

President's Update

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By Nancy Parker

Yes, this is another email letting you know what one of the organizations you belong to is doing about the pandemic. It is affecting every area of our lives. So, let me inform you of some changes the Executive Board has had to make recently.

The first change we had to make is that we have cancelled this year's Spring Retreat. Little America contacted the planning committee last week, offering to let us reschedule without any cancellation fee. Since our schedule for this year is already very full and we don't know when the restrictions we are living under will lessen, we have just rescheduled for next year. Comparing the dates Little America had available and those we learned would work best for you, this retreat has been moved to April 8-11, 2021. The committee, consisting of Priscilla Gotz, Karen Mosher, Paula Petterson and Margaret Reek, have agreed to handling this retreat again next year. We are very grateful for the time they put in preparing for something that is now postponed for a whole year. I am looking forward to benefiting from all their hard work next year.

The second event we have had to cancel is our May meeting. Jane Rozum, our Program Chair, realized that May 4th is inside the 8 week time period the CDC has suggested we refrain from meeting in large groups. She contacted our speaker, who had one date open this year...in October. So, we have rescheduled our speaker, Suzi Parron, who will present "Follow the Quilt Barn Trail" to the SECOND Tuesday in October, October 12th. The flyer for this will be on the website soon. Thanks to Jane for jumping on this quickly and to Suzi for being flexible and working with us in this unprecedented situation. We were very thankful we could work something out that didn't directly conflict with the other things in our schedule.

As you are all aware, this is a situation we have never dealt with before, thankfully. It is requiring us to adjust to a new way of life for an unknown period of time. For now, we are keeping the June Retreat at the Barn as scheduled. We will wait and see what develops in the next couple of months. Hopefully, our lives will be returning to normal by then.

We will be seeing much less of each other face to face in the coming weeks. Please do your best to keep in touch with your friends within LNCQ, checking in via phone, email or text. If you are in small group, we suggest you think of ways to stay connected without gathering together in groups of more than a few people. We have not been asked to shelter in place like some areas, yet, but I believe it is wise to do so as much as we can.

Finally, remember our local quilt shops. They are reeling, trying to pay bills without the foot traffic they are used to. Shop in person or online. Call and place an order that you can drop by and pick up or have them mail it to you. Every quilt shop is offering discounts, or free delivery if you spend a certain amount. They are adding kits and fabric lines to their websites. Please do what you can to help them stay in business. We will all benefit if they do.

I hope you and those you love are doing well and continue to do so. If you are choosing to isolate to stay well and you need an errand run, please contact me, or any other LNCQ member you know. We would be happy to help, if we can.

Sincerely,

Nancy Parker, President
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