

EUREKA! QUILTERS

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President's Notes

HAPPY 2020. Hope this finds you well and excited about the new year. Guild meeting is early, January 8, so we need to find our UFOs and other quilt-related sale items soon for the in-guild sale and exchange.

Thanks to the Board and table hosts for making our Holiday Party so lovely. I got some good photos for those who were unable to attend. Congrats to Margy and Susan Stille as winners of the block drawings. We'll look forward to seeing their new projects.

Members, please remember your thangles for the January meeting. Red and White half square triangles that are to be traded and then become our February projects. There is more info elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'm writing this from my sons's home without the benefit of my notes. I know that the January hosts met for a few minutes in December, so I'm sure they are ready. I won't strain the brain and try to list them.

Also, the roster of officers will be shared at the January meeting, with voting in February and service beginning in March. Hopefully, everyone is back in renewed health and will be able to attend the meeting.

There is a shop hop in March. I had the info in December but failed to mention it. There will be cards with the facts next to the scrapbook at the meeting.

Stay well and hoping to see you on the 8th. Roxanne

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Eureka ! Quilter's Guild shall be to create, stimulate, maintain and record an interest in all matters pertaining to the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts and to establish and promote educational and philanthropy

MINUTES

The December 11, 2019 Business Meeting of Eureka! Quilter's Guild was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President, Roxanne Royster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Roxanne apologized for neglecting to mention last month, that DEBORAH MYERS celebrated her Birthday!

We hope you had a lovely day, Deborah!!

* We welcomed a guest to our Guild who is a friend of Deborah, Vicky Martin.

* Friday, December 20, 2019, is Community Stitching day at the Presbyterian Church on Holiday Island. Bring your projects and enjoy visiting with other stitchers' 9:30 to 3:30.

* A new GUILD sign appeared today! Donated by Roxanne, the sign is similar to the one we had previously, but weighs much less than the old one and is easier to carry out to set in front of our Meeting each month. THANKS ROXANNE!

* A Spring-Fling Shop Hop was announced. Flyers were available with information about the event in 2020!

* DONATIONS from Members were plentiful for the Flint Street Food Pantry!! Thanks to everyone for their generosity!

MINUTES and TREASURER's REPORT:

As they appeared in the Newsletter, both were approved after a motion from Catherine and second by Sue Stille.

SUNSHINE:

Several cards were passed around for members to sign. MaryBeth will send them to:

- Jan — had back surgery
- Kathy Cottrell — continued recovery
- Fayla — husband has health issues
- Cliff — hip replacement
- Kay — health issues
- Deborah — belated birthday

We miss you ALL and hope to see you SOON!

HISTORIAN: Roxanne had Novembers' SHOW & TELL pictures on display in the Guild Scrapbook

LIBRARIAN: Sue Hammer had reviewed two books from our Guild Library. They were on display and she was available for any questions about them.

PROGRAMS: *At our first meeting next year in January 2020, we will have a UFO SALE. Bring any quilt-related items you wish to be sold in this sale. Some items may be in a “Silent Auction”!*

DRAWING’S: Two drawings were held to give away the quilt blocks created by members who participated in the Christmas Challenge [described in last months newsletter!]

The first winner of 13 blocks in assorted Christmas fabrics, was MARGY!

Second winner of 11 blocks sewed from packets of 5 selected fabrics [given out last month] was, SUE STILLE!!

Congrats Ladies!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Catherine and Linda are working together to put together a SLATE of Officers to run for election in February 2020. Roxanne will continue as President, Vice President will remain as Sue Stille, Bonnie will stay on as Treasurer.

The job of Secretary needed volunteers to fill out the SLATE. Several times during the Business Meeting, Catherine made the request for a new Secretary. In the end, Margy and Albena agreed to SHARE the job of Secretary!!

This completed the Slate of Guild Officers to run for election next year.

- **President:** Roxanne Royster
- **Vice President:** Sue Stille
- **Treasurer:** Bonnie Fredrick
- **Secretary:** Margy Thompson and Albena Link

THANGLE EXCHANGE: Sue Stille handed out THANGLES to members who want to participate in an exchange, This will be an on-going project throughout next year. More information to come, or ask Sue if you have questions.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Joyous Celebrations to Catherine, Kathy DeLeurere, Holly, and Roxanne!! Oh HAPPY Days!

SHOW & TELL:

* ROXANNE made a lovