Covington Quilters Guild

General Meeting Minutes – Covington Quilt Guild November 4, 2010

The meeting was opened at 7 pm, by **Lori George**.

Darlene Girton moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Patti Schmidt. Approved as written.

Next meeting will be our Christmas Tea Potluck. We will have a \$10. Limit quilting or stash item. For show and tell, please bring a quilted Christmas decoration to share and help get us in the mood for the holiday. Please bring your own special tea cup, as was the proper etiquette in days of old. There will be door prizes, games, and lots of fellowship.

Our January meeting will be a guest speaker, Cathy Wierzbicki.

Tonight's speaker is Sandy Bonsib. Accompanying her, are her husband, John, and her puppy guide dog in training, McDuff. Sandy shared from her Folk art book, Sweet Treats book, and Patchwork Party book. Her quilts reflect joyful hearts, favorite things, Americana, and other interesting areas of work. What a grand idea to entice people into a class with baked goods!

After a short break we had show and tell, with signature blocks, HUGS, NASCAR, quilts that start as a panel, but now fit a bed, memory quilts, Christmas gifts, first patterns, (WTG **Jenni Christianson**), table runners, and more. Everyone is very busy getting ready for the holidays.

Membership: **Cindy Cole** won for wearing her badge tonight. **Carol Miller** won the just because prize. We have 3 new members. Orientation for new members will be on Tuesday, November 9th, at Taylor Creek Quilt Studio, at 7 pm.

2011 Quilt Show: The Prairie Star paper pieced quilt won for our next show quilt. There will be workshops at Taylor Creek starting on Tuesday, November 23rd, and will go every Tuesday as needed. The workshops will run from 6 till 9 pm and a lot of help will be required. Please bring your sewing machine, basic quilting supplies, and neutral light thread. Contact the guild email, **Rita Hutchins**, or **Darlene Girton** to let them know what days you are available to help.

Positions open for the next show are as follows: Advertising Chair, to collect paid ads; Publicity Chair, to get the word out to newspapers, magazines, radio, and flyers; Signs, to make sure all are in good repair and to get them placed out and picked up, (Malcolm Wheeler will help with setting them up and taking them down); and Ribbons Chair, and team of workers to make the ribbons for the winning quilts. (Kim Heymann said she is available to help).

January 12th, 2011 will be the first show committee chair meeting. That will be a Wednesday night, at Taylor Creek, at 7pm.

Treasurer's report. **Jenni Gould** was not available for the meeting, so if you have any questions from the paperwork on your table, please give her a call.

There were \$812. Worth of tickets sold for the raffle quilt at the Tacoma Dome. Remember to turn in your parking receipts so that you can be reimbursed for them.

The Rusty Barn will be at the Puyallup Fair Grounds on November 18, 19, & 20th, from ten to five. We need people who are able to sell tickets for the raffle quilt to please sign up for a slot. Wear your badge or take your membership card for free admission.

BOM: **Jo Schumacher** won the cats and maple leaf. Congratulations, we look forward to seeing what you come up with. The blocks for December are a wreath and a tree.

Presentation blocks: **Dawn Shirron** presented a signature block and shared one that she had made as a presentation when the guild was doing this years ago. Now she is doing another one to show all the member changes that have occurred over the years.

Workshops: Sunday, December 5th, from 1 to 4, at the Maple Valley Library, will be a basic fusible appliqué class. Saturday, January 15. 2011, from 10:30 to 4, at the Covington Library, will be another class on quilt binding. **Linda Ferguson** will be teaching this class, and you really might want to consider learning this method, as she got some great reviews at the last quilt show on her bindings.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to teach a class on hand quilting. Other areas of interest might include a journaling, paper piecing basics, stenciling, dying fabric, beads from fabric, stack and whack, nature, sock monkeys, coil baskets, weaving, simple gifts, clay, or any craft areas that might be of interest to others. If you are willing to head up one of these classes, please talk to **Patti Schmidt**.

Secret pal: the reveal will be in February.

HUGS: Sunday, November 14th, from 10 to 4, at the Watergardens clubhouse, is the next workshop. All hands are needed to help get us up to speed for these quilts. So far there are only 73 quilts that have been completed since last February and our goal is 250 by this next February. Bring your machine, quilting supplies and help us out.

Mystery quilt will be starting up in January. The guild will pay for the membership to participate in this. You just need to sign up with **Anita Webb**.

Anita is also willing to get a Saturday Friendship group started in January. The group will meet from 10 till 1 on the first Saturday of the month, with the exception of the very first meeting, which will be the 8th of January.

Please get your retreat money for Dumas Bay turned in to Jo Schumacher as soon as possible.

The response for November's service project is overwhelming, with two tables receiving fat quarter prizes for bringing in so VERY many items of cocoa, cider, oatmeal, and cool ties. Our challenge for next month is those items again (for those who forgot them) and small pull-top cans of chili, beef stew and pasta. These cans should be individual serving size. Don't for get to make up cool ties as well. Thank you for all the support so far.

Four Patch: will begin in January. Make sure you are on the sign up sheet. Directions will be handed out in January. Any questions, talk with **Dawn Shirron** or **Karin Wheeler**.

This month's board meeting is cancelled. Have a great Thanksgiving instead.

The embroidery group will meet next Friday at the Covington Library from 1 to 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Wheeler