

OCTOBER NEWS

Brunswick Quilters: The best little quilt guild in the whole wide world!

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The work of the Brunswick Quilt Guild is designed to educate, promote and nurture all persons interested in learning, preserving, and advancing the art of quilting, while also providing service to the community.

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Letter from the President:

Happy Fall y'all! For all of those Pumpkin lovers the season has arrived — pumpkin spice lattes, pumpkin donuts, muffins and bread, pumpkin coffee creamer, and a host of other pumpkin goodies.

We have some great contributions from some of our members in this newsletter, including an article on websites for free block patterns, a funny (in hindsight) safety warning and some yummy show-and-tell. I really appreciate these member contributions!



Don't forget to contact me with any information you think would be helpful to include for our members. I'd love to share your tips, tricks, and ideas! I can be reached at tparkerc59@me.com.



October Birthdays:

Elaine Guillo
 Sarah LaGore
 Cathy Laramée
 Janice Gagnon
 Jean Marshall
 Heather Tighe
 Jeri Wentworth
 Linda Scherzer
 Lorelei Hauptmann
 Marilyn Hommer
 Mary Jane Mathews
 Susan Vanchina
 Vicki Dangerfield

Website:

Our password for 2021 will remain ohio star. You only need to enter the password when you are attempting to gain access to the "member sign-in" area (across the top menu) where we keep our membership information and other private documents.

Sunshine Cards:

Know a member that could use a bit of cheer? Please let us know so we can send a "Sunshine" card from the guild.

A Safety Reminder: From Peggy Scaboo

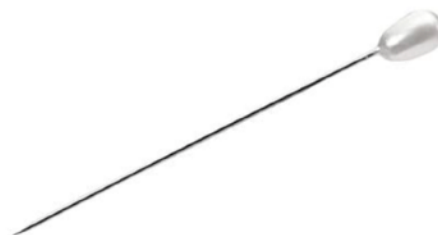
While sewing "many" half-square triangles together the other day, I put a pin in my mouth. I immediately took it out and said to myself: "**Remember what happened to Andy.**" So, I thought I would share with everyone what happened to our family.

Our middle son, Andy, was about 16 years old and one day my husband came to me and said Andy had swallowed a pin. (One child always has more things go haywire than the others! That's Andy in our family). I asked how it happened, what type of pin, etc. Andy said he had this pin in his mouth like a toothpick (???) and coughed and swallowed it. So was it a safety pin, a straight pin, or what? No, it was one of those long pins with a white head. A Quilting pin? No, it was the one Mikie had for his flower lapel for the prom. YIKES! That has a BIG white head!!!

So off we went to the ER for x-rays. The doctor thought he would hopefully pass it. Three days later and more x-rays, it was onto surgery. The pin had lodged in his intestines, and there was no chance of passing it. The next day surgery took nearly two hours. The doctor had to look through all of the intestines until he found it down near the end, scratching other organs around it.

I am glad to report that after six weeks at home in recovery, Andy was able to get back to his routine. And, now at the age of 43, he is a professor at the University of Missouri! He visited this summer. We all looked at that pin (*yes, I still have it!*), and had a good laugh, still amazed at how such a simple act could cause so much trouble.

Take it from Andy, a good safety tip is to never stick a pin in your mouth!



Freebies on the Web:

From Lorelei Hauptmann

With so many websites, and the plethora of links you can find on *Pinterest*, we thought we would do an article on some of the great websites to find FREE quilting related resources. This article is about free block pattern ideas. Note that these are **Block** patterns, not whole quilt patterns (that will be another article.)

Blocks:

Quilter's Cache: <https://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html> This is the mother-lode of all blocks! You can find blocks by size or by name! This is a wonderful resource if you are looking for individual blocks for a sampler quilt (look at all the blocks that are the same size). Or, you have some orphan blocks and need a few more of the same size to complete a project. Quilter's Cache is the perfect resource.

