



Walla Walla Valley Quilt Festival Newsletter February 2021

Welcome, Dear Readers!

We are certainly happy and hopeful as we begin planning and preparing our annual quilt show and look forward to greeting you all again at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds for our 22nd quilt festival!

It is well understood that we all have met challenges this past year in our day to day living, as we have worried about health, jobs, schooling and sacrificed gatherings with family and friends for such a long time! So, our goal in presenting this year's Quilt Festival is to see again joy on your faces and awe in your eyes as you enjoy the vision of beautiful quilts and friends throughout the building! Dreams can come true!

\$\$\$ QUILT CHALLENGE \$\$\$

We'll start the excitement announcing the Challenge theme for this year is the same as what we had planned for 2020..."Portal". We wouldn't want to miss seeing your entries, and perhaps a few more due to expanding the time to finish or start a new! Remember, there are 3 cash prizes for this challenge! Be sure to read more on the website for guidelines! Most importantly, the finished size for the entry can't be more than 160" in perimeter. And, be sure to include a cloth label on the back of your entry.

Block Lotto

Likewise, we will be using the fabric chosen for last year! The block must measure 12 ½" X 12 ½" when you turn it in.

Judith Hedberg-Duff is our Block Lotto coordinator for this coming year. If you're interested in purchasing a fat eighth for \$1 please call her at 503-268-9945 or email her at hedbergduffj@gmail.com



2021 Quilt Show Dates and Hours

Friday and Saturday, September 17 - 18
10 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 19, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2021 Quilt Registration Dates

Quilt Registration begins July 1, 2021
Registration may be placed electronically or via mail.

***ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ENTERED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT,
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021***

2021 Quilt Delivery Dates

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday; September 11th and 12th
Deliver your quilt/s to the Floral Building, Walla Walla Fairgrounds

2021 Quilt Pick up

Community Building, Walla Walla County Fairgrounds

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
September 20, 2021

Silent Auction Quilt

Cathy Wiese will donate this year's auction quilt! We have waited more than a year to see her beautiful quilt and generous gift toward support for the Festival show!

Local Featured Quilter

We are so delighted that Judy Benzel will honor us by providing a booth full of colorful and amazing quilts! Nobody can keep up with her production and skill in quilt making! Her booth will be a fun spot to visit!

2021 National Featured Quilter Jill Finley

Jill is an amazing quilt artist, and someone whom we have looked forward to joining us for several years. Jill is very energetic, creative and eager to share and teach many of her tricks and talents in quilt making!



Jill Finley is the owner and designer behind Jillily Studio. She has been designing quilt patterns for over 15 years and currently designs and sells quilt fabric, patterns, kits and notions. Her quilt designs show off her fresh style using high contrast fabrics and usually have a bit of appliqué to soften and finish each design. Jillily Studio produces the popular notions: Appli-Glue, Poke-A-Dots, Maker Paper, Starch Brushes and Quilter's Digits along with numerous kits and patterns. Jill is the author of several books on quilting; Home Sweet Quilt and Stitched Together.

Jill is a Master Designer for Aurifil Threads and is also a BERNINA Ambassador. Her designs have been featured in several magazines including American Patchwork and Quilting, Quilter's Home and McCall's Quilting. She stays busy traveling and teaching about her quilt designs and applique methods. Jill designs fabric with Riley Blake designs. Creating fabric collections for quilting has been one of Jill's favorite projects.

Jill loves to spend time with her family, eating, reading, gardening, sewing, cooking, and learning. She and her husband Randy live in Alpine, Utah and are the parents of seven children and fourteen grandchildren.

Here are several ways to learn more about Jill and view some of her works:

Website: jillilystudio.com
Studio Blog: jillilystudioblog.com
Instagram: [instagram.com/jillilystudio](https://www.instagram.com/jillilystudio)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jillilystudio>
YouTube: [youtube.com/user/jillilystudio](https://www.youtube.com/user/jillilystudio)
Free Website Tutorials

“Gracious Grove” Jill is offering this Sew-Along beginning Feb. 17, 2021



Well, I hope many of you have been able to work on your own quilts for show entries. Please read carefully on our website ...

The guidelines for entering... We look forward to seeing them and you!

Before closing, I wanted to share one tip I learned this summer. In the past I had tried using FRIXION pens to mark on fabric. The idea was to erase the marks with a heated iron. Later I learned that the marks could return, so be wise to only mark the fabric areas that would be trimmed away.

But, I recently was told about FRIXION pens now could be purchased as a highlight and eraser in pastel colors to be used on paper! Often, I have purchased a pattern that comes with measurements for the project in multiple sizes, i.e.) baby, twin, queen, king sizes. Well, to help me glance quickly to the size and measurements I need, I can underline or highlight the size and information I need to focus on. So, should you decide to make a different size, just erase away and you have a clean pattern! So far, no problem!

Stay well my friends!

Cathy Spanish

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