

Quilters' Chatter – October 2016

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



Officers

President

Debbie Mangold

1st Vice-President! Program Chairman

Mary Stang

Freda Rosenthal

2nd Vice-President! Membership Chairman

Carol MacKinney

Secretary

Linda Myers

Treasurer

Judy Brittain

Members-at-Large

Barbara Whipple

Freda Rosenthal

Advisor

News You Can Use

Therapy Day – Monday, October 10

Cindy Grimord will do a workshop to make cloth baskets. The supply list is below in the newsletter.

Silent Auction – Monday, October 24

Go through your fabric stashes and clean out your sewing rooms and closets for items to donate to the Guild's Silent Auction. Let's make this a fun and successful event for all!

Therapy Day – Monday, November 14

Pizza Girls Workshop Presented by Patti & Cindy (fee)

Therapy Day – None for December

Enjoy your holidays!

Birthdays for October

04 Theresa Davey	10 Cindy Grimord
11 Barbara Whipple	11 Pam Beck
13 Nancy Harris	15 Carol MacKinney
20 Laura Satterwhite	21 Mary Slaght
22 Freda Berry	28 Susan Briggs

Burke Quilters Guild Minutes - September 26, 2016

Debbie Mangold opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing Linda McGalliard who had asked to speak to the guild. Linda is the president of the Senior Center's newly established non-profit corporation named Seniors-In-Action. Linda started this corporation to provide moneys for the center to be able to fund transportation to the center and to provide supplies for the classes because of budget cuts from the county. Since the staff at the center has been reduced, trips have been cancelled, so Linda plans to do all the trips for the center through her corporation. Janet Hunt and Joann Jennings will be the trip coordinators. Details for the first trip can be found at the center. Linda also encouraged the guild to become members of

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Seniors-In-Action. The yearly dues are \$3 for individuals and \$5 for couples.

Debbie continued the meeting by thanking the members of the guild for a wonderful quilt show. A report from the CoMMA Center showed that besides the audiences for two shows at the center who viewed the quilts, there were an additional one thousand people who came to the center to view them. The CoMMA Center was very pleased with the community involvement and thanked the guild for using the facility.

Visitors: Deb asked if there were any visitors. Susan Briggs introduced Donna Weaver who is a nurse at the unit where we send Wee Quilts. Donna told us how much the staff and parents love our quilts and a little about the babies that receive them. Patsy Caraway introduced her sister Kathy.

Announcements: Deb asked that the minutes from the August luncheon meeting be approved, and they were accepted unanimously. Linda Henson had a health scare this week, so Deb welcomed her to the meeting and Linda explained what had happened.

Next Deb announced several vacancies in the Guild that need to be filled. Alice Engstrom resigned from First Vice President in Charge of Programs to better care for her aging parents. Mary Stang will need help with the rest of their term. Programs have already been planned for the rest of this year, but not next year. Another position that will be needed is chairperson of next year's quilt show. Deb thanked Barbara Whipple for stepping in at the last minute to chair this year's show. Next year it could possibly be a co-chair position. Deb asked the members to consider volunteering for these positions.

Guest Program- Deb introduced the speaker for the day. Martha Annas, from The Cotton Quilt in Granite Falls, presented a technique from Lucy Boston called Patchwork of the Cross. Using a small square and an elongated hexagon as a template, you can make a variety of patterns. The process requires English paper piecing, hand piecing, or partial machine piecing. There is a book on the process showing various patterns and explaining the procedure. Martha showed examples of various patterns with the same materials and how they differ depending where you use them. She also showed several projects using the patterns. Phyllis Fox had used this technique in the quilt she did for the show and Martha showed her quilt as an example. You can find more information on this technique on line at piecefulgathering.com or on Facebook under Lucy Boston Patchwork Crosses. Martha also showed other projects available at her shop that lend themselves well to scraps. She is now carrying a line of tools and patterns from Missouri Star Company in Hamilton, MO and she showed several of those items. She gave out two door prizes and they were won by Freda Rosenthal and NancyLynn Sharpless. During the break, members were able to look at the things that Martha had brought and make purchases.

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Committee Reports

Treasurer: Judy Brittain explained the breakdown of the ticket sales and other expenses showing a balance of \$5961.52.

Membership: Carol McKinney announced the Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza in Statesville, NC will be January 27 and 28, 2017. She had postcards available at her table.

Programs: Mary Stang announced the next Therapy Day would be cloth baskets with Cindy Grimord and all the directions and supply list will be in the newsletter. The General Meeting in October will be the silent auction. It will be downstairs at 11:00 am because the room is not available until that time. There will be a minimum bid of \$1 and increments of \$1 when placing your bids.

Newsletter: Terry Andrews Kramer announced that the deadline for articles is September 30th. She will be out of town as of the 29th, but will have computer access. She also asked members to give her names of anyone they know who needs a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to them.

