021: under construction

We do have a couple of other teachers that we are working with and will get back to you once they are confirmed

### Old business-

\*\* We are continuing to try to identify members who are interested in being mentored for the Board members positions this year, with a plan to take over the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary in May for the 2021 -2022 guild year. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the current officers have held these positions. Their roles will end in May, 2021. If you are interested, please contact one of the board members, as soon as possible. If you want the guild to continue, we must have members ready to step up into these positions.

Please continue to reach out to Geri with any additional ideas to keep the guild active and engaged during this pandemic time

Also, continue to send "show and tell" pictures and descriptions (your name, the name of the quilt if you have one, details about the quilt itself) to Geri via email or text. We will feature a slide show of these quilts when we have no speakers.

### New business

No new business raised

#### 6:54pm: Presentation by David Sirota; Quilt While You're Ahead

Introduction by Gail Macera: DAVID SIROTA, also known as "Quilt Maven Dave", started quilting in the 1990's after a good friend taught him the basics of quilting. There was one technique that he was drawn to; paper piecing. He decided there had to be an easier way to do it; so, in 2004 he came up with the "Sirota No More Tears Paper Piecing" method. This method is easier to understand and takes at least half the time than the way paper piecing is done traditionally. His method has been so successful that David is now part of the Mancuso Show Management faculty teaching virtually all over the country. In addition, David is scheduled as a featured

guest on "The Quilt Show" with Alex Anderson and Ricky Time! Without further ado, let me introduce the very sweet David Sirota...

David shared during his presentation that he will be having his own "Sip and Sew" class for those who have taken classes and have unfinished projects who wants help finishing projects; information will be forthcoming. He also has a new pattern coming out on Christmas Day; the link for the class for the new pattern will be on his website ([www.quiltmavendave.com](http://www.quiltmavendave.com)). His New Hampshire Beauty will also be featured on his website as a future class.

### Concluding Comments by Geri:

Well that's all I have. If anyone has "good and welfare", please "raise your hand" Louise will un-mute you, or you can un-mute yourself so you can talk. Thank you for attending tonight.



Happy Thanksgiving and  
Happy Holidays!

We hope to see you at upcoming activities:

November, 2020: two more **President's Facebook Weekly Contests**

Friday, December 4, 2020; 7-9 pm: **Sip and Sew**

Thursday, January 14, 2021; 6:30 pm; **next Zoom membership meeting**

January, 2021 (first week): new President's Facebook activity

January, 2021 (third week): Louise to start mystery quilt

BYE... AND STAY WELL...

Meeting Adjourned: 8:33 pm