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BOONESLICK TRAIL QUILTERS' GUILD

CEO's Message

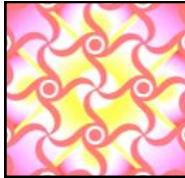
This is my first message to you as your guild CEO and I have put a lot of pressure on myself to make a good first impression. I'm aware some of you may not even be able to put a face with the name. This situation has given way to opportunity. I will be attending both Day and Starlight meetings this upcoming year. As your CEO, I want to be present and have worked it out with my employer to attend. If you don't know me, then I hope to meet you soon at a Chapter meeting.

I want to thank the 2022-2023 Board for eloquently passing the torch. They did an excellent job this past year and their dedication to our guild is to be commended. I hope we will continue to grow in number and wisdom. Both Boards met on June 12th. Keys, folders, totes, and knowledge were passed from the previous to the new Board members. What an exciting time as we begin this new year!

We have a talented group leading us this year. Many Board members are newer to the guild. Thankfully, we also have a few experienced guild members who are amazing resources for our team. I'm excited to hear fun new ideas and the rekindling of guild traditions.

That leads to my first request to all our members. I encourage you to introduce yourself to members you may not know (or don't immediately recognize). Sit with someone other than your "regulars". Bring and welcome guests to our meetings. Send a card, email, text message, or give a quick call to a fellow member just to check in and see what they are working on. No matter our phase in life, we can all take a moment to connect with another human. Every journey starts with the first step. I hope you will help me fulfill my goal for the upcoming year of building stronger connections and friendships within our guild. Our greatest asset is our members.

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Day Chapter Meeting
Monday — July 10th
Fairview UMC
SIT N SEW: 9:30 AM—1 PM
MEETING: 1:00pm



Starlight Piecemakers
Thursday — July 6th
Fairview UMC
Doors Open: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00pm

A Message from Sue —

Friends, as we embark on another wonderful year of sewing, gathering and sharing at BTQG day chapter meetings we hope to learn, grow and donate our passion. Let's encourage our new members and bring some guests along for the fun.

On July 10th, Christy Zawodniak of Cottage Grove Quilt Company will take us on an excursion through what she's learned as a quilter and shop owner. She'll detail advice on what to do with a "full bobbin, straight seams and laughter." Her topic: Journey of a Quilter starts promptly at 1 pm... but YOU can come as early as 9:30 am for Sit N Sew or Featherweight Friends. See you there!

Thank you for choosing me as Day Chapter President. I'll try my best!

— Sue Donnelly
 Day Chapter President

A Message from Kat —

Greetings. This is my first Starlight message in the newsletter as Starlight Chapter President, wish me luck.

Our speaker for July's Starlight meeting will be one of our own—Betty White, sharing stories of her personal quilt travels. (When I called her to chat about what she was going to share with the group, she answered the phone in ICELAND). Betty will discuss different types of quilt travels and basic information about shop hops, retreats, tours, cruises, classes far and near and sources of information about each. She will bring samples of projects and ideas from her travels. I look forward to Betty's program.

I hope to see you there.

— Kat Reece
 Starlight Chapter President



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Treasurer's Report

Period: 5/01/2023-5/31/2023

Approved Report prepared & submitted on 6/12/2023 to Board for Approval by

Amy Reilly, Treasurer

Guild's NET ASSETS on 4/30/2023

Cash 4/30/2023 (General Ledger)	\$37,922.11
Savings (Money Mkt Balance)	\$ 1,035.82
CD's (2)	<u>\$11,544.46</u>
Net Assets on 4/30/2023	\$50,502.39

Number of Members 142

FY2022-2023 (07/01/22-06/30/23) Year-to-Date Summary of General Ledger Financial Transactions To-Date

Beginning Cash Balance (G/L) 5/1/2023	\$39,168.50
FY2022-2023 Deposits	\$558.54
FY2022-2023 Expenses	(\$1,804.93)
Ending (Cash) Balance on 5/30/2023	\$37,922.11

Membership Renewal Reminder

Membership renewals are due by **August 15th**. Members who have not paid by that date will be dropped from the mailing list and directory.

Renewal forms were included in the June 2023 newsletter and are available on the Guild website.

