

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild

March 17, 2014

The March meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. By President Karen Clark, who welcomed all of the new members and guests and greeted everyone with "Happy Quilt Week" (last week) and "Happy Quilting Month"! Additionally, Karen reminded everyone to be sure and check the tables in the entry hall for news about show and events. Everyone was reminded to refrain from the use of perfumes when attending classes and meetings due to some people having possible allergic reactions.

Minutes: The Minutes from last month's meeting have been placed on the Website. There were no corrections and therefore, stand approved as published.

Treasurers Report: The January and February financial reports are completed and will be posted to the website this week. The Guild's finances are in good shape.

Winter Retreat: 2nd V.P. Mary Nissen reported on another successful U.F.O. retreat at Daysprings Conference Center in Ellenton. Everyone had a great time, not to mention the visit from local firemen after a very sensitive smoke alarm reacted to the cleaning of an iron. There was no danger at any time, and everyone appreciated them coming to make sure we were all right.

The next winter retreat has been scheduled for March 19, 2015, about 2 weeks after the quilt show next year. We have decided to have a Winter Retreat every year, and will schedule the date further in advance in order to secure our preferred dates.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Linda Swanson reported we have a total of 285 members, 80 present here tonight (note: poor weather tonight), 9 guests and 2 new members.

Class Registrar: Faith Reynolds—Still a few spots left in some of the classes—check the website.

Newsletter: Karla—the deadline for submissions for next month's newsletter is Friday, March 21.

Library: Anna said the BOGO (Buy one, get one free) sale is still going on this month and next month.

Habitat for Humanity—Anne showed some lovely table runners to be donated to Habitat.

Cottage Group Chairs—Terri Reiman and Sue Brown are our new Cottage Group Chairs. Thanks go out to them for volunteering! Members may contact either of them to get involved in a group that will meet their needs.

New Members—Lynne discussed the bus trip planned for March 29th. A bus (with bathroom and reclining seats!) has been reserved and they will visit 4 shops during the course of the day. A lot of games, treats and surprises are planned for the trip.

Quilt Show News—4 new vendors have signed up to be at the 2015 quilt show. A meeting of all of the chairs will be on April 2 at Lynn Purple's house.

Old Business:

Service project: Bette Behanna, Cathy Lane and Delores Simpson went to Emeritus

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at Sarasota to show and talk about quilts to the interested residents. 50 quilts were spread out on tables and the residents were very pleased to get up close and look at and talk about the beautiful quilts. They appreciated this very much and, no doubt, it brought many happy memories to their minds.

Memorial Project—Karen Emerton will be working on this. Cheryl Szykowski has volunteered to help with this project as well.

New Business:

Rose Ryan, Chair of the Raffle Quilt said she needs an additional person to help with one border in order to move this project along.

The Boutique Baskets are coming along nicely. Would like each Cottage Group to make at least one basket/group. Please bring baby themed fat quarters next month. Batik fabric fat quarters were brought tonight. Thank you!

Lost and Found—From this point on, any items left behind at the meeting or in the classroom will be taken to the church lost and found.

Education—Elva Farrell updated membership on the classes which still have some openings available in April and May. Please check the newsletter if interested. Pat Slocan will be teaching 2 classes in November. Sign ups will begin at the April meeting. The Education Committee will be meeting to discuss the teachers for 2015. 4 instructors have committed to come to our guild.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Tonight's lecture, "Fusing/Fabric Painting to Create an Art Quilt" was given by Lenore Crawford, who also taught some very interesting workshops over this weekend. We were very fortunate to have Lenore here.

Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum