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**DELMARVALOUS QUILTERS, INC.**  
**P. O. Box 66, Georgetown, DE 19947**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**April 2022**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings fellow quilters! So much has happened in this past month I can hardly wrap my head around it: activity meetings at Wesley UMC, welcoming many new members, participating in Global Quilting Connection, gathering items for our fundraiser, donating many Quilts of Valor from the squares we sewed in January, visiting Sussex School of the Arts to arrange a collaboration and displaying our work in Georgetown Library. Thanks to all of you these have happened. It is wonderful to be part of such an active and lively group of quilters. I guess it could be a result of Spring having sprung as well as the lifting of COVID sanctions making us all feel a bit more anxious to be out and active. In any event, these have all been good things.

As I am writing this letter, my husband and I are in Arkansas. We are staying at a lovely timeshare on a lake but the travel here was quite unique- narrow, country roads. BUT along the way, I noticed a quilting shop so I am secretly praying for a rainy day so my husband will put down his fishing rods and I will see if I can find the quilt shop. After a google search, whoever thought there would be 9 quilt shops within a 15 mile radius of Horseshoe Bend, AR! I will be honest with you, I did pack my sewing machine- if he can bring fishing rods, I can bring a sewing machine! I will let you know of my adventure!

Remember, people will remember your quilts long after you are gone, not your housework, so put down the vacuum unless it is to clean your machine!

Happy Easter! Gretchen

**BRIEF BOARD MEETING APRIL 14, PIZZA KING, MILLSBORO, 5:30 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME. IN RESPECT OF HOLY THURSDAY, MEETING WILL ADJOURN BY 6:30.**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$11,271.65
Interest	.18
Balance	\$11,271.83

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
BALANCE FORWARD 2/28/22	4,375.67
Emily Walls Check 3036	
Programs	371.69
Felicia Seelig Check 3037	
QOV	190.40
Felicia Seelig Check 3038	
QOV	322.36
Gretchen Check 3039	
Fundraising	10.25
Carol Jarboe Check 3040	
Programs	50.00
Total Disbursements	944.70

RECEIPTS	
Dues	60.00
Dues	85.00
Retreat	300.00
Total Deposits	445.00
Ending Balance Checking	3,875.97
Combined TOTAL	15,147.80

TOTAL CHECKING & SAVINGS	\$15,147.80
Less QOV	1,577.99
Less Retreat	1,046.04
TOTAL AVAILABLE/OPERATIONS	\$12,523.77

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn S. Moore

**MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 28**

*Frances apologizes but her handwritten minutes were lost during her packing process for moving to Frankford in late May. Please feel free to send her corrections, additions, and deletions.*

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Gretchen Taylor.

Minutes of the February Meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was in the Newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Gretchen announced that the name of the fundraiser has been changed to "30 Days of Prizes". Each Group Leader is directing her group's handling of donations and sales and collection of tickets. Guild members will be asked to work through their Group Leader to prevent multiple solicitations of the same organization. Isabel is kindly storing donated items, bring them to the next meeting. The cost for tickets will be \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The raffle committee will get them printed and distributed to the Group Leaders. Each sale will be accompanied by a written description of each day's prizes. Copies of the donation request form and donation receipt will be distributed to everyone. All donations should be turned in by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Sales will be held June 1<sup>st</sup> through Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mimi Walls announced the programs for May (Sulky Threads, evening only).

The Retreat Committee announced that there are only 2 openings for our October retreat and will be filled soon. They will investigate the availability of rooms in the other dormitory.

Gretchen explained the Membership Emergency List, needs to be updated. It will be on the sign in table at future meetings, please update your information when you sign in. Each Board member will have a copy of the Emergency Contacts in case they are needed.

The Guild will be able to use one of the Georgetown Library Display Cases during April at 1 PM.

Librarian brought a few books available for borrowing.

Show and Tell included examples from the afternoon's class on ruler work. Felicia showed the quilt that she will use for the Group A Challenge. The challenge is to make a quilt like your first quilt and improve something about it using all you've learned since you made it. The quilt was lovely as it but Felicia has ideas for improving it. The challenge quilt does not have to be the same size or color.

## Program Notes from the VP

### April 25 1:30-4:30 Disappearing Nine Patch

Come learn how to make a nine patch disappeared by Donna Sponseller!! Bring your sewing machine, thread, cutting board 18" x 24", rotary cutter, scissors, ruler, tape measure, pins, and any other sewing supplies you might need. Each participant

will need 9 charm squares (5"x5") for each block. The finished block is 13 inches. If you want to make multiple blocks bring yardage that has at least 6 different coordinating fabrics with a mix of dark, medium and light. Donna will do a demo and show examples of various finished blocks. Then we'll all try it. Can't wait to see all the different variations! There is no cost for this workshop. Let Donna know if you are planning to participate

[fdde04@comcast.net](mailto:fdde04@comcast.net)

Also feel free to come work on your own projects from 1:30 to 4:30 and enjoy being with others.

### 6:30 Social time

**7:00pm Videopresentation of a vintage quilt collection, "Pieced & Patterned American Quilts 1800- 1930"** Carolyn Tyndall is going to share with us a wonderful quilt display she saw in Florida.

### May 23 1:30-4:30pm Sewing items to sell

Join other guild members as we put together small items to sell this summer, as we sell tickets for our 30 Chances to Win at craft fairs and farmers markets.

