

# Covington Quilters Guild

## General Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2011

The meeting was opened by **Lori George** at 7pm. **Jill Ellis** moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as printed in the newsletter. Seconded by **Peggy Baus**. Approved.

Upcoming meetings will include: February - HUGS night; March - rummage sale; April - Tea party; May - speaker.

HUGS night will include soup. Please sign up for bringing items for our dinner that night. If you had signed up for refreshments, you are off the hook, unless you want to sign up on the soup list. Needed that evening are rotary cutters, cutting mats, and rulers. We will be cutting fat quarters and packaging up kits for the HUGS program. The next HUGS workshop will be on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Water Gardens, from ten to four. All hands are needed to help us reach our goals for this year.

Please sign up with **Ada Kirmser** for a table at the rummage sale. Everything purchased will be paid for at a central check-out. Items that are in good condition, are useable, (not garbage or just junk), will sell much better and bring in more money for the seller. A percentage will go to the guild from each seller, but no more than \$50 per person. This will be a great way to get some money back from all of those “one day” projects that you are not going to get to, and make a little bit of money for the guild at the same time.

Our speaker, **Cathy Wierzbicki**, who is the author of several books, including Take Time to Quilt, shared many of her quilts that she has done over the past several years. Several of her rulers and patterns are available for purchase during the break.

Membership: We had eight guests and three new members. The badge door prize was won by **Rita Haselman**.

Mystery quilt: Pick up your directions from **Anita Webb** during break, if you had signed up for the mystery quilt.

The “Just Because” door prize was won by **Darlene Girton**.

**Joanne Lee** has the directions for the Four-patch group. Please make sure that you’ve picked them up before the meeting is over.

Show and tell: “I finished it!” gifts for nieces, daughters, small quilt booth, Hugs, and quilt in a day projects. It sure seems that everyone is getting into the swing of finishing projects for the New Year. Was that your resolution too?

Short break.

2011 quilt show: All help for making the new quilt is asked to sign up for work days with Rita. The paper piecing is coming along well, and will continue on Tuesday evenings, at seven pm, at Taylor Creek Quilt Shop until the quilt is completed.

The ribbon team will be getting together this month to start work on our ribbons. There are a lot to make, and if you’d like to help contact Darlene.

This month we will have a show committee chair people meeting at Taylor Creek.

Our ongoing service project, collecting food items for our service men and women along with the cool ties, was reported on. So far we are doing an awesome job of bringing items in. Please keep up the good work.

2011 commemorative quilt and banner: We got to see the beautiful handwork that was done for each of the individual blocks. Next step is to get the blocks put together and the quilting done. The quilt will go to the new fire station in Covington, and the banner to the fire station in Maple Valley, in honor of those who gave their lives on 9/11.

A raffle quilt for the Maple Valley Community Center was present at the meeting, with tickets available for a dollar each. The proceeds from this quilt go to help defray the costs of the annual seniors Valentine Day dinner and dance at the community center.

BOM: Last month's blocks were won by **Roxie Michel**. The new blocks include bear tracks and a traditional bear paw. If you forget to pick up a copy of the directions, you can always find them on our website.

No presentation blocks this month.

Workshops: January's binding class has a waiting list, so it looks like **Linda Ferguson** will need to offer this class again in the near future. February's class is on paper piecing and will be held at the Maple Valley Library on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 5. March is hand quilting with **Carol Miller**. April will be coiled bowls.

Secret pals: The reveal will be in February. Please bring a thank-you for the person whom you have received from and a gift for your secret pal. (Can't wait to find out who I have, cuz I've gotten some of the most wonderful gifts!)

New at Taylor Creek: First a great big congratulations to the Wild Rose Quilt shop in Orting. They have been selected as one of the top ten shops in the United States and Canada and will be featured in the upcoming magazine, American Patchwork Quilting, to promote them.

The million pillowcase challenge has been extended another year, and Taylor Creek and HUGS will continue to promote this program with workshops and material available to use. The pillowcases have been warmly received and would be gratefully accepted in an ongoing basis. Remember there is a dollar off coupon given for each pillowcase turned in.

Upcoming classes are machine quilting, Brazilian embroidery, sweatshirt jacket, **Roxanne Carter BOM**, **Irene Moss**. And don't forget about open sews available during the month.

Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a new membership class at 7 pm, at Taylor Creek. Please contact **Joanne Lee**, or one of the board to make sure that you are signed up for this class.

**Anita Webb** has a new satellite group that is starting this next Saturday, and will continue on the first Saturday of each month, at her house. They will meet from 10 till 1. Bring your machine or handwork, and the desire to visit and learn.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Karin Wheeler**