



Hello Our Beloved Feather Princesses,

We Feather Princesses fit together like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. Just like puzzle pieces, each Feather Princess is a perfect match and has a very special place in our hearts and in our guild. There's no doubt about it, we were all meant to be together and we all fit together to make our guild complete. We're perfect for each other, and a real Blessing in disguise. Despite the different techniques we use to create our awesome appliqué quilts, the one constant is our love and admiration for each other. No matter the kind of appliqué quilts we make or the circumstances (pandemic or not) we encounter, our love remains the same, tried and true! Princesses **Janet, B. J., Betty Jo** and I love you, Feather Princesses, and we miss you so much! We have "fallen" for you!

During our time apart, we must ensure that all of the puzzle pieces stay in place and our guild remains complete. We must continue to be there, reach out, and support each other, as we stay at home. We must let each other know that we care. Now more than ever before, we're finding that our friendships and relationships with each other are the "glue" that holds us together. These components are just as important and run neck-in-neck with the actual appliqué and quiltmaking themselves. So how do we ensure that none of the valuable puzzle pieces get lost or fall by the wayside? We must continue staying in touch and encouraging each other, just as we have done the past 15 years at our guild meetings, classes and workshops, quilt circles, study groups, and specialty appliqué quilt group meetings.

If you're thinking of a particular Feather Princess, brighten her day by sending an email or text. If you know of a member who's feeling down and needs a little extra lovin', send a card or give her a call. If you know of a member who needs assistance applying a quilt technique, contact her and suggest a you-tube video or online class--or better still, pick up the phone, call her, and share your knowledge and expertise by explaining the

technique to her. And here's a thought--fabric always "hits the spot." So why not mail a beautiful fat quarter (or more) to a favorite Princess Pal?

Believe it or not, there's actually a holiday, **National Day of Encouragement**, on **Saturday, September 12**, to foster and promote encouragement and its importance in our lives. So we lovingly suggest that you encourage all of the people who probably touched your lives in one way or another so far this year--your family members and friends, neighbors, clergy, doctors, nurses, first responders, teachers, food service workers, and more. But most of all, let's make it a priority to encourage each other--our dear Feather Princesses appliqué friends. Let's stay in touch, be there, and support each other during this challenging time.

With that said, **we regretfully have suspended all Feather Princesses guild activities for the month of September**. We will not have our monthly guild meeting, quilt circles, specialty appliqué group meetings, quilt study group, and committee meetings. But let's remember now and always that appliqué is our passion and our "labor" of love. And as we continue embracing it, let's continue loving each other and being a perfect match, fitting together like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, to make our guild complete.

September Birthdays

Happy, Happy Birthday to our fabulous Feather Princesses who have a birthday in September. We hope you will celebrate in the most glorious and jubilant fashion and have the most awesome day with those you love; and we hope this will be the beginning of your best year ever! We hope your birthday will be as wonderful and extraordinary as you are. You are



very special to us and we wish you all of the hope, joy, love, and happiness in the world--you deserve it! And remember that every day matters, every day counts, and every day is a gift. So don't hesitate or waste a moment--celebrate not only on your birthday, but every day all year though; and have a blast!

Kimberly Boothe - 9/06 | Vicki Paquette - 9/15
Kathy Bixby - 9/13 | Denise Appleman - 9/19
Karen Conter - 9/14 | Monika Heady - 9/29

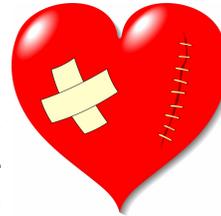
Sunshine

Hot diggity dog! We have some great news to share with you. Our lovely member, Princess **Peggy Wattenbarger**, is feeling so

much better now. She has gotten her strength back and she is up and about, resuming her normal routine again. We're ecstatic and down-right happy that our dear **Peggy** is out of the woods and feeling well again; and we can hardly wait to see her and the new quilts she's designing and stitching. Our big bright smiles and loving hugs await you, **Peggy!**

Healing Heart Blocks

The next time you go to your fabric stash, be sure to select some gorgeous fabrics to make some beautiful **Healing Heart** blocks for our lovely **Healing Heart** block recipients. Let's express our heartfelt love and support by stitching some pretty **Healing Heart** blocks for our precious members who experienced a life threatening illness or the lost of a spouse or a child.