Quilting Daily: <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/150-free-quilt-block-patterns-and-inspiration-from-mccallsquilting-com/> This site gives you more than 150 blocks arranged by block name. Even if you don't know the name, you can browse the blocks for inspiration. Click on the block, and the instructions come up.

Generations Quilt Block Patterns Library: <https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/free-quilt-block-patterns.html#FreeQuiltBlockPatternsLibrary> These patterns are arranged in alphabetical order by their most common name. Block instructions on most include several sizes. So many choices!

The Spruce Crafts: <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/free-quilt-block-patterns-4051139> A more limited number of blocks, but some real interesting ones are here!

Patchwork Square: <https://www.patchworksquare.com/index.php> The blocks on this site are organized by name, shape and style. For instance, you can look for 4-patch, pinwheel, 7-patch, and flower quilt blocks. Within each grouping are instructions for various blocks.

Free Applique Patterns: <https://www.freeapplique.com/> If appliqué is your thing, check out this website. Lots of appliqué patterns you can download. Supply lists are included.

Questions about our Veterans' Quilt Program:

We have had some questions/concerns regarding our program to honor Veterans in Brunswick County with quilts. Let me try to address them. First, our program is NOT associated with the National Quilt of Valor Foundation (QOV). I know many of us, myself included, have casually referred to our efforts in honoring Veterans as our QOV program. That may have led to some confusion. The Board decided a couple of years ago to not join the national QOV Foundation due to the costs and other restrictions

involved. The Board felt our money could be better spent doing our own unique charity outreach programs, including quilts for Veterans.

We currently have two ways we honor Veterans with quilts: One effort is led by Janet Fahey. Janet coordinates the making and delivering of small wheelchair quilts to the VA hospital in Fayetteville. The second effort is led by Christine Ferguson and Petey Law. Christine and Petey have reached out to Veterans' groups and other organizations in Brunswick County for recommendations. In addition, members of the guild can submit a Veteran for consideration. Thirteen quilts were distributed last year to Veterans residing in Brunswick County. This year, due to COVID, no quilts will be distributed. Next year, our committee expects to distribute around 12 quilts.

Hopefully this has put to rest any concerns or questions regarding our outreach efforts to Veterans in our county. We are, as always, grateful to everyone who contributes to this effort, including fabric donations, piecing quilt tops, quilting tops, binding and label-making. And, of course, a big thank you to Janet, Christine and Petey for coordinating our Veteran Recognition Program.

Send Me Your Show and Tell:

Have you recently finished a quilt you would like to share with the rest of us? Email me a photo and tell me a little bit about your quilt, and I will include it in the newsletter. Your Show and Tell will inspire all of us. I can be reached at tparkerc59@me.com

From Lorelei Hauptmann:

This was a free Pat Speth QuiltAlong from May until August. It's called Minnesota Homewarming. Each week or so a clue was released on her Facebook page, "Pat Speth-Nickel Quilt Lady." I did it all scrappy (from my stash) and quilted it on my home machine

The finished size is 82"x82".

If you want to make one, the pattern is now for sale (\$7.00) on Pat Speth's website: https://patspeth.com/collections/patterns/products/minnesota-homewarming-preorder-pdf?_pos=2&_sid=ca4cf2a43&_ss=1



From Janet Gorski:

I made this quilt for my Great Grandson Peter Knox, for his recent first birthday. Just about every square inch is quilted. My Granddaughter uses it as a wall hanging. This was a printed panel kit that provided color-coordinated chenille. It was an interesting introduction to doing chenille, and as a result of the experience, I am making another chenille quilt of my own design.



I made this pillow sham using my embroidery machine. Then I quilted it as a birthday gift for my daughter along with another sham. Jennifer loves the bluebonnets that grow in Texas.

My dear friend, Donna Lockwood, made this quilt for our rescue dog. She embroidered a picture of our Houdini, a Chinese Crested, in a square of the quilt. It is used every day with ❤️

