

PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD

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QUILTERS' DREAM

SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 2010

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT
OCTOBER 6, 2009

The month of September has been quite busy although not as hectic as the Month of August. Following the last general meeting, Tuesday September 16th, I met with the executive to go over financial concerns and discern ways of reducing expenses and keeping our books balanced. I will not reiterate what our previous executive have noted in their reports. Several good and appropriate means of reducing expenditures and increasing revenue were made at this meeting. I met also with Fay Holstein and Darlene Stewart September 23rd to gain a complete understanding of our financial position. I owe a great debt of gratitude to both these ladies for laying everything out in a very straight forward manner. They have worked closely with our auditor to assist his understanding of the guild and come up with a more accurate reflection of finances. While Fay serves as our current treasurer, Darlene is a full member of our guild whose experience in accounting is much appreciated. I was not able to attend a scheduled meeting with Brenda Caswell to cover Quilt show concerns. The meeting proceeded and Brenda gave me a complete telephone update of what was accomplished and her intentions for the next short while. I am definitely left with a good feeling of what she has accomplished and her report tonight will speak for itself.

During the September Executive meeting, I also cried for help with the 'President's Challenge'. The pathetic male routine worked well, and I was offered much advice and many ideas. I did accept the ideas of Joan Godfrey and Arlene Burkart who are well versed in group dynamics and graciously agreed to oversee the Presidents challenge this year. . It is always great to have so much talent to fall back on. I would encourage you to work with them in this challenge. There is no better or easier way to get to know people that to go fabric shopping with them.

In June I had approached the Leader Post seeking to publish an article on the Guild. I was however turned down and my article turned over to the Sunday Sun. I had almost given up hope of hearing from them and was delighted to receive a phone call on September 25th. Jodi B conducted a telephone interview during which I highlighted the significant amount of charity work being done behind the scenes at the Guild. For those who may not have known, I have been a closet quilter since 1975. As a male I had many reservations about going public until I exchanged pleasantries with Pat Sargent at the 2006 Quilt Show. She is indeed one of greatest Public Relations officers. and it was her pleasant manner which convinced me to move ahead. I do not believe I ever told her that I quilted. Shortly there after, I contacted the guild through the website. I cannot guarantee what may or may not become of the interview.

While we are not destitute, we are working on limited funds and I would ask that you all take time to pay your current membership, if you have not already done so. We would also encourage you to purchase one of our pins available at the sign in table. Please encourage friends and neighbors to join our Guild.

A number of emails were made or answered during the month from various members regarding specific concerns. A total of 8 phone calls were received and a total of 12 made Regarding various concerns and Guild affairs.

Yours Truly

Ted Sheard
President

AGENDA
PRAIRIE PIECMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD
MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 6, 2009
WHITMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of Executive
3. Approval of minutes of September meeting
4. Reports
 - @ Treasurer – Fay Holstein
 - @ Library – Pat Sargent/Myrna Machin/Peggy Fischer
 - @ Workshop - Leann
 - @ Program – Myrna Rosebrook
 - @ Membership – Joan /Arlene
 - @ DENISE – DEMONSTRATION
5. Coffee Break
6. @ Newsletter- Yvonne Gallant – Dead line for submissions for November News Bulletin - October 27, 2009
 - @ Website – Kathy Stedwill
 - @ Presidents Report – Ted Sheard
 - @ Joan Godfrey/Arlene Burkart – Presidents Challenge
7. @ Marlene Smith Collins – Connecting Threads
 - @ Brenda Caswell – Quilt show // Raffle quilt
8. New Business
9. 50/50 draw
10. Show & Tell

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

President Ted called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Members of the Executive were introduced to the membership.

Moved by Diane Secoy -Smith and Seconded by Lori Tourscher that the minutes of the June 2, 2009 meeting be accepted as read in the newsletter.

- CARRIED

The financial report from the auditor was presented. Moved by Peggy Fischer, Seconded by Dot Lawrence that the report be accepted with the noted corrections.

- CARRIED

Library – Myrna Machin reported that eight new books and two DVDs had been purchased over the summer.

Workshop – Leann Clifford presented information on the upcoming workshops. October 24th Bold and Beautiful with Shirley Mathieson and November 21st Upside Down Applique with Lorie Tourscher. Cost of each workshop will be \$30.

Chris Nykoluk sent in information on the guild's March Retreat – there are four spots still available.

Program – Myrna Rosebrook demonstrated two rulers for ease in cutting strips and curves.

Membership – Joan Godfrey reported that 76 members had signed in for this evening's meeting. There were 86 paid up members and there were 7 guests in attendance.

Website – Kathy Stedwill reported on the plans for the guild's website. Members were encouraged to contact her with their ideas to make it better. Kathy also presented interesting statistics regarding the visitors to the website.

President – Ted gave a brief report on his activities over the summer.

Coffee Break

Raffle Quilt – Diane Secoy-Smith reported that the quilt has been completed except for the binding which will be done by Joan Godfrey. Thanks go out to Gloria Tonn of Homespun Quilting for doing the quilting. Those who made the blocks or contributed in other ways to the production of the raffle quilt are to sign the signature block which will be attached to the back of the quilt.

