

PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Let's work together to make this the best quilt show ever!

Chair: Brenda Caswell

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EXECUTIVE 2009 – 2010

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

APRIL 2010 PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS' QUILTERS GUILD

Welcome to Spring in Saskatchewan, and to whatever promises it may hold. A lot has been accomplished during the month of April. While the Bylaws clearly note this as a conflict of interest, as President I had the task of contacting current volunteers and other members in an attempt to fill the Executive positions for the 2010/11 year. This action was taken due to the proximity of the election of the new Executive at the May meeting. Thanks to Darlene Stewart for agreeing to handle the elections and continuing as volunteer of the nominating committee.

During April, I responded to 132 emails. The emails involved a number of matters including invitations for our guild to attend events put on by other guilds or organizations, concerns about the upcoming quilt show, and request for information about our guild. I responded to some of the emails directly while others were referred to other members for follow up.

The April meeting of the Executive was devoted to concerns over the accounts and accounting procedures. I wish to thank Faye Holstein and Darlene Stewart for all the work done over the last few years to bring the books to their current recognized professional format and the work they put into making available the information requested. They were able to respond to and explain several issues regarding accounting procedures and reporting. One can never underestimate the value of such dedicated professional service and the headaches endured by such an endeavor.

I have met once this month with the Quilt Show Committee. I am very happy that the Quilt show is well in hand and very much on track. Brenda Caswell is one very efficient lady.

I would like to meet with the Executive, both current and new, in early May prior to my departure for Kelowna May 15th. I would like to provide the current and new Executive with an opportunity to socialize and exchange ideas for the upcoming year. I have set a tentative date as the evening of Friday May 7th at my home at 1016 Shannon Road. I will confirm the date, time and location at the May meeting.

Message from the President – continued:

While I had initially agreed to remain in the position of President for another year, recent events have forced me to alter my decision. During the course of the past year and a half I have endured a series of CTA episodes which, among other effects, often cause temporary confusion. I have noted it occasionally interferes with my already limited ability to conduct proper meetings as noted in the bylaws. Having said this, I feel it most judicious to bow out of the presidency of the Guild.

I have given my personal guarantee to Brenda and the members of the Show Committee to see the show through to a profitable end in September. I will hold to this guarantee.

I wish you all a most pleasant summer and all the best with summer gardening (or quilting for those who prefer their sewing machines over the predicted rain).

Your President – Ted

MEETING AGENDA:

Will be distributed by Ted Sheard prior to the start of the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Will be distributed by Fay Holstein at the May meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD
GENERAL MEETING
April 6, 2010
WHITMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH, REGINA**

President Ted Sheard opened the meeting.

Ted read the Library Report as it had not been included in the newsletter.

Ted announced that the only positions needing to be filled on next year's executive would be Secretary, one person on the Library Committee and Historian. Marlene Smith-Collins volunteered to act as the Treasurer's assistant for the coming year.

Ted announced to the general membership, in accordance with the guild Constitution, "That at the executive meeting held March 16, 2010 it was moved that the membership fees be increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00." This change will be voted on at the May general meeting.

Brenda Caswell gave a report on quilt show preparations. Sharon Harras was presented with a prize for having been the first to submit an entry for the quilt show. Members were reminded of the need to make mug coasters for trunk show table favors and the pin cushions for show promotion. These are being collected by Sharon Fraser.

Leann Clifford presented a workshop report itemizing upcoming workshops: May - Sharon Fraser, Corded Binding; June - Martha Cole, Sewing from Nature I.

Tote bags were displayed for the Tote Bag Challenge.

Show and Tell items were displayed prior to the Coffee Break.

Business portion of the meeting followed:

Moved by Carol Burton, Seconded by Myrna Machine "That the Minutes of the February meeting be accepted as published." - CARRIED

Moved by Myrna Rosebrook, Seconded by Chris Garnsey "That the Minutes of the March meeting be accepted as published." - CARRIED

The Treasurer, Fay Holstein, had been away and financial reports were not available. Fay prepared the reports for handout at this meeting.

The December 09 report was moved for acceptance by Sally Baxter and Seconded by Johanne Karvelson - CARRIED

Meeting Minutes - continued

The January 2010 report was moved for acceptance by Dot Lawrence and Seconded by Denise Paradis -CARRIED

The February 2010 report was moved for acceptance by MayLynn McDonald and Seconded by Lori Tourscher - CARRIED

The March 2010 report was moved for acceptance by Gail Bowler and Seconded by Denise Paradis - CARRIED

50/50 draw for \$37.50 was won by Ila Lepage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Harras, Secretary

REPORT from the LIBRARIANS:

During this year the Librarians purchased a total of 16 books and 1 DVD at a total cost of \$372. In addition, we were fortunate to receive two donated magazine subscriptions and several donations of books and magazines.

Over the summer we will complete our annual inventory and develop a purchasing plan for next year. In order to complete our inventory, we would ask that you **return any library items at our June Meeting.**

The Guild Summer Loan Program will be offered as in previous years. At the June meeting, Guild members may borrow up to 3 books or magazines for their use over the summer by leaving a cheque for \$25 per item. Your cheque will be returned to you in September when the item is returned. If an item is not returned after the summer break, the Guild will cash the cheque left as a deposit.

In order to help you look for a particular book, we have two alphabetical listings available, one list by author and the other by book title. In addition, there is a list of library books on the Guild website. We encourage members to check out the library for some good ideas for different techniques and fun projects.

Pat Sargent, Peggy Fischer, and Myrna Machin

Check out our Website!!!

Worth a Look

- Businesses advertising in the newsletter are recognized on the website. Current advertisers are:
 - [Astrin's Attic](#)
- Advertising rates for 2010 have been posted on the website (<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/news.htm#archive>). Please contact Denise Paradis at paradisd@sasktel.net to make arrangements to advertise in the Guild newsletter.

Recommend a Link

Send your recommendation for a link(s) to your favorite quilt store, site, resource or tip with a brief note about why you are recommending it to 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 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.

April 2010 Website Stats Report:

Totals for visitors to the Guild website in April 2010 were **386** unique visitors and **667** repeat visitors. In April the top four pages website visitors went to after the home page were the [Quilt Show](#), [Member and Newsletter](#), [Connecting Threads](#) and [Workshops and Upcoming Events](#).

Please send your comments and suggestions to info@prairiepiecemaker.com.

Kathy Stedwill, Website Coordinator

QUILTING ON THE WEB

<http://www.tbqguild.com/>

Thumb Butte Quilters' Guild of Prescott, Arizona. If you like to look at quilts or looking for inspiration click on the Show and Tell Icon and see about five years of photos of quilts.

<http://quiltville.com/>

A great site for those who enjoy making scrap quilts. Huge number of free patterns with great step-by-step pictures.

<http://www.caron-net.com/classes/classmayfiles/clasmay1.html>

An on-line class for a Crazy Quilt, complete with embroidery stitch instruction.

*Submitted by Sharon Harris
(February 2010)*