Library: Diane Carpenter had no report but mentioned that older books from the library will be on sale at the silent auction.

UFO'S : Pat Bell passed around the box for listing your UFO's. In order to be eligible for the drawing, they MUST be completed by December.

Hospitality: Hope Estepan recognized the members of her committee and thanked them for all their hard work on the luncheon and reception. She also thanked the members of the guild for their words of thanks and appreciation. It meant a lot.

Challenge: Phyllis Fox announced the new challenge for 2017. The theme is "Home Sweet Home" and all the details will be in the newsletter. She also passed out the squares of yellow material that need to be incorporated in the design.

Publicity: Cheryl Svendson discussed the article that was in the newspaper to publicize the show and the cards that were hung in the various business.

Wee Quilts: Susan Briggs distributed 23 quilts this past month. NancyLynn mentioned that the supply of service quilts for the police and fireman were getting low. Precut squares would be appreciated. The Wee Quilts take 6 and ½ inch squares, while the others take 9 inch squares.

Scrapbook: Debbie McGough had no report but she wanted to thank the guild for inviting the Charter Members to the luncheon in August. Her mother enjoyed herself.

Sunshine and Shadows: Phyllis Fox reported cards were sent to Pam Beck, Melodie Bachelder, Linda Henson's husband and Brenda Arrowwood (for the bus trip). Judy Pearson also suggested one be sent to Alice Engstrom.



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Quilts of Valor: Cindy Grimord discussed the quilts and where they were going. Opal Woody will quilt the one to be given out on Veteran's Day in November. Cindy also discussed the cloth baskets she will teach at the next Therapy Day and showed several samples. She has a few kits left if anyone is interested. All of the directions and supply list will be in the newsletter.

Donation Quilts: NancyLynn Sharpless shared the Member's Quilt that six members have added to and asked for a volunteer to add the next border. NancyLynn is searching for a volunteer or two that will take care of the quilt display set and will take care of promoting the quilts by displaying them in various locations next year. She has written up the entire procedure for doing that. She just needs someone to take charge.

Drawing results: NancyLynn drew the tickets for the Donation quilts and here are the results:
"Fall Mountain Under Carolina" by Janet Hunt: **NancyLynn Sharpless**
"Japanese Delight" by a group of members: **Mary Slaght**
"Flowers in the Field" by Opal Woody: **Earlene Mays**
"Fractured Crystals" by another group of members: **Pat Kokoszka**

Survey: A survey on the quilt show was handed out to get feedback from the membership. It was collected by Debbie to be tabulated.

Show and Tell: There were many quilts shown by the members. One was a quilt made by Lucy Smith a former member that was given to her nephew. He is interested in selling it. For information on it, contact Deb. Also at this time, Opal Woody donated a quilt to the Foothills Conservancy to be used at a silent auction to raise money for that organization. Kelly Hawkins, a member of the Conservancy was there to accept it and to thank Opal.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Myers

From the President's Desk October 2016

Fall is in the air – apples are ripe, temperatures are cooler, and the holiday season is about to begin. I want to begin my letter to you with a big thank you to Freda Rosenthal for volunteering to work with Mary Stang to insure that we may continue our fascinating programs into the new Year. Another thank you goes to Opal Woody who donated the beautiful red-work quilt to the Foothills Conservancy. Both of these ladies are great examples of the spirit of our guild, which is: supporting each other as we explore the world of quilting.

This month, we can focus on the Silent Auction. Please be sure you fill out the form before the event. With us starting at 11:00AM in the basement of the Senior



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Center on October 24th, will have limited time to set up our auction. Having the forms done earlier will help us to prepare.

Our therapy day, on October 10th, with Cindy Grimord will be fun and interesting. I hope to see many of you there as I may need help with the weaving! My last experience with that was in Pigeon Forge; let's just say that I am willing to try again with Cindy as my teacher.

On the Silent Auction Day, it will be necessary to have a short business meeting. I promise that it will not be long but it is important.

Looking forward to seeing you throughout October,

Deb

**Please note the results of the survey taken at our last meeting
following these comments**

Exit Survey #2
September 2016
Results out of 37 handed in

Concerning the quilt show in August 2016

Please answer Yes or No to the following questions:

Did you **approve** of the following changes made this year?:

1. Removal of the "Best in Show" ___yes: 18 no: 15_____
2. Critique sheet used by the judge? ___yes: 28 no: 4 _____
3. Consolidation of categories? ___yes: 17 no: 11 maybe: 1_____

How did you participate in the show? (check all that applies)

As a worker? ___22_____

With a quilt? ___24_____



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By attending the awards ceremony? __29_____

In another way? _____see attached_____

Did not participate _____4_____

Do you have suggestions for improving next year's show?

(i.e.: separate scrap quilting to own category: other ideas)

_____see attached_____

If you would **like feedback** on this survey, please give your name on **the back**.
Submitted by our President, Debra Mangold.

