

# PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD

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**THE PRAIRIE PIECMAKERS QUILTERS GUILD  
EXECUTIVE 2009 – 2010**

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT DECEMBER 2009  
PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD**

Happy New Year to all and May the Best life has to offer arrive on your doorstep.

The Month of December has been a very reflective month for myself as I am sure it has been for many members. As we spend time with loved ones, I am hopeful that the good health we have come to take for granted continues. Our sincerest wishes go to Sylvianne Revet and Rita Raffai who both suffered the loss of their husbands during December.

The New Year holds much promise for good and glad tidings for the Guild. The Executive have been brainstorming to come up with great ideas to improve on meetings and guild activities. Over the next few months we will be adjusting the format of the meetings to include a minimum of business. The meetings will be predominantly about sharing and comradery and business concerns will be held until the end of the evening.

I encourage the membership and the Executive [myself included] to maintain an absolute positive attitude toward Guild activities. For instance, instead of suggesting that the funds are not in place to hold a show, let's begin asking ourselves what we can do on a personal and collective basis to bring the coffers up. As the show is not until September, We have almost 9 months to work on finances. If one can prepare for child birth in 9 months, certainly we can prepare for a much simpler task such as Quilt show. We are currently blessed with a very dedicated group of executive as well as many individual members. The membership at large is in favor of a show. It will require very good 'TEAM' work and I am very confident that we do have a winning team. GO RIDERS, GO QUILTERS!!!

I would like in particular to thank Vice President Theresa Arsenault for her time and efforts with the December meeting. She and the Executive [myself excluded] held what I consider to have been a most enjoyable and profitable evening of sharing, fun and good will. I have had nothing but good and positive responses regarding the evening. Great work ladies!!! Events such as this require planning, legwork and time. If you have not taken time to express your thanks to any of these ladies, I would encourage you to do so.

As we begin our new year, I would like to thank all of the Executive for their dedicated work in troubled times. While I have not spent as much time in Guild matters as in previous months, I have probably spent an equal amount of time reflecting on the role, responsibilities and expectations of the President and what I had hoped to accomplish. I feel we are on target for a great year.

***ALL THE BEST IN 2010!!!***

***Ted Sheard  
President***

**AGENDA  
PRAIRIE PIECMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 5, 2010**

The meeting agenda was not available at the time of printing.

**MINUTES OF THE  
PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2009  
WHITMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH, REGINA**

President Ted Sheard called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and introduced members of the executive.

Ted also spoke about feedback he received concerning his interview and subsequent article in the recent Sunday Community Sun.

Minutes of the October meeting published in the newsletter were moved for adoption by Lori Tourscher, Seconded by

Darla Dyck. —

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter was moved for acceptance by Denise Paradis, Seconded by Myrna Rosebrook.

- CARRIED

Program – Myrna Rosebrook introduced Sharon Fraser who gave a brief description of a binding technique used by Ricky Tims. Myrna challenged all members to make a tote bag which should be finished and brought to the March meeting, she also requested that members create a handmade name tag.

Denise Paradis polled the membership present to determine who would be interested in having a "Worms" (2 ½" width of fabric) exchange. A sign up sheet would be provided for those interested in taking part to sign. The Block Lottery would also start up again. Members were asked to bring a 12 ½" block of a Christmas theme to the December meeting.

Workshops – Leann Clifford spoke on the two upcoming workshops on November 21<sup>st</sup> – Upside Down Applique given by Lorie Tourscher and Beginner/Refresher Workshop by Sharon Harras.

Website – Kathy Stedwill encouraged all members to look at the guild's website and offer any suggestions.

Quilt Show 2010 – Brenda Caswell presented the logo to be used for the show and listed the various categories (see attached list) for quilts accepted into the show. The next scheduled quilt show meeting will be November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**November 3, 2009 minutes – continued:**

December Meeting – Ted presented the various choices available for the program for the December meeting and asked the membership to decide. When voted on it was decided 30 to 24 that the food for the meeting would be catered. Catered meaning that the food would be purchased by the guild and brought in.

**Moved by Maylynn McDonald, Seconded by Peggy Fischer That \$5.00 be collected from members to help defray costs of food purchased for the December meeting.  
- CARRIED**

Discussions around this subject of food concluded that the food would take the form of dainties, coffee and a punch.. Vice-President, Theresa Arsenault, would coordinate the food for the December meeting.

Coffee Break

Correspondence from the Ovarian Cancer Walk of Hope organizers was read thanking the guild for the donation of a quilt for their fundraiser.

Donna Hartung spoke to the motion tabled at the October meeting concerning the motions made in November/December 2006 regarding the Volunteer Appreciation credit. The minutes from these minutes contained no indication that the motions had been carried therefore they should be rescinded.

**Moved by Donna Hartung, Seconded by Fay Holstein “That the motions made at the November and December 2006 meetings concerning the Volunteer Appreciation credit be rescinded until our finances became more viable.**

**During discussions an amendment was made by Leann Clifford That this motion also indicate that this not come into effect until September 2010. The motion along with this amendment was CARRIED.**

Theresa Arsenault spoke to the members about the December meeting. Members are to bring a gift valued at \$5.00 to be exchanged at the meeting. All members were asked to bring something for Show and Tell.

It was announced that those participating in the “Worm Exchange” should bring 11 “Worms” in fabric of a Christmas theme to the December meeting.

50/50 Draw was won by Donna Cornelius (\$35.50)

Show and Tell followed the business meeting. Those who were participating in the President’s Challenge also displayed their finished blocks.

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Harras, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE  
PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2009  
WHITMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH, REGINA**

Vice-President Theresa Arsenault welcomed everyone. Members who had paid \$5.00 enjoyed an extensive array of fruit and goodies.

