

## Covington Quilters Guild Feb 1 Minutes

The Covington Quilt Guild meeting was called to order at 7pm by Dotti Harris.

### Membership:

Leanne was out sick so Judy Seferovich provided back up support. There were four visitors and four new members. A reminder was made to pay membership dues.

### Raffle Quilts:

We had two beautiful quilts in addition to ours; Crystal Quilters and Greater Maple Valley Community Center Quilters.

### Secret Pal Reveal

Dee White will chair the 2018 Secret Pal that begins in September.

### HUGS Presentation: Lori George.

Hugs Guest was Jenn Baker from Valley Medical Breast Center who has been working there for 1 ½ years in cancer services. She is a registered nurse who formerly worked in labor and delivery.

She reached out to several quilt guilds for donations and Covington Quilters was the only guild who stepped up and started our relationship with Valley Medical Breast Center to start sharing our Hugs quilts.

Jenn expressed her gratitude along with admiration of the efforts to produce wonderful creations that mean so much to the patients.

Our Hugs quilts are provided to patients after surgery and are often seen being used during infusions and chemo treatments. Patients are overwhelmed with their diagnosis along with enduring treatments and find so much comfort and support with our quilts. Patients feel the support from strangers who care so much that gives them so much comfort that eases their tough challenge they are going through.

## BUSINESS MEETING

### Minutes

January minutes approved by Theresa Wright; seconded by Debby Parry Evans.

### Treasurer's Report - Jenni Gould

Copies of the Banking Summary and Register Report for January 2018 were available and reviewed. They are also on the website.

Rent for the Maple Valley Community Center will remain at \$1,200 a year, then the expected increase will be up to \$1,500. Because we had budgeted for \$1500 but were only charged \$1200, this difference will offset the cost of the membership pins for 2018 budget.

### Storage Keys - Dotti Harris

There are 10 Storage keys currently held by: Dotti Harris (gave key to Karin Powell for auction), Patty Kobelin, Lori George, Jenni Gould, George Gould, Jill Ellis, and Linda Ferguson. There are three keys that need to be located. A system needs to be created to keep track of these keys.

### Volunteer Hours

Dotti mentioned that some companies will match volunteer hours with financial donations, so all the volunteer time put into guild activities is considered volunteer hours for a non-profit.

Check with your employer to see if they have this program and ask what paperwork needs to be completed.

### COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Retreats - Theresa Wright

Camp Koinonia

There has been a change with payments to prepay a month prior that will be paid by the individual to the guild which will then write one check.

April retreat participation payments need to be made in March and the October retreat participation needs to be paid in September.

### Project Quilt to Ashes- Donna Smith

California Fires this summer followed by mud slides during the winter damaging 1,100 structures that included 750 homes displacing families. Ventura Quilt Guild is reaching out to other guilds for donations of quilts, fabric, or blocks over the next 6 months. Donna suggested members make a 12 inch block and she will provide the pattern, collect finished blocks, and mail.

### Kaffe Fassett Project –Bobbie Mowery

Workshop scheduled March 17th starting at 10 am at the Maple Valley Library. Turn in fabric blocks in September and will receive back in October.

### Fabric of the Month - Tabatha Smith

Kim Mitchell was the February winner. Aqua is the FOM color for March.

### Auction - Tabatha Smith, Karin Powell

CQG March Auction begins at 6:30 PM. Jill Ellis will be the auctioneer. We will now be able to accept debit and credit card payments, as well as cash and checks. No IOU's.

### Quilt Show Bazaar -Tabatha Smith

Tabatha has some new ideas for the bazaar and will be sending out an email with more info with the call out for volunteers and support.

#### Quilt Show Fat Quarter Basket - Tabatha Smith

We are continuing to collect fat quarters and members can bring them to the meetings and give them to me or Peggy Anderson.

#### Quilt Show Standards—Kathy Scott

Information and standards for the 2018 quilt show have been updated, printed and available for members. This is also available on the website.

Kathy went over the changes and important information, along with critical dates.

Paul and Dawn Shirron volunteered to be cashiers for the QS Bazaar.

Kathy Scott has a new idea for the Quilt Show Make and Take. Instead of demonstrations these will be in addition to mini classes that would be 3 hours as an outreach and a way to generate money. These are both in the early stages of discussion.

#### Quilt Show Decorations—Kathy McClung

Orphan blocks to hang. If you want your orphan blocks returned add your name on back. Pictures to be used to go with the theme "Finding Joy" please send your pictures.

Next Quilt Show Meeting is March 20th, 7:00 PM at Lori George's house. Address is in the membership book.

#### Raffle Quilt- Lynn Bolster

Recent sales - \$91.00

Our Raffle Quilt will be going on tour to Enumclaw, Evergreen Guild in Kent, and out to Gig Harbor. Also the quilt will be at the Quilt Museum in La Connor for Fiber Fest this month.

Sew Expo is coming up and Dotti Harris brought in schedules and information for members to pick up.

A reminder that Board meetings are open to all members. Date cards were available along with Quilt Show meeting schedule that will also be posted on the website.

Badge Prize went to Kathy Scott

#### Hugs Presentation - Lori George

Sixteen Hugs Challenge quilts were turned in for the BQ2 challenge pattern and were voted on: First - Peggy Anderson, 2nd - Tabatha Smith, 3rd - Donna Smith.

Names of members who have participated in Hugs were in a drawing and Karen Strous was the winner.

Tracking Hugs quilts began in 2005 and the current total is 2,739.

We donate Hugs Quilts to: American Airlines/Snowball Express, Children's Hospital, Covington/Auburn MultiCare Oncology, PICC, Jennifer Beach Foundation, Valley Medical Center, Valley Medical Center Breast Care Unit, Ryther Child Center and Vine Maple Place.

Dawn and Paul Shirron have quilted over 700 Hugs quilts. Paul was given a lifetime membership to the Guild. Paul and Dawn also received a gift certificate to a restaurant.

Lori put together appreciation packages of specialty items she made for some key volunteers.

The guild meeting ended with a great Show-n-Tell.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM

Respectfully submitted by Eleanor Delakruse, Secretary and Dotti Harris, President