Covington Quilters Guild

October 2, 2014 Minutes

Kathy Scott opened the meeting at 7:00 by getting everyone's attention first and announcing we would listen to the speaker first and do the business meeting after the break. Then, she turned the mic over to Linda Ferguson to introduce the speaker, RaNae Merrill.

RaNae spoke to us about spiral quilts. Her quilts are stunning!

At 8:21, Kathy brought us back together again for the business meeting. Bailey Wilkens moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as written and Carol Thiemens seconded the motion. Motion passed to accept the September minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report (Lori George):

- ❖ Beginning BECU balance was \$8788.03, ending BECU balance is 6632.53. Capital One account balance is \$6455.35.
- ❖ Invoice was received for rental of Cedar Heights for the Quilt Show \$690. We pay for the building on an hourly basis when the custodian is not normally on site.
- Lori has the books/copies of the treasurer's reports for anyone wanting to see them.
- ❖ FYI: Dawn Shirron has DVD copies of the quilts in the 2014 show for \$7.50 for members who would like to purchase those.

President's Info (Kathy Scott):

❖ No new information at this time on becoming a 501(c)(3).

Presentation Blocks (Dawn Shirron):

- ◆ Dawn has only received 4 of her presentation blocks. Please bring them to the next meeting.
 [6 ½ inch blocks of your choice in fall colors]
- Please return Leanne Shipley's blocks at the November meeting.
- Members have 2 months to return the presentation blocks that are checked out from the presenter.
- ♦ Please, Presenters, put your name on the instructions for the blocks so that we remember who they need to be returned to! ©

HUGS report (Lori George):

Saturday was a very successful Hugs workshop matching tops to backs and preparing the batting! Thank you to all who helped!! Twenty-seven quilts were

sandwiched!! Now they need to be quilted. Joann Lee has offered up the short-arm quilter in her shop at no cost to anyone who has taken her short-arm class for the quilting of these Hugs quilts.

- ♦ Next Hugs Workshop will be October 25 to begin quilting those. Lori's house, 10-4:00. This is a date change due to the quilt retreat.
- November Hugs Workshop will be Nov 22.
- ❖ In normal years, CQG provides Covington Multicare with 12-15 quilts per quarter...This year, the need has been MUCH greater—over 60 so far.
- Twenty quilts and 30 pillowcases were delivered to Covington Multicare and they are SO APPRECIATED. More will be needed before the holidays.
- * Fifteen pillowcases and 20 quilts were delivered to Children's Hospital.
- ❖ Fifteen quilts were delivered to Ryther. A woman from Ryther even came to Lori's house to see the space where a lot of the Guild's Hug work takes place. She was in awe! She picked out a quilt for their November auction as a fundraiser.
- Challenge this year is an "orphan block" challenge.
 - Challenge quilts must be finished by the February meeting and will be entered into the 2015 Quilt Show in the Hugs Challenge category.
 - You can pick up kits at the Hugs table.

Quilt Show Chair (Nicole Sedgewick):

- No challenge category yet. In January the Quilt Show Committee Chairs will decide on the challenge and announce that at the February meeting.
- Theme for the whole 2015 Quilt Show is "The Roaring Twenties".

Elections Chair (Nicole Sedgewick):

- Voting will take place at the November meeting
- Nominations are as follows:
 - Vice President: Linda Ferguson (2 year)
 - Secretary: Leanne Shipley (1 year—completion of term)
 - Treasurer: Theresa Bowes (2 years)
 - Member at Large #2: Mary Willis (2 years)
 - This position is a liaison between the Members and the Exec Board. Member at Large is a voice for the Membership at the Exec Board meetings.

Retreat Committee Report (Kathy Scott for Theresa Wright):

❖ There may be 1 or 2 spots still open for anyone still desiring to attend the retreat Oct. 16-19. Contact Theresa a.s.a.p. if interested.

UFO Challenge (Kathy Scott):

November is the last month for the UFO challenge. Winner will be announced at the December meeting, which Julie Lund is agreeing to chair.

Block of the Month (Mary Ann Baker):

- Lots of beautiful blocks were returned.
- Winner of September blocks was Debby Parry Evans.
- New October block is a pumpkin. If you did not get directions for this block, you can find it on the website.

Tips & Tricks (Peggy Strain):

- Use a skirt hanger to keep your blocks hanging and wrinkle-free, they are adjustable.
- Use rubbing alcohol on a cotton ball or thick cloth to clean the blades of your scissors or rotary cutters.

2015 Raffle Quilt (Linda Ferguson):

- ❖ The 2015 raffle quilt is now going on the road! We need members to help with ticket sales.
 - o Holiday Food and Gift Festival, Tacoma, October 22nd-26th. Need afternoon shifts filled for selling raffle tickets.
 - o This is an expensive show but we have been gifted the booth space for our raffle quilt (approx. \$700 value!)
 - o Rusty Barn, show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, November 13th-15th. Need people for afternoon shifts on Thursday and Friday as well as all day Saturday.
 - o Please help by volunteering for one or more shifts during these shows. It greatly helps the Guild—and many hands make light work!! Contact Linda to sign up for dates/times.
 - **o** Linda has made professional quality photos of the 2015 quilt to help with ticket sales.
 - o Members can check out tickets to sell from either Linda or Danielle Newcomer.

RaNae Merrill Workshop (Linda Ferguson):

Workshop is Saturday, October 6. Bring your supplies!

Reviewers of the books (Kathy Scott)

- ♦ Kathy has 1 reviewer of the books currently but needs 1-2 more people willing to go over the books in December per the by-laws.
- Thank you JoAnn Lee for volunteering!
- Another person as backup would be appreciated.

New Member Orientation (Lori George):

- Normally, orientations are scheduled for every other month. Lori will look at the calendar to schedule the next new member orientation and will send out an email.
- Call or email Lori George if you would like to attend this orientation.

Membership (Leanne Shipley):

- Welcome to our guests: Dearlena Kimber, Robin Livingstone, Janie Sevela, and Misty Buckalew.
- Welcome to our new members: Julie Whittaker, Karin Powell, and Patty Osthus.
- This month's Badge Prize went to Kathy Wagner.

Next up was Show-n-Tell.

Kathy Scott closed the meeting at approximately 9:00 after a reminder that the Heart-to-Heart program is up and running. Please let her know if you see a member in need who would benefit from receiving these treasured gifts of love and encouragement. When the email from the Guild comes out, there will be a name/address to mail your 6 ½ in unfinished heart block with any messages of encouragement you would like to include.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Shipley for Cheryl George

At a glance:

- Please remember to check the Secret Pal table each meeting if you are participating.
- ❖ Please pick up your phone books from the membership table.
- ❖ PLEASE contact Linda Ferguson to sign up to help with 2015 Raffle Ticket sales events.
- * Retreat near Cle Elum, October 16-19.
- Hugs Workshop: October 25 (change from the previous date!), 10 a.m.-4 p.m. RSVP to Lori George.
- Next Guild meeting is November 6.
- ❖ Hugs Workshop: November 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lori's house.