

March 2010 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order on March 9, 2010 at 1:03 and 7:00 pm respectively by Guild President Vera Zahner.

- ✓ Guests were asked to stand and were acknowledged by applause.
- =====

Report by President:

- Minutes from the February General Meeting and Board meeting actions were posted on the board for review and signature.
- Financial Reports were posted on the bulletin board.
- The minutes from the General Meetings are posted on the Guild website.
- Susan Tigard is requesting members bring in scraps of fabric, yard and / or thread to make bedding for cats and dogs at the Humane Society.
- Tickets are available from Cindy Raaf for an Opportunity Quilt from the Sunflower Quilt Guild in Iola, Kansas. The Sunflower Quilt Show will be held on April 17th and 18th at the Iola Middle School.
- The Denver National Quilt Festival will be held on April 29-May 2, 2010.
- The Walnut Valley Quilters Guild spring brunch and mini-quilt auction will be held March 27th at 9:00 a.m. in the Wright Room of the Brown Center at Cowley College, 215 S. Second, Arkansas City.
- March is Women's History Month at Fort Scott. To commemorate, Fort Scott NHS will host an exhibit, exhibition, and symposium on quilts in the 19th century titled Voices from the Quilts which will run from March 1 thru March 31st.
- The Cattleman's Ball, to be held on April 12, is requesting quilts to be donated for the auction. The money raised will be used to support the fight against cancer.
- The Machine Quilters Showcase (MQS) in Overland Park will be held May 12th - 15th is looking for volunteers. Volunteer for two hours to get free admission to the show.
- The Old Country Store sent the guild two cookbooks which are in the library. Postcards about their website (www.OldCountryStoreFabrics.com) are also available.
- Cathy Beverage had naked lady flower bulbs to give away.

Cares and Concerns:

Lucille Mitchell	Passed away
DeLores Miller	Passed away
Phyllis Elrod	Ill – would appreciate cards

Contact Evelyn Gernatt if you have any cares and concerns.

Charity Quilts

Janice Bailey requested members contact her if they are willing to either assemble quilt tops or do the quilting. She receives many completed quilts each month and expressed her gratitude.

Workshops – Debbie Jones

Elsie Campbell will be the speaker in April. The workshop is called String Piecing and you will be allowed to select any pattern and Elsie will show you how to put it together.

The May speaker will be Virginia and George Siciliano. The workshop is called *Size Really Does Matter*. It is a miniature quilt workshop where you will learn the entire process of making a miniature gem. There is a fee for the kit.

2010 Common Threads Quilt Show

Jackie Clark announced for each quilt that is entered into the show, your name will be entered for a chance to win a wonderful prize basket. Iron-on transfers can be purchased for \$3.00/sheet or they can be downloaded. Jackie also encouraged members to take posters and distribute at work, school, quilt shops, etc. The poster can be downloaded from the website listed below as well as the directions on making a quilt sleeve. Members can start signing up to volunteer at the show which will be held at Century II from June 25th – 27th. Especially needed are volunteers to set up on Wednesday, process-in on Thursday and tear down on Sunday.

Deb Johnson encouraged members to sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. The tickets are for sale and are priced at 6 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. A picture of the quilt is on the PQG website. The quilt has been appraised.

Eleanor Malone and Jackie encouraged members to get their entry forms turned in. To date there have been approximately 470 quilt entries submitted. The entry form can be downloaded from the website: www.wichitaquiltshow.com. Quilt Show entries can be mailed to the address on the form. An entry form is required for each quilt entered and the deadline is **March 31, 2010**. This year there will be over 50 vendors from all over the U.S.

Denise Dias said there will be 24 classes taught by Barb Gardner, Lynn Hagmeier (she has lowered her fee to \$8.00), Toby Lischko, Cleo Mounday, Judy Phelps, Virginia Robertson, and Anita Shakelford. All classes are available to the public. Denise suggested signing up for the Quilt Sampler which is on Friday from 7-9 pm. The teachers will be demonstrating and there will be time to visit with the various instructors. If a sewing machine is required, participants should plan on bringing their own as none will be provided. Most classes are \$10.00. All day classes are only \$30.00. There will be a great variety of classes: EQ6, bindings, feathers, beginning machine quilting, appliqué, wedding ring, etc.

Brenda Ramey and Nonie England are co-chairs of the mini quilt auction which will be held on Saturday beginning at noon. Nonie encouraged members to make and donate

mini-quilts for the auction which raises money for grants. The mini-quilt entry form can be found on the PQG website and turned in by the June meeting. The “minis” do not need to have a sleeve.

Linda Davis-Haskins announced that quilts will be on display at the Show from previous Quilt Camps. If you have been an adult mentor, and the student’s quilt is finished and has never been displayed at a previous PQG Show, she requested they be contacted to let them know we are interested in displaying their quilt in June. Mentors are asked to help the student complete and turn in the entry by March 31st. The entry should include the year the student attended Quilt Camp, when the quilt was completed, and the age of the student when the quilt was made. The quilt should be laundered and a sleeve attached.

Nancy Moran is in charge of editing the Show Book and requested members submit a tip or trick they would like to share that can be added throughout the book. Advertising is also available to those interested in advertising their upcoming quilt show, quilting services, etc.

Kendra McBroom said there would be on-going 15-20 minute on-stage demonstrations throughout the Show.

Birthday Block

Sharon Smith announced that members could turn in their birthday blocks in March, April, or May. For every block you bring in, you will get a chance to win a prize. The birthday party will be held in June.

Block of the Month

Kendra McBroom showed a sample of next month’s block. The pattern can be found on the PQG website.

Garden Show

Mary Ann Smith, Wichita Garden Show Chairman thanked those that entered quilts in the show and those that volunteered. There were many compliments on the 32 quilts that were entered. The Lawn and Garden Show donated the ribbons and \$50 for prize money. It was distributed so all winners received some monetary award. The winners were as follows:

- 1st – Carol Show
- 2nd – Judy Turner
- 3rd – Cleo Mounday
- 4th – Sharon Smith

Membership

Donna Bradbury, Membership Chair, announced the 2009 – 2010 directories is finished and is being distributed. Donna has recently received quite a few new member and renewals since the directory was published. Quilters for hire are listed in the back of the book. The Nominating Committee is listed on the back cover. These are the people that

will prepare the slate for next year's Board. Please contact them if you know of someone that would like to serve.

Program

The March speaker, Linda Ballard, was introduced by Vice-President, Sue Muhlenbruch. Linda's program was titled *Discover the Possibilities*. Linda is a traditional quilter that has developed many speed methods for piecing. Her technique makes us look differently at quilt blocks and patterns. Her workshop, called *Fractured Crystals*, uses only three different blocks for the quilt but the individual blocks are indistinguishable. More information can be obtained at Linda's website www.letsquilt.com.

Door Prize Drawings

Hospitality Chair, Sandra Coln, drew for door prizes.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____

Seconded: _____

Dixie Decker, Secretary PQG 2010