

# Sew On & Sew Forth Greenville Quilters Guild



## June 2020 President's Patchwork By Lori Millsap

I was a thespian in high school. I started Speech (public speaking and acting) in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, studying with Ruth Liveakos, a feisty 68yo professional who had taught and trained several generations of speakers. I was on the debate team, and I loved the opportunity to write, practice, and perform well-written speeches, one act plays, and yes, even a little theater.

I must confess, during the last few weeks, I don't know how to act most of the time. No one has written this part in my lifetime. I'm finding it difficult to "perform" a real Lori every day, let alone some expected role. Like all of you, I am doing the best I can with the information and resources that I have each day that I am given. That means that making plans into the future is extraordinarily challenging. Even if you are introverted like I am, and enjoy time alone to create in your own space and head, this isolation and uncertainty is daunting.

Here's what I know: we received notice this week that Jaycee Park is going to be reopening for appointments only mid-June, and that the maximum capacity allowed in the Craft Room (our primary meeting space there) is TWO PEOPLE. So, we certainly cannot meet for sewing together or our Day Guild meeting in June. Since our state guidelines are restricting meetings to no more than 10 people, and preferably outdoors, I'd encourage all of you who are lonely to invite your two or three best friends, and maybe someone who you have been wanting to know better, to come sit on your back patio and hand-stitch bindings together. Or hand-piece. Or just drink coffee and catch up! Wear your beautiful masks, stay 6 ft apart, and be safe. But just a few minutes together can make a big difference in your mental health. If you invite me, I will come.

It's weird to have to say this in 2020, but y'all know you can \*call\* each other on the telephone, right? GRIN. Seriously, in our social media world, perhaps going a little old-school and dialing the phone—can we still say dialing the phone—is the best way to reach out to friends regularly. My phone number is 252-864-4232. Please call. Please text. Please ask me to do quilt math for you.

I miss all of you so much. That's not an act. But in this current situation, our most loving action toward one another is to continue to follow our state guidelines. Oh, the celebration we will have when we are able to meet together again! In the meantime, please contact me or Sally if you have any questions or quilt guild concerns. Love to you all!

Lori

*Happy Quilting!*

### June 2020

The next regular business meeting of the the Greenville Quilters Guild will be announced as soon as restrictions are lifted to allow us to do so.

Day Guild Meeting will be the fourth Tuesday of the month that the regular guild meetings resume.

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[Click here for Guild Website](#)

*Contact a member of the guild executive board if you need the member password for the website.*

**Guild Mailing Address:**

Greenville Quilters Guild  
PO Box 4231  
Greenville NC 27836

**Inclement Weather Policy**

Guild meetings are cancelled if local schools are closed; however, members should exercise caution and put their safety first, as conditions can vary. Follow all cautions put out by local authorities as well as conditions can change rapidly.

## Committee Opportunities

We need your help! We are looking for people to help with two committees, the Comfort Quilts committee and a website steering committee.

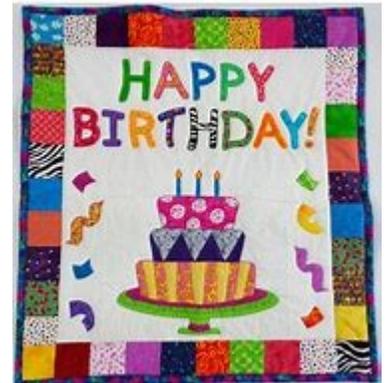
Dianne Walters needs a co-chair for our Comfort Quilts committee. The co-chair will work with Dianne to be one of the points of contact for the Comfort Quilts committee, to collect and distribute finished items, and to encourage the making of comfort items. Please contact Dianne for more information.

We are forming a website steering committee to work with Anne Humphrey and Kelly Ayscue about our website and the displaying of photos from our meetings. The committee will advise the board on the direction we should go with our website and any major changes we should consider. Please see Anne or Sally for more information.

