

The March QU Steering Committee Meeting was canceled due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

The below is an electronic steering committee action that needed to be addressed before the scheduled May Steering Committee meeting.

Pam Doffek, QU 2020 President sent the following email and quilt show meeting attachment to the members of the QU Steering Committee on April 13, 2020.

Subject: Electronic Vote by QU Steering committee to cancel the 2020 Capital City Quilt Show

“Recommendation: To cancel the 2020 Capital City Quilt Show that was under scheduling discussion with the Museum of Florida History, Karen Kunz (2020 Quilt Show Chair), Sue Isaac (2021 Quilt Show Chair) and Pam Doffek (2020 Guild President). The show would be rescheduled for a 2021 reserved slot in the Museum’s exhibit rotation, for 8 weeks sometime between August and November 2021. The show theme, challenge quilt competition and opportunity quilt for 2020 would be carried forward. Sue Isaac will continue as Quilt Show Chair for a 2022 exhibit at the Florida Museum of History. The Museum is willing to display the currently constructed Opportunity Quilt in the museum from when they can reopen to the public until the completion of the 2021 rescheduled timeframe. This reschedule is amenable to The Museum leadership and their governing body.”

BACKGROUND:

1. this is the best way to avoid a constant move the exhibit, move the exhibit based on the uncertainty of the nation to participate in events of 50-200 people or more due to COVID-19 pandemic
2. The Museum already had a slot for a quilt show in their 2021 tentative schedule, this will firm up QU’s intentions to be a part of that schedule. It also allows the Museum to work or rework their exhibits around a commitment from QU. We won’t be jerked around on their schedule which would happen now.
3. It allows Jeanne Brenner, Opportunity Quilt Chair for this show (completed quilt which has tickets already sold) and the next (quilt in the making) to have continuity and more time to do a quilt for what will be a 2022 show. Tickets already sold will just be held. If anyone wants their ticket donation refunded because the date of the drawing is incorrect, we will refund it. New tickets for the new dates can be purchased....or we can have a miniparty and write in new dates on the ones we have LOL. It’s easier to ask forgiveness than permission. I’m pretty sure the government isn’t going to come after us. This also allows us to continue ticket donations and possibly raise more funds. Jeanne and I have talked about it. She will probably just get a stamp that says: Drawing in November 2021 to allow ticket sales in the Museum when they open and continue through the actual 2021 show.
4. The opportunity quilt, if / when displayed at the museum **MUST HAVE** someone at the table whenever it is on display (logistics when the time comes)

After time for discussion and steering members electronic votes, the recommendation passed on April 15, 2020.

Quilt Show Meeting Attachment

1st Quilt Meeting Notes

Conducted by conference call on April 2, 2020

Introduction of MFH staff and Quilters' representatives present for the call:

Karen Kunz, Quilter's Unlimited, Quilt Show Chair for 2020

Sue Isaac, Quilter's Unlimited, Quilt Show Chair for 2021

Pam Doffek, Quilter's Unlimited President

Bruce Graetz, MFH Curator

Lea Ellen Thornton, MFH Supervisor of Research and Collections

Drew Ericson, MFH Supervisor of Design and Fabrication

Tim Leatzow, MFH Designer

Information provided by MFH staff about how the current closure may affect the quilt exhibit:

- The current landscape painting exhibit may be extended by about 3 to 4 weeks, depending on how long the Museum is closed to the public.
- This could push back the opening of the quilt show by about a month or so. The rough new proposed window for the quilt show would be from about mid-September through mid-October, 2020. (It was originally planned to run Aug. 14–Oct. 4, 2020.)
- Signing of the agreement contract would have to be delayed due to the scheduling uncertainties.

Question was raised by MFH staff:

Based on the current uncertain situation, do the Quilters wish to proceed with planning for the exhibit this year or reschedule it for next year?

Initial reply:

Initially, the Quilters' president said that she wanted to proceed with the show this year. However, because the time would be shortened in the fall of 2020 to a month or so, and they wanted 8 weeks, they asked if it could be postponed until after the *Beyond the Vote* exhibit.

Drew explained that *Beyond the Vote* was a longer than usual exhibit and would be displayed until July 2021. The quilts could not go up until August 2021, the time that the coming year's quilt show is already scheduled to open.

Quilter's further reply:

With that in mind, the quilters began discussing canceling the 2020 show with the possibility of having the 2021 show displayed for a longer period of time. (Tentative dates may be sometime in August to sometime in November 2021.) The whole uncertainty about when the Museum would be open in 2020 and unknown restrictions between now and the fall were major factors. The Quilters felt that by cancelling the show this year it would reduce dealing with an ongoing uncertain schedule.

Canceling the 2020 Quilt Show:

The Quilters leadership agreed among themselves that it would be best to cancel the 2020 show. Since all of the principle decision makers for the Quilters Guild were on the conference call, they felt that they could make the definitive decision for their members.

Opportunity Quilt:

The Quilters asked if the 2020 Opportunity Quilt could be displayed in the Museum in the fall as a Guild fundraiser. The quilt has already been made and photographed. The Quilters would have a member stationed at the ticket table by the quilt. Museum staff noted that they would need to get permission for this, but that it seemed reasonable. This would also be an opportunity for annual quilt show attendees to come to the Museum to see a beautiful quilt. (One possible display location is where the temporary Risner art case is now, which is very close to where their table is normally set up.) The quilt could be displayed while the temporary gallery is closed between exhibit takedown and installation.

No further telephone conference planning meetings are scheduled at this time. We can communicate by email and individual telephone calls regarding the details of the Opportunity Quilt display, if approved. An abbreviated agreement can be done between the Quilters and MFH regarding display of the 2020 Opportunity quilt.