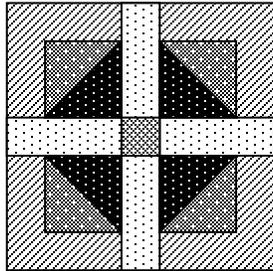


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# COUNTRY CROSSROADS

## QUILT GUILD



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### THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Well, how about that, we were able to meet in JANUARY. Yes, it was a bit icy but thanks to Rhonda's help we managed to spread 120 pounds of salt early in the day. I hope it was okay for everyone. I didn't hear of anyone slipping in the parking lot and hope everyone continues to be cautious out there as winter may be with us for a while.

I don't know about all of you but when the weather is "ishy" outside I get going inside and quilt, quilt, quilt. I decided this year would be my year of UFO's (UnFinished Objects). So far it's working. I told myself that I wasn't going to buy any new fabric until I used up my stash. Then I laughed and

laughed and laughed!!!! Who ever heard of a quilter not buying new fabric!

Congratulations to everyone for all of your efforts and generosity, quilting for The Madonna House. Wasn't it wonderful to see the smiles on their faces when they realized that all of the quilts on display were for their girls. Also, congratulations for all of the dog pads you so generously made and donated. Nice Work, Well Done!!

Remember we will be going back to the format of meet and greet with warm ups and demos at 6:30 p.m. Please get creative and pick a technique or skill that you can share with our group. Lots of new members that may not have seen your tricks and old members like myself that just forgot how to do it.

Whatever you decide it will always be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

It is such an honor to be part of this group of talented members who are always so supportive and caring for one another.

Until the next time we meet,  
Happy Quilting !!!!

*Barb Gaertner*

### **Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Minutes January 20, 2020**

During the meet and greet, a donation of 45 quilts made by the Guild were presented to Colleen Fenn, Sister Laurenti and Mary Julius for the Immaculate Heart Sisters Madonna Renewal Center. They were extremely grateful for the donation and explained how appreciative the women who come there would be. The Madonna Center helps empower women to become self-sufficient while they learn more about how to care for themselves and their coming child. A very special Thanks goes to Creative Designs (Carol Bellows), Quilters General Store (Ruth Whitney) and The Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company (Rhonda Streich).

**Program:** The Guild welcomed Jared Monroe from Polo who is involved with spinning, weaving, knitting and crochet. He had on display many different spinning wheels and went over the history of spinning and the spinning wheel. He got started with wheels about 10 years ago, and currently has about 2 dozen wheels having received about a dozen from his grandfather. He explained that spinning has been around for thousands of years where fishing nets had been spun by hand against the leg using plant fibers. Of course, this method took an extremely long time. Eventually a stick was used with a weighted stone on the end. In Viking women's graves, a stick and small stone were found and were considered the earliest spindles. Eventually, the spinning wheel was developed with many different types and designs. The larger the drive wheel, the faster it goes and the more fiber that can be spun. He uses mostly fiber from sheep and some flax sending

samples around for people to see and feel. There are even spinning electric wheels that have a small sewing machine motor attached and uses a foot pedal to control the speed! A simple antique spinning wheel around here run about \$100.00 to \$200.00.

### **Guild Meeting**

President Barb Gaertner thanked Fran Kaminiski, Carol Bellows, Sandy Sheely, and Jeanine Price for the refreshments. A Thank you card was received from Val Olson thanking everyone for the well wishes. She is doing well and on the road to recovery. Finally, a special thanks to Doreen White and her friend Sharon Campshure for the nice bags we all received last meeting!

**Secretary Report:** Motion made by Beth Kalbfus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nina Mueller to accept minutes as written. Passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion made Carol Koeller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carole Robeson to accept report as published. Passed

**\*\*\*\*Please make sure to be pay your 2020 dues if you have not done so already and that your contact info. is correct!**

**Sewing Bee:** Will continue to meet from 1pm to 4pm on Guild days. There will also be a "learning bee" at 1:00pm.

**Meeting Schedule:** Barb wanted to know if after a year with the new schedule if people wanted to keep it or go back to the old format of meet and greet, program, refreshment break, meeting and then show n tell. Discussion followed. Motion made by Doreen White to go back to the old meeting format starting next month. Motion passed with 1 opposition. In addition, the "Learning Bee" will be repeated as a warm-up!

