

President's Message -- May Meeting Update

Hello, GAAQG Members and Friends!

The health and safety of our members continues to be our highest priority, and so I'm writing this message to all of you with an extremely heavy heart. We must cancel our May Quilt Guild Day meeting due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. While no one really knows for sure the projection of this virus, the University of Michigan modeling predicts the virus outbreak could peak in Michigan in May.

Vice President Programs, Brenda Rigdon, has notified students of our May workshops cancellation. Our Co-Treasurer, Glenna Schweitzer, is in the process of issuing refunds to those who've registered for Lynn Krawczyk's May workshops. Lynn and Ann Shaw, our March teacher, will be offered spots on our guild's 2021 schedule.

One of the highlights of our May meeting is always the Guild Fabric Sale. I know many of us have been sorting our fabric stashes in preparation for the sale, the proceeds of which benefit our guild and SafeHouse Center. It's so disappointing not to have the sale in May, but don't worry—you'll still be able to participate in the Fabric Sale, which we're postponing until our September Quilt Day meeting.

You're likely wondering about our July Quilt Day meeting and Garage Sale. As I write this letter, the plan is to hold the July Quilt Day meeting and Garage Sale, but with social distancing safeguards in place. The board will continue to intensely follow the latest COVID-19 government news and Washtenaw Community College updates. I'll keep you informed if our plans will need to change.

Thanks so much to all of you who have answered the call for quilts to be sent to SafeHouse! Making SafeHouse quilts and face masks are great ways to give back to our communities in this time of need. You can deliver your quilts to Anne Rapundalo and contact her to make the delivery arrangements. Face masks can be delivered to the Ann Arbor Sewing Center or directly to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Check out the blog posts on our website for more information.

We have the requirements on our [Quilt for SafeHouse page](#) and there are many patterns at the bottom of the page. [Jean Coleman submitted a new one with several versions](#), so check it out. On our SafeHouse page, there are photos of several quilts that she and Wanda made from this pattern.

Technology makes it easier for us to connect with our loved ones during this challenging time. Please send me your ideas for how us guild members can stay connected. This is a great time to Like and Follow our guild's FaceBook page, Instagram feed and blog posts to stay up to date. Send photos of your SafeHouse quilts to our Webmaster Mary Beth Donovan and to our Facebook Editor Linda Theil so we can see your beautiful quilts. Use #SafeHouse Center so SafeHouse followers can see them, too.

Until we meet again, stay safe and be well!

Susan Schwandt, President