

Hello everyone

We hope everyone enjoyed the sunshine and warmth this past weekend. What a welcome relief!

While our regular meetings and activities may have come to a pause, your guild executive has been working and meeting (online) to plan for the future, hopeful that we would be “back to normal” by September. However, we now realize that this is highly unlikely, and restrictions on large public gatherings will continue for quite a while. As disappointing as this is for us, we all agree that our health and safety will always be first and foremost.

Obviously, some things will be different as we move forward. At our executive meeting last week, we discussed options we might implement so that we can continue to provide the variety of programs, services, and social aspects that we all enjoy. With face-to-face meetings out of the question right now, we are going to try some new ideas to make sure we can all stay connected and get the most out of our guild.

### **Format for June Meetings**

So, starting with the **June 4, 2020 meeting**, we will be running our general meetings on Zoom. Many of you have probably given it a try at home or at work. Families, businesses and even government are relying on this technology to keep in touch and continue working. For those of you who haven't used it, Zoom is a video conferencing app that allows people to meet on their computer, cell phone or land line phone (the latter without video obviously). If you haven't yet tried it, and want to join the meeting but think you might need some help, we will be sending out some information and tutorials for you to learn how to use it. It is free to download and easy to use.

We will be having a short business portion to bring everyone up to date and a “Show and Share”. If you have something you'd like to show, please let me know in advance. I will create a list, and we'll go in order as assigned.

This meeting will be our last meeting for the current membership year. Also, as we noted in the May newsletter, the AGM which would normally be held in June has been postponed until the fall.

This is, of course, a first for all of us, so we will patiently work out the kinks, and see how it goes!

### **Going Forward with Guild Meetings**

What will our guild look like next year? Until we are able to safely meet in person again, we will hold general meetings online. We are looking into having our scheduled speakers' live-stream their presentations on Zoom. Meetings will include guild updates, block of the month, and show-and-share. Once small gatherings are allowed, we are hoping to hold workshops with proper social distancing. CORE will continue to support

our community with quilts, placemats, and pillowcases, so we can all use this time to get through some “stash” and sew for these good causes.

### **Changeover of Executive Roles**

We have a few people stepping down from their executive positions next month, and new ones coming on board. Stepping down are: Darlene Harvey (Secretary), Michelle Reddy (Block of the Month), Susannah MacRae and Teresa Mackie (Library), Jane Sanders (Newsletter), Heather Porritt, Barb Kemp, and Janet Michaud (Social), It has been an absolute pleasure working with each and every one of them over the past two years, and they have all brought their creative ideas and energy to their tasks, making our guild that much better for it. With much appreciation, I thank you for your time and support.

And, we welcome our new, incoming executive members: Secretary – Kim Baumgart, Block-of-the-Month – Mary Dodd and Linda Ward and Library – Diane McCullough and Jane Crockford. Thank you for stepping up and joining the executive!

We also thank Janice Telfer for her role as Retreat Coordinator, and welcome Pam Sawyer, who will be taking this on for the next two years.

We do have positions for two executive roles that are currently open. We will need 3 people for the Social Committee. As we are not going to have public general meetings for a while, this position does not have to be filled immediately.

Of great importance, however, is the position of Newsletter coordinator. Now more than ever, it is most important that we maintain our connection to all members, and the newsletter is a vital key to getting information to you. From a technical point of view, basic word skills are all you need but if you have advanced skills and knowledge of publishing software that would be a gigantic bonus. Members of the executive provide the content and they are great at keeping deadlines! You can write additional content and Jane will be happy to continue writing the tips/tricks/fun stuff section. The other role is soliciting advertisements which is a great way to get to know shop owners. Jane will happily help get those set up for the fall. Please consider this important role and if you have questions please contact me.

### **Closing Thoughts**

A rather long-winded President’s message this month, but it does reflect the work your executive has been doing to ensure that our guild will thrive during this unprecedented time and continue to provide us with a connection to what we all love. We are always interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas, as this will be a continually evolving process.

Keep safe----keep sewing!!!  
Marlene