

Sunshine Quilter's Guild Monthly Meeting
March 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Chris O'Dea at 10:05 a.m. The minutes of the February meeting were available on the website in the newsletter. A motion was made Betty Morse, Louise Dupont seconded it to approve the minutes as they appeared. The motion was passed. The Treasurer's report was also on the website. Ginny Van-Sice made the motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted as printed on the website and Christine Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Committee Reports

Vice President Betty McClenathan explained the program for next month. Several types of applique will be demonstrated: machine applique, needle turn applique, basting applique and drier sheet applique. Stations will be set up and members will be free to observe each type.

There will be a picnic held in May. Nancy, our Treasurer is in charge and details will be announced next month.

Betty asked if there were any classes members would like to see on the program next year? There will be a Quilt Trunk show in January. Suggestions should be give to Betty McClenathan. Loraine Fitzpatrick volunteered to present a demonstration on two-tone binding. It was also suggested a workshop on tessellation be offered.

Parliamentarian

No report was given.

Newsletter

No report was given.

Membership

The guild currently has 89 members. There were 50 members and 11 guests present at the meeting. The guests were introduced and asked to stand. Chris asked for volunteers for the meeting next month. Betty Broad, Sue Eldridge and Penny Berg volunteered to help.

Publicity

Chris had a copy of the article that was printed in the *Englewood Sun Herald*. A reporter came to Sandpipers Cottage group and wrote an article on the guild. It was in an issue in February.

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Betty will update history for the last couple years based on the minutes from the last two years.

Philanthropy

Honey has a stash of kids' quilts and will distribute them in August. There are some adult quilts also available. The Hospice in Englewood does not need them at this time. Louise Dupont made a motion to give the extra quilts to the Venice Hospice facility. There was some discussion. It was noted that often Englewood clients go to the Venice facility if there is not room in Englewood. Janice Rubira seconded the motion. They will be delivered to the Venice facility.

Cottages

There was nothing to report. It was suggested that if someone wants to start a cottage group, they may want to wait until next year.

Special Events

Bus Trip

Irene cannot go, so Nancy Smith and Betty Broad were filling in for her. There are two tickets available. The bus will be leaving at 7:00 a m from the *Quilter's Cottage*.

Strip Robin

Eight people are participating in this activity. A new one could be started next fall and be shown the following March.

Old Business

There was no Old Business presented.

New Business

Lou will be resigning as secretary at the end of this season. The President can appoint someone to fill her term. Chris asked for a volunteer to take this job.

Sarasota county government awarded a certificate to the guild. Honey attended the ceremony. The guild was recognized for quilts that were donated to the community. The Historian will have the certificate.

Chris had post cards available with information for her retreat in Honesdale, Pa in late September and October. There will be five teachers. The Website is <http://quilters-retreat.webs.com>.

Drawings

Janet Young, a visitor, won the 50/50 drawing. The door prizes were awarded to Vicki Condo, Janice Evans and Cecilia Marshal.

Challenge

Sharon Snader explained the three categories: best use of fabric, most original and most persnickety. She showed samples of Irene Piggott's and thanked her for her work in organizing the event. Sharon also showed a piece made by Joan Martin, it was too large to enter in the contest. There were 19 participants in the challenge. Sharon explained how the voting would be done with beans.

Show and Tell was held while the beans were counted.

A special thanks was given to all who participated. The results were as follows:

Best Use of Fabric

1st -Wendy Dugas
2nd-Lorraine Fitzpatrick
3rd-Penny Berg

Most Original

1st-Ruth Fruhauf
2nd- Penny Berg
3rd- Chris O'Dea

Most Persnickety

1st- Barb Hansen
2nd- Chris O'Dea
3rd-Irene Piggott

A group photo was taken of winners and then a photo of others who submitted an entry.

Chris O'Dea made the ribbons for the prizes. If anyone is interested in being the chairperson for next year, let Betty McClenathan or Sharon Snader know.

Carolyn Trohoski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Vivian Cole seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned. Chris O'Dea and Betty McClenathan presented demonstrations on a table runner and sewing curves.

Lou Taft, Secretary