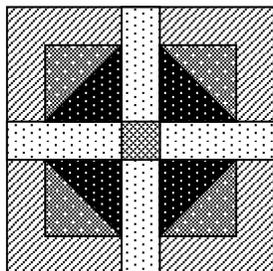

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QUILT GUILD



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THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hello Everyone!!

Summer is quickly passing us by. Soon there will be fall colors everywhere. Spring and fall have always been my favorite seasons. Even though I like to be outside as much as possible, I've managed to get some quilting time in. We sure had fun creating our crumb quilt blocks at last month's workshop. I'm definitely looking forward to our barn quilt painting workshop this month.

Well, it looks like the mask mandate for indoor activities has been put into place. We need to be compliant. So, get your face masks out again and wear them so we can continue get together.

We still have members or their families who are struggling with health issues.

Please continue to keep all of them in your prayers.

Until we meet again, stay Happy, Healthy, and quilt on!!!

Barb Gaertner
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BOUTIQUE UPDATE

A big thank you to all members who have been donating beautiful items to sell in our boutique. Please don't stop now! We need lots more and April 2022 is going to be here before we know it.

As always, I am happy to collect items ahead of time so I can get them all priced. Please do not bring me books or magazines ahead of time. Those items can be dropped

off at Rock River Center on set up day, Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Thank you again for all of your hard work and generosity.

Barb Gaertner

Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Minutes August 16, 2021

Called to order: 7:01pm Barb asked the membership for a moment of silence/prayer for our last founding guild member Carol Koeller after her recent unexpected passing.

New Members: None

Guests: Bunny Sues and Pat Bontjes

Evening Program: The program this evening "Needles and Thread" was presented by Mary Alice Hart. Mary Alice is an Illinois native who graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a degree in Home Economics and Education. She retired in 2000, conducts presentations like these and her focus is mainly art quilting vs. traditional quilting. Mary Alice started the presentation discussing needles. Why so many choices, needle basics, reasons to change needles and all the various types of machine sewing needles. She reminded us that the finer the fabric, the finer the needle which range in sizes from very fine (80/8) to very heavy (120/19). She also added that in general, the finer the thread, the finer the needle and finally, after 8 hours of sewing, you should replace it!

Next up was everything you ever wanted to know about thread but were afraid to ask! Mary Alice presented all the different types of thread and their uses, including the plethora of specialty threads. She even gave us all 3 pieces of thread and eventually asked us to determine which was cotton and which was polyester. She passed around

samples of the threads. Also presented were various thread facts such as thread weight varies from 20 to 100, that the higher the number – the finer the thread, thread thickness affects the stitch density, and to use 50 weight thread to blend in quilting and 30 weight or lower if you want the stitching to show for quilting. Finally, she presented some of her beautiful art quilts which were mostly made from pictures.

We then got see what everyone had made in the workshop today using scraps. The ladies reported it to be a bit challenging at first, but they had a lot of fun.

General Meeting: Began at 8:14pm

Treasurer's Report: None given

Secretary Minutes: No formal meeting last month

Quilt Show Committee: Ann reported that that the Show will be held on April 29 and 30, 2022 at the Rock River Center in Oregon, Illinois. Our theme is "It's All About Love"! A Show Committee Meeting was held just prior to the General Meeting. The Quilt is finished and was presented by Dawn Vehmeier and Donna Saxby and all the members present on the Raffle Quilts Committee. It turned out absolutely beautiful and has been appraised at \$3500.00!! Ann will be putting together a list of vendors and mailing out invites, Susan Murges and Carole Robeson will be looking into and putting together food sales, Ruth Whitney is handling the printing of tickets, Barb asks to please continue making things for the Boutique and getting them to her and Ann will touch base with Doreen about doing the bed turning. Finally, Rhonda Streich has offered to be the Appraiser for our Show and is also getting the trailer road worthy, registered and licensed! One Committee Chair we need to get filled is Publicity. This is also for the Club as

well. Sarah Warfield is resigning this position and is willing to help whoever takes this on. We REALLY need to have good publicity for our event. PLEASE consider taking on this important position for our Guild!

Quilting Bee Committee: Kay Is looking for someone in Forreston who can help her make sure the door is open if she can't be there to do it. Nina Mueller offered to do that.

Program Committee: Bonnie reported on our upcoming Programs and Shauna Heck has offered to help in Programs. In September, we have Barn Quilt paintings with Karen Hilliard. Limited to 20 people which is almost full. Time is 9am to 3pm and you MUST wear a mask as she is a cancer survivor. If you are signed up, please call Karen directly so she has the colors you want etc... at 815-980-3867. Program that evening will be a Demo of her upcoming fall items. October workshop will be wool tags presented by Ann Tully and Dawn Vehmeier from 2-5pm and costs \$5.00. November's workshop will be labels presented by Ruth Whitney and Carol Bellows.

Publicity: Not present, no report.

Old Business: Barb brought up the tabled discussion on dues and stated that she wants to maintain the \$20.00 for next year and if necessary, bring it up at a later date. Passed unanimously. Dues will start to be collected at the next meeting.

Name Tag Winner: Donna Saxby

Show and Tell Winner: Shauna Heck

Adjournment: Motion made by Beth Kalbfus; second by Bonnie Lawfer.
Adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Olujic

QUILT BEE

I have given the bee much thought. Faye Schneiderman and I have talked about it. We have decided to keep the sewing bee going in memory of Carol. Faye has offered to be there with me to help in any way possible. Carol was adamant about keeping the bee. I would like to get feedback from the people who attend as to what they would like. Carol and I had been going over some ideas to encourage people to come. The Sewing Bee will start again at our next meeting. We will start at 1 p.m. and people can work on what they want. Come anytime after 1. Also, we will not be sharing food due to Covid.

Kay Walker

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!!

We have 3 openings for the barn quilt workshop. If anyone is interested, please call Bonnie Lawfer, 815-275-5308 as soon as possible to reserve your spot. 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barb Gaertner	7
Dianne Jackman	8
Nina Mueller	11
Shauna Heck	13
Terrie Fuller	17
Alice Brooks	19
Elaine Sample	20

Meeting Reminders:

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