Mail forms with payment to the PO box or turn them in at the July or August meetings.

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

From the Board Secretary:

The following action was taken during the June 12, 2023 Board meeting:

1. Approve the minutes from the May meeting.
2. Approve the May financial statement.
3. Adjourn the meeting.

BTQG Annual Meeting, June 3, 2023

The following motions regarding the **proposed budget for 2023-2024** were passed by the BTQG membership:

1. Increase the Service Project budget to \$400 and increase the transfer fund by \$200.
2. Increase the Special Program Speaker and Workshop fund from \$850 to \$1,000 and increase transferred funds by \$150 to adjust.
3. Accept the amended 2023-2024 budget.

— Sharon Lawler
Secretary

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Starlight Mtg. 7:00pm Fairview	7	8
9	10 Day Sit N Sew 9:30 am Featherweight Friends 10 am Day Chapter Mtg. 1:00pm Fairview UMC BTQG Board Mtg. 6:00 pm Appletree Quilting	11 Sassy Stitches 9:30-11:30 am DBRL Evening Sit N Sew 5:30-8:30 pm Appletree Quilting	12 Small Wonders 1:00 DBR SASH 2:00 pm Linda Karns BTQG Newsletter Deadline 5:00pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 Medallion Group 1-3:00 pm Bettina Havig	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Needlework 1:00 pm Betty White	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Calendar Contacts: (For e-mail addresses, consult the directory)

Day Chapter: Sue Donnelly 573-521-9644
Starlight Chapter: Kat Reece 573-619-7928
Guild's Calendar: Amy Reilly 573-819-1561

Please note that not all interest groups meet every month. You are welcome to ask the contact people at right for information or questions about any of these friendly groups.

Guild Interest Groups on Calendar

Evening Sit N Sew: Carol Sexton 775-830-9654
Featherweight Friends: Linda Rexroth 573-823-9588
Medallion Group: Bettina Havig 573-449-1602
Needlework: Mona Stevenson 573-698-2019
SASH* (Meetings TBA) Sarah Briggs 573-634-2162
 or Linda Karns 573-825-2020
Sassy Stitches: Peggy Brothers 573-819-6682
Small Wonders: Karon Huggler 573-489-6373

*Short Attention Span Happy Quilters!

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I leave you with this thought. It takes approximately 10,000 hours (or 10 years) of dedicated, deliberate practice to develop an extraordinary skill in any specific area of expertise. This has been proven repeatedly across studies from excelling in math to playing soccer. Most of us quilt for fun, not with the deliberate intent of becoming an expert. Next time you are frustrated the points don't match perfectly or your border is a tad off, ask yourself if you have completed 10,000 hours of deliberate practice. Cut yourself a little slack. Enjoy the process. Welcome mistakes as opportunities to grow. Laugh off the frustration. Connect with guild members who can offer advice, tips, tricks, and chocolate.

Thank you to everyone who has offered kind words of support and encouragement. It is genuinely appreciated.

— Lora Brinkman
BTQG CEO

Service Projects:

As we all know, a Quilt is a very special thing. It's not just a blanket; it has been lovingly created by a real person. A quilter leaves a part of themselves in every quilt they make. So that's why we (the Guild) make and donate quilts to adults and children, so they can be wrapped in Love and Comfort.

Thank you to Bettina and all BTQG members for the generous monetary increase for the Service Projects! I can guarantee you that it all will be put to good use!

What was that? Gotta go.... my longarm is calling my name!

— Connie Richards,
Service Projects

Membership News:

Join your quilting sisters at our July Meet & Greet on Wednesday, July 12th from 11 am – 1 pm at Starbucks (inside Hy-Vee), 2901 W. Broadway. This is a great way to meet new members and welcome them to the guild!

— Donna Puleo
Membership

Featherweight Friends Note:

We will meet on July 10 from 10 am to noon for a clean and oil session during Sit N Sew. Please bring your machine, an old dish towel, screwdrivers, oil, grease, q-tips, tweezers/forceps, and an old toothbrush (I like to wear an apron). I will have cleaning supplies to share if you do not have them. I will make copies of the oil chart and have some of my favorite cleaning items available at cost, if interested. Call if you have questions.

