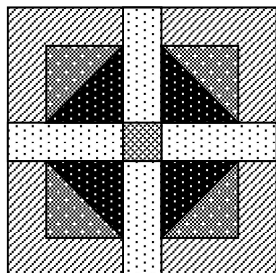

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THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hello everybody. I can't believe that it is August already. Our summer is just zipping by!

This President's Piece has been very difficult for me to compose. I'm having a hard time being excited due to the loss of one of our most respected members, Carol Koeller. I keep telling myself that she would want all of us to carry on. She will be severely missed by many. Let's please continue to keep Carol and her family in our prayers.

I want to tell everyone that Ann Olujic and I have located a venue for our quilt

show next spring. I will let her tell you all about it.

I also want to say that we had a lot of fun at our last meeting playing right, left, center. Everyone had a wonderful time.

I hope to see many of you at our August 16th workshop and meeting. Until the next time we meet...

Stay healthy, happy and quilt on!

Barb Gaertner
(815)297-2700

Secretary's Report

It's been so nice to be able to start to get together again, catch up with what is happening in everyone's lives and see the wonderful quilts and projects we have been working on. While we did not conduct official business at July's meeting, we did have a blast playing the game Bonnie and Kay cooked up! (I do believe though, there was something wrong with the dice!) Guild related however, Barb and I did spend the day visiting various places to hold our Quilt Show which we are looking to hold next spring!!

Show and Tell winner: Carol Koeller
Name tag winner: Kay Walker

See ya' all next month where we begin to hold regular business meetings!

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Olujic

Quilt Committee Report

Well.....finally, we are able to start talking about and planning our Quilt Show! It is so exciting to be able to announce that Barb and I have found a new venue and signed the contract! The Show will be at the Rock River Center in Oregon on April 28-30, 2022!! It looks to be a wonderful site with a very large bright room with some windows on one end, great staff, lots of parking, and a VERY reasonable price! So, mark your calendars for those dates! With this now on the schedule and only 9 months away, we will have our work cut out for us. We will be having a Quilt Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm prior to our next Guild Meeting on August 16th. I will send out an email to each of the Sub-Committee chair people as well.

In the meantime, please continue to make items for our Boutique.

Ann Olujic

PROGRAM/WORKSHOPS

Here are the Workshops and Programs through the year end 2021. Your Program Committee has been asked to plan a workshop and program each month to help bring you and your guild friends back together again. Your participation is important.

Thank you

*Kay Walker and Bonnie Lawfer
CCQG Program Committee*

AUGUST 16 WORKSHOP AND PROGRAM

Mary Alice Hart will conduct a workshop – SCRAPY PLAY - for us from 1:00 to 4:00 PM for our next meeting.
Fee: \$15.00 per participant.

Mary Alice comes to us from Monroe, Wisconsin, where she was a home economics teacher at that high school. She is an award-winning quilter, who has taught at the "Expo" in Madison. Mary Alice teaches at a lot of guilds and is also a master gardener. She has been to our guild before and taught several classes along with programs in the evening.

Come take advantage of this fun and inexpensive class to be creative! You will use your scraps to make something new and take advantage of the talents of an experienced scrappy quilter leading you. You could create a table runner, quilt, bag or whatever you can imagine. This is the perfect opportunity to join your quilting friends to have fun and get a good start on a scrappy project.

WE NOW HAVE 15 MEMBERS SIGNED UP AND CAN TAKE A FEW MORE. PLEASE CALL BONNIE BY AUGUST 9th IF YOU ARE STILL INTERESTED.

SEPTEMBER 20 WORKSHOP AND PROGRAM

This workshop will be taught by Karen Hilliard, who has taught a barn quilt painting class at our guild in the past, about 4 years ago. She is a very talented artist, who makes use of sketches and templates so you can do a professional job painting. If you have any concerns, feel free to discuss those with Karen prior to the class. I was concerned before my first painting, but I found it was not nearly as difficult as I first thought.

SEPTEMBER 20 WORKSHOP

TIME: 9:00 AM to 4:00PM

COST: \$65.00

SIZE: 2 FEET X 2 FEET

Materials: Karen will provide all materials to create our barn quilt painting, **EXCEPT YOU WILL NEED TO BRING FROG PAINTERS TAPE**. The frog tape that is approximately 1" wide, not any wider than that. You can buy the frog tape at Menards, Walmart, or any

other hardware store, **IT MUST BE FROG TAPE (NOT JUST PAINTERS TAPE)**

Choose from the list of barn quilts attached. If you want a pattern not on the list, you may talk with Karen to see if it is available. She will need to hear from you as soon as possible!!

To sign up, please call Bonnie Lawfer, Program Chairperson, at 815-275-5308 or 815-232-4769. Bonnie needs to know who is participating, but she will give you Karen's number. You will need to call Karen directly to schedule your particular barn quilt and ask any questions about the process.

We must have 10 people signed up to have a class. So, again, please sign up at our meeting or by August 29.

If you are interested in more than one painting, please discuss that with Karen. Or, if by chance, you are unable to make it to our session on the 20th, she is open to preparing a kit for you. She could bring it to the session and someone can pick it up for you to do at home. Again, you will need to discuss that with Karen directly and pay in advance.

SEPTEMBER 20 PROGRAM

Our program in the evening will be a trunk show of many of Karen's other paintings available, beyond barn quilts. She will concentrate on fall and winter items. You may order kits from her that evening, schedule another class or purchase items from her directly. If you wish to and are a Facebook member, you will be able to search for Karen Hilliard by name and see many of her painting on her Facebook page.

OCTOBER 18 WORKSHOP AND PROGRAM

Our own Ann Tully and Dawn Vehmeier are planning a workshop to make wool tags. These tags can be gift tags or add a little pizzazz to many different things around your home. We may have an example to show at our meeting in August so be looking for them and planning ahead so you can participate in this fun workshop. Fees will be nominal and it will be approximately a 3-hour workshop. More details to come.

OCTOBER 18 PROGRAM

Challenges – Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize

Diane L. Murtha began as a traditional quilter in the late 90's, gradually modifying patterns and gravitating to art quilts, specifically participating in art quilt challenges. Her quilts are included in 4 published books and multiple special exhibits traveling the country, including Houston's International Quilt Festival. She has also published 8 magazine articles.

Diane retired in 2016 after a 32-year career as a Department of Army civilian and now has time to be more creative and explore quilting on even more new levels!

Diane and her husband, Tim, currently live in Iowa. They are certified foster parents and enjoy RVing.

Diane will present an informative and humorous perspective on her quilt challenge experiences, including a trunk and slide show. Diane's quilting adventure has been long and varied, including delusions of grandeur, some

epic fails, a few triumphs, many "good enoughs" and most importantly, increasingly satisfying results. The stories that go along with her quilts are equal to the warmth and smiles they bring. 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!

NOVEMBER 15 PROGRAM

We look forward to planning our annual Christmas Party. We're planning food, games, prizes and a program. Ruth Whitney and Carol Bellows are planning a great program on quilt labels so don't miss this one! More information will be coming!!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Becky Tague	1
Deb Ley	4
Cindy Pingitore	29

Meeting Reminders:

Please wear name tag
Bring show and tell
No refreshments at this time