Fourteen baskets of quilting related items were available as a "Toonie Parade". Members could buy ten tickets for \$2.00.

Ted Sheard introduced the group "Cadence" who entertained with seasonal songs.

Members displayed a large number of their quilts during Show and Share.

Worms Exchange – the theme for January is "Winter.

Block Lottery – the theme is Winter.

The ten blocks submitted for the December Block Lottery were won by Denise Paradis.

Brenda Caswell spoke about her letter which appeared in the December newsletter. As there has been interest shown in having a quilt show in 2010 Brenda asked that everyone who was interested in helping in any way with a quilt show to arrive at the regular guild meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for a meeting.

Following draws for the winners of the Toonie Parade the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
*Sharon Harras, Secretary*



**FROM OUR WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR:  
DECEMBER 2009 WEBSITE REPORT**

**Worth a Look**

- Read Mavis' report about the Ottawa Valley Quilters' Guild December meeting presentation and trunk show by quilter Helen Fujiki from Toronto at the "Links" page, <http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/links.htm>.
- A slide show of pictures from the December 1 Christmas Show and Share is available on the Guild website home page, <http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com>. A special thank you Sylvianne who has been providing all of the pictures for the Show and Share slide shows since September.
- Businesses advertising in the Guild newsletter are now recognized on the website, <http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/news.htm#archive>.

**Recommend a Link**

Send your recommendation for a link(s) to your favourite quilt store, site, resource or tip with a brief note about why you are recommending it to [info@prairiepiecemaker.com](mailto:info@prairiepiecemaker.com) and contribute to building the resource section of the Guild's website!

**Sell and Find**

Send your requests anytime to [info@prairiepiecemaker.com](mailto:info@prairiepiecemaker.com) to have your notices posted on the website (<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/classified.htm>):

- Advertise item(s) to sell.
- Find an item to purchase, or post a notice about something you are looking to purchase.
- Post requests to find people who share your quilting interests, or sources for quilting resources.

**December 2009 Website Stats Report:**

There are 181 "unique" visitors to the Guild website as of December 20, 2009. The number of visitors rises to 309 when repeat visitors are counted. Final totals for visitors to the Guild website in November 2009 were 287 unique visitors and 568 repeat visitors. Eighty-four percent of the visitors spent 30 seconds or less visiting the site. I hope this means that visitors to the website are finding what they are looking for right away. However if you are not finding information you would like to see on the website, please let me know by sending an email to [info@prairiepiecemaker.com](mailto:info@prairiepiecemaker.com).

*Kathy Stedwill, Website Coordinator*

## **PPOG Retreat Update**

### **Retreat Date: March 12-14th, 2010**

Plans for the March 2010 Guild Retreat are progressing nicely, the retreat is now full with 25 ladies participating.

Our Guild Retreat "Event Delivery Team" consists of:

Vallerie Allard - Welcome, Fat Quarter Exchange, Show & Share

Shelby Love - Door Prizes

Peggy Fisher - Retreat Mystery Quilt

**Retreat Mystery Quilt** - Peggy and I met during a weekend in December to make a final decision on the Guild Mystery Pattern. The pattern that we chose is very nice and should sew up quite quickly (no pieces smaller than 2 1/2", like last year, right Linda?). The pattern is somewhat traditional and will only require two contrasting fabrics, a light and a dark fabric, about 1.5 metres of each. It is a lap sized quilt. I will provide more specific material requirements at the February meeting, while Peggy will guide you through the steps during the Retreat.

**Retreat Quilt Show** - this idea was such a success that we are repeating it again this year! Guests were asked to bring a project they would like to display for others to view through the weekend. Each quilt was accompanied by an index card with the quilter's name and the name of the pattern pinned to the quilt. This generated a lot of conversation and questions about specific quilts and patterns. At the beginning of the retreat, the "quilt show" was about half full, however, as the weekend progressed (and projects became completed), the "quilt show" at least doubled in size! Very inspiring!

**Door Prizes** - quilters are always generous, if you have a door prize that you would like to contribute, Shelby will do us the honor of doling them out! (Remember: you may wish to "re-gift" Christmas items - door prizes are not limited to quilting themes!).

**Fat Quarter Exchange & Show and Share** - the FQ Exchange event is possibly the most intense activity of the whole weekend, especially if you happen to get to choose in the early half of the exchange and you have a Fat Quarter that everyone wants!! Don't worry; you will still likely go home with some nice fabric! Bring something for Show and Share that you think not many people have seen before.....or something that people enjoy seeing again and again....

I will include an idea checklist of what to bring to retreats in the March 2010 newsletter.

**Final Payments** - these will be due at the March 2010 meeting.

If you would like to be placed on a waiting list in the event of unintended cancellations, please call me at 731-2944 to be placed on this list.

*Chris Nykoluk  
Guild Retreat Chair*

## **THANK YOU!**

- Thank you to the following individuals that donated raffle prizes and/or helped prepare the baskets for our December meeting: *Ila LaPage; Darla Dyck; Myrna Machin; Ted Sheard; Kathy Stedwill; Arlene Burkhart; Pat Sargent; Sharon Harris; Yvonne Gallant*
- Thank you to the following businesses for their donations of raffle prizes for the December meeting: *TIPS NAIL SALON (Paula Milne); MARY K (Susan Plascko); AVON (Pat Klisowsky)*
- Thank you to *Ted Sheard* for providing the entertainment for the December meeting. The Cadence Singers were a joy to listen to.

### **From the EDITOR:**

- I hope I didn't miss thanking anyone in the above list of thank yous.
- My new Word program and I were still having issues last month; therefore, the advertisement for Astrin's Attic did not print correctly (something to do with "zoom level" and how things appear on the screen). To correct the error, I made copies of the advertisement and attached them to the back of the newsletter. My apologies to Astrin's Attic.