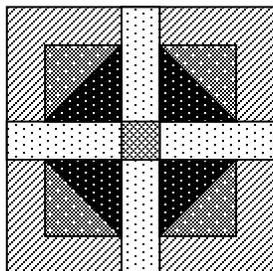

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MEETING DATE MARCH 16, 2020

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Forreston Grove Church, Freeport Rd., Forreston, IL

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hello everyone!

Well, I thought we'd get through the winter of 2020 without missing a meeting, but I was wrong. I hope everyone considered it a free day, stayed safe, and got some serious sewing done. I hated to cancel but just couldn't take the chance. In lieu of the forecast and the way the morning started out, it took my thoughts back to some past events. Some of you will remember the time we came out of our meeting and were surprised by the blizzard. Beth and Bernie slid off the road ending up in the ditch while the rest of us crept

along in single file to get home safely. Or, the time Carole wanted to help a member out to her car because while we were in the meeting, the parking lot turned into an ice-skating rink and as Carole stepped out of the building helping her, down Carole went. Fortunately, no one was hurt, in fact it brought on a lot of laughter. I just wanted to avoid some of those happenings and we all know what a nightmare the parking lot can be. After communicating with the E. Board members, we thought, better safe than sorry. Thank you for accepting our decision.

Well ...I think Spring is in the air and that's a wonderful feeling. I recently went to a quilt retreat and what a marvelous time I had. Not only did I complete one more of my

UFO's, I was entertained, learned some special techniques, and the camaraderie, food, show & tell were wonderful beyond words. I hope all of you are able to participate in one or more of the many quilt retreats in our area and beyond.

It's good for the soul. See you soon!

Barb Gaertner

Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Minutes February 17, 2020

The February meeting was cancelled.

The workshop expenses are as follows:

\$25 workshop fee
\$6.00 pattern fee
\$2.00 for the plastic template

Lori 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.

Please email Bonnie Lawfer at bllawfer28@gmail.com or call or text to 815-275-5308 to sign up or with questions.

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.

MARCH WORKSHOP



Wall Quilt: 37" x 37"

We have twelve participants for our March workshop and we will go ahead with twelve. If anyone else is interested, please let me know right away and we will be happy to include you. Our starting time has changed to **10:30 a.m.**

APRIL WORKSHOP

Our April Workshop will be with our own Ann Tully, and is entitled "Your Grandma's Appliqué." Cost is \$5.00 each with 10 participants needed but more are certainly welcome!

A supply list is attached for Ann's workshop; signup will be available at the meeting. Hope to see a nice group signup!

APRIL PROGRAM

Challenges I – Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize

Diane Murtha will present an informative and humorous perspective on her quilt challenge experiences, including a trunk and slide show. She'll discuss what she has learned from the various challenges, other ways to challenge yourself and sources of inspiration, and most importantly how challenges can expand your quilting skills and inspire all your quilting!

Diane learned hand sewing and tying quilts at a young age from her grandmother. After taking her first quilting class in the late 90's she was hooked.

Starting with mostly traditional quilting, she gradually modified patterns more and more, making her own original designs. She enjoys art quilt challenges. Challenges are an excellent opportunity to get out of your comfort zone.

She's excited to share with us what she has learned.

Bonnie Lawfer and Kay Walker

QUILT BY SLICE

Just a reminder to bring your Quilt By Slice to the March meeting.

If you can't make the meeting have a friend bring it for you.

Make sure you pick up a box after the meeting.

If you have any questions, call

Deb at 779-348-1638 or Nina at 815-275-6384

Happy Quilting
Deb Ley and Nina Mueller

MARCH REFRESHMENTS

Terrie Fuller
Donna Saxby
Dawn Vehmeier
Joyce Winnekins

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.

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