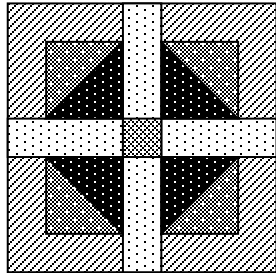


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# COUNTRY CROSSROADS

## QUILT GUILD



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### THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Greetings!!

We have been having such beautiful weather and I thought spring was in the air! However, when I woke up this morning to a temperature of 22° I was not surprised. After all, it is only March in northern Illinois.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our last meeting. Our program was wonderful as well. Thank you, Shauna.

Please put your thinking caps on and let's come up with an idea for a membership drive. I have a couple of ideas but I'd like to hear all of yours.

Time is flying!!! I can't believe Easter is right around the corner. We have only one more meeting and then it's SHOWTIME!!!

Thank you everyone for all that you are contributing. I am so proud to be the president of this group.

See you all soon,

Meanwhile, stay healthy, happy, and Quilt on!

*Barb Gaertner*  
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### COUNTRY CROSSROADS QUILT GUILD

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 21, 2022**

Barb Gaertner opened the meeting at 7 pm by introducing our guests for the evening. Roberta Suess from Sinnissippi Quilt Guild joined us to share their Raffle Quilt for their upcoming Quilt Show. We also had two Quilters, Bunny Sues and Pat Bontjes, as guests. Barb then turned

the meeting over to Shauna Heck to introduce Donna Mather. Donna presented a slide show on the design and pattern approach of the Quiltworx/Judy Niemeyer patterns and a trunk show of the many beautiful Judy Niemeyer quilts Donna has made. She also shared her journey to become a certified instructor of these patterns.

The Business meeting was called to order by Barb at 8:15 pm.

Name Tag drawing went to Chyree Lincoln and Show 'n Tell went to Mary Tessorndorf.

**Secretary Minutes:** There were no additions or corrections identified for Secretary's Minutes of the February meeting. Kathy Clark made a motion to approve, Shelly Holverson seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dawn Vehmeier summarized the information reported in the Newsletter. No additional information or bills were presented for payment. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for annual audit by the Executive Board.

**Newsletter:** Mary Meier continues to circulate information on the Quilt Show via email.

### **Committee Reports**

**Program Committee:** Shauna Heck, Program Chair, announced a workshop planned for April. It will be instruction in an art quilt presented by our speaker for the evening, Lori Dickman, from Rockford. Workshop will start at 9 am Monday, April 19. A signup sheet was available. Shauna has additional workshops planned for June and July.

**Bee:** Great group today, very enjoyable. All members are invited to join in the gathering. Beekeepers are Kay Walker, Faye Schneiderman and Nina Mueller.

### **Quilt Show Committee Reports:**

Barb indicated that the original signup sheets for the Quilt Show had been misplaced that is why the poster board sheets have been used. Several members thought they were signed up on those original sheets so did not also place their name on the poster boards, causing some confusion. All volunteers are needed so everyone should check the poster boards for where they can participate in the preparation leading up to the Show and the actual Show days.

Kay Walker characterized the efforts going into the show preparation as "it takes a village" to put on the show. She asked for as much help as possible from the members for the setup day as well as during the show. She also reported that the vendors for the show are being finalized with about 10 vendors confirmed. Additionally, she has secured a food truck for the show dates.

Ruth Whitney continued with distribution of raffle tickets as well as collecting any completed sales ticket stubs and money.. This is close to half the potential sales from the tickets. Huge thank you to Dawn Vehmeier with help from Ritarose Polley and Shauna Heck for visiting several area Quilt Guilds, showing the Raffle Quilt, and selling lots of raffle tickets. Members were encouraged to sell additional tickets as the Quilt Show is our major fund raiser for the Guild.

Doreen White will be presenting the Bed Turning at the Show. She has received several quilts to use in the presentation but can take more.