Princesses currently receiving the **Healing Heart** blocks are:

- **Judy DenHerder** likes landscape prints
- **Cheryl Haynes** likes blue and green
- **Maria Nunez** likes blue
- **Barbara Roberts** likes blue and yellow
- **Anne Szabo** likes blue, pink, and red

As we continue to quarantine, you may mail your completed **Healing Heart** blocks directly to the recipients. The *Healing Heart Block Guidelines* are located on our Feather Princesses website, **Members Only section > Healing Heart Blocks**. We sincerely express our gratitude to you for taking the time to make these beautiful blocks and to lift the spirits of our very special **Healing Heart** block recipients.

2020-2021 Membership Directory Cover Competition

This is our last reminder for Feather Princesses members to send photos of your completed appliquéd quilt(s) so one may be selected to be featured on our *2020-21 FP Membership Directory* cover.

- If your quilt was made from a commercial pattern, we will get permission from the pattern designer to put the quilt on the cover.
- If this is your own original pattern, we only need your permission to put the quilt on the cover.
- There are no restrictions on the size of the quilt.
- We will need a clear, high resolution photo (300dpi) of your quilt.
- The best photos should be taken outside (with no shadows on the quilt). Have the sun facing the quilt, don't have the sun behind the quilt. (Try to not get fingers/hands in your photo!)
- Send your photo to: **mbarry@tampabay.rr.com**

- Please provide the commercial pattern's name and designer, so we may ask that designer for permission to put the photo on our cover.
- If this is your original design, please let Michelle know that also.
- The deadline to submit your photo(s) is **September 30**.

Looking forward to your submissions!

Quilt Show Update

We have rescheduled our Quilt Show; and it will convene **Friday, February 17 - Saturday, February 18, 2023**.



To recap, when the Coronavirus pandemic hit this past spring, the St. Lawrence Catholic Church Higgins Hall management told us that (because of the uncertainty of the circumstances surrounding the virus), they could not confirm the local/state bans and guidelines that would be in place at the time our show would convene in February 2021. However, they suspected that the social distancing mandate would still be in place, and the hall capacity would be limited to a certain number

of people--probably to 25% capacity.

After deliberating, our Feather Princesses *Executive Board* concluded that we could not successfully host a quilt show complying with these guidelines because:

- We do not want to limit the attendance to only 25% of the guests who will come to our show.
- We sponsor quilt shows to showcase our workmanship to the quilting public; but we also have quilt shows to raise money to support our guild, as our Quilt Show is our major fund raising project. And we will not make maximum profits if we limit the attendance to 25% capacity.
- We also want to ensure that our vendors make maximum profits as well; and we know they will not be able to benefit financially, if the attendance is limited to only 25% capacity.

We also pondered that:

- Some of our specialty appliqué quilt groups had not met on a regular basis since October 2019, when the group meeting rooms at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library were closed to the public, because of the parking lot renovation. And because of the inability of these groups to meet there regularly, we were not able to provide the assistance, guidance, and instruction

that some of our members needed, to enable them to finish making their quilts for our show.

- Looking ahead to the future, when the libraries re-open, we still don't know if they will allow groups to meet in the group meeting rooms again. So for now, we don't know if we will have a place for some of our groups to meet, so we can assist our members with completing their quilts.

So based on these challenges, we decided to reschedule our Quilt Show to convene at a time when (hopefully) the pandemic will be over and operations at the libraries and Higgins Hall will return to some form of normalcy--when the social distancing mandate will not be enforced and when we will not be required to limit the number of guests attending our Quilt Show. We want to host the show when the general public feels safe enough to go out again and attend events such as our Quilt Show.

So to this end, we considered these new dates to host the show:

- **Fall 2021, Fall 2022** - We all enjoy the cooler temperatures and events that the Fall time season brings. However in the past, we found that our Quilt Show attendance was not as favorable during the Fall time of the year, as it was in February, when the snowbirds and winter residents are here in Florida. So we removed Fall 2021 and Fall 2022 for consideration from this list of possible new dates, to host the show.
- **February 2022** - We highly entertained the thought of hosting our show in February 2022; however, we remembered that other well established quilt guilds in our area have regularly scheduled their shows during the month of February in the even-numbered years, requiring the services of pipe and drape suppliers and popular and well sought after quilt show vendors. So we thought February 2022 would not be an appropriate time for us to host our show as well.
- **Spring 2022** - Under the advisement of the Higgins Hall management, we concluded that Spring 2022 would not be a suitable time to host our Quilt Show because of Spring break, religious services (Passover, Good Friday, Easter, etc.), and other activities convening during that time. The Higgins Hall management confirmed that events previously held there during the Spring time of the year usually resulted in low attendance, because of the activities and events just mentioned.
- **February 2023** - So we decided that February 2023 will be the best time for us to host our Quilt Show. We don't know what the future will hold; nor do we have any guarantees; BUT hopefully by that time, the pandemic will be over, the general public will have been vaccinated, and people will be healthy, and feel comfortable and secure about leaving their

homes and coming out to attend our show. Hopefully by that time, we will not have to implement social distancing or limit the number of Quilt Show guests attending of our show. And hopefully our Quilt Show guests will be able to attend our show and enjoy seeing the quilts; and freely move around comfortably while enjoying the gift baskets, miniature quilts for auction, and our Boutique--with no fear or anxiety about contracting the Coronavirus.

The new date is 2-1/2 years away and it seems like a long way off. But like with most things in life, it will be here before we know it. So:

- Please continue working on your 60" x 60" appliqué quilts (or larger) as well as your miniature quilts for the auction, and items for the boutique.
- When we resume meeting and operating under normal conditions, we will focus on the Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales, Quilt Show Baskets, Quilt Show attire, and all other important facets of our show.
- If you have any of our Quilt Show postcards, **please do not distribute them.** Hold on to them and bring them back when we resume meeting again. We will place labels (showing the rescheduled date) over the original date.

I sincerely thank our *Executive Board*, Princesses **Janet, B. J.**, and **Betty Jo**, for their commitment and dedication in helping us negotiate with the Higgins Hall management, to ensure the rescheduling and success of our show. And I truly thank you for your patience as we worked on this. It took quite a while.

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Refund

As you may recall, we rolled out our Opportunity Quilt ticket sales campaign at our March 11, 2020 guild meeting, two weeks before the COVID-19 lockdown; and about 24 Feather Princesses bought tickets at that time. Because we have rescheduled our Quilt Show, we will send those members a refund for their purchases. After receiving their checks, **purchasers should tear up their old tickets.**

When COVID-19 is over for us, and after we begin meeting again, **we will print a new set of Opportunity Quilt tickets in a different color.** The drawing for our Opportunity Quilt using the new tickets will be held on the last day of our Quilt Show, Saturday, February 18, 2023.

In closing, I want to remind you that we've come so far these past 15 years--achieving our goals and accomplishing our dreams. So let's continue looking ahead, Princesses, as brighter days are just beyond the rainbow. Let's keep our heads up and

our needles threaded. After all, you are more resilient than you know, more capable than you ever dreamed, and you are loved more than you could ever possibly imagine. Lots more stunning appliqué quilts await us!

Stay encouraged and have a Happy Labor Day!

Love You All,
Dorothy



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