

## **Covington Quilters Guild**

### **September 4, 2014 Minutes**

Kathy Scott opened the meeting at 7:02 with announcement to members of the 2 items requiring votes tonight (pattern for the 2016 Raffle Quilt and for the theme of the 2015 Quilt Show). Then, she turned the mic over to Linda Ferguson to introduce the speaker, JaNita Clairmont.

JaNita spoke to us about crazy quilts, their history, and showed us many of her STUNNING crazy quilts. She made a point of reminding us that labels are essential (name—including maiden name, date, location and that information can DOUBLE the value of your quilt down the road) and that we should each try to include a “signature” symbol on our quilts. (Hers is a cobweb or a spider.)

At 8:00, Kathy brought us back together again after a break for the business meeting. Danielle Newcomer moved to accept the minutes of the August meeting as written and Kathy Trovesi seconded the motion. Motion passed to accept the August minutes as written.

#### **Treasurer’s Report (Lori George):**

- ❖ Beginning BECU balance was \$2125.53, ending BECU balance is \$8788.03. Capital One account balance is \$6453.23.

#### **President’s Info (Kathy Scott):**

- ❖ Currently, Covington Quilters Guild is a 501(3) organization.
  - To become a 501(c)(3), we must apply to the IRS. This would give us a non-profit, charitable organization status.
  - Fee for application is around \$900.
  - Benefits to becoming a 501c3 are:
    - Less expense to the guild/members for retreats at many locations
    - Donations made to the guild would legally be able to be written off on the donor’s tax returns.
  - More research will be done so we can bring this to the members to a vote on whether we should become a 501(c)(3) or not.
- ❖ Sandra Fountain several weeks ago presented Kathy Scott with the idea of a Heart to Heart program from another guild. This is different than the Sunshine Committee’s recognition of significant events for members (birthdays, get-wells, etc). The purpose is to provide emotional support and encouragement from multiple *members* vs. the committee.
  - Needs would be emailed to Kathy Scott (president). Joan Calvary would send out an all guild memo with the member’s address who needs the extra TLC.

- o Members would construct a 6 ½ in unfinished block (signed or not) to send to the member needing that extra TLC.
- o Notes of love/support/encouragement can be mailed with the block(s). These (notes and blocks) would be very special to the person receiving them.
- o Mary Ann Baker asked about guidelines for the blocks. None were given.
- o Judie Seferovich spoke about how she joined our guild BECAUSE of the loving kindness of our guild members.

❖ **Nicole Sedgewick** announced the theme for next year's Quilt Show: The Roaring Twenties

- o Thank you to all who voted.

❖ **Kathy Scott** presented the members with 6 choices of 2016 raffle quilt patterns. Members voted and the winning pattern is called "My Checkered Past".

- o Thank you to Kathy Trovesi for bringing in the pattern. Kathy wins a prize! And, although it was not a requirement that she chair this committee, Kathy T has agreed to be the Chair! THANKS, Kathy!!
- o And, thank you to the other members also for bringing in your patterns to select from. They were all beautiful and would be great choices!

❖ **Election Committee Chair (Nicole Sedgewick):** We have 4 positions to fill.

- o **Vice President, 2 year position**
  - Job duties include
    - Attending the Executive Board meetings
    - Finding and lining up speakers
    - Coordinates guild workshops
    - Manages the general calendar of events
    - Maintains the VP books/records, to pass on to the incoming VP at the annual meeting
  - If interested in running, contact Nicole.
- o **Treasurer, 2 year position**
  - Job duties include
    - Maintain all financial records

- Deposit receipts and pay expenses in a timely fashion
- Provide the Guild with monthly treasurer's reports and to the board also at executive board meetings
- Attend the Executive Board meetings
- Filing tax forms
- Maintaining the cash box and tickets
- Experience in managing monies required
- Quicken experience required
- Lori George is NOT going to run for this position again so we absolutely have to have someone interested in filling this position.
- If interested, contact Nicole.
- o **Secretary, 1 year position**
  - Cheryl is not able to complete her term, so that is why this is a one year term and not a full two years.
  - Job duties include
    - Taking minutes at all General meetings and Executive Board meetings
    - Make the current minutes both sets of meetings available to the membership through the Newsletter and Guild website prior to the next General meeting
    - Maintain a hard copy file of all previous minutes of both General and Executive Board meetings, which must be made available to members on request.
    - Pass these records on to the incoming Secretary at the Annual Meeting.
    - Be responsible for all necessary correspondence.
  - If interested, contact Nicole.
- o **Member-at-large #2, 2 year term**
  - Job duties include
    - Bringing issues and concerns of the membership to the Executive board
    - Acting as a steward for the members

- This is NOT a board position; however, the Member at Large must be able to attend all Executive Board meetings.
- Great way to get connected with others in the Guild.
  - If interested, contact Nicole.
- o Nominations will be accepted at the October meeting, but interested individuals may also contact Nicole Sedgewick prior to that meeting.
- o Election will take place at the November meeting.
- o Officers will be installed at the December meeting.
- o Positions will go into effect beginning in January.

