

Covington Quilters Guild

General Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2011

The meeting was opened at 7 pm, by **Roxie Michel** who welcomed everyone and the meeting was started.

We immediately got to business with a motion by **Anita Webb** to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. This was seconded by **Philo Bell** and passed unanimously.

The new phonebooks were handed out during the meeting. If anyone has a change of email or home address, please see **Verene** at the membership table.

Treasurer's report is on the table. If you have any questions, please talk with **Carolyn Carnahan** after the meeting.

Upcoming events:

A very big welcome to all of our guests! There was one guest this evening. Our badge winner tonight was **Ada Kirmser**. Our door prize winner this evening was **Anita Webb**! Congratulations to both of you. The door prize will be drawn at the end of the meeting and it's replacing the "just because" prize.

There are a few chair positions available at this time. There are new positions and then some of the old positions that are just open. Sign-up sheets were passed around at the meeting. Chair holders are also encouraged to attend the board meetings. We want your input and appreciate your information.

The survey results are not completed at this time so there is no information to share currently.

Quilt Show:

The quilt show is literally right around the corner! The 2012 Quilt Show Chairs will be **Darlene Girton** and Cheryl **Evison**! Thank you ladies for volunteering your time and effort to running our show!

Below will list several pieces of information in regards to the Quilt Show:

- The hostess department needs volunteers and time slots filled up please!
- If you have a skill to demonstrate please see **Carol Cowan**. You can work on your project during the show. Guests really enjoy seeing members work on their projects.
- **Anita Webb** is still collecting items for the Bazaar. She will collect right up to the day of the show. The guild profits 10% and you profit 90%.
- Quilt Show setup begins Thursday 7/21/11 at 9:00AM. Please only come if you've been invited as space is limited and there is a lot of work to be completed.
- If you have antique sewing machines for demonstrations please see **Jenni Gould**.
- 2011-2012 Raffle Quilt volunteers are needed for selling tickets at the show.
- The bed turning display is in need of some volunteers.
- Please see **Loretta Edinger** for volunteer assistance in the soup kitchen.
- Please remember to bring your Tea Room items! If you want to bring anything extra we will gladly accept!
- The Covington Fire Department will be at the Quilt Show on Saturday 7/23/11 to accept the community service quilt that the Guild put together. Reporters from the local news stations will be present.
- The Komo 4 news spot will be filmed Wed 7/20/11 to promote the Quilt Show. **Lori George** and **Darlene Girton** will be part of that project.
- Please take pictures of your experiences while you are at the Quilt Show so we can present them at the August meeting!
- The peer choice award/ribbon will be given out by **Jenni Gould** this year!

Thank you to all of the ladies that helped out with making 2012 Raffle Quilt! It's absolutely beautiful!

The August meeting will be our annual picnic! The Guild provides the main course and a cake is being provided by **Nicholas Shirron**! We will also announce Quilt Show ribbon winners!

2011/2012 Budget:

The new budget was presented to the Guild at the July meeting. The 1st motion to approve came from **Darlene Girton**. The 2nd motion came from **Dawn Shirron** and the Guild as a whole was in favor. The 2011/2012 budget will be posted on the website.

Presentation blocks: Nobody signed up for presentation blocks. Please see **Jill Ellis** to sign up. There are a lot of members eligible to present! **Lori George** is presenting in September.

Workshops: On September 16th from 10:00AM-2:00PM at the Maple Valley Library **Philo Bell** will be teaching a class on Embellishing and Beading quilts. Please see **Ada Kirmser** if you have any questions. Also see Ada if you would like to teach a class/workshop. We could always extra teachers and you get paid for the class!

Block of the month: Next month will be a picnic basket with a cream or white background with some sort of food item in the middle of the block. **Maryanne Baker** won the drawing this month and the winner was drawn by **Carolyn Carnahan**.

Mystery Quilt: The final clues were given out in June so at this time you should have your final setup. Please bring your completed Mystery Quilt to the October Guild meeting. A new Mystery Quilt will be starting in January!

Block Exchanges: Everyone should have received their final bag of 4 patch blocks. Please bring your final quilt in October for show and tell! **Karin** and **Dawn** will be starting a new 9 patch exchange in January. The sign-ups will start going around during the November and December Guild meetings.

2011 Raffle Quilt Tickets: Please check out tickets and be willing to sign up for spots to sell tickets at various activities. Please see **Sandy Bruce** for further information.

Small quilts: These are for sale at the quilt show. They are willing to take your UFOs and complete them to sell, so check out your stash and see what you've got that you are willing to donate.

HUGS: 44 Hugs Quilts were turned in at the last meeting! Thank-you everyone for your hard work! We still need a lot of help, especially with quilting the Hugs. Please see **Lori George** for any questions. You can also do some quilting or put down a binding during the Quilt Show as a demonstration. The next Hugs workshop will be in September. The date hasn't been confirmed at this time.

New at Taylor Creek: A list of available classes is on the table at the back of the room, please help yourself. Here are a few classes; **Irene Moss** will be at the shop July 31st & August 7th to host another great Open Sew! A 6 hours session is \$20.00 and a 3 hour session is only \$10.00! There will be one more Crazy Quilt Stocking class with **Jenni Christensen** on July 17th from 12-4 and it's \$55.00 plus materials and pattern. **Darlene Girton** is holding her Machine Quilting for Beginners class on July 16th & July 30th from 10-2 and it's also \$55.00. The class is full but they are taking names for the waiting list and there will be another class on October 1st & 8th. The Appliqué Society meets the 3rd Monday of the month. They offer both day and evening classes. Please see **Joanne Lee** if you're interested.

The next orientation meeting will be at Taylor Creek on 7/12/11 at 7:00PM. Please let either **Joanne Lee** or someone on the board know if you would like to attend first.

Show and tell: There were several beautiful items including a boxy stars quilt and a horse quilt inspired by a creative 5 year old! The Show and Tell quilts were displayed in a different manner during the meeting by hanging them up for display and viewing. Please remember to not touch the quilts!

New/Upcoming Business/Misc Items:

The secret Pal questionnaire was given out during the July Guild meeting. Please be as detailed as you feel necessary to give your Secret Pal a chance to find the right things for you! Please either give the form to **Helen** or mail it to her. She has requested no emails please.

The next board meeting is Tuesday July 26th at the Maple Valley Library from 6:15PM-9:00PM. Please join us!

Please see **Sandy Bruce** if you have any ideas for future speakers.

Sandy Bruce attended a class and shared several tips with us during the July meeting. Here are a few items:

- Pull the bobbin thread up if you don't want the "nest" issue.
- Use a glove to grasp the needle.
- Snip a stitch scissors reduces the risk of cutting the fabric.
- Fine line pencils are great for marking fabric and you don't have to erase.
- Friction pens are also great to use and using heat removes the marking. Make sure to test it out first!
- Thread the needle with your other hand if you are having issues threading.

Thanks Sandy!

Respectfully submitted,

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