### 6:30 pm Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing- Michelle Umlauf

Michelle Umlauf of Sulky of America will present- "Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing plus Needle & Thread Know How" Lecture. Learn all about Sulky threads, which needles to use, the best stabilizers for the job and which bobbin thread to use. Bring your projects up to the next level. Lots of information and freebies!! Program will start at 6:30pm to give her plenty of time to WOW you!

**June 27 Yard Sale** Rent a table or donate items to the guild table

**July 25 1:30 to 4:30pm Cheryl Lynch** will conduct a workshop Mini Mosaics. Canceled in 2020 because of covid, she will be teaching an afternoon class. More details to follow.

**August 22 Christmas in August. 1:30 to 5:00pm** Dinner following. There will be 3 or 4 projects for

members to participate in. Let Mimi know if you have an idea or a project you'd like to teach.

## 2022

Be thinking of programs for 2022!! Starting in January each group listed below will be responsible for the meeting's programs and refreshments following the schedule below. Please make sure your group has a contact person. Group A – Felicia Seelig Group B- Donna Sponseller; Group C, Carol Senerchia.

January- Group B	July- Group B
February- Group A	- Christmas in August
March- Group C	September- Group A
April- Group B	October- Group C
May- Group A	November- no meeting
June- Group C	December- Group B

Calendar Fundraiser idea

**APRILBLOCKOF THE MONTH.**I just looked out my back door and saw the male cardinal on one feeder and the female on another. It struck me how peaceful my life is and the same thought brought up the conflicts in the world that scare and shame us all.

Thank you to our members who have downloaded Annette Ornelas' sunflower block, made them and shared the photos. So many good thoughts, so many prayers. Look for them on our Facebook page soon.

When you see what I did to my Weathervane Block, our Block of the Month for April, you will see that the strife is very much alive in my heart. Let's go with those saturated summer colors for our exchange. Such a quilt will be deeply happy.

As you read this, I am away. Twice postponed and I really believed it wouldn't happen. Do you think Paris can handle me?

## Sew but save for distribution in May!

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**MEMBERSHIP.** Happy Spring everyone. We have four new members. Please add their information to your copy of the roster and to any contact files you keep. Be sure to give them a HUGE WELCOME.

### Welcome to our 4 new members who joined in March

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Note new address on your listing:  
Kathryn Moore, 112 Broadcreek Rd  
Laurel, DE 19956

**COMFORT QUILTS.**I have not made any deliveries but have called a couple places to donate. I'm waiting to hear back. If anyone knows of any place, please let me know and I'll check into it.

Thanks for all your hard work and wonderful donations.  
Isabel

**QUILTS OF VALOR®.**Carlene's sewing machine has been buzzing away. Eleven quilttops were turned in this month! Thanks, Carlene. And a big thank you to all who turned in stars and made it

possible! Pictures are on our website, if you scroll down on the Home Page. For the pattern for the star – click on the star.

Back in January, a Delmarvalous quilt was awarded to a 100-year old veteran! A thank you note was received from him: "...how much I appreciated being chosen as a recipient... It was such an honor and highlight of my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The quilt is beautiful and I keep it in my living room where I see it every day."

**AND** – for another 100-year-old veteran award, see "Items of Interest" at end of newsletter.

Don't forget your stars! Kits always available at meetings; pattern on the website, just click on the star. Felicia

**2022 CHALLENGE.** With a reveal scheduled for September, Group A is challenging you! Challenging you to see how you have progressed in your quilting life, that is. Show us your very first quilt, or very second quilt. If you don't have it, you may show a picture. What faux pas did you make? How would you improve on it knowing what you know now? Create a new version of that first quilt the way you would like to do it now. Doesn't have to be the same size as the original. There will be prizes! Any questions, contact Felicia at [edandfelicia@verizon.net](mailto:edandfelicia@verizon.net).

**FACEBOOK** Here it is folks. Send me photos— photos of your Blocks of the Month. Photos of your works in progress. Photos of any completed project, whether or not it is quilted. You have a myriad of talents. Let's share them.

If not, you will be subjected to my endless display of a travelogue.

Bon soir, mes amies!

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**SUNSHINE** Get well cards were sent to Sandy Muir and Hilda Adams. If you know of anyone needing a cheer up card, please let me know: Donna Sponseller, [fdde04@comcast.net](mailto:fdde04@comcast.net).

**KEEP IN TOUCH!**  
**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

**Rulers for Sale!** After last month's program on ruler quilting, some of you may be interested in starting the journey with some bargains. Member Teresa Hitchens is trading in her rulers for a longarm and is offering a discount. If you are interested, contact Teresa at 302-228-9412.

**QUILTS OF VALOR®.** I think we have reached a pinnacle of honor! See flyer that follows. The quilt that is being awarded is a Delmarvalous quilt! You can all take a bow!

"Please join us on April 30, 2022 1PM, at VFW Post 475, 100 Veterans Lane Newark De. To meet a 100 year old World War II Veteran Mr. Ray Firmani. He will be giving a hanger talk about his experiences exploits in the Army Air Corp during the war. He will be accompanied by the author of a book about Ray, Mr. Mitchell Topal. What a great opportunity to meet this local World War II Veteran while he tells us about his experiences During World War II. **After his talk Mr. Firmani will be honored with the presentation of The National Quilt of Valor's 300,000th Quilt. It is an honor to present this milestone Quilt to him!** Our State Representatives from Quilts of Valor, Dana Mason and Marguerite Niemoeller will make the presentation. Mr. Firmani's book *Against All Odds* will be available for purchase! (Emphasis added.)

"What is a Quilt of Valor? A Quilt of Valor (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The quilt says unequivocally, 'Thank you for your service And sacrifice in serving our Nation.'"

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