❖ **New Member Orientation (Lori George):**

- o Scheduled for Wednesday, September 24.
- o Call or email Lori George if you would like to attend this orientation.

❖ **HUGS report (Lori George):**

- o Hugs Challenge this year is an “orphan block” challenge.
  - Jana Colombi has done an incredible job matching up fabric with orphan blocks to go in kits for members to check out.
  - Challenge quilts must be finished by the February meeting and will be entered into the 2015 Quilt Show in the Hugs Challenge category.
- o Lori delivered 12 quilts to Covington Multicare in response to a call for immediate need. She has already received 10 thank you’s as a result! You can find many of the thank you notes that are received on the Guild website. They are very genuine and heart-warming for us to receive—and such a good reminder of why we do this “work”.
- o Next Hugs workshop is Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come for the day or whatever part works for you. Focus on this one is going to be to layer tops/batting/backs for all of the tops that need to be quilted.
- o October Hugs workshop will be Saturday, October 18. Same focus as September workshop.

- o November workshop will be to work on machine quilting the quilts. Members new to machine quilting can learn how to machine quilt or get some practice in!

❖ **2015 Quilt Show Dates (Kathy Scott):**

- o Next year's dates for the quilt show are July 24, 25, and 26.
- o No longer will conflict with Seafair.
- o Vendors have been contacted and we will NOT lose any vendors as a result of this change.

❖ **Retreat Committee Report (Theresa Wright):**

- o Has scheduled a quilting retreat in Cle Elum October 16-19. As of the time of her report, there were still 2 openings, with the potential to have 3-4 alternates should someone not be able to attend at the last minute.
- o 4 people per cabin (Gentlemen, please contact Theresa for lodging arrangements if interested in participating)
- o Participants have already been emailed a packet which includes directions, what to pack, etc. Contact Theresa if you have difficulty opening the attachment or need further information.
- o Payment of \$127.50 (for the whole time) will be due on arrival.
- o We are able to get this low rate because the site is graciously waiving 501(c)(3) status for our first time booking with them.

❖ **Tips & Tricks (Peggy Strain):**

- o Clean the wand from your empty tubes of mascara (with Dawn dishwashing liquid) so that you can use it to remove lint from your machine's bobbin case.
- o Use big binder clips to fasten cords in a bundle for traveling, or to keep out of the way.

❖ **Facebook Group (Jenni Gould):**

- o Jenni Gould and Kathy Scott are the moderators of this group for CQG members only.
- o If you are on FB, this is a nice way to connect with other members in between meetings.
- o If you are not in the group currently, and would like to be, please contact Jenni.

❖ **Presentation Blocks (JoAnn Lee for Dawn Shirron):**

- o JoAnn is collecting Dawn's presentation blocks.
- o Leanne Shipley presented her blocks for members wanting to participate.

❖ **2015 Raffle Quilt (Linda Ferguson):**

- o The 2015 raffle quilt is now going on the road! We need members to help with ticket sales.
- o Maple Valley Farmers Market this Saturday, September 6; shifts are still available.
- o Holiday Food and Gift Festival, Tacoma, October 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Many shifts are open.
- o Rusty Barn, show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, November 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Many shifts are open.
- 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.

❖ **Vice President (Linda Ferguson):**

- o Next month, October 2, we have another speaker—Ranae Merrill, from New York City. (<http://www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/home>)
- o Multiple guilds are having her speak while she is here, and some of them are offering half-day workshops. We, however, have the opportunity to have her teach a FULL-day workshop called “More Fun than a Barrel of Monkeys” on Saturday, October 4 at the Black Diamond Library from 10:00 to 5:00.
- o Due to the amount of money we have remaining in the Workshop budget for 2014, we are able to offer this workshop to our guild members for \$25 per

person + \$15 fee for supplies from Ranae (was going to be \$50 per person + \$15 fee ).

- o Prices will decrease if more than 15 people sign up.
- o She will be showing us how to do spiral quilts with no curved piecing.
- o If we cannot fill the spots, it will be opened up to other guilds, but they will not receive the discount our members will get.
- o Please contact Linda if interested.

❖ **Block of the Month (Mary Ann Baker):**

- o 11 blocks were returned.
- o Winner of August apple blocks was Mary Ann Baker.
- o New September block is a fractured 9-patch. If you did not get directions for this block, you can find it on the website. Please use colors with high contrast.

❖ **Membership (Leanne Shipley):**

- o Welcome to our guests: Mahala Karabotsos and Carolyn Carnahan.
- o Welcome to our new members: Marie Black, Janet Archibald, and Ann Serrine.
- o This month's Badge Prize went to Terry Hall.

**Next up was Show-n-Tell.**

**Kathy Scott closed the meeting at 8:57.**

**Announcements/Upcoming:**

- ❖ Secret Pal exchanges began at the September meeting. Please remember to check that table each meeting if you are participating.
- ❖ October is the month for nominations for open positions.

- ❖ PLEASE contact Linda Ferguson to sign up to help with 2015 Raffle Ticket sales events.
- ❖ New Member Orientation: September 24 @ 6:30. RSVP to Lori George.
- ❖ Hugs Workshop: September 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. RSVP to Lori George.
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Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Shipley for Cheryl George