

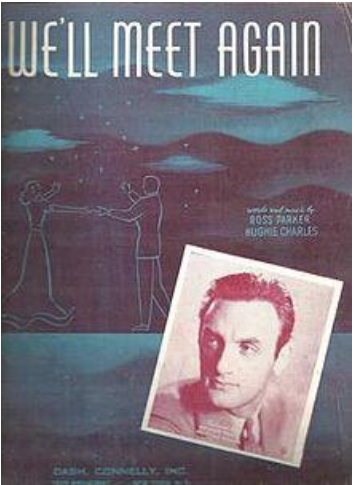


## Newsletter

Fall 2020

### Where we are now...

We had no idea that our March meetings would be our last work parties for the year! But yes, as of now, we do not plan to have meetings again until January at the very earliest. And even then, much will depend on COVID rates, levels of reopening, weather, etc. We may be constrained as to how many blanketers can be accommodated (e.g., 2 per table?), and at this point, potlucks are off the table. So stay tuned, keep stitching, [we'll meet again... someday...](#)



### MABD Blanket Challenge: So much for plans!

We are moving the MABD Challenge out again—and hoping that we'll have a Spring MABD in April 2021. Last fall (Oct. 2019) at Make A Blanket Day, the spring MABD Challenge theme was announced: **Music or science** (or both!). Little did we know that *both* 2020 MABDs would be completely cancelled.

A review of the rules: Minimum size is 45x60"; the theme (**Music or Science** --or both!) can be expressed in the pattern or the fabrics. We are quite looking forward to seeing your results! Stay tuned for updates.

### Free patterns!

Here are a couple of links for free patterns on the web. We are entering "[cabincore](#)" season, time to get crafty.

#### Quilts:

[Fat Quarter Shop](#)

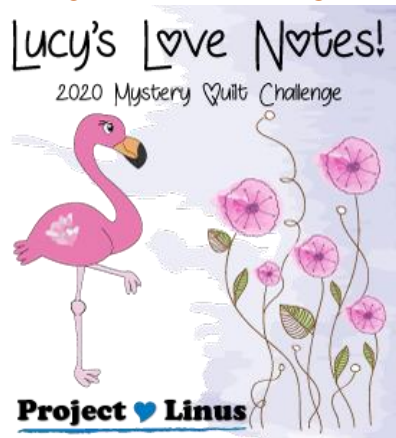
[From APQS](#)

#### Yarn:

[12 Weeks of Gifting from KnitPicks](#) (these may not all be blankets!)

Joann [Knit & Crochet for charity](#)

## Project Linus Mystery Quilt Challenge: Lucy's Love Notes



The sixth Mystery Quilt challenge is happening NOW! Lucy's Love Notes is almost half done, but it is not too late to register! Check out the FaceBook group to see photos of the blocks, see the conversations, check out fabric choices, and more (regular contests: Our own Julie Skeath won a prize!)

Register at <https://www.projectlinus.org/contest/> (\$15.45), be sure to list "Tri-Cities Chapter" (Coordinator: Linda Porter) when you register, so that your registration is credited as a donation to our chapter. Get the list of fabrics and start cutting! Here are pictures of the first three clues that have been posted (there are over 3700 members of the FB group, so there is a LOT of support, energy, and good fun). Last year we had over 15 people register for our chapter; this year we're hoping for 20 (and we are sooooo close! Have you registered yet?). Join us! It's like a "virtual" work party.



## Project Linus T-shirts!



"What to wear" in COVID/Zoom times is not what it used to be—these days it's all about the top. Show your Project Linus spirit with a new t-shirt or sweatshirt. Project Linus only offers official t-shirts two times a year, and for just 2 weeks, **10/12-26/2020**. T-shirts can be ordered [here](#); also check out the [Project Linus Store](#) for other merchandise!



## Tri-Cities Chapter Updates

For 2020, we have distributed **over 1900 blankets**—and we are expecting a surge post-COVID. Our chapter has donated over 37,000 blankets total! Thank you to all of our blanketeers!

This year, we've given blankets to Children's Cancer Hospital in Spokane (Project Linus chapter in Spokane closed), YOU Medical, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Richland Fire Department, Children's Services, Children's Developmental Center, Elijah Family Homes, Jefferson Elementary School (Richland), Royal Family Kids' Camp, the Union Gospel Mission (families with children), Community Action Connections, Trios, Kadlec, My Friend's Place, Hospice, SARC, and American Red Cross. We also sent blankets to Santa Clarita, CA after a school shooting 😞

We also added a new agency, [Mo's Place](#): "Mo's Place was founded by two licensed foster parents in Tri-Cities, WA. We serve Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties. We provide emergency and after hours support to both law enforcement and child protection services, as well as emergent placement foster parents."

You can still drop off completed blankets at all of our drop-off locations (Janean's in Pasco; Joann (*aka "Joann's fabrics"*), Fabric108, & Discount Vac & Sew in Kennewick; Quiltmania in Richland).



### CALENDAR:

### ALL 2020 EVENTS ARE CANCELLED

Watch for updates as to when we will next be able to meet.