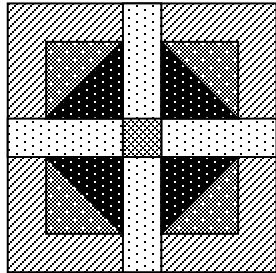

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THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

As I am writing this, we are without power thanks to the ice storm. We have a branch down in the backyard that will have to wait.

I really, really dislike winter! I don't know why I still live here. I love warmth. I love beaches! But like a good mother, I love my family more. I'm the Rock they always come to. They always know where to find me. Me on the other hand, I never know where they are. My son travels the world for work from Vienna, VA. He's still single.

A daughter lives just two blocks from me, runs a day care, always busy, busy. Her kids

are grown, boy and girl, ages 24 and 22. No great grandchildren from either of them yet.

Middle daughter lives in Seattle, WA; she's a lawyer and has 2 little girls, ages 13 and 9. I'm lucky to see them every 2 years. I need to travel. Cheaper for me, than the 4 of them.

My youngest daughter lives in Warren IL. She's a paraprofessional at the school. I probably see her and the little boys (ages 12 and 6) the most.

Love them all to pieces.

My girl's all like warm, hot weather, like me. My son loves all seasons. He surfs, snowboards and hikes depending on where he is at the time.

These are the loved ones who will fight over my quilts if I have any quilts left. ☹️

Stay safe! Stay warm. Sew on.

Shelly Holverson

"Give the ones you love wings to fly, roots to come back and reasons to stay."

-DALAI LAMA

COUNTRY CROSSROADS QUILT GUILD
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Shelly Holverson. The Longarm Panel was introduced by Ann Tully. The panel included: Chyree Rohde-Lincoln, Rhonda Streich, Shauna Heck, Carol Bellows and Ruth Whitney. Each described their preferences, stabilizer use and quilt styles. Sometimes a quilt might have to be reworked, but the customer never knew! They loved wool and bamboo battings, but "Warm and Natural" cotton is also a preferred batting. When treating fabric with starch it may attract silverfish. Participants felt Best Press or a water mist sprayer was fine to use and not disturb quilting. Edge to Edge (free motion) and custom quilting (offering an enhanced top) were discussed. Prepare tops by cutting extra threads hanging on the back; allow at least a 4 inch side on backing and tear rather than cut wide backing. When talking to the longarmer, be sure to communicate where you want the back seam to go. Ruth downloaded 4 articles to the Resource page on CCQG's website on preparing a quilt to be quilted.

The business meeting was called to order. A minute of silence was held for Karen Harmon, who passed away several weeks ago.

Secretary's Minutes – No corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report: The proposed budget was accepted as presented in the January newsletter. Kathy Clark made the motion to accept and Nina Mueller seconded.

Publicity Report – Ruth Whitney reported: Recovery was 95% completed in the Text Message System (REMIND)

Regarding the website, Ruth has started to update all pages which includes deleting all information dated prior to 2020 and adding current photos including 2022 Quilt Show.

Admin access has been authorized for Guild's Facebook account. Ruth will be adding information periodically. Jennifer Gallagher invited Ruth as an admin.

Quilt Bee- Participation has increased this month by 2-3 members.

Charity Committee – Ritarose Polley asked to continue making walker bags until next month when the project would be changed.

Dawn Vehmeier explained Shannon Brinkley's raw edge applique project which will be held in March.

April program is Mariner's Compass. Rhonda Streich presented a step-by-step description of making a Compass. The cost is \$45 with a book and Ruler. Rhonda will have some rulers to rent for \$5.

March warm ups will have Shauna demonstrating a new machine binding technique.

Show and Tell – Kay Walker

Name Tag winner – Faye Schneiderman

Guests: Cindy Heimerdinger

New Members:

Jan Franks
Byron, IL 61010

Debbie Griffith
Freeport, IL 61032

Teri Janecek
Freeport, IL 61032

Meeting adjournment was followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Murges, Secretary

MARCH WORKSHOP/PROGRAM

Our March workshop teaches Shannon Brinkley's technique of raw-edge Scrappy Applique. 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 containing all of the materials (except fabrics) that you will need to complete your scrappy applique (\$20). I'm looking forward to learning this new technique and hope you are too! If you have not yet signed up and want to participate, please let Dawn Vehmeier know BEFORE March 6 – 815-291-4592 or sheepish81@gmail.com. I also have a list of class materials if you don't have one or have lost yours.

Ann and I would also like to invite workshop attendees and bee participants to join us in a salad potluck for lunch if you desire. Bring your favorite salad to share with the group. The evening program will be Judy's trunk show of all of her raw-edge applique

creations, including some of her own designs.

We have already started sign-ups for the April workshop being taught by member, Rhonda Streich, owner of Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company in Orfordville, WI. She will teach us mariner's compass ruler applications. The mariner's compass blocks are made without any Y-seams – they are created by sewing strips together and using a special ruler to cut into wedges. Rhonda has graciously offered to waive her fee for the class so there will be no cost to attend, but you will need to either purchase or rent the ruler (and corresponding book) so be sure that your name is on the list!

Dawn Vehmeier

Treasurer's Report

WARM UPS

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. for a lesson on machine binding with Shauna!

Deb Ley/Carol Bellows

BEE KEEPERS

The sewing bee will be open at 10 a.m. All are welcome at any time. There is a workshop going on that day so please be mindful of their needs.

Kay Walker

CHARITY PROJECT

Turn in your completed walker bags and we let you know of the next charity project. Thank you to all who

have done the walker bags as we know they will be very appreciated.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Wohlford	2
Sandy Sheely	6
Beth Kalbfus	10

MARCH REFRESHMENTS

Susan Murges
Caole Robeson
Peggy Wohlford

Meeting Reminders:

Please wear name tag
Bring show and tell

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).