## Upcoming Events

**May 13-June 27**

**Professional Art Quilters South ARTQUILTS *Insight* exhibition, Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Cary – converted into a virtual exhibit at <https://www.paqa-south.org/artquiltsinsight>**



Christina Harris	6/2
Carol Gerard	6/15
Karen Chaudoin	6/16
Mary Banner	6/18
Cindy Buck	6/29

**June 11-13**

**North Carolina Scenic Route Shop Hop, (quilt shops in Wake Forest, Clayton, Wendell, Warrenton, and Bunn) (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/ScenicRouteShopHop/about/>)**



**Anyone Interested in going to Fort Caswell in October, please contact Vicki Harrell (252) 561-6774 or at [vickiharrell9@gmail.com](mailto:vickiharrell9@gmail.com) Even if you are unsure at this point but may like to go depending on the virus situation, let her know as soon as possible. She needs to know if there will be enough interest to continue to pursue this wonderful opportunity.**



## Quilters Step Up to the Challenge

### Masks!!!

Olson, Pleated, Fu, Victory, Batwing!!!! And many of us have used at least one or more of these patterns/designs, or a variation thereof, in the past few weeks. Because the thing they have in common is that they're all masks. As women have done throughout history, when the call went out, we responded. Quilters, home sewers, professional seamstresses, and even famous designers (ie, Christian Siriano, etc) shared articles and research, scoured the internet, perused Pinterest, and raided their stashes. Women who haven't sewn in years pulled their machines out of the closet and got busy! Although GQG did not take this on as an 'official' project, I know that countless members have created and distributed the fruits of their labor to family, friends, and neighbors. They've donated to health care workers, nursing homes, medical facilities, migrant workers, and shipped packages off to the Navajo Reservation! Some have made one or two and others have donated hundreds. But it's not a competition; it's a labor of love! I'm not going to name specific persons because I didn't want to omit anyone. I don't know how many we've made and donated thus far, but it's well over 1000+! However, I am trying to keep a running count of donations and where they have gone. So please maintain a record for an 'unofficial' report when next we meet! In the meantime, thank you. I'm extremely proud and thankful to call such compassionate and caring people my friends. Stay safe, healthy, and creative.



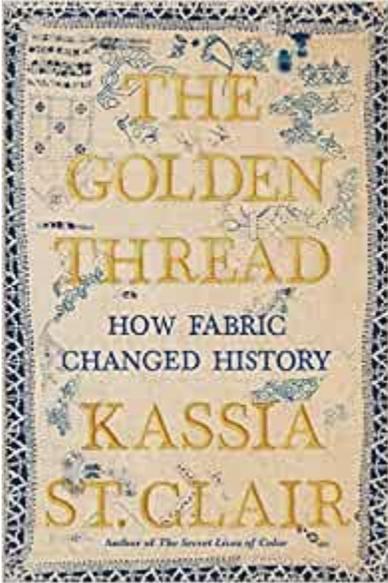
Huge hugs to you all.

Diane Gregg,  
"Unofficial" Mask Coordinator. LOL!

## Who is that Masked Mask Maker?



## The Golden Thread: How Fabric Changed History by Kassia St. Clair Book Review by Sally Hills



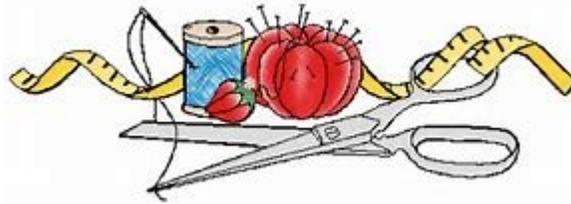
Earlier this spring, right before Sheppard Memorial Library closed, I went in to check out some books to read during the pandemic. One of the books I snagged was *The Golden Thread* by Kassia St. Clair. I'm very glad I took it home with me.

Ms. St. Clair follows the history of thread and cloth starting from prehistoric times, using evidence they have found in caves through the high-performance synthetics that Olympic swimmers wear. There is a basic description of how thread is made and cloth is woven. The process of production for natural fibers including linen, cotton, wool, and silk is discussed. The book also talks about the rise of synthetic fibers during the last century and current research into potential new technology (spider silk, anyone?).

