

# Quilters' Chatter – April 2017



*Burke Quilt Guild meets at the Burke Senior Center on the fourth Monday of each Month at 10:00 AM, except for the December meeting.*



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### News from the President's Desk - April

Happy Spring! (?) I keep asking friends- "what happened to spring"- the difficulties of the weather have really got me confused.

I began our last guild meeting with a commercial - our second get together will be on Monday, April 6 from 9am to 12pm (you can leave whenever you need, of course.) As promised, Patsy Caraway is forming an applique group, she would love to have several members on Monday, some of us will be working on a donation quilt for our guild, still others will work on their own projects, there will be opportunities to learn new skills, (I will be studying how to hand quilt), new members who want expert advice, or would like to share ideas are most welcome!

Please come and enjoy the friendship.

In this newsletter, there is a **survey** from the board asking for your input in helping us decide our focus for the year. If you were not at our last guild meeting, please take the time to answer the survey and bring it with you on April 3, or therapy day on the 13<sup>th</sup> or finally, at the guild meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. It is **very important** that we get as much input as possible to make necessary decisions for our guild.

It is with great sorrow that I report Cindy Grimmord has needed to quit the guild, due to an illness. Our thoughts and prayers go with her and we thank her for all the support and help she has given us in the short time she was with us.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible this month. First up: **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Deb

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## Burke Quilters Guild Minutes March 27, 2017

Debbie Mangold started the meeting by welcoming everyone back, especially those who had been to Pigeon Forge.

**Announcements:** Deb reminded everyone that the first Monday of each month the Senior Center is offering the room for us to enjoying sewing projects and each other. She is calling it “Carefree Day”. Patsy Caraway is very interested in starting an applique club at that time. Other uses could be working on Wee Care Quilts or any other project. The time is 9am – 12pm. The next time will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Judy Pearson announced that in the Center’s list of classes there was a Beginner Quilters Class listed. It will be held from 2-5 on the first and last Tuesday of the month. No one was sure who was teaching it.

**Visitors:** Debbie then asked if there were any visitors. Opal Woody introduced her sister-in-law who spoke of her quilting experience. Another guest brought by Mavin Paige, a recent member, was Glenda Huffman who is a beginner quilter. There were no new members at the meeting.

Deb also announced that Cindy Grimord has resigned from the Guild due to illness. Cindy will complete the distribution of the Veteran’s Quilts we have now. Deb asked for members to think about volunteering to head up this project. Debbie also announced that at the break there would be two surveys handed out to get feedback from the membership. Judy Pearson suggested they be put into the newsletter as well for those people not in attendance.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved unanimously with no corrections.

**Guest Program:** Freda Rosenthal introduced the speaker for the day. Lisa Alley, from Winston-Salem had a power point presentation entitled “*What WAS She Thinking? Through the Eyes of a Quilt Judge*”. Lisa was trained to be a quilt show judge and has made over 700 quilts of her own. She will be the judge for our show in August. Lisa discussed the procedures that judges go through in judging and the traits they look for in Design and Execution. She showed many photos of quilts and pointed out some common errors in block piecing, hand and machine applique, hand and machine embroidery, embellishments, hand and machine quilting, and borders. It was very informative and her website is [bearhugquiltworks.com](http://bearhugquiltworks.com). The bottom line is: **1.** Judges are human and try very hard to be unbiased, **2.** Take their critique as a learning tool, **3.** Work for yourself – not

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the judge, and most importantly, **4. Maintain your joy of quilting** – don't let the judge steal it.

**BREAK** - During the break two surveys were passed out to collect group opinions. One was from the Hospitality Committee and one was from the Board.

## Committee Reports

**Treasurer:** Judy Brittain announced a balance of \$6336.24. She also announced that Carol McKinney was not there because her daughter in Atlanta had a new baby boy and Carol was there.

**Newsletter:** Mary Stang announced for Terry Kramer that articles should be to her by Thursday or Friday, so that she can get the April newsletter out on time.

**Challenge Quilt:** Phyllis Fox encouraged everyone to continue working on their challenge quilt.

**Wee Care Quilts:** Susan Briggs announced that next month on Therapy Day there would be a workshop to work on Wee Care Quilts. She had lots of material in the closets and asked for volunteers to take some home and cut them into either 6 ½ inch blocks or 9 inch blocks

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Phyllis Fox announced that she had sent out cards to Linda Myers, Joan Cole, and Dawn LeDuc. Suggestions for other cards were mentioned for Melissa Shaw and Bernice Peabody and her husband.

