

Covington Quilters

General Meeting Minutes ~ December 1, 2011

The meeting was opened at 7:03 by our president, Roxie.

Darlene Girton moved that we accept the minutes from our November meeting, as printed, with Jill Ellis seconding. Approved.

The meeting was then turned over to Ada Kirmser and MaryAnn Baker for our traditional Christmas Party. A big thank you for all items donated for the food bank, and clothes for those in need. The centerpieces were put together by several members, and if your bag of candy has a bell on it, then you get to take the centerpiece home. We played a fat quarter game with Mr. and Mrs. Wright and the cookies with left out ingredients. We were then dismissed to eat dinner, with a reminder to vote for our favorite placemats while we ate.

Block of the month: once again Diana Quick won the blocks. She is one busy lady!! Next month we are making a nine patch in a nine patch. Please use white with dark navy or royal blue.

By -laws: please pick up a final proposal draft of the new by-laws, or down load it from the web site. Bring a copy to the meeting in January with short questions and discussion. More questions and voting will be in February. The main goals of the by-law changes are to change the year from the middle of the year during the quilt show to the beginning of the year, accountability, transparency, easier transition of the board, members- at - large added to the board, and financial accountability. Items that are being eliminated are struck out. New items are in bold, italics, with parenthesis, and quote marks. If you have any questions at all, please contact Karen Verner, or one of the other members of the by-laws committee.

Tips and tricks: ideas to help us see color values, what you can use extra fabrics for, and how to gently scrub your mat to get the bits of fabric out of it.

Treasurer: the budget is on the table. If you have any questions please call Carolyn.

Upcoming meetings: January - Melody Crust on borders; February - HUGS; March - Martha Steinborn - color and placement.

2013 Raffle quilt: kits are being made up for people to check out and help with the making of the quilt.

2012 Quilt show: "Breathe of Fresh Air" Our show this year will be the first weekend in August due to the calendar challenges of competing with other area activities. There are several key chair people needed still for the next show. (set up team, soup kitchen, advertising, ribbons). If you have any interest at all with helping, please attend the show committee meeting on Wednesday, January 18th, at Taylor Creek Quilt Studio. We will meet at 7 for approximately one hour. Challenge fabric is available from Joanne Lee. You will receive a fat eighth for two dollars. The standards and requirements for the challenge will be available in January.

Jana Colombi won the prize for wearing her badge. Jan Paterson won the just because prize.

Show and tell: first quilt, HUGS, retirement gifts, four patch challenge. Great job getting things done right before Christmas!

HUGS: the next workshop will be Thursday, January 19th at the Anderson Barn, from ten till four. If you need directions to the Barn, give Lori George, or Carolyn Carnahan a call.

Friendship groups: the crazy quilters group is in need of help with hand quilting that needs to be done as soon as possible. Please contact Joanne Lee.

New at Taylor Creek: see the flyer on your table and get ready for open sews, Girls' Day Out, new jacket class and hand appliqué'.

Roxie announced that the Maple Valley Library is in need of weighted blankets or stuffed animals to help the special needs kids during story time. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Roxie.

A request to help with clean up was made and we were dismissed for the evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Wheeler, secretary pro-tem