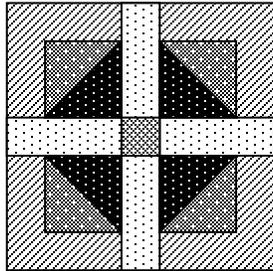


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# COUNTRY CROSSROADS

## QUILT GUILD



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MEETING DATE MARCH 18, 2019

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Forreston Grove Church, Freeport Rd., Forreston, IL

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### THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

I just returned from a wonderful hard working 3-day retreat at the ranch. I went to the retreat with high hopes and looking forward to starting a new quilt only to find myself in a never-ending battle of making 1050 2 ¾ inch nine patch blocks. After at least 5 hours of pre-retreat cutting and 20 hours of chain sewing at the retreat, I finally have organized piles of fabric ready to be sewed into ONLY 280 blocks. This quilt is like this winter. Something to look forward to. But then comes the cold, the rain, the snow, the ice and oh, look there's the sun for a few hours and so it starts again and again and again. It too is never-ending. Will

Spring ever come? Will this quilt ever be done? Not so sure on either count. But wait! Hope arises! Spring could possibly be here by June. And the quilt, well I assume I will live long enough to see this project through to the end. I really love quilts with small blocks, Winter not so much.

Hang in there!

*Beth Kalbfus*

**Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Minutes**  
February 18, 2019

Meeting was cancelled due to weather.

We'll meet in March come heck or high water???

**MARCH WORKSHOP AND PROGRAM**

WORKSHOP: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Jill Shaulis of Yellow Creek Quilt Designs will be doing the wool on cotton applique. Cost of the class is \$15.00, kits are available for \$13.50. The deadline for signing up and if you would like a kit is March 11th. Class and kits can be paid for day of the workshop.

To sign up or any questions contact Nina Mueller at 815-275-6384 or by email at [nina440@comcast.net](mailto:nina440@comcast.net)

March's Dinner will be at Mimmo's Pizza in Forreton. They have a great buffet or you can order off the menu. Join us around 5 whether or not you are doing the workshop. Anyone who plans to eat at Mimmo's must RSVP to Deb Ley – [ddley@oglecom.com](mailto:ddley@oglecom.com) or 779-348-1638.

Our March 18th meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with our "Meet and Greet" and refreshments will be served until 7 p.m.

Our program presenter will be Chelsy Jones of Athletico (Physical Therapy). She will be showing us how to sit and how long before we need to get up and move around, how to work out the tension in our neck and shoulders, and combating stiffness. I know I could use her when I have been sitting at my sewing machine all day.

**QUILT BY THE SLICE**

There is still time to join; the idea is to make one block at a time. Each block is made by a different person. This will be for 12 months so will run into 2020. Every month the boxes will be exchanged and the next person makes and adds the block she made. You may say what block you want, also the kind of fabric, or colors, or you can add your own fabric. The blocks will be 12 1/2 inches and finish at 12 inches. This is a fun way to get blocks and have a mystery quilt ready to finish.

If you would like to join the fun call Nina Mueller at 815-275-6384 or email [nina440@comcast.net](mailto:nina440@comcast.net)

**APRIL PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP**

Pam Hughes of Expressions in Threads is located in Le Claire, IA.

Workshop will be 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Using stripes to make fabulous quilts. There will be a sign-up sheet at the table along with two samples. Cost of the workshop is \$10.00.

For her lecture she will be doing a Trunk Show-New and Fabulous.

*Deb Ley and Nina Mueller*

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Sandy Sheely	6
Beth Kalbfus	10
Barb Wells	16

## CROSSROADS QUILT BEE

The Bee is held in the afternoon of every meeting day. Everyone is welcome. We start at 1:00 p.m. but you may come anytime 1:00 p.m. and after. Stay as long as you like. You may work on whatever you like, quilting, hand sewing, knitting, crocheting, your own or whatever. Bring whatever you need to do what you are working on. Maybe you want to come just to visit or get help with a project. That is great, too. Snacks to share are always welcome but not required. For dinner we have options of brown bag, share a dish, or go out to a restaurant. We would love to see lots of you join us. All are welcome.

*Bee Committee  
Carol, Judy, and Kay*

### MARCH REFRESHMENTS

Terri Fuller  
Mary Meier  
Ritarose Polley  
Donna Saxby  
Joyce Winnekins

### APRIL REFRESHMENTS

Pat Farraday  
Carol Jacobs



## **General Notes and Reminders**

### **Refreshments:**

There are two containers in the back room of the church that contain paper supplies for refreshments and other guild items. These supplies have been purchased by the guild and are intended for this use. Please check this container before you purchase any new paper products.

### **And:**

The church has asked that we put away the tables and chairs that we take out of the back room for our meetings. Anyone who could stay a few extra minutes after the meetings to help do this would be greatly appreciated.

### **Also:**

We need to keep the kitchen clean, so please clean up after yourself. The refreshment committee is supposed to take the garbage out to

the dumpster after the meeting, so please make sure you've tossed your trash before then.

### **Boutique:**

At each meeting, we will set up a table to hold any quilt related boutique items you wish to sell or give away. Have the price clearly marked and put your name on everything so that the buyer can pay you (it sometimes helps to have an envelope with your name on it to put the money in).

## **Reminders:**

**Bring Community Project**

**Bring Show and Tell**

**Bring a Guest**

**Wear Name Tag**

**Next newsletter deadline:**

**April 1, 2019**