Helped in another way:

Hospitality 4

Helped hang/ take down quilts: 4

Attended lunch 1

Brought friends 1

Worked at CoMMA table for 2 hour shift 1

Worked at festival 1

Worked on raffle quilt 1

Made ribbons 1



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Suggestions for improvement for next year (written comments, typed as written, red was my note)

Judging

Consider having non-judged show every other year -4

I am of the mind that we should not spend our money on judging our show or at least do it every other year (this statement was counted as one of the 4 above)

All ribbons- 1st, 2nd, 3rd should be awarded in all categories if at least 3 quilts in the category (this appeared with the next statement on one survey)

Remove statement in guidelines where it says “judge has right not to award...” (Was done this year-yeah!)

Some sort of checklist for the judge with the large number of quilts- her handwriting was not clear, and made little sense

More than one judge- increase objectivity

Want +/- on critique sheet,

Categories

Separate scrap quilting into own category- 7

Include other categories such as apparel, purses

More in professional category
(unclear if more participation, or more ways to have professional help)

No small quilts judged with large quilts

Separate scrap quilts/ applique quilts 3

Separate applique quilts (small/ large vs. machine/ hand)

Consolidation of categories only if not enough entries in all categories

New Members

We need to encourage new quilters:
Perhaps a category just for them
Or recognition for participation

(The same people win numerous ribbons- what encouragement is given to new members to even participate?)



Miscellaneous

Report results of survey 2

Take down quilts on meeting day at CoMMA

Odor free quilts

Stop selling tickets at Festival

More quilts for display only

Wanted: A Healthy Guild Member With Dedication

Starting summer '17, BQG will need a volunteer to schlep around the donation quilt display for our annual fund raiser. The display is usually in the Morganton and Valdese libraries and city hall for periods of 2-4 weeks each. The display frame is light weight and the sections come apart easily. If you are interested, please contact NancyLynn at 828-439-3991.

October Therapy Day – Fabric Basket Supply List, Oct. 10, 2016

15 total – 2 ½” strips, cut in these measurements (if you choose to do so in advance of workshop):

- 6 strips = 32” each
- 3 strips, when folded in half with salvage ends meeting, equal 22” each. If your width of fabric is shorter than 44”, you may have to cut extra strips.
- 5 strips, when folded in half with salvage ends meeting, equal 18” each.
- 1 strip for binding

Note: Batiks work great and you can get two baskets out of a jelly roll if your WOF is 44.” I have also used a red toile and it worked too! If you are **not** using precut 2 ½” strips and you are cutting your yardage in class, you will need a rotary cutter, mat and long ruler.

CRAF-TEX Heavyweight Nonwoven Craft Stabilizer and Foam Core Board – I have purchased, pre-cut and made a kit of these two items (cost: \$10). If you would like to buy it on your own, please see me for the details.

Sewing Machine with piecing-weight thread matching your fabric.

Large Scissors

Straight pins (T-pins will work)

Fasturn Turning Gadget – I have several of these to share in class. See me for details if you would like to purchase your own online.



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Embellishments – If you would like to embellish the basket with ribbon, I used 1 ½ yards of grosgrain ribbon, including the bow. Be creative with buttons, tassels; up to you! I will bring my samples and go over this list at our business meeting on September 26th (and at Therapy Day on September 12th). In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can email me at cgrimord@gmail.com

Visit Our Website!!... Go to www.burkequiltersguild.com and check it out. If you have suggestions for the site, please send Linda Henson a note at burkequiltersguild@yahoo.com.

QUILTER'S SWAP & SHOP: *If you have anything quilt related which you'd like to buy, sell, trade, or give away, send a brief description of the item and any other pertinent information to Terry Andrews-Kramer. We'll include it in the newsletter.*

TIPS: If you have a tip you'd like included in an upcoming Newsletter, please send the information to Terry Andrews-Kramer. **PLEASE SUBMIT TIPS OR OTHER INFORMATION YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE GUILD MEMBERS.**

Upcoming Quilt Shows

October 21-22, 2016

Biennial Quilt Show "Bee by the River in Red and White"
presented by Twin Rivers Quilters Guild
New Bern Riverfront Convention Center
203 S Front St, New Bern, NC 28563
www.twinriversquiltersguild.com

November 5, 2016

Brushy Mountain Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show
Hiddenite Center's Lucas Mansion Gallery
316 Church Street, Hiddenite, NC 28636
www.hiddenitearts.org
brushymountainquilters.tripod.com

Also Note:

Sew Original located at 1542-G Hwy 421 S, Boone, NC 28607, phone 828-264-1049
Wants to celebrate our quilt guild group at a Guild Appreciation Night on Saturday, October 8th, from 4 to 6 PM. They are offering 20% off purchases during that time. There will be holiday gift projects on display and staff will be on hand to discuss upcoming classes and ideas. Please remember to take your guild membership identification to receive the discount.