Cindy Pingitore's report was passed on by Barbara Gaertner. Next week media posting on the Quilt Show will go out to several local publications. She is also contacting several businesses, asking to post the show on their

outdoor marquees. Additional posters and bookmarks are available to members for placement in local business, churches, etc.

Mary Meier is managing the Quilt Show information tags that are placed on each entry. Deadline for entries is April 1. So far, she has received 17 individual's entries for 91 quilts. She has no entries for the President's Quilt which raised the question on these entries. Discussion concluded that as many as possible for this category should be entered even if they have previously been shown. Mary uses the information on the entry form to produce the tag which she coordinates with the member for approval.

Barb Gaertner reported that she is still is collecting items for the Boutique, so please continue to make these. These are donation items anyone may have. They will be priced to sell.

Deb Ley will be arranging for road signs to be strategically placed the day of the show, directing people to the venue.

Rhonda Streich has the quilt racks ready to go. Rhonda will also be doing quilt appraisals during the show, no appointment is necessary.

Chyree Rohde-Lincoln will be taking in the Quilts the day of show setup as well as coordinating pick up at the end of the show. She will be using the same process as in the previous show.

Barb Gaertner indicated that help was needed with decorations. Carole Robeson and Susan Murges have the pennants used in previous years that will be used.

Added item for the Show: Kathy Clark is collecting "orphan blocks" to be offered at the Show for a donation to the Pegasus Special Riders organization which sustained significant damage during a recent storm. Pegasus Special

Riders, Inc. is an organization that provides children and adults with special needs an activity that is both therapeutic and fun, in a safe, supportive, non-competitive environment. She will put out more details about the organization in an email that will be forthcoming.

### **Old Business:**

Kathy Clark reported that she arranged with a local (Oregon) supplier to set up a website exclusively for our Guild to directly order logo shirts and sweatshirts. This logo wear will be like the vintage one she was wearing that the Guild did many years ago. Kathy will put the details on the website ordering and pricing in an email and ask Mary Meier to forward it to the group. This is an optional offering and will be up to each member to order and pickup if they choose to do so. Kathy volunteered to pick up for anyone who needed help with this. Leadtime on completing the order is approximately 2 weeks. It is suggested that wearing this apparel during the Quilt Show would be nice.

There is a revision to the Guild's Constitution and Bylaws that has been presented and discussion of it has been tabled previously due to activity focus on the Quilt Show. A motion was formally made by Beth Kalbfus to table this discussion until after the Quilt Show, motion was seconded by Susan Murges, motion passed by majority vote. The proposed changes will be redistributed and planned for discussion at the May meeting.

### **New Business:**

Discussion was raised regarding the Ukrainian war situation. A motion was made by Faye Schneiderman to donate \$100 to the humanitarian effort being led by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Kay

Walker seconded the motion, motion passed by majority vote.

Barb Gaertner reported that Ann Olujic is stepping down from her duties as Guild Secretary and Quilt Show Chairman. A big THANK YOU to Ann for all her past and continuing contributions to our Guild. As Co-Chair of the Quilt Show, Barb will assume these duties. She asked for a nomination from the group for replacement Secretary, no nominations were forthcoming. Since no nominations were received, Barb as President of the Executive Board nominated Ruth Whitney who has substituted in the position recently and had indicated she would be willing to continue. Per procedure Barb asked three times if there were any other nominations for Secretary, receiving no additional nominations from the floor Barb declared the slate presented by the Executive Board to be elected by acclamation. Ruth Whitney will be the Secretary for the remainder of the year.

No other new business was introduced.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the business meeting was made at 8:55 pm by Beth Kalbfus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Clark. Motion carried. The adjournment was followed by Show 'n Tell by several members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Whitney

## **APRIL WORKSHOP AND PROGRAM**

I want to personally thank everyone that came for the Rocky Mountain Bear Claw workshop. We had a great time and I hope each of you learned a lot!

