

## President's Challenge 2020/21 Awards

I have stated many times, how awe struck I am by the generosity that is so pervasive in this Guild. The time, materials and love that go into creating quilts for the Comfort Society is truly amazing! And I know that those are not the only contributions many of our guild members make.

I had hoped this year's challenge could be used as a catalyst to find out about all ways our sewing skills are utilized to help make our communities and world a better, kinder and more loving place. With the curtailment to our gatherings, finding opportunities to continue making an impact might be limited and by sharing some of our sewing activities, perhaps from outside of the Guild, new opportunities might be discovered. The contributions we make within our communities may not always be noticed or understood by non-sewers, but as a quilter or seamstress, we can fully appreciate the efforts involved, and we all certainly know the benefits giving bring us.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to see the submissions, please check out the website under Events.

Early Bird entry. Many hands make light work, so organizing and coordinating several, massive community efforts to provide urgently needed items for our health care professionals at our hospitals and extended care facilities, as well as face masks for community members and local students was right up Karen Biddlecombe's alley. Her logistical skills made it possible for the many participants, located up and down the Coast, to be able to prepare the required items as quickly as possible, by ensuring all needed materials were available, then the items were collected and distributed to facilities in a timely manner. That wasn't the limit to her efforts on behalf of these projects, and hundreds of masks and other fabric constructions came flying out of her quilting studio. Thanks Karen, for helping our health care workers and community stay safer and more comfortable.

Capturing the spirit of this year's challenge was wonderfully executed by Phyllis Argyle. Her extra, dedicated effort to carve out a bit more sewing time, resulted in a lovely bed quilt that was donated to the Comfort Society for the Gibson's Community Housing Project that the Guild supported early this year. The bright, cheerful quilt will make any place a cozy spot to enjoy and wrap the recipient in a huge hug. Creating and gifting something for a stranger, that will add a positive note into their lives, is a lasting blessing. Thank-you Phyllis, for eking out the extra time to finish your lovely quilt.