

Covington Quilters

General Meeting Minutes ~ September 1, 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 Linda Ferguson to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. This was seconded by Karin Wheeler and passed unanimously.

The new phonebooks were handed out a couple of meetings ago. If anyone has a change of email or home address or hasn't picked up their phonebook, 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.

Library: The library has no librarian, little funds and no interest. The board has voted to close the library if someone doesn't step forward to volunteer. We will revisit this topic in our next meeting in October.

Upcoming events:

October: The Singing Quilters

November: Martha Steinborn on Color, Value and Placement, Part 1 (pt 2 in March). She has before & after pics to show the color difference.

December: Christmas party that is being chaired by Ada Kirmser.

A Reproduction Workshop Panel with slide show was then introduced. The Dear Jane Philosophy is finished is better than perfect! The Yahoo group meets at the Running Stitch the 3rd Sunday of the month, Except for September.

Roxie spoke of Civil War love letters and a Farmers wives quilt.

Ada Kirmser told a story of why she loves quilting and how her mother made her a quilt. She loves old fashioned 30's and 40's fabric. In 2007 her Dear Jane Quilt was close to 100 blocks.

Sandra Fountain is making a Dear Hannah quilt.

Carol Cowan is working on a Dear Jane quilt called Oh Dear. She has 1695" blocks totaling 5602 pieces.

Mary Anne Baker is also working on a Dear Jane quilt.

Dearjane.com/tips has very helpful tips & tricks available.

Brenda Papadakis graciously signed a Dear Jane book for a door prize and the winner was Pearl Dennis!

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.

A very big welcome to all of our guests!

Badge Prize was won by Sandy Bruce, after the first person wasn't wearing her badge.

Break

Misc Items:

The next board meeting is Thursday September 22nd from 6-9pm at the Maple Valley Library. Normally meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday after the normal meeting to setup the next Guild meeting.

Karen Vernor has created a committee to review the by-laws. There is a small group meeting soon and it will take approximately 6 months until they are finished. The recommendations will be presented to the board, then to the members for discussion. One month will pass and then a vote will happen during a meeting. Karen presented a few items during the meeting: The group has met 4 times to discuss changes. The group is made up of steady members, the longest being a member since 1996. The concerns include changing the election date/time so they don't coincide so closely to the Quilt Show, re-clarify group purposes, transparency & accountability in how the guild handles the money and makes decisions regarding expenses and provide measure to smooth a board transition.

Lisa Martin & Gail O'Hern will be co-chairing Tips & Tricks! Lisa presented a couple great ideas at the meeting. The first was a tip for bringing things to retreat. Lisa presented putting pre-round bobbins in an empty prescription container. Also while travelling put things in a clear package/holder for easier viewing. She also showed how to put scraps of fabric in a photo album for easier viewing.

On 9/23/11 Philo Bell will teach **One Stroke Painting** at Sandy Bruce's house. The cost is \$20.00. On 10/21/11 from 12-4 there will be a **Hydrangea Class** as well! If you have any other ideas or need help learning a technique please see Ada.

Ada Kirmser is selling raffle tickets for the Evergreen Peacemakers raffle quilt and they are \$1.00 each.

Guild Programs & Other:

Presentation blocks: Nobody signed up for presentation blocks. Please see Jill Ellis to sign up. There are a lot of members eligible to present!

Workshops: 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: 13 blocks were presented from last meetings block of the month. Hugs won the drawing this month! Next month will be representing the fall season upon us highlighting yellow, red, orange and light gold with a black background.

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 November 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: Kathy Trovesi has kindly volunteered to take over the raffle ticket sales! Please check out tickets and be willing to sign up for spots to sell tickets at various activities. Please see Kathy for more information. 536 tickets were sold at the most recent venue!

HUGS: Thank you very much to everyone who came to the most recent Hugs workshop at the Water Gardens. There was an amazing turnout and we ran out of table space! A lot of wonderful things were completed and turned in so thank you again for your volunteered time! There will be a paper bag challenge in October that will include 1 yard of fabric for you to do with as you please! There will also be a workshop during the week in October. Also, please bring back the plastic bags, pins, patterns & extra fabric when you check out a Hugs kit. We can re-use everything.

What's New at Taylor Creek: Here are a few of the things coming up at Taylor Creek!

Irene Moss Open Sew: Oct 16th, 30th, Nov 13th & Dec 4th. Come work on those UFO's! This 6 hour session is only \$20.00. If you can only attend for 3 hours it's \$10.00.

Roxanne Carter-Girls Day Out! There is only room for a couple more people. The cost is \$25.00 plus materials. The supply list is in the shop and classes will usually be the last Friday of the month. Classes will usually be the last Friday of the month from 10-1. The next will be Sep 30th. They are also taking names for the 2012 Girls Day Out.

Darlene Girton is holding her **Machine Quilting for Beginners** class on October 1st & 8th from 10-2 and it's \$55.00. The class is full but they are taking names for the waiting list. A book is required for the class and other materials are provided. Darlene Girton is also holding a **Machine Quilting for Beyond Beginners** class. Bring a finished top lap size or smaller so you can design your own quilting format. The class is Saturday Oct 22nd from 10-2. The cost is \$50.00 plus a class book (already purchased from the Beginning class).

Jenni Christensen is holding a **Quilted Sweatshirt Jacket** class. This is a 2 part class starting Sept 18th and finishing on Sept 25th both noon-4. The cost is \$60.00 plus materials and pattern. There is a sample in the shop to take a look at!

Jenni Christensen is also returning in October with **Crazy Quilt Stocking!** Saturday Oct 15th & 29th from 10-2. The cost is \$55.00 plus materials and pattern. There is a very cute sample in the shop!

Brazilian Embroidery with Grita Gidner: Introduction to leaves, 10 person limit for the class. It's a 3 part class being held Wednesdays, Oct 19th, 26th & Nov 2nd from 10-1. The cost is \$40.00 and it includes all fabrics and threads. There will also be another class featuring pine boughs and holly after the intro to leaves on Nov 9th, 16th & 23rd from 10-1 and will be \$30.00 including all fabric and threads.

Pineapple Paper Piecing with Irene Moss will be available on Saturday Sept 24th from 10-4 and is \$60.00 plus materials.

The Million Pillowcase Challenge has been extended throughout 2011 so if you are still making pillowcases please turn them into the shop who will accept them on behalf of the guild and then will distribute to charities throughout the Puget Sound. Jenni Christensen will be hosting 1 more session on how to make a pillowcase Nov 5th from 10-1 and it's free!

The Appliqué Society meets the 3rd Monday of the month. They offer both day and evening classes. There are two formed chapters, one will meet 10-1 and one will meet 6-9. Please see Joanne Lee if you're interested. The next class is Oct 3rd 10-2:30 for \$50.00 plus a \$10.00 supply charge.

Orientation will be held on September 6th at Taylor Creek. Please let either Joanne Lee or someone on the board know if you would like to attend in the future. If nobody calls, there will be no meeting.

Show and tell: There were several beautiful items hanging up during the meeting and highlighted during show & tell. Anita Webb also announced she has a new grandbaby born on 8/27/11! Congrats Anita!

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.

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

Door prize was won by Joan Calvary.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Evison