



Quilters' Chatter November, 2019



Burke Quilters' Guild meets the
second and fourth Monday of each month.

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

- Officers**
- President**
Judith Pearson
- 1st Vice President/
Programs**
Linda Myers
- Committee Members**
Freda Berry, Susan Briggs, Linda Henson, Sharon Gillian
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Membership**
Diane Carpenter
- Secretary**
Dinah Weaver
- Treasurer**
Nancy Harris
- Member at Large**
Joyce Wall, Diane Carpenter
- Advisor**
Debbie Mangold

November Birthdays

Julie Pearson	3
Carol Campbell	18
Pat Kokoszka	20
Kathaleen Felmet	22

Greetings,

What a wonderful program Karel Johnson presented! She was so informative & humorous and what an expert quilter. I heard numerous comments about how much they enjoyed her program and tips they learned from her. We are so lucky to have her in our guild along with so many other very talented women. I have always said, joining our guild is the best bargain around! \$25.00 for all the quilting education we get in a year's time, not to even mention the friendships formed and the fun we have at our events. Can you tell that I am proud of Burke Quilters' Guild?

Another very pleasant surprise was the response I got, from the membership, when asked if they would accept positions on the various committees. It was very exciting for me that everyone was so willing to step up and accept responsibility to keep our guild running smoothly. Our new president, Joanne Hinkle, was present and I'm sure was relieved to know that one of her first major hurdles as president is to form all the committees. That responsibility is just about complete. I want to personally thank everyone that is taking on any role and I know Joanne appreciates you.

Remember to pay your membership dues as soon as possible. We only have 2 more opportunities to pay, unless you mail your check to Nancy Harris. They are the November meeting on the 25th and the Christmas Luncheon on the 16th of December. If Nancy doesn't receive your \$25.00 before the last week in December, your information will not be in our yearbook.

The program committee reported that 2020 therapy and program days are arranged and will prove to be very interesting and informative. Thanks to that committee for their hard work and accomplishment quickly.

Our next event is the Senior Center craft sale on Nov. 8th & 9th. Contact Linda Myers or Nancy Harris if you are willing to be there during the sale to help or you have items to contribute. Let's all do our part

So long for now. Hope to see you soon. Happy Quilting,

Judy Pearson



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Welcome New Members!

2019

- Flossie Bryant
- Kimberly Crawford
- Judy Cobb
- Brenda Carlin
- Joanne Hinkle
- Wanda Moses
- Barbara Stroud
- Sharon Guillen

We are so glad you have joined us!



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Special Notices –

Mark your Calendars

We will have no therapy day in November, due to the Senior Center being closed.

[Pigeon Forge signup begins Nov. 13 at 10:00 AM!!!](#)

Quilters' Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 16th from 11 AM - 1 PM

Please bring a covered dish to share as we kick off the holiday season. There will be a brief meeting followed by a pot-luck luncheon, games, prizes, and fellowship. Hope you can join the festivities!



November 25 Guild Meeting News

Cath Evans of High Country Quilts in Butler, TN will be our program presenter on November 25. She will talk about rulers, mats and rotary cutters. She will demo a technique for cutting strips and strip segments that improve the accuracy of just about anyone's cutting.

Have you heard of Bloc Loc rulers? She will explain them.

Our homework before the meeting: Take an inventory of your rulers. List the brand and the size. (eg. Omnigrad 6 x 24) Also list your special purpose rulers (eg. Quilt in a Day flying geese ruler or Fons and Porter Kaleidoscope)..BE HONEST and DON'T FEEL GUILTY!

She had a student who listed her rulers on 3 pages typed and single spaced!

If you are like me you better start now, it will take a while to list them all!



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Judy Pearson and Joanne Hinkle offered this as a potential fund raiser for our guild. (a hot topic) We are not promoting Amazon, just thinking if you use it anyway for your shopping, this would be a way to help out your guild.

New Fundraising Idea:

If you plan to use Amazon for your Christmas shopping, you can go to the link below to order, just like normal. Some of the profits will go to our guild. The program is called smileamazon- for non-profits and charities.

Click here: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1868764>

I needed to double click on the link for it to work. I am sure each computer will have it's own needs.



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Burke Quilters Guild Minutes October 28, 2019

President Judy Pearson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. This meeting was held in the basement of the Senior Center due to the voting process in the usual meeting room.

Visitors: Judy asked if there were any visitors. Sharon Guillen introduced her granddaughter who was visiting. Judy also had the newest members stand and introduce themselves.

Announcements: Judy asked if there were announcements from the floor and there were none. Judy corrected her email address: it is the r, j, p (without the commas) – the yearbook makes it look like an “i” instead of a “j”.

Judy announced a presentation from the Fundraising Committee by Debbie Mangold. Deb explained that the board had decided to drop the donation quilt as it has been in the past. In order to make up the \$2000 raised by that event, we need to come up with another way to make some money to support the budget. Deb listed the projects that the committee had discussed: the craft show at the center (if this year goes well); the Glen Alpine Festival next fall; and a Chinese Auction which involves tickets for each item. Deb then asked for suggestions from the floor. Someone suggested a bake sale, and it was pointed out that the center does not like to sell food so another venue would be needed. Another suggestion was another Talent Auction like we had in 2018. JoAnn Estes suggested a Block of the Month Raffle which she explained can raise money every month. The conversation then turned to the donation quilt and looking at other options of selling tickets to the public. It was pointed out that fund raising should be out in the public and not just from the members of the guild. More discussion will follow in future meetings. Judy stated that even though we have a healthy treasury, we need to have funds to continue the programs and activities we fund without running out of money.

