

7:00 PM Meeting began with Dotti Harris, President who read the Purpose statement and reminded everyone of the secret pals to drop off and pick up gifts.

Debbie Russell, Vice President, introduced this evening's speaker, Barbara Wheeler of Just Sew Vintage who specializes in Feed Sacks and Vintage fabrics. Barbara grew up as a sewer and while she lived in Indiana she enjoyed antique shopping where she discovered vintage fabric and Feed Sacks. While reviewing the history and origin of feed sacks, we heard interesting and entertaining stories. The movie Fried Green Tomatoes used thousands of feed sacks on the movie set. We heard how women reused feed sacks to make clothes, quilts, and dolls. Most tried to remove the print to make the fabric more usable and we all chuckled at the flour feed sack reused for a man's under garment that still had the print of self-rising on it. Manufactures started to print dress and doll patterns along with embroidery designs to increase sales. Bemis is a Seattle manufacturer that started in 1858 and produced feed sacks and are still in business 150 years later making plastic bags including some for dog and cat food and these are being reused into creative items that you can find on Pinterest.

Barbara provided references for books, YouTube videos and online sources that are attached to meeting notes. You can contact Barbara at justsewvintage@gmail.com or 425-238-7487.

Leanne Shipley, Membership Chair introduced our 4 guests, 2 new members and our badge prize winner was Jeanie Hunt.

Break

To view all of Barbara's selection of feed sacks, vintage fabric, quilts, books, and resources.

Lyn Bolster had 2019 raffle tickets available to purchase during break.

Kathy McClung had our Finding Joy T-Shirts available to pick up and purchase.

Voting ballots were passed out for Board Nominations; VP, Treasurer and Members-at-Large.

Dotti Harris, President introduced the board members in attendance: Debbie Russell, Vice President; Eleanor Delakruse, Secretary; Peggy Anderson and Jill Ellis, Members-at-Large. Jenni Gould, Treasurer, was at the beach on vacation.

Dotti Harris, President, called for the October minutes to be approved. Kim Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes with Linda Ferguson seconding the motion with the members in attendance approving.

Treasurers' Report by Dotti Harris, President, on behalf of Jenni Gould, Treasurer. Jenni will provide statements for the newsletter.

BECU Checking Beginning Balance	\$11,848.01
Live Oak Bank – Savings	\$10,079.47
HUGS Designated Funds	\$841.91

Dotti informed members in attendance that the rental rate for the Maple Valley Community Center will be changing in 2019 from \$100.00 to \$175.00 per meeting for an annual increase of \$900. She also

noted that we anticipate the rental rates for the storage unit and the school rental for the quilt show to increase.

Dotti announced the 10 keys for the storage unit are available with a \$10.00 refundable deposit. Jill Ellis will make a signup sheet.

Committee Chairs were called up by Dotti Harris, President.

Fundraiser – Debbie Russell requested 1,000 Taco Time coupon books and if our guild is chosen, they will be available in January. The books contain five \$1.00 off coupons that we sell for \$1.00 each book and we receive 100% of the money raised.

Amazon Smile increased donations 10 times for purchases between October 29th and November 2nd.

Nomination Chair – Peggy Anderson, announced the results of votes for nominated positions: Vice President, Debbie Russell; Treasurer, Peggy Anderson; and Members-at-Large, Tabatha Smith and Zena LaRosa.

Simple Exchange – Bobbie Mowery announced handouts and schedules were available for members.

Themed Block Exchange – Bobbie Mowery will send out a survey to vote on a theme that will be announced at December's meeting and will have signups available. Members in attendance voted that participants will contribute to the cost of the background fabric, rather than using money from the Guild's general fund.

Retreats – Linda Ferguson will be chairing after Teresa Wright's 5 years of service. Linda promoted the recent improvements at Camp Koinonia in Cle Elum: has a new cook, facilities are cleaner, cracks in the cement have been filled, roads are better, and they now have a licensed massage therapist. Retreats are 5 days, Wednesday through Sunday, rates are \$233 for Covington Quilters Guild members and need to pay Linda 30 days in advance. We have two retreats in April and October. See Linda for more details.

December Holiday Party – Judie Seferovich provided a handout with details. This year's theme is traditional Red & Green and we will start at 6:30 PM.

2019 Raffle Quilt – Lyn Bolster announced 371 tickets were sold at the Rusty Barn and total sold to date are 798. Raffle Quilt will be at the Covington Holiday event at Jenkins Creek Elementary, December 1st from 9:00 am to 4:00 PM and will have 2-½ hour shifts. Lyn is contacting other guilds to display our raffle quilt at their meetings and invite them to display theirs at our meetings.

2020 Raffle Quilt – Mary Ann Baker thanked everyone who has donated fabric. Bright Batiks are needed in ¼ yard increments by width of fabric, not fat quarters or jelly rolls. Mary Ann is accepting volunteers to help with the 2020 Raffle Quilt.

Fat Quarter of the Month – Mary Ann Baker, on behalf of Tabatha Smith, announced the November Batik winner was Sue Mitchell. There will not be a Fat Quarter for December.

Presentation Blocks will be chaired by Tabatha Smith in 2019.

Tuesday Satellite group has expanded and will meet at the Hobart Community Church from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Hugs - Lori George, noted we have made 3,016 charity quilts. Quilt and bag kits were available along with completed quilts that need binding. Next workshop is November 17th. Workshops and signups are now available on Google Docs and you can also contact Lori. Handouts for the 2019 workshops schedule were available.

2019 Holiday Festival at the Tacoma Dome, Lori wanted to know if members wanted to see if we can get our booth back to sell raffle tickets. Members agreed they would like to do this show again if we can get the booth for free.

This will be our 3rd year supporting Snowball Express on December 8th. Flyers were available in addition to the email that was sent to all members.

New Membership Orientation is November 27th, 7:00 PM at Lori George's house.

Quilt Show Core Team: Debby Parry-Evans, Debi Mashak, Joan Calvery, Lyn Bolster, and Lori George. 2019 theme is Pieces in Time. This year's challenge will be made from your scraps that you can trade with other members.

Open Sew – Jill Ellis and Debbie Russell will host on Friday, November 23rd at the Maple Valley Library from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 PM at the Maple Valley Sheriff's office.

Show and Tell

9: 20 PM Meeting adjourned by Dotti Harris, President.

Respectfully submitted by Eleanor Delakruse, Secretary

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