Something that struck me is how much knowledge has been lost since thread and cloth have switched to factory production instead of home production. Not that I'm longing for those days to return! But still, while I know in theory that thread is made of fibers that are twisted together, I have no practical knowledge on how to produce that fiber, spin it into thread, and weave it together.

One drawback to the book is that there weren't any photographs. There were places where I wished I could see what the author was describing.

I have since returned it to the library, so you might place a hold on it if you're interested in checking it out instead of buying. I have added it to my Amazon Wish List to add to my collection at home!



### Summer Weight Quilts

Many of you have seen me working on my Patchwork of the Crosses Quilt over the last 2-3 years. I am making a variation of the original POTC done by Lucy Boston in the 1950s seen in this photo. Her quilt was hand pieced using the English paper piecing method (EPP). It was not quilted but made into a coverlet with just the top and the backing. I want to do mine in a similar fashion but I do want to hand quilt it. So I started researching summer weight quilts. I found that some were done just as Lucy Boston did hers, others were sandwiched with very thin batting and tied and some were even sandwiched as three layers of cotton fabric and tied or quilted. I decided to do two test blocks to determine which "weight" I preferred. I hope to have these ready for our next in person meeting so maybe y'all can help me decide. Stay tuned! ~ Jann Brown



## For inspiration: Quilts from the Internet

Even though this quilt says April, given the amounts of rain we have had in May, I thought it was too cute not to share. So April and MAY showers bring June flowers!

And here are a couple of other quilts inspired by rain!



## Guild Executive Board

Position	Name
Co-Presidents	Lori Millsap Sally Hills
Past Presidents	same
Co-Vice Presidents	Elizabeth Weidner Cindy Smith
Co-Secretary	Cathy Graham Jann Brown
Treasurer	Cynthia Suggs
Asst. Treasurer	Sharon Wallio
Member at Large	Vicki Harrell
Member at Large	Hilda Alford
Member at Large	Kelly Ayscue
Member at Large	Brenda Fincher



## Committee Chairs

Committee	Name
Membership	Vicki Harrell
Sunshine	Gwen Lee-Tyson
Programs	Cindy Smith Elizabeth Weidner
Pitt Co Fair	Brenda Fincher
2020	Vivian Purvis
Guild Photographer	Anne Humphrey (AUG)
Newsletter	Jann Brown
Learn to Quilt 2020	Lori Millsap
Comfort/Military Quilts	Dianne Walters <b>NEED CO-CHAIR</b>
GQG Quilt Show 2021	<b>NEED</b>
	<b>NEED</b>
2020 GQG Day of Sharing	<b>NEED</b>
	Brenda Fincher
Web Administrator	Anne Humphrey
Facebook Page Admin	Diane Gregg
Raffle Quilt 2021	Joyce Sealey Linda Champion

## Regular Guild Meetings

Every Monday Night: BYOP Sewing Club at Jaycee Park. 6p-8p

Every Thursday: BYOP Quilting Bee at Alice Keene Senior Center, 12:30-5pm

2nd Thursday of the month: (1st Tuesday in November) Evening business meeting at First Christian Church, 6:30pm-Until

4th Tuesday of the month: Day Guild Meeting 1-3pm at Jaycee Park

2nd and 4th Saturdays: 10a-5p BYOP Workdays at Alice Keene Park Arts and Crafts Room. Cost: Donations to support Meals on Wheels Program

## Annual Guild Events (More info on Guild Website)

Jan: Fort Caswell Retreat

Feb: Romancing Eastern NC Shop Hop/Beach retreat at Pine Knoll Shores

Feb/March: Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival (Hampton VA)

March: Learn to Quilt Day

Fall: Pitt County Fair – GQG Booth

September: Quilt Show (odd years)

October: Columbus Day Weekend Caswell Retreat

December: Day of Sharing Brunch