

PENTICTON QUILTERS' Guild NEWSLETTER

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Be kind. Be calm. Be safe.

Presidents' Messages



I'm sure everyone in the guild has been in the same position as we have been, trying *everything* to keep busy inside our own homes during these extremely unusual times.

I have spent a great deal of time decluttering my sewing room, using up scraps and stash fabric rather than going to the fabric store, except for 'necessary' extras. I have made two quilts from binding I was unable to toss, one from Rolande's pattern idea, and one in a scrappy log cabin pattern. I went through all of my books and magazines and recycled them to quilting friends who were very appreciative.

My fabric stash has gone down and I have emptied a couple of scrap bins, as well as cleaned out the closet. Very proud of myself!

Seeing everyone's projects in the newsletter has been very motivational and the pattern ideas included inspirational. It would be interesting to hear what everyone else has been doing during this past year while we haven't been able to see each other in person.

Marilyn

Marg has been busy at her sewing machine finishing up a UFO in between trying a new pattern or doing a kit. So many UFOs yet to finish! The QACQer patterns have really helped my stash! I have done all but one of them. Lois and Linda might not recognize the pattern, as I have made most of them much smaller by leaving off a row or column, or making the blocks smaller. Thank you two for all your work.

Zoom classes have been a source of learning and fun. I have done several, with more coming. It is so nice to work from your own room and this way you don't forget anything.

The recipes are great. I love trying new and easy dinners that last at least two nights! Keep them coming!

I do miss all of you and so look forward to when we can meet again. Stay safe. My new email address is margjacques@gmail.com Hugs.

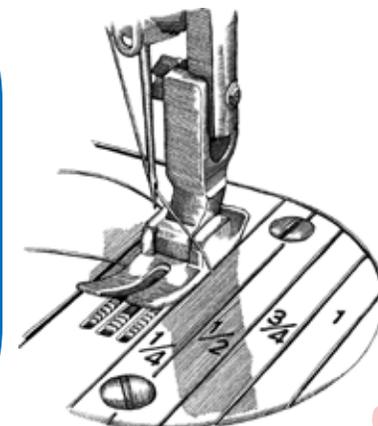
Marg

Here's a link to our member Debra McCracken's YouTube channel!
<https://youtube.com/channel/UCFxu6Jy2SRgDypOeftxhLMA>

And there's another great link on page 8 from Holly Stengel.



If you've found a cool site, or a great tutorial, please share! Email a short description and the web link to me (Donna - doyd.picard@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next newsletter.





Community Quilts: NEW – The SPCA Needs YOU!

We adopted a beautiful all-black cat from the SPCA several weeks ago and I learned they would welcome quilted mats for cats and dogs. If you have scraps and were wondering what else you could do with them, this is for you!

Cat Mats: All cats are put in a cage with this box (see photo, right) – mats sized 13" x 15" fit nicely.



Dog Mats: Dogs are put in cages with raised beds so I suggest mats sized about 25" x 35". All mats must be less than 1 inch in depth – so no more than two layers of batting. This is so the SPCA can easily dry the mats in their dryer.

If you have any questions, please contact me: holly.stengel@gmail.com

The SPCA has a covered porch and you can drop off donated mats at any time! Also, I'm happy to report the SPCA is finding forever homes for surrendered cats and dogs at a record pace!

Holly Stengel

PQG Programs

Hello members and fellow QACQ-ers!

We hope the new year continues to find you healthy and happy. 2020 put a lot of priorities in perspective for all of us and taught us a hard lesson about the things we take for granted in our daily lives. But we also saw it bring out the best in people in communities all across the country. We're not there yet, but with gratitude and love we know that we can get through this together. ❤️

Besides, "hearts are prettier when they're thankful for what they've been given instead of wanting for what they have not" (Han Elaine). And, as you guessed, our February Quick and Clever Quilt pattern is aptly called "Have A Heart"! [see page 3]. So let's get QACQ-ing and make a heart quilt to symbolize our strength and gratitude. Wouldn't it be lovely to gift a heart quilt to a lonely senior in a care home? Wow.

Another mention, for some of us not on Facebook, and special "heartfelt" thanks to Marion Stuart who wanted to share a link to some lovely and free quilt patterns. You can access the link using <https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/stash-buster-patterns>

We welcome your suggestions for programs, demos or anything else that you think would be interesting for our group. Send us an email, or give us a call.

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Take care everyone – be calm, be kind, be safe and Have A Heart!

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