



A Stitch in Time - February 2021

Interim President's Message

Hello my fellow quilters,

I hope this message finds you well and that you had an enjoyable holiday season. In December we acknowledged our 40th wedding anniversary. Not I didn't say celebrate, that isn't an option right now.

My husband has a new saying, "Even though we have left the year 2020 behind us, when we say or write the date, we still have to repeat or see 202(something (202_) for the next 9 years!" Golly gee, thanks so much for that thought, not! My fingers are crossed that the new coronavirus doesn't haunt through the next 9 years too.

January 2021 arrived so mildly that I experienced my first bike ride of the year on New Year's day morning. Later that day it started snowing, accumulating enough depth that I experienced my first cross country ski of the year on January 2nd. While skiing it was impossible not to notice how the trees were heavily laden, bowing down with snow and ice. The scenery was picture perfect, just as the accompanying photo depicts.

On Wednesday January 13, 2021 we enjoyed our first zoomed **PECQG Show and Share slideshow**. Ten people contributed to the show and 19 people attended. It was a cozy gathering and all were very appreciative of the conversation and the quilts. Some images were of works in progress. We all yearn to see in future photos each project progressing nearer to completion. Please consider presenting your project at the next meeting, to be held every second Wednesday of the month. Simply send your quilt photos to the guilds' email address: pecqguild@gmail.com

The initial "mask making frenzy" finally died down by the fall of 2020, leaving certain members of our guild "shell shocked" and "out of sorts", having a real difficult time getting back into the quilting mood. A friend sent me an article entitled "How Quilting is Getting Me Through the Pandemic" written by Christina Palassio. I am very envious of how she is able to capture my own feelings about certain aspects of quilting, wording it just right. Check out her article at <https://www.chatelaine.com/living/real-life-stories/my-pandemic-quilt/>. you'll be glad you did.

Just in time for Christmas 2020 we started selling our Raffle Tickets online, directing prospective buyers to visit our website for instructions on how to purchase their chance at winning our beautiful hand quilted bed quilt. This sales method is proving fruitful and most importantly it keeps our members safe from the new coronavirus! Other guilds are placing our flyer in their newsletters and on their social media sites. We are truly grateful to any and support from our fellow quilters and their friends!



Our Federal Government anticipates that all those who want the vaccine for the new coronavirus will receive it only by the end of September this year. Knowing this, on Monday January 18, 2021 the Quilt Show Committee unanimously decided to reschedule the July 2021 PECQG Quilt Show to 2022.

How is your household fairing mentally after several months of isolation from society? Sometimes I feel like a resident of a nursing home, as in everyday has a recurring sameness, dulling one's faculties. Both my husband and I have experienced "Covid brain", an interrupted "train of thought" and memory lapses, causing us to shoot each other a worried look. As long as we don't put the car keys in the freezer, or the milk in the cupboard we should be fine..... Don't hesitate to contact the Prince Edward Community Care for Seniors for access to their free Active Living Programs and services. Call Community Care at 613-476-7493. www.communitycareforseniors.org

On January 14th I had the opportunity to listen to Gloria Loughman of Victoria, Australia speak. She is the author of several books; Radiant Landscapes, Luminous Landscapes and others. Normally she is travelling and teaching throughout most of the year. During this pandemic she looks at the time she must remain at home as a gift free permission to play in her sewing room, trying out techniques and patterns that she normally wouldn't have time to work on. I like her point of view!

Dr. Dirk Huyer stated the phrase, "Covid doesn't allow certainty". Well, I am certain that each day the hours of daylight are increasing and that my "covid hair" will simply have to continue morphing/growing for a few more months.

Take good care everyone.

Submitted by Janet Reader Day (January 18, 2021)