Quilt Show – Brenda Caswell reported that the goal of the quilt show committee is to make this event a profitable one. There is some possibility that there may be a change in venue. Marlene Smith-Collins will be the Treasurer for the quilt show. Sharon Fraser volunteered to be the quilt registrar. Leann Clifford will co-ordinate the quilter/artist interpretive event. The theme for the 2010 Quilt Show will be “Quilts Unlimited”.

Denise Paradis reported that the judging for the Challenge from last year has been postponed to the October meeting.

Connecting Threads – Shelby Love read thank you letters received.

New Business – Bring your own coffee mugs.

50/50 Draw – Linda Zurowski won \$40.50

Show and Tell followed the business meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Harras, Secretary

Report from our LIBRARIANS:

New additions to the library for October:

Pieced Curves So Simple – The 6-minute circle and other time-saving delights
Dale Fleming

- Stitch circles and curves the fast, accurate and EASY way!

Simple Strategies for Block-Swap Quilts Lyn Roddy Brown

- Ideas and instructions for using blocks collected in swaps, online trades, at antique shops or inherited.
- Tips for starting a successful block swap as well as cutting lists for making individual quilts using your own collection of blocks.

Recent editions of our two magazines have arrived:

Quilting Arts - October/November 2009

Canadian Quilter - Autumn 2009

- This edition includes reports on Quilt Canada held in Saskatoon in May, and the catalogue for the National Juried Show 2009. There is also a brochure outlining classes and events planned for Quilt Canada in Calgary, 2010.

If the book/magazine you wish to borrow has already been taken out you can put a hold on that item for the next month. Enter your request in the red binder located on the library check-out desk and the item will be kept for you when it is returned the following month.

The book lists have been revised to make it easier to use the library. There are now three separate lists alphabetized by book title, author or technique. These are at the library entrance and the technique list will soon be added to the title list already available on the website.

Report from CONNECTING THREADS:

We are again making place mats for the Meals on Wheels program with Home Care. Place mats can be made to any size – rectangular, oval, octagon, whatever size and pattern you wish. Marlene Smith-Collins will be collecting them until our December meeting.

Connecting Threads makes a number of quilts each year that are between lap to regular bed size. If any members who have quilting frames and larger machines would like to quilt one or two, please contact Marlene @ 586-5346. We will supply the top, batting and backing. All you need to supply is your time, talent and thread!

Marlene Smith-Collins

From our Website Co-ordinator:

New on the Website:

The Guild's website has been refreshed and updated over the past month and is now ready for the busy quilting season! We have added a slide show of the "Show and Share" section of the September meeting (<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/index.htm>) at the request of a member. Visit the website to check on the date of the next meeting, read about current Guild activities, see what's new in library, find out about upcoming workshops and shows, read and/or download a copy of the current and past newsletters and check the sale items.

September Website Stats Report:

There were 279 "unique" visitors to the website in September (to September 29, 2009), slightly higher than August (261). The homepage was the most visited page on the website; the majority of "page" visits lasted for less than 30 seconds. Over half of the page visits were from Canadian domains; however about 20% of the page visits were from US domains with a few visits from other country domains. If you are among the 32.3% website visitors using FireFox as your browser, you should find the text a little easier to read on the refreshed website pages. If you use a browser other than Explorer or Firefox and have difficulty viewing the any of the website pages, please let me know.

Do you have a favourite link, quilting tip or story to share? Do you have item(s) to sell - advertise on the website. Are you looking for people who share your quilting interests or sources for quilting resources - post a request on the website. Please send me your ideas and items for the website.

Kathy Stedwill

President's Challenge:

On behalf of the the membership would like to welcome back past members as well as new members. At the end of September, we had 86 paid members. We would also encourage those members who have not paid their membership to please do so. Please feel free to bring a guest to future meetings. These guests may become future members.

Arlene Burkart

Quilts Unlimited 2010

Quilts Unlimited 2010, the Prairie Piecemakers Quilters' Guild show and vendor market will be held at the Conexus Arts Centre, September 25 & 26, 2010.

More details will become available as plans are finalized and entry forms will be ready in early November.

Watch the web site and the newsletter for more information.

Brenda Caswell

Miscellaneous:

- *FAYE GOEBEL* WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE AN AIR ELECTRONIC SP or SU SEWING MACHINE. PLEASE CALL 545-7735

- *From Gloria Hauser:*

Saturdays, 1:00-4:00 pm September 12 – December 12

Do you have quilting? Do you want to hang out and share ideas with other quilters?

This is your chance to compare notes and question other interested quilters while working on your own works in progress. Bring your own sewing machine if needed. Everyone welcome.

Glen Elm Library 1601 Dewdney Ave. E.

- *From Shelby Love:*

I came across a quote that I thought the membership would enjoy:

"I design from my private collection of fabrics and it is unusual for me not to have what I need. Occasionally I will have a fabric that is almost right but not quite, so I have a definite idea of what to shop for. I have no guilt about my collection. I use it and I love to look at it. It is a decorative element in my studio that I find as equally important as a painting, sculpture, or other work of art."

Taken from a book *Freddy's House: brilliant color in quilts/* Freddy Moran 1999. ISBN1-57120-074-6. C&T Publishing, Inc.