Another project brought up for discussion was the Quilts of Valor. Judy announced that Joanne Hinkle was still interested in heading that project and is looking for volunteers. Joanne said there were various ways she is planning to encourage this program. Barbara Stroud volunteered to long arm quilt all Veteran Quilts. JoAnn Estes announced there is a Therapy Day in the planning to do these quilts. Judy Brittain told of a man that is involved with the VA in Asheville who would be a good source for distributing Q of V. Terri Martino announced that he will be a speaker at one of the meetings in 2020, and Terri volunteered to be the coordinator between the guild and the VA.

Dianne Carpenter introduced Joanne Hinkle as our next president. This was the first meeting that Joanne had attended since the election.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The motion was made by JoAnn Estes and seconded by Julie Pearson.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Nancy Harris was not present.



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Newsletter: Deb Mangold announced the deadline for the paper is Friday, November 1st.

Programs: Susan Briggs announced that the November meeting will be Cath Evans from High Country Quilts in Butler, TN. Cath will be discussing rulers and their uses. She is a dealer of Bloc Loc rulers and will explain how to use them.

Linda Myers announced that November Therapy Day is cancelled due to Veteran's Day and the center being closed. Patsy Carraway announced that the Block of the Month Group will be meeting on November 4th in the Plum room downstairs.

Linda also discussed the up and coming Craft Show at the Senior Center on November 8th from 9-4 and Saturday, November 9th from 9-noon. She encouraged everyone to participate with crafts for fall and Christmas because the timing is better than the Spring show we had back in May. She also asked for volunteers to tend the three tables the guild will have.

Library: Pat Bell announced that the budget will not include money for new books for the library. This past year only 6 books were checked out. Judy is planning to come up with ways to encourage ladies to use the library. One suggestion from the floor was to have volunteers do a "book report" on one of the books. Another was to sell off the books and Judy asked who would be interested in buying them. Someone stated that those books given in Memory of anyone should NOT be for sale.

UFO'S : Pat Bell did not have the box with her and asked members to email her any projects they need to add to their cards listing their UFO's. In order to be eligible for the drawing, they MUST be completed by December.

Hospitality: Julie Pearson announced that the Christmas Luncheon will be on December 16th at 11am. She sent around a sign-up sheet for food.

Wee Quilts: Susan Briggs distributed 12 quilts this past month to the hospital.

Sunshine and Shadows: Judy announced that Freda Berry had brain surgery this past week and the doctors were able to remove 95% of the tumor. Freda is doing as well as can be expected. Phyllis Fox suggested we send cards to her home address and her family will take them to her at Memorial in Asheville. Phyllis also announced that several of our members are caregivers for their husbands and suggested they would enjoy getting cards of support from the members. They are Martha Jarman, Sandra Triplett and Terry Andrews-Kramer.

Yearbook: Linda Henson reminded everyone that she wants to get the yearbook out in January this year, so she needs any changes to the book ASAP. The membership list was sent around so that members could double check their information.

Next Year's Programs: JoAnn Estes talked about the programs they have already planned for 2020. Augusta Cole will teach a Therapy Day in May. This will be open to other guilds after our guild gets first choice. Other Therapy Days will include workdays for Service and Wee Care Quilts and Quilts of Valor. There will also be a Silent Auction, to name a few.

Judy discussed the committees for next year to help Joanne, our new president, for the coming year. She announced each committee and asked the chairperson and the members listed if they were still



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planning to serve. The new committees will be listed in the new yearbooks. **If you were not at the meeting and want to leave the committee you are on and/or want to join a committee, please call Judy ASAP to make the changes.**

Show and Tell: Some of the crafts that will be on sale at the show were shown along with other projects.

Program Presenter: Karel Johnson

Karel wanted to share the many “tips” she has picked up at the many classes she has taken through the years. She thought she would be a success if anyone learned something new from her presentation. She started out sharing tips on piecing. With each suggestion she showed examples and the books with those skills in them. She had short cuts to organize the squares on paper and keep them in a pile by your machine. Her second topic involved tips for using paint in your quilts. She suggested freezer paper makes great stencils. She also recommended several types of paints and wax pencils. Her final topic was applique and the differences between machine and hand sewing applique techniques. She made suggestions for needles and stitches. Karel also introduced us to “flower pounding”. Karel showed many of her beautiful projects.

At the end of her program, Karel made several great suggestions:

1. Keep a journal of all your quilts and projects complete with pictures and details. Karel has 6 books filled and counted 206 quilts she has done!
2. Use a simple lint roller to take the loose threads off your finished quilts.
3. A new pen that you fill with water to help iron seams.

When asked, EVERYONE in the room had learned at least one new “tip”. Well done, Karel!

The meeting was adjourned after the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Myers

In the absence of Dinah Weaver



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Here is our very own Karel Johnson during her recent presentation to our guild. She gave a fascinating talk in which she shared many techniques she has learned from countless classes she has taken.

Karel keeps diaries from all of the quilt projects she has worked on.

In her own words she shared that she doesn't like to repeat quilts, she prefers to learn new ideas and techniques. Notice the stand with examples of techniques she learned from others- then shared with us.

Thank you, Karel, for sharing your expertise with us. I came home inspired to reflect on what I have learned- and, how much do I use?

Deb