

February 18, 2016 PQ Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by **Pauline Mallory – President**. Pauline welcomed the members of the guild, There were no new members or guests.

Many of the board and committee members were out due to illness.

Pauline asked that members turn off their cell phones for the duration of the meeting. The January meeting minutes were not received and posted so the guild was unable to review and approve. The secretary, Peggy Shaw is out sick.

Pam Leese the QOV Coordinator was in attendance and spoke about the QOV program nationally and in the U.S. At this time there is a need for quilts and Florida has a very large population of Veterans, military bases and the largest VFW in the United States. If any members have quilts to donate, would like to long arm for the QOV or join the organization she left information with Pat Jones. Pat Jones presented Pam Leese with a check for QOV in the amount of \$318.72.

Lynda Weingart introduced our member and guest speaker, **Sharon Kalinowski** for a talk on Lowell MA and the Mill Girls. In addition to the talk Sharon brought boards showing the textile and mill industry in the Northeast and the impact it had on the women in the area including the women that immigrated to the United States. Sharon played “Are you smart enough to win a fat quarter” with questions relevant to the topic and using fabric that was period appropriate.

The guild sold \$113.00 worth of 50/50 Opportunity tickets this evening. Member Janet Jensen won the drawing and received \$56.50 Thank you to everyone who participated.

Pauline introduced the program and board chairs for a brief report on New Business for each group.

New Business:

Vice President, **Miriam Scott** reminded members that next month (March) we will be meeting in the East Side rec center in the small “Art” room off the old meeting room.

Program Chair, Lynda Weingart discussed the programs for the next 3 meetings.

In March member, Elma Mae Brae will be presenting her technique for hand applique and doing a trunk show of her work.

In April, Certified Quilt Appraiser Brenda Grampas will be here talking on a variety of topics including miniature quilts, antique quilts and most importantly labeling your quilt. She will be available either before or after the meeting to do an appraisal on quilts brought in. For a written appraisal the price is \$40 and a verbal appraisal the cost is \$20. Lynda has more information for contacting Brenda.

In May it is the Spring Party and Lynda announced the theme for the party was “Flowers” and that members and small groups are encouraged to provide a flower pot of goodies to be donated in a silent auction. Please advise Lynda if you will be participating in the donating a pot full of goodies. Lynda introduced the Party Committee Chair, Cathy Starman.

Party Chair and Mystery Quilt Chair, Cathy Starman discussed the May party. The rest of the theme “Flowers” will be discussed at the next meeting. Cathy brought the finished party blocks to the meeting and explained how the party blocks worked for new members. She announced that they had 110 kits to sell and the kits were \$1.25 each. The guild does not make money on the kits the money is used to recoup the cost of fabric for each kit. If these kits sell out there will be additional kits made. There are 2 blocks for members to choose from 1 block is applique and the request is either hand or machine applique but no raw edge applique. The second packet has 2 pieced blocks, already precut so just a quick assembly. Cathy is also looking for a couple more people to help with the party including set up the day of.

Cathy next, discussed the upcoming Mystery Quilt. It will be held on Saturday April 2, 2016 at the West Rec center at Top of the World from 9-3. Cathy explained the mystery quilt process for new members. A 3 color quilt with the background being the same color throughout but the contrasting colors could be a variation on the color. The exact quantities can be found on the PQ web page. There will be NO precutting needed prior to April 2. Cathy hopes everyone will come and participate in this annual event.

Pauline announced that the **Brown Bag Committee** was absent so no report this month.

Pauline then recognized Lori Lewis, membership chair- 34 people attended this evenings meeting and all membership dues are required at the March meeting.

Sunshine Chair Robin VanScoy did not attend the meeting this evening. Her Mother Penny Black had surgery and is at home recovering.

Outreach coordinator Gail Pittman reminded members we need 30" quilts for our Charity of the year- Meese Countryside NICU and 5 more 46"-58" quilts to cover the Isolette units. Gail asked that members bring their small quilts up for show and tell before donating so that members can see the quilts we are providing. See the February newsletter for more details.

Newsletter editor Janice McGee, asked the membership who is not receiving her newsletters. Members are reminded that the newsletters have always been posted to our website. It was decided that as the newsletter is posted on the website, an email will be sent to inform members it is published. This is to help people whose email blocks emails with attachments. Several members asked that Janice continue to email it as they cannot access the website. It was not decided if we need to do two mailings, one with the newsletter attached and one with just a link.

Pauline asked **Special Programs committee member Judy Leshovsky** to announce the winner of the door prize for members participating in last month's potholder challenge. The winner this evening was Carol Hemmingsen.

Carol Hemmingsen was asked to do a demonstration for this month's Special Programs. Carol demonstrated pillow cases both full size and travel size using the "burrito method". Remember to make and bring your pillow case to the March meeting to be eligible for the door prize!

Old Business:

Carol Hemmingsen reminded the membership that they can participate in the Ambassador program at the Sewing Expo. She suggested that any interested people call as the date is fast approaching. Ambassadors get free admission, free parking and can audit the classes they help with.

Quilt Show Update-the next Quilt Show committee meeting is on February 29,2016 at 6pm at Lake Seminole 8333 Lake Seminole Blvd, Seminole. All committee heads and interested members are encouraged to attend.

The P.Q's will need people to staff the Opportunity Quilt table at the Sewing Expo. We will be selling opportunity tickets at the Expo this year. No information was given as to who to contact to volunteer to help at the table.

Elaine Rice asked which member did not get their final block for the 2015 Secret Pal program. Diane Friedman did not get her final block. If the member having had Diane as a Secret Pal could bring the block to the next meeting it would be appreciated.

Quilt Mother Judy Wedekind gave a brief timeline for the completion of the Opportunity Quilt for 2017. There have been several unexpected and unavoidable delays. The quilt should be back from the longarm quilter the first weekend in March (3/5/2016) Sue Evans has kindly offered to bind the quilt for the guild. The quilt will be on display at the Sewing Expo and will be on display at the April PQ meeting.

President Pauline asked for a motion to adjourn and Jeanette Walsh made the motion it was seconded by Lynda Weingart and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Jo Anderson for Peggy Shaw

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