— Linda Rexroth
573-823-9588



Happy Birthday!!!

Date	Name	Date	Name
7/7	Ustena Simenson	7/17	Anne Borgmeyer
7/8	Eric Nelson	7/21	Teri White
7/9	Mindy Smith	7/22	Carol Sexton
7/11	Connie Remeika		

Evening Sit N Sew Social Group - NEW

Hello all...want to let you know about a new BTQG Interest Group. An evening Sit N Sew/Social Group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Our first meeting is July 11 at Appletree Quilting Center, who has generously opened a classroom for our get-togethers.

Bring your hand-sewing project or your sewing machine to work on your project. Bring your dinner if you choose.

Besides an open sew, an idea that I have for this group is to judge interest in making a sampler quilt to use as an auction or opportunity quilt at the next BTQG quilt show. Any other ideas will be discussed at our meetings.

Contact Carol if you are interested or have any questions, (carolsexton409@gmail.com).

— Carol Sexton

(775) 830-9654



Block Party!

We're rekindling a block-of-the-month program. Each month there will be a Block Party sheet at the Membership table. Blocks will range from beginner to intermediate.

The first block will be available at the July meetings. We'll start with an easy block and have set colors with clear instructions in order to make sure the blocks will play nice together. We won't get so specific that it makes it hard to complete.

Everyone that brings a completed block with them to the next meeting will be entered into a drawing to win the set of blocks turned in that meeting. 1 block = 1 entry; 4 blocks = 4 entries; etc. *Since we have virtual meetings in January and February, we'll hold drawings in March for the December and January blocks.*

- If you miss a meeting but want to make the block to turn in (or collect patterns), contact Lora Brinkman and she will email you a copy.
- If you are going to miss the "turn-in" meeting but want to make the block and be entered for the drawing, just get your block(s) to another guild member to take with them. If you win, we'll hold the set for you to pick up at the next meeting.
- If you want to make the blocks, but don't want to win the set (what? why?), sponsor another member by writing down their name on the entry slip or donate the set to the Guild Service Committee. If they win, imagine their surprise!

If you have questions, please contact Lora Brinkman.

— Lora Brinkman

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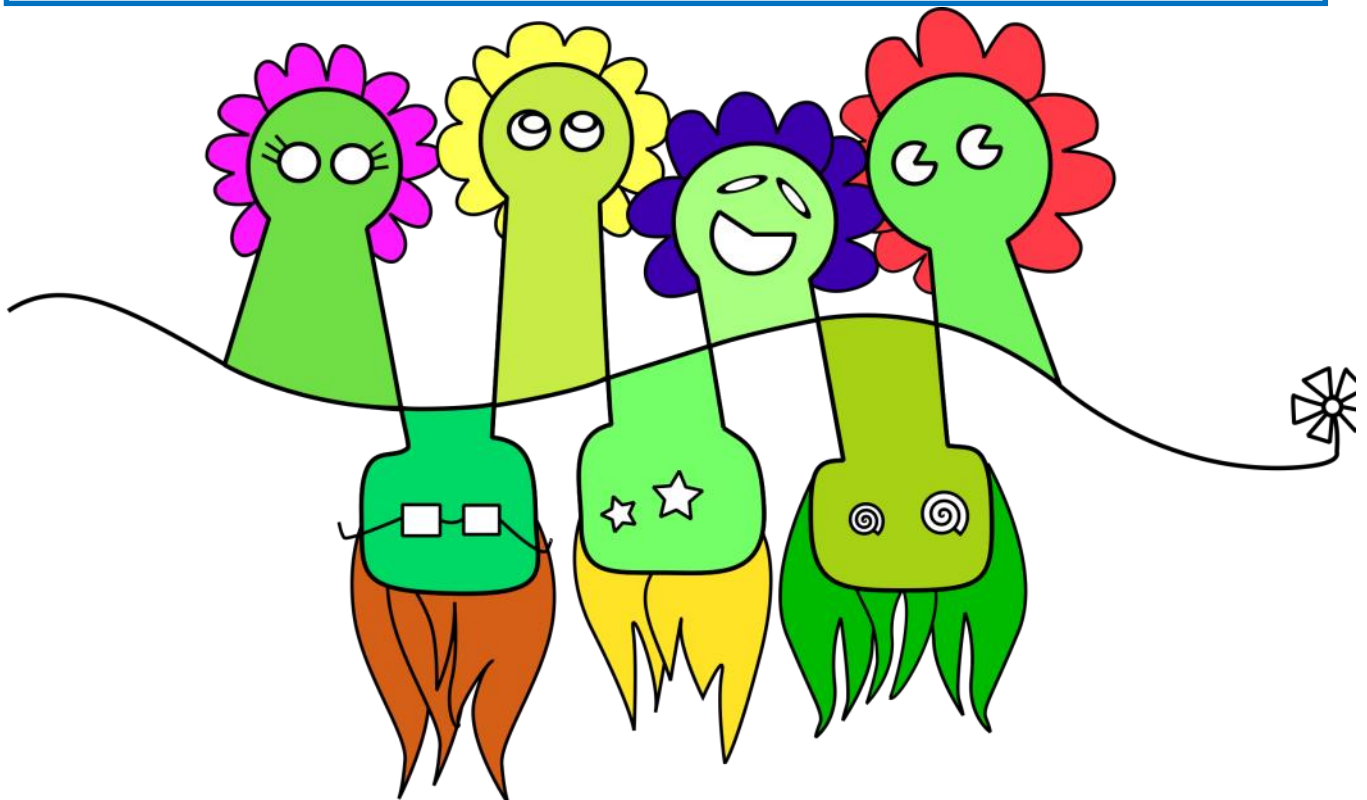
CEO Challenge