April workshop will be with Lori Dickman from Rockford, IL. We will be doing Lady Bug, Lady Bug- Fly Away Home. In this art quilt

workshop, the student will create an asymmetrical wall quilt that measures approx. 32"x32". This design was originally sketched by Lori as she was dreaming of the warmth of summer with red and black ladybugs visiting the petals of beautiful flowers in the garden! Students will use a soft stabilizer for this project; they will learn various adhesive application methods (freezer paper) with glue baste and LiteSAS2; and they will learn embellishment techniques (thread-coloring, raw edge applique, and free-motion applique). Coordinating scraps are used in the asymmetrical borders of the quilt. Free-motion quilting ideas will also be presented to the student for quilting the project! This art quilt is a wonderful way to use up fat quarters and scraps from your stash! There are many color combinations that could be used for this project... from Pastels to Brights to Monochromatic! Let your imagination take over and have fun incorporating your own ideas into the design. I can't wait to see what color choices you are going to choose. The workshop will start at 9 am on Monday, April 18. Please let me know if you are interested in attending the workshop so I can let Lori know how many patterns to bring. Patterns are \$15 and attached is a supply list for the workshop.

The lecture for the night will be with Lori also and she will be talking about Art & Landscape quilts. She will demonstrate techniques on how she portrays her love of nature in beautiful art and landscape quilts. She'll inspire you with her simple and amazing applique and thread techniques, and she will demonstrate how she incorporates her love of 'scraps' in her art quilts to create visual eye appeal and drama.

*Shauna Heck*  
(815) 238-1342

## OUR GUILD SHOW IS ALMOST HERE

Have you signed up to work at the show yet? Be sure to sign up to get your choice of spots. This will be a great show, we have interesting vendors, great challenges, and such a beautiful venue! Take pictures, shop at the booths and at our boutique, and have fun talking with our visitors. It is really fun to work at the show.

There have been so many members working so hard to spread the news about our show. I am proud to have my friends and family see all the hard work that our members do. We have such a great show and tell at our meetings. Thank you all for dropping off posters and bookmarks at shops and other guilds, and for selling so many raffle tickets! And having Monique Jacobs here will be such a treat! When I took the quilt to another guild, they jumped up to buy tickets.

This show is in a building with just one floor and a huge parking lot. The lighting in the main display room is great. Bring any quilts you need appraised, and the scissors that you need to have sharpened. This is a wonderful service that is not easy to find.

There are so many reasons for us to have this show. It is our only fundraiser until the next show. We use the funds from our show to pay for speakers, our meeting facilities, our operating budget and other expenses.

Another reason to have our show is that it gives us a deadline. With our busy lives, we all need a reminder to finish some things that don't get top priority. It is a huge pat on the back for all your hard work. You should be very proud to share your quilts with others.

The education that we provide for the community is important. Besides interesting others to join us, it also gives families the inspiration to share this process with their kids. Making quilts can be very easy, using simple tools, does not have to cost a lot of money, and can use tee shirts and old

clothing to put together a memory that will become an heirloom.

Due to the pandemic, families have been looking for events to attend, so we are expecting many happy faces. Among the attendees will be some future new members. Please feel free to share how much you get from being a member of our group. We will have guild information available and hope to see our membership grow.

*Cindy Pingitore*

## ORPHAN BLOCKS FOR QUILT SHOW

Please bring Kathy Clark any orphan blocks you would like to the April quilt guild meeting. They will be displayed around the quilt show area with this ditty:

*I'm a little orphan block  
Short & stout.  
No one loved me  
and threw me out.*

*If you want to adopt me  
and give a donation amount,  
Please take me home & love me,  
That's what this show theme is all about!*

The donation jar and Pegasus information will be on the Entrance table and given to Pegasus Riders to help with the wind damages recently incurred.

Thank you for your participation in this endeavor.

*Kathy Clark*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Chyree Rhode Lincoln

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SEE YOU AT THE QUILT SHOW!