

PIECE BY PIECE QUILT GUILD

GENERAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

WELCOME: General meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Grace Hill Church meeting room by President Betty Colombo with approximately 60+ members in attendance. She opened the meeting with a brief greeting to all.

Cheri Stempel took the podium to announce the details of 2 future workshops. The March 16th workshop with Geri Patterson-Kutras covers the topic of Boro and Sashiko Stitching. The fee is \$40, and the payment is due this evening or by mail as soon as possible. The kit for the purse project is an additional \$20.

The workshop to follow on May 18th is entitled “Everything but Cotton” by Julia McCloud and she will also be the presenter for the evening guild program entitled “Smithereens”.

Sign-up sheets are available at the back table for both daytime workshops.

There was a discussion about the necessity for a set-up team on workshop days. Cheri pointed out that our workshop instructor was setting up this morning and few people arrived early to help. This was overlooked and will be addressed for future workshops. Our apologies were extended to Jenny Lyon.

EVENING PROGRAM:

Our guest speaker, Jenny Lyon was introduced and gave an inspirational lecture/slideshow called “The Beauty of the Imperfect” lasting about 50 minutes. She also displayed several models of her amazingly artistic and technically challenging work and proudly proclaimed that “being able to identify and appreciate the hand of the maker” was one of the highest honors she had received from a judge.

***Guild Break from 8:00-8:15pm**

During the break there were a few quilts donated to Kelley Stover for the Wrap Ukraine with Quilts program.

Betty welcomed our 2 guests present in the audience (mother and daughter)

TREASURER’S REPORT: Margaret Sullivan – no report requested by president

MEMBERSHIP: Kelly Ann Brown – Kelly Ann reported our membership enrollment this evening was up to #70 persons and dues were \$36. We had #3 new members join and arose to be acknowledged.

There are membership cards available for paid members at the back table and can be used as ID at quilt stores, JoAnn Fabrics and others providing a discount to quilters.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens

Sign-ups for BOM 2023 – Block of the month sign-ups are still needed for next year, specifically after May until the end of the year.

Block of Month – The March block will be “Orange You Glad” and a description can be found in the newsletter along with instructions for completing the block, submitted by Michael Sue Korbel.

The winner of the Drawing for the **Feb BOM #20** “Hearts blocks” was won by Sally Starz.

Sew days will be starting in April and hostesses are needed to sign up. March and May will be taken with workshops. Set up hostesses will be needed at sew days to facilitate the room set-up and managing the key.

Sign-ups for philanthropy baskets are really needed so please consider sponsoring a basket this year.

Sign-ups for the March Workshop “Boro” by Geri Kutras and the May workshop by Julia McCloud “Everything but Cotton” are available and there are spaces.

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Linda Rubio Nothing to report.

PHILANTHROPY: June Okano and Linda Boman

The quilt tops from the storage unit that have been donated to the guild have been collected and several members including Linda Boman, June Okano, Carol, Marilee and Kelly Ann have met and determined the condition of the quilts and matched them with backs. They matched approx. 40 quilts and made them ready for tying at the April Sew Day. Several of the ladies also visited Advent Lutheran Church to see the process used to make “mission quilts,” spending the time to become familiar with the entire process. April Sew Day will begin at 9:30 for set-up and making tied quilts will be the program if members would like to help. All welcome.

This month's Philanthropy basket winner is Marilee Kline and was provided by Laurie Perez.

Future Philanthropy baskets are going to be provided and assembled by members who sign up. A \$25 reimbursement for items will be allotted to the basket maker for the month. Others can donate sewing items and extra baskets to be used in the prepared baskets for this program. There are some items available in the storage unit for the baskets. Cheri Stempel also donated many \$10 Starbucks gift cards to be included (one each) in the next many baskets. Cheri was thanked for her generosity to the guild.

Kits for QAYG baby quilts are on the back table. Batting and labels can be obtained from June Okano.

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: Kelly Ann Brown

Kelly announced that there will be new content presented frequently on the website and invited everyone to have a look.

She also said the newsletter motif for February was well received with all the vintage Valentine images.

SUNSHINE: Diane Kirkpatrick – Diane sent cards this month to Susan Oakes, Lydia and Barb Christie.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoom Sew Day –Chris Bradshaw - Next zoom meeting will be March 8 at 9:30 and there will be sharing of all kinds of ideas with no definite topic.

UFO Lists – Melinda McGlashan

Melinda announced year 2022 was "THE HONOR SYSTEM" for reporting completed UFO's and she would like your totals reported to her by March 2023 to enter the raffle. The jar is available at her table to submit "2022 finishes". A \$25 Gift Certificate to Quilts and Things is the prize.

For Year 2023 – A list of your **projected** UFO FINISHES needs to be handed in to Melinda by March 2023. These are quilts started before Jan 2023 and finished before January 2024. The Prize will be awarded in MARCH of 2024.

Fun Day Report- Marilee Kline

April 15, 2023, from 8 am-4pm at Electricians Union Hall in San Jose. \$40 with optional \$16 Erik's Deli lunch. Please fill out registration forms available at the back table and pay by April 1st. Breakfast, games, raffles, free sewing, mystery pattern for \$5.00 and bring a layer cake of your own fabric for participation in the mystery sew-along.

Show and Tell -see photos taken by Kelly posted on the website.**

Name Tag Drawing – Judy Gillingham won “positive Affirmations” playing cards.

Reach Out Donation Drawing – Melinda McGlashan won a gift certificate to Quilt's and Things. It was noted the guild has been supporting the Pantry for 10 years.

Fat Quarter Drawing – Winner Melinda McGlashan. It was explained that the color of the fat quarter each month is listed on the Piece by Piece website in the events section.

Piece by Piece has a Facebook page and to be able to participate, the member needs to contact Margaret Sullivan, Laurie Perez, Cheri Stempel or Chris Bradshaw for approval. They moderate the site.

Quilt Show – September 2023 Cheri Stempel reported the formation of a Quilt Show Committee and invited others to join. They were planning to meet to formulate a workable plan for the show.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm by President Betty Colombo.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary