

Quilters Guild of Plano Meeting
September 14, 2023– 7:00 p.m. – Hunters Glen Baptist Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Donna Petrick, President. We had Show and Tell first in order for our guests to see some of our members' lovely projects.

The special order of business was the presentation of Quilts of Valor to three men who have served their country honorably. They are Lanny White, Casey Esch, and Jessie Moxley. Carolyn Cosgriff went through a presentation about what the quilts signify. Two of the quilts were made by Diane Cronenberg, and the third was made by Sue Rentz.

Donna introduced Deborah Boschert of the Quilters Guild of Dallas. Deborah described the category changes for their quilt show coming next spring and encouraged members to participate by entering quilts online.

We originally planned to have a program on free-standing lace presented by Donna Petrick and Tisha Harms. Because of the length of time we would be devoting to the Quilts of Valor presentation, that program was deferred until the December meeting. This information was also communicated to members in the newsletter.

Donna asked Sara Lindsay to come forward to present the nominees for officers for 2023-2024. Sara first named the current officers, asking them to stand and be recognized by the members. She also thanked the nominating committee for their service. The nominees are as follows:

- President – Jeanne Vogel
- Vice President of Finance – Donna Morris
- Secretary – Ginny Cherry
- Co-Vice President of Membership – Barbara Goetz
- Co-Vice President of Membership – Raj Aggarwal
- Vice President of Media – Dawn Wester
- Co-Vice President of Community Service – Bonnie Cook
- Co-Vice President of Community Service – Valerie Schlake
- Co-Vice President of Programs – Beth Swiatek
- Co-Vice President of Programs – Linda Sullivan
- Co-Vice President of Education – Liz Beaty
- Co-Vice President of Education – Lorrie Gray
- Vice-President of Guild Activities – Chris Fredericks

Dena Smith moved and Debbie Skorepa seconded that the nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion passed. These officers will take over beginning on October 1st. Sara then indicated that two of these officers have indicated that they will be unable to serve; the board will appoint people to take over these two positions.

Donna mentioned that she has several lost and found items that were left at one of our recent meetings or at the quilt show meeting. Please contact Donna if you think one of these items belongs to you.

Donna, Jeanne Vogel, and the current and future officers have been reviewing our Policies and Procedures. The complete document can be found on our website under Membership, Guild Documents, Board. Changes are indicated in red. The changes affected many parts of this document including such things as contracts, distribution of keys, duties of officers, day retreat information, Community service hours, the addition of Sunshine and Shadow, Bookmarks, Workshop volunteers, and a number of other areas. The board was working to eliminate redundancies and to bring the descriptions of procedures up-to-date based on current practices. Members are encouraged to review these changes in order to vote on them at the October meeting.

We are still working on the budget for the coming guild year. It will be ready to be approved by members at the October meeting.

Reports of Officers:

Quilt Show. Carolyn Cosgriff said that we had a great quilt show with many volunteers involved in putting it on. Many of the committee chairs will continue in that capacity for next year's show. Carolyn particularly commended the social media effort, especially on Next Door and on our Facebook page. She said that we don't have an exact count on the number of people who attended, but we can say that 2750 paid to attend. The costs amounted to \$60,000 with income of \$90,000. Thus, for the first time, we cleared \$30,000. She said that many people had asked questions about some of the special awards, which were as follows:

- Raffle Quilt was won by Barbara Collins
- Viewers' choice went to James Harper
- Members' choice was won by Dorothy Hodges
- Best of show went to Linda Neal

Mini Quilt Auction. Kaye Dunn and Valerie Salter showed some minis that have been donated for next year. Kaye said that the math is simple; Patrons + Product = Payola. With 2753 patrons attending the show plus 85 minis available, we made \$4790 on the minis. A record of 24 minis were sold at the buy-it-now price. For next year we hope to offer 75 to 85 minis.

Programs and Workshops. Linda Sullivan said that next month's Saturday improv workshop is full, but there are still openings in the Friday workshop offered by Karen Stone, machine appliqué with ties (or other fabric). The cost of workshops is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Frances Hafer then reviewed the programs and workshops planned through June. They are:

- October: Karen Stone with a trunk show and the two workshops previously described.
- November: Paula Gordon on Zoom with a program on Hawaiian Quilting.
- December: Guild Holiday Party plus the program on Free-standing lace presented by Donna Petrick and Tisha Harms.
- January: Kerri Green with a trunk show.
- February: Becky Goldsmith with The Secret Lives of Thread and Needle. Her two workshops are Birds in Toyland, Needle-turn Appliqué on 2/9 and Birds in Toyland, Wool Appliqué on 2/10.
- March: Carol Soderlund on Zoom with a program entitled Fifteen Elements.
- April: Audrey Esarey presenting a program and two workshops, to be announced later.
- May: Quilt Show Rollout and Skill Builder Demos
- June: Robin Koehler presenting How Hard Could It Be? Her two workshops are Love in Bloom on 6/14 and Bounce on 6/15.

Membership. Mary Alice Caffarel told the members that we are still in need of 9-patch blocks to send to members who have moved away from our area. Please check for directions on our website. Mary Alice said that we have 90 members in attendance along with three guests—Jana McBroom, Michelle Chen, and Deborah Boschert. She then read the names of people who joined for the first time at the quilt show. They are as follows: Norma Bautista, Carole Bruce, Leandra Carroll, Sandra Edminston, Carol Empson, Sadie and Cynthia Fanning, Anabel Garza, Carol Gillespie, Rani Govender, Lori Hansen, Joe Henry, Jennifer Huser, Janet Johnson, Lisa Jones, Tya-Mae Julien, Jeanne Kooda, Dana Limpede, Heather Maloney, Mary Miner, LaNell Nelson, Debbie Nichols, Kris O'Connor, Sally Pitre, Libby Priddy Stacy Proctor, Beth Schmiedel, Jamie Schmitz, Sharon Tavena, Wende Walthall, Lucy Want, and Kathie Wheeler. Mary Alice asked those present to stand when their names were called and also encouraged these new members to attend meetings in order to gain the benefits of membership. New members who joined tonight were Marta Thompson, Cindy Wells, and Carol Truscott.

Mary Alice also indicated that invitations just went out to last year's new members to attend a New Member Sew Day at the Best Little Retreat Center. A Sew Day for this year's new members will be coming.

Community Service. Valerie Schlake thanked the members for their contributions this year which numbered:

- 407 quilts
- 231 cuddles
- 330 pillow cases
- 233 dog beds

Valerie also invited members to attend the Community Service Sew Day on the second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Plano Sewing Center. She said that she now has two new long-armers and would welcome others to participate in quilting our many donations.

Door Prizes. Mary Alice returned to award door prizes, which were all donated by other members. The winners were Melinda Propes, Mary Heflin, Donna Morris, Liz Beaty, Pam Wingate, and Deanna Tucker.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rentz, Secretary