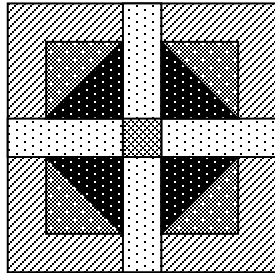


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# COUNTRY CROSSROADS

## QUILT GUILD



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### THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

It sure was nice to see so many of you at the February meeting. It's hard to imagine that our quilt show is actually next month. This message will be one of my more serious messages because we have some business that we need to take care of. Please hang in there with me.

1- Gather up as many quilts as you can for the show. Get your entry forms filled out and sent to Mary ASAP! If you're not sure how to do this, reach out to another member and we will help you. We can't have a Quilt show without having beautiful quilts to hang. Remember our member numbers are way down since Covid which means we all need to double up the number of quilts to hang.

The more the better!

2- On a very sad note, Ann Olujic is resigning as Quilt Guild Secretary and Chairman of the Quilt Show for personal reasons. She is a very talented quilter and has been a strong asset to our guild and has given me so much guidance with Robert's Rules. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Because of this vacancy, we will need to elect a new secretary. At the March meeting we will nominate candidates and vote for someone to step into the position of secretary.

This is an especially busy time and so we need to act quickly. Please give it some

thought. If you'd like to be secretary, feel free to campaign between now and the March meeting. Send an email outlining your campaign to Mary and she will send it out in a group email. (A very simple email /note that states you would like to be secretary is all that's really necessary.)

3- If you are in touch with anyone who was a member but not active now, invite them back. I don't want to see Country Crossroads dissolve. Bring friends. I'm serious!!!

4- On the note of elections, the October and November meetings will be here before we know it. That means time for election of new officers. I hope you all will consider stepping up and supporting our guild.

As always, remember to keep guild members and their families in your prayers as needed.

Meanwhile, Stay Happy, Healthy, and quilt on.

*Barb Gaertner*  
(815)297-2700

**COUNTRY CROSSROADS GUILT GUILD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2022**

**Evening Program:** The program this evening was presented by Nathan Mattison of Mattison and Son sewing machine repair, alterations and quilting. He told the group that one of the first things to do when you begin sewing is to check your needle and it should be changed for every 8 hours of sewing you do. The next thing is to check the bobbin area. Remove the bobbin case and clean out any lint or build up and then check the spring. The bobbin area is a very common area for thread and lint build up creating tension issues. When cleaning, NEVER use canned air; use a vacuum. Canned air can drive particles

deeper into the machine which will then require a tech to get to. Another very common problem which causes big problems is thread wrapped up in the take-up arm. This is caused when changing thread and pulling the thread out in reverse rather than cutting on top and pulling it out through the needle. Another important thing is to be sure to match thread to size of needle.

Finally, a question was asked about featherweights and Nate said that old Featherweights or Singer should not have their foot pedals left plugged in as there is electricity always running through it.

**Called to order:** Meeting called to order at 8:00pm by President Barb Gaertner

**Name Tag winner:** Cindy Pingitore

**Show and Tell winner:** Carole Robeson

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** Nate Mattison

**Secretary Minutes:** Motion made by Ritarose Polley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shauna Heck to accept minutes as written with no corrections.

**Quilt Show Committee:** Ann reported that the Show is moving along. Most of the tickets are out and/or have been sold. There are extra "raffle" type tickets should we run out and not have enough for the entry table in one of our plastic totes. Boutique still needs more items, PLEASE try and make some things and get them to Barb. We still need someone to provide ideas for decorating using our theme. It won't require too much as there is no stage to worry about. Doreen is asking for people to provide some quilts for her bed turning. Kay is still working on vendors and food trucks. Most vendors contacted are no longer doing shows or have other commitments. Cindy Pingitore is doing a fantastic job with publicity and getting our show info out there. Please contact her for bookmarks

and posters to pass out. Sign-up sheets are also out for signing up to help at the Show. Please contact Barb Gaertner to sign up to help. We need all hands on deck for the Show.

**Program Committee:** March workshop is the Rocky Mountain Bear Claw Table Runner. It runs from \*11am to 5pm but Shauna will be there at 10:00am if anyone needs help. Cost is \$45.00 for the workshop and \$26.00 for the pattern. Please contact Shauna Heck if interested. Shauna also mentioned that our presenter in August who now lives in Roscoe (Heather Briggs), is in the Quilts N' More Spring edition.

**Bee:** Kay Walker advised that the beekeepers went through and organized all the totes in storage and labeled them. She said we also have plenty of supplies if we ever start serving food again.

**Publicity:** Cindy Pingitore asks that everybody pick up bookmarks and posters.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Old Business:** Constitution and By-Laws are tabled. Will be sent out for review. No report on tees and sweats. Trailer will not be licensed since it is stored in Wisconsin.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion made at 8:44 pm by Susan Murges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chyree Rohde-Lincoln. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Olujic

**\*Please note the time for the workshop has been changed to 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

## **MARCH WORKSHOP AND PROGRAM**

For the workshop on March 21, we will be making the Rocky Mountain Bear Claw table runner. The Rocky Mountain Bear Claw is a fun design for the confident beginner to advanced quilter. A sewing technique called foundation paper piecing is used to assemble

the units required to make a 72"x21" table runner or you can make 2 smaller table runners. Curved piecing is used to join the units after the foundation piecing is completed. Donna Mather is the instructor and she is a Certified Instructor with Quiltworx and is coming from Waunakee, WI. The workshop is \$45 and the pattern is \$26, payable to the guild. Please let me know asap if you have not signed up yet and plan to attend.

She will also be doing the program for that night, "An Introduction to Judy Niemeyer Quilting." She will present a trunk show of her amazing collection of breathtaking Judy Niemeyer quilts. Donna will include some of the techniques used in a presentation to inspire quilters from beginners to advanced to create their own heirloom quilts using the Judy Niemeyer Foundation Paper Piecing method.

*Shauna Heck*  
*(815) 238-1342*

## **Quilt Show Bed Turning**

Doreen White will be doing the bed turning at the quilt show in April. All those showing a quilt in the bed turn please take a picture and write a brief description or history. Then email it to white\_doreen@yahoo.com.

*Doreen White*  
(815) 973-5113

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Sandy Sheely	6
Beth Kalbfus	10
Barb Wells	16
Karen Harmon	18

### **Meeting Reminders:**

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