**Karel Johnson/Donation Quilt:** Karel showed the many quilt squares that she had received from the pattern that the Pizza Girls had taught back in the fall. Many of the members had worked on them at Pigeon Forge. Karel asked for volunteers to help her lay out the squares at the next "Carefree Day" on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. so that someone can sew them together for a Donation Quilt.

**After Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Myers

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## June Therapy Day – LeMoyne Star Ruler

The special ruler needed for the **LeMoyne Star Therapy Day** in June is available at Bill's Sewing. Be sure to keep the cardboard folder in the packaging because it has all the instructions and measurements for use. It is the **Deb Tucker Rapid Fire LeMoyne Star ruler**. If all rulers are 25% off in April, you will get that discount. Otherwise, mention their newsletter *35% off a notion discount* and they will give you that discount





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## April Birthdays

21- JoAnn Jennings  
23 - Debbie Smith  
24 -Gail Cotton  
26 - Judith Pearson

## May Birthdays

09 - Opal Woody  
15 - Dinah Weaver  
23 - Diane Carpenter  
23 - Sandra Triplett

## Wee Care Therapy Day Information

For new members who aren't aware of our Wee Care project, here is some information.

We donate baby quilts for Grace Hospital Special Care Nursery. They are 36 x 36. We also supply larger quilts, approximately 54 x 63, to the Morganton Public Safety and Burke County Sheriff's Department for the officer to carry in their cars to use when comfort is needed. Wee Care Therapy Day is Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am – 2:00pm. On that day, you can make quilt kits for members to take home to complete. We will have station set up to cut and put kits together. Supplies needed are fabrics, rulers, cutting mats, rotary cutters, and scissors. We will provide the fleece cut to the appropriate size for the backs.

For members who would like to sew – you are welcome to bring your machine and put quilts together.

If you want to bring precut fabrics, we use 6.5” cut squares for Wee Care and 9.0” cut squares for police cars. Be sure to bring a lunch and stay for as long as you can.

A bonus: For every quilt you complete, your name is entered in a drawing to be held in December.

See you April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Susan Briggs, Wee Care Coordinator

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## Informal questionnaire from the Board

In our guild, we have several projects that are on-going. Please choose those, which you feel you would like to support. (You can choose as many as you would like)

Wee Care Quilts \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran's Quilts \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Quilts \_\_\_\_\_ (we make these to sell tickets to win)

None \_\_\_\_\_

Name (if you choose) \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Sale:** **Price Reduced!**

Bernina 820 sewing machine in very nice Horn cabinet. All around machine with BSR (Bernina Stitch Regulator), built-in dual feed, and 12" of space to the right of the needle. The machine is 3 years old, gently used and carefully maintained. Top of the line machine. \$6000 includes cabinet and all attachments. I'm redoing my sewing area and just needed more space. Call Karl Johnson at 584-3902.



## **Upcoming therapy day for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

This is the extremely popular Fold and Stitch Wreath so many have seen in a Christmas motif. Terry Karter will be teaching it at the May Therapy Day. If you want to sign up for her class, you need to contact her at her email, [roamnesia@yahoo.com](mailto:roamnesia@yahoo.com) or her cell phone, 828-391-7842. She will furnish you with supply list and the part that needs to be done prior to class time.

## **Hospitality Committee Questionnaire**

Dear Guild member,

If you have not had a chance to weigh in on this survey, please take a moment to complete and return it to anyone on the Hospitality Committee by the next meeting date, Monday, April 10.

Thank you.  
Hospitality Committee

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## Burke Quilt Guild Survey re: Hospitality

We realize that there are concerns about what has been spent to host our events in 2016. To keep with the expectations of our membership we would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to respond to the following questions:

### New Member Tea:

Should everyone in the Guild be invited to attend? (Circle one)      Yes      No

Should we present a small welcome gift to the new member(s)?      Yes      No

Should members be asked to make food\_\_\_\_\_or purchase prepared foods\_\_\_\_\_?

### Quilt Show Luncheon:

What should the luncheon cost be to members and guests? (Circle one)

Free      \$5      \$10      \$15

Should we invite charter members and other guests to the luncheon and pay for their meal? (Circle one)      Yes      No

Do you want door prizes? (Circle one)      Yes      No

If yes, should we solicit \_\_\_\_\_ or purchase \_\_\_\_\_ door prizes?

Are you willing to solicit prizes from shops and proprietors? (Circle one)  
Yes      No

### Quilt Show Award Reception:

Should members be asked to make food\_\_\_\_\_or catered\_\_\_\_\_?