

Procrastinating Quilters Guild

February 15, 2018

Our February meeting was brought to order by Lori Lewis, president.

Lori introduced, as a visitor, Emily and our guest speaker Jen from Red Thread Studios

We have one new member, welcome to Susan Herman.

Pam Sprague, VP, talked about UFO's and getting them done. A new activity was started with groups of 4 and an envelope with pieces. Teams take pieces and put into quilt blocks. Take pictures of block and do it again. Try to get the most. Looks like 21 blocks won.

Lori took a poll of the group to see how many visited the web site and how many looked at the financial reports, minutes, and newsletter. Be sure to let us know if you changed your email address so we can get in touch with you in case there is a time we can't meet as when the water was off. Thankfully we were ok. Do you get the link from your email to the newsletter? Anyone having trouble, please let us know. Do you know how to put a picture on Facebook? She invites everyone to add photos of projects or events so we all get to see them especially if they are gifted before a meeting comes.

Community Outreach: Gale Pittman and Pamela Hoscheit

Pam shared with us the plight of our animal friends in our local shelters and what we could do to help by making them beds. Her project has mushroomed and was even featured on channel 13 news. We will be helping her make these quickie beds for dogs so they don't have to be on the concrete. She also has a website and a Facebook page: Beds For All Paws. Sewers meet on Wednesday nights to put them together.

Gale introduced the many projects that we can help with for this coming year. Morton Plant Hospital needs tummy time quilts, teddy bears for the ER, for knitters and crocheted baby hats for neonatal, and hats, scarves and lap quilts for Chemo patients. Gale said she would post to the website the patterns we would need. Mease Countryside Hospital still needs hearts. We also have a project for children's clothing. They need clothes of all sizes in good condition. She also said we would have an underwear time in late summer for them.

Programs: Penny Black

This coming Saturday will be an Embroidery Class with Jennifer Lee from Red Threads Studio.

You will need small scissors, a portable light, thimble and paper and pen to take notes plus \$12 for the kit fee. Bring your lunch too. We will be meeting at the Seville for this class. Be sure to bring exact amount as it will be hard to make change. Penny will be taking money for the class fee at break time.

In March, Penny announced an applique class done by machine that looks like hand applique. The class and kit fee \$35. and \$10. Jan Cunningham will be teaching from Sharon Schamber's book Piece by Piece. Jan will be bringing over 50 quilts to show during her lecture in March. The class location will be announced later.

Retreat: Cathy Starman

Cathy got a chance to go to the new center last month. She found all the new accommodations were really nice and comfortable. The sewing room is really huge and set up well. The tables are prearranged or don't move them around. A new thing for this retreat: A folder with information on you in case of an emergency, a map and directions on how to get to the retreat center. Remember your name tag for the sewing room and discounts at the shops around town. The theme is a "Stroll Down Memory Lane". So the first night will be a trunk show from Sew Worthy. They are bringing a little shop with them and a lovely discount too. Bring a tradition quilt or antique quilt. Don't bring a modern quilt. Write out the story of your old quilt. The next thing is to bring your favorite quilt or bag or object that is special to you and be ready to share around the circle what it means to you. The food is really good, lots of it. If you have a particular allergy, let Cathy know so she may tell the chef. He will cook for you a special meal. Your folder also has a time schedule in it so you know when and where. You will go directly to the sewing room when you arrive and set up. Rooms are open later. First meal will be in the evening. Set of room are in Miracle Manner. Rooms and sewing room and cafeteria are all close together.

Membership: Teri Roberts

We have 43 members present. Seventeen are still to pay. A badge and a charge were presented to our newest member is Myrtle Tucker; she loves to quilt and embroider. She also belongs to the Largo Crackers. She has made mostly grandchildren quilt in the last 14 years. She is looking forward to doing more complicated quilting.

Newsletter: Janis Magee

Get your newsletter article in by March 4 by midnight for publication.

Quilt Show: Sharon Kalinowski

At this time, they are meeting on the 4th Monday of the month. Theme for the quilt show will be "A Quilter's Journey". The quilt show will be on the 15th & 16th of February in 2019. That will be one year from today at the Seminole Recreation Center. The show needs a marketing person who would be putting ads in print and communicating via Facebook for the quilt show. The show also needs an ads sales person. She would get ad sponsorship and publish them. These don't have to be quilt related. February 26 is the next meeting date so if you are interested in getting involved, please let me know or come to 8333 Seminole Blvd, it's quite easy to find.

Mystery Quilts: Judy Leshovsky

Our Mystery Quilt class is on February 24 at Christ Presbyterian Church from 9am-3pm at 3115 Dyer Ave, Largo. Judy will make sure it is posted on Facebook in case anyone forgets. Bring your lunch. We will supply coffee and ice tea, snacks. Ironing and cutting stations will be set up for everyone to use.

President's Challenge: Lori Lewis

Lori's project is "Prayer Flags" In 2012 a lady on the internet had a challenge to make these flags. It is based very loosely on Tibetan and Buddhist flags that they hang outside their homes to blow in the wind. They use very bright fabrics that mean something to them & the thought is that these prayers would be carried across the world on the wind. They don't need to be made to last or to hang for a long time outside or quilted. Try something new for your 8" x 8" wall hanging with a sleeve and ribbon to hang it with. They usually have an affirmation on them so put something you would like to share. Bring them to the May party where we will display them. Lori has included a link on Pinterest to show you some samples.

Program: Jen Lee from Red Thread Studio

This is an on-line needle works store about 3 hours from here in Palm City. She also brought us a little of her shop. She has a passion for hand sewing and loves to share. An inspiring talk and show and tell was presented and then shopping.

50/50 had \$43.00 which was won by Elle Javid

Don't forget the free table in the back of the room. A sharing and release to others of our sewing room stuff.

Three door prizes provided by Norma Santiago were drawn: Caroline, Carol Hemmingsen, and MaryAnn Blackmore.

Show and tell closed the evening.

Respectfully submitted by SueAnn Suderman