

FRIENDSHIP KNOT QUILTERS GUILD

March 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Cass Bowen at 7:05 PM at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church. Cass welcomed all attending especially the new members and guests. She encouraged the members to make them feel welcomed. The Quilt Shows in Manatee (March 23-24, 2012) and Venice (March 31- April 1, 2012) were announced. The Venice raffle quilt was on display and raffle tickets available for sale. Details of both shows are available on their respective websites.

The Minutes of the general meeting on February were approved as corrected. The date of the FKQG Quilt Show has been corrected to read "Marlene Kurtz spoke about the 2013 Quilt Show plans". The February 2012 Treasurer's report has been posted on the website and will be filed for audit.

The Board of Directors approved the 2012 Budget and it has been posted to the website. **All meeting reports and the budget are posted in the password protected (found on the back of your membership card) area of the website. These also can be reached by contacting Linda Pearce who will give you direct links in her e-mails to view these reports.**

The Newsletter deadline for the April issue is March 24, 2012. Send all information to Editor Lynne Minguez. All members are encouraged to read the newsletter for valuable Guild information.

Trish Bobeck presented 4 new books added to the Library.

Lynne Minguez discussed the upcoming Summer Retreat. It will be held at DaySpring July 5th-8th, 2012. The theme for the Retreat is "Christmas in July". The cost will be \$285. for a double room and \$395. for a single. A \$100. deposit is required to secure a room. Sadly, Joy Abbot has resigned as co-chairman of the Retreat activities. Chris Keys has agreed to serve as co-chair. Guild members are asked to donate any quilt related items that they are not or will not be using. Books, fabric any other items will be welcomed.

Linda Blasen displayed the fabric for the Challenge quilts. The total perimeter in any shape must be 64". The quilts will be displayed at the 2013 Show.

Emily Gross will be in charge of selling raffle tickets for the Show quilt. Mary Lewis has put the top center together. The borders are being appliquéd. A volunteer is needed to promote the quilt and move it around to various quilt shops.

Betty Behanna talked about the sets of quilt blocks to be sold at the Show by silent auction. A total of 20 blocks for a set is needed. Cottage Groups are encouraged to make a set.

Ellen Simon reported about the Alzheimer Initiative charity project for 2012. The miniature quilts can be no larger than 9"x12". The Temporary Quilt Goddess (Ellen Simon of course!)

must have the form on the Guild website filled out and turned in to her. The quilt must be an original or a square that is in the Public Domain.

Ellen then spoke about the upcoming speakers and classes. The list has been published previously.

Show and Tell followed with another amazing display of talented quilter's quilts. The results of the workshop presented by Karen Eckmeier were shared by class participants.

Ellen then introduced Karen Eckmeier who presented a wonderful lecture on layered waves from her book Accidental Landscapes and raw edge techniques' found in her book Happy Villages. Karen was a very personable, talented speaker with many wonderful ideas.

The next regular meeting of FKQG will be held on April 16, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM by President Cass Bowen.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Grindal