

Covington Quilters Guild

General Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2011

The meeting was opened early by **Lori George**, at 6:58, with a reminder to pick up your dues cards.

A motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by **Sandie Shields** and seconded by **Judy Von Bokern**. The minutes were approved.

Up-coming meetings will have a rummage sale in March, for which we need more sellers. Please contact **Ada Kirmser** to get set up for being a seller. **Lori Schiffer** will be a speaker and will have a class which will cost approximately \$30. Per person. We will concentrate on the needs of the quilt show in June and July. The annual picnic will be in August.

At this time we took a break to have our soup dinner in honor of HUGS night.

Membership: two guests and one new member joined us this evening. **Linda Fletcher** received the name tag drawing award. Congratulations.

Quilt show: The ribbon rosette design has been picked and the making of them will now commence. Standards for the quilt show are now available, with limited copies on the table. Please check out the website to get more copies. The biggest changes this year include the amount of ribbons that will be given out, and that non-quilt items will not be judged this year. They may be entered for show only.

The challenge this year is going to be decidedly different than in previous years. With an Americana theme, the challenge requires that there be an American flag, with stars and stripes, red, white, and blue, included in the piece that you make. This flag must be something that you have pieced, appliquéd, or made in such a way that it is not “just a piece of fabric with a flag on it.” This flag also must have a pole attached to it, and please use your imagination.

2012 quilt’s main construction of paper piecing is complete and now will be put together.

Show chairmen meetings will continue at **Taylor Creek Quilt Shop**, at seven pm, on the following Wednesdays: February 16th, March 16th, and April 20th.

A chairperson is needed to be in charge of entry door ticket sales. Please let **Darlene Girton** know if you are willing to step into this spot. (**Roxie Michel** and **Lisa Martin** stepped into this spot)

Please bring items for the small quilts booth for selling at the show. We need to get the items in place early so that we know how much we have. Your name will be put into a prize drawing for each item that you donate. So get busy with holiday themed projects and try to win a gift certificate to Taylor Creek.

Grandma’s attic is also looking for handmade items to sell.

The treasurer’s report is on the table. If you have any questions about our budget or expenses, please talk with **Jenni Gould**.

Tea Party at our April meeting will be all about Friendship. Please bring both new and old friends to the meeting, with a prize going to the person who brings the most guests. **Diana Quick** is chair of this and is in need of people who will be table leaders, responsible for decorating a table to convey quilting friends. Several challenges are issued for this meeting. One of these is a mug rug, which has directions on the website. Another challenge is to make a quilt that shows the meaning of friendship. If you have any questions, give Diana a call.

Block of the month: this month we have spring in the air, with a bumble bee and a flower for our blocks. The winner of the bear tracks and bear paw blocks is **Pamela**.

Presentation block: **Karin Wheeler** presented a sixteen patch in greens. The only requirement is that you provide blocks in white to complete the patch. Remember that these blocks are due back in within two months.

Workshops: the binding workshop was greatly appreciated, and will probably need to be repeated again. Thank you, **Linda Ferguson**, for doing such a great job. Upcoming workshops are badges in February, on the Friday the 18th, at Maple Valley Library, from 12:30 till 5:00. Kits are available for this workshop, so all you will need is your machine and regular supplies. Hand-quilting is scheduled for March 25th, at the Covington Library, from 10 till 1:30. April we will learn how to make coil baskets.

Orientation: will be the Tuesday following our meeting in March. All of those who are interested please contact **Joanne Lee** at **Taylor Creek Quilt Shop**, or one of the board members to hold a seat for you. This class will be at 7 pm, at the quilt shop. If you have questions about our guild, or what we are discussing at the meetings, please attend and learn a little more about how we operate.

New at Taylor Creek: paperwork is on the table that covers all of the happenings at the shop. Upcoming classes will include: inside out jacket; beginning and beyond beginning quilting; memorial quilt lecture; Brazilian embroidery; **Irene Moss**; **Roxanne Carter**; **Dawn Shirron**; **Jennie Christiansen**; and **Darlene Girton**.

Mystery quilt: pick up the next set of instructions from **Anita Webb**. How are these coming along???

Four-patch: please turn in your sets to **Dawn Shirron**. If you didn't remember them tonight you have a week to get them turned in to the quilt shop. Remember to put your name and the month on the bag.

The "Just Because" prize went to **Peggy Strain**. Congratulations.

Show and tell: table runners; HUGS; split nine-patch; service projects; dog beds; dog booties for the Iditarod; grandbaby gifts; challenges; mystery quilts; and reversible quilts. Everyone has been very busy since the holidays.

The meeting was then officially turned over to HUGS, with gifts presented to **Pat Bradshaw** and **Gail O'Hern**. We are just short of our goal of 250 quilts, but still managed to make more than last year. Tonight we will be cutting fabric that was donated, and making up kits for quilts. Everyone who had made or worked on a quilt this past year, had their name placed into a drawing for a prize, and **Donna McMillan** won. Way to go Donna!

While we were matching up material and getting it cut, the people involved with secret pals revealed whom they had been giving to the past months. There were several surprises and a few repeats of pals. It was loads of fun. If you haven't tried this before, please join us when we start up the new group of secret pals in a few months.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Wheeler