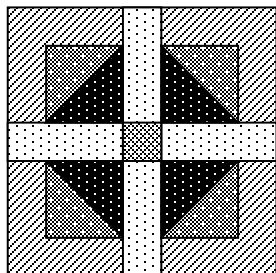


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# COUNTRY CROSSROADS

## QUILT GUILD



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### THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Oh my! Last Friday, January 27, I decided I HAD to clean my sewing room. I couldn't work in there anymore. My cutting table was full of fabric, and my work space was overrun with scraps. I was just overwhelmed to even step in there.

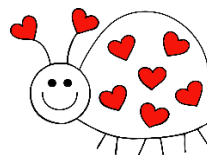
Well, today, Wednesday, February 1, everything is now in my living room with a narrow path to walk through. I've sorted and sorted. I found lids for all my plastic shoe boxes, which are now full and labeled but still in the living room. I'm determined to be finished by Monday, February 6th.

So, by the time you read this, I hopefully will have started sewing one of the 3 quilts I need to finish by June. Wish me luck.

I hope everyone has stayed safe and warm.

Sew lovingly,  
*Shelly*

P.S.: I donated a lot of fabric to my church for our mission quilts. ♥



*Happy Valentine's Day*

**COUNTRY CROSSROADS QUILT GUILD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 16, 2023**

Show and Tell was won by Karen Bolen. Name Tag was won by Kathy Clark. Charity Projects: In the first 2 months, walker bags are to be made. The next 2 months another project will be presented to be made. It was suggested to include a label with Country Crossroads Quilt Guild on the walker bags.

Deb Ley and Carol Bellows passed out copies for an interesting table runner.

Barb Gaertner reported she got the shrimp for the Christmas Party at Felker's in Byron.

The November minutes were approved by Kathy Clark and seconded by Carole Robeson.

**Old Business**

Kathy Clark reminded everyone of the availability of t-shirts.

**New Business**

Dawn Vehmeier reminded there will be a round table discussion at the February meeting about longarms. Participants will be able to ask questions.

The March program will be by Judy Bender, Quilters Haven. She will be conducting a program of Shannon Brinkley's technique.

**Publicity Committee:**

Ruth Whitney reported the CCQG text alert system membership was inadvertently lost in the computer. All members signed up for the text alert system will be re-entered, then an email will be sent re-inviting them to the system, no reply to the email is necessary. When the welcome text message is received, members should reply to the text message indicating acceptance. Ruth also would like to update the website by removing some of the very dated material on newsletters, photo, events, some dating back to 2012. Agreement was reached that it would be appropriate to eliminate this material and it was

established that in general info prior to 2020 would be deleted.

Ann Tully, in an effort to get new members, explained her plan. She has "wonderful" prizes to award to anyone who gets 3 points. Everyone will get 2 bookmarks; give 1 to a new person to get one point. If they come, you will get 2 points and you'll have 3 points if that person joins CCQG.

A motion was made to adjourn by Nina Mueller, seconded by Sandy Sheely.

PS. Shelly asked everyone to help return chairs and tables to their original set-up.

*Susan Murges, Secretary*

**FEBRUARY PROGRAM**

Do you have questions for your longarmer that you've hesitated to ask...or maybe asked before but can't remember the answers? For instance, how much bigger should the quilt back be than the quilt top...is it 4" on all sides? If 4" is the minimum, then does 6" make it easier for the longarmer or is it just a waste of fabric? If I'm using wide backing, is it helpful to leave the selvage on? If so, does that mean that if I'm piecing the back, it's ok to leave the outer selvages on? Is a minky back harder to work with than cotton? Likewise, is there a difference with using flannel on the back? Ok, you get the idea...and these are just some of my questions about backing! Our very own expert longarmers have agreed to lead a "round table" (actually, all of our tables are rectangular) discussion on some of their preferences and pet peeves, as well as answer any questions that you might have at our February guild meeting. So, start jotting down those questions as you think of them and come hear what the experts have to say. It's sure to be a fun and informational night.

If you haven't yet signed up for our March workshop using Shannon Brinkley's technique of raw-edge Scrappy Applique, please see the enclosed brochure or go to her website to find out more details and check out the patterns available. The class will be taught by Judy Bender of Belvidere and will start at 10:00 a.m. Judy promises that this class is for beginners as well as more advanced quilters and that everyone will take away a finished or nearly-finished quilt top. The cost of the class is \$35 plus an optional kit (\$20) and optional template (about \$12 – available to order online or from Judy). I'm looking forward to learning this new technique and hope you are too!

*Dawn Vehmeier*

FROM ANN:

Have you given that bookmark to a friend? Did you get their email? Let's all get behind this membership drive! Did I mention prizes? Really nice ones?

*Ann Tully*

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

#### **WARM UPS**

Warm ups will start around 6:30 p.m. Barb Gaertner will be showing a self-binding, mitered corner, quilted placemat.

*Deb Ley/Carol Bellows*

#### **BEE KEEPERS**

The sewing bee will be open at 10 a.m. All are welcome at any time.

*Kay Walker*

### **CHARITY PROJECT**

Walker bags are being made for our various facilities. Some patterns are included with this newsletter for your use. We are asking if each member would make at least two. These should be turned in by the March meeting when there will be another project to work on. Thank you for helping with these various community projects.

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Ruth Whitney	3
Carol Jacobs	5
Fran Kaminski	7
Ann Tully	27

### **FEBRUARY REFRESHMENTS**

Kathy Aubin  
Barb Gaertner  
Jeannine Price  
Sandy Sheely

#### **Meeting Reminders:**

Please wear name tag  
Bring show and tell

## **2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

***\*Please review proposed budget as this will be voted on at the February meeting.***

### **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).