**Raising Dues:** A motion was made to raise the annual dues to \$25.00 by Beth Kalbfus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessie Ross. Discussion followed. Many questions were raised and points made. Motion tabled to next meeting.

**Historian:** Our By-Laws state we have a Historian Committee. Do we have one? Who is it? Guild members report we do have one and it was Judy Stansfield and that there is supposed to be a box in the closet. Pres. Barb to follow-up.

**Programs:** We have wonderful programs for 2020 but need a Committee for 2021 so they can get started. Shauna Heck willing to help but with help.

Ruth Whitney invited guild members to attend Sinnissippi Guild Meeting next month who has

Monique Jacobs on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at either 1:00pm or 6:00pm. A schedule was left for future meeting programs.

**Quilt Show:** Ann Olujic reported that the Raffle Quilt Committee is filled and are working on ideas for the quilt. All other Committees still have positions to be filled including Chairs. Please contact Ann to sign-up or see the forms on the back table during meetings.

**Guests:** Edie White, Mary Tessororf, Greg and Theresa Selgestad

**Show and Tell winner:** Kathy Clark

**Name Tag winner:** Chastity Moorehead

**February Program:** Types of Hand Quilting by Carole Robeson, Kathy Clark, and Susan Murges

**March Program:** My favorite 3D's, a Trunk Show – Diamonds, Dresdens and Drunkards. With Lori Dickman. There will be a workshop as well with a sign-up next meeting. Suggestion made to put the supply list in the newsletter.

**Misc.:** If anyone is going to go to Mimmo's, call Bonnie Lawfer and let her know. Please stay and help put things away. Bookmark/Cards for Programs should be available next month.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion made by Nina Mueller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Koeller. Adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Olujic

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Our February program is "Types of Hand Quilting, a Demonstration and Hands-on Presentation" with Guild members: Carole Robeson, Susan Murges and Kathy Clark. Jeannine Price will also be on hand. This is your opportunity to learn hand quilting techniques or maybe refresh your skills.

## MARCH WORKSHOP



Wall Quilt: 37" x 37"

The sign-up sheet for the March workshop will be available at our February meeting or please email Bonnie Lawfer at [blawfer28@gmail.com](mailto:blawfer28@gmail.com) or call or text to 815-275-5308 to sign up or with questions. The workshop expenses are as follows:

\$25 workshop fee

\$6.00 pattern fee (I apologize; I forgot to add this to the first sign-up sheet)

\$2.00 for the plastic template. Lori stated she will cut out the plastic templates for all who pre-order them so you are ready to go for the workshop. You do not need to buy this, you can choose to use paper, cardboard or whatever other medium you choose. Total price, including the template is \$33.00. Only the template is not required.

## **MARCH PROGRAM**

Our March program is a trunk show of Lori Dickman's favorite "D" quilts! This trunk show features over 30 of Lori's quilt designs with styles that will cover every quilter's favorites: from traditional to applique to modern and everything in between! Lori will inspire you to pick up those template rulers and have fun designing and piecing fabulous quilts. Quilting templates have always been Lori's "go-to" tools for piecing fast and fun quilts. The Diamond, Dresden & Drunkards' Path templates are versatile tools which she has used to create literally dozens of different designs in quilts, accessories & wearable art.

If you're interested in joining us for dinner at Mimmo's at 5 p.m. before the program, please text or call Bonnie at 815-275-5308 with your reservation.

*Bonnie Lawfer and Kay Walker*

### **QUILT BY SLICE**

Bring your pizza box on the 17th. (If you can't come, have a friend bring it for you.) At the end of the evening pick up a different box. If you have any questions call Deb at 779-348-1638 or Nina at 815-275-6384

Happy Quilting  
*Deb Ley and Nina Mueller*



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

## **FEBRUARY REFRESHMENTS**

Karen Bolen  
Shelly Holverson

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Kathy Hoff	3
Ruth Whitney	3
Carol Jacobs	5
Fran Kaminski	7
Ann Tully	27

## **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.

### **THE LEARNING BEE:**

Some of the gals have decided to do a learning bee on Bee Days at 1 p.m. They will be demonstrating easy/simple techniques and may repeat at 6:30 p.m. warm ups.

*Bee Committee*  
*Carol, Judy, and Kay*

## **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**