Launching the CEO Challenge series! Each month watch the newsletter for the monthly challenge. Challenges will be more interaction and friendship geared. They will be easy to complete within a few moments prior to the beginning of the chapter meeting. All you have to do is complete the challenge to be entered into a drawing for a prize. Pick up your entry slip at the Membership table and drop it off in the basket at the same table. Plan to arrive a little early so you have time to chat before the meeting begins. Drop off your entry slip before the Show N Tell portion of the meeting.

July CEO Challenge: Get to know your fellow guild members.

Introduce yourself to two people you don't know or don't know well at the July chapter meeting AND share a fun fact about yourself that is NOT quilting related. Fun facts can be anything you want. Have the person you shared the fact with initial your entry. Please try to use different people and don't just swap facts.

— Lora Brinkman
CEO



Quilt Show 2024 Committee

Did you know we're having a quilt show in the Fall of 2024? Do you know the date and location? Me neither! Quilt shows are held every other year, due to the amount of planning and work it takes to coordinate such a large event. This is where YOU come in.

We need to form a Quilt Show Committee. This is an Ad Hoc Committee for the Guild Board. As a member of the committee, YOU get to decide what is included and what isn't. Of course, we want to display quilts, and we typically have a Marketplace to sell handmade goodies to our visitors. But the rest is up to you. Don't read that like everything falls on you, it doesn't. There is a plethora of information from previous quilt show committees, and you'll receive tons of support from the Board and our members.

Once a committee is formed, the committee members will select a Chair to represent you at Board meetings. The Chairperson will propose the date, location, arrange for entry forms, organize for the show, coordinate the preparation of the show program, coordinate setup and tear down, coordinate hostesses and assume responsibility for the publicity and promotion of the event. That sounds like a lot, but remember this is a COMMITTEE. No one is alone and you are free to recruit members to help you out with various tasks along the way.

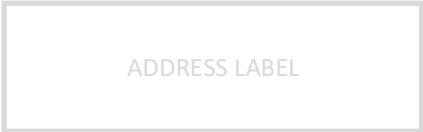
If you are wondering why there is so much detail that you may already know it's because we're hopeful that NEW and VETERAN members will join forces to make this our best quilt show ever! Any member can be part of a committee, so what are you waiting for? Help make the 2024 quilt show the best one ever!

If you are interested, please contact Lora Brink3man.

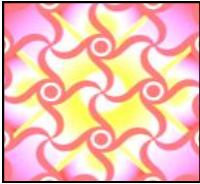
— Lora Brinkman



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**If at first you don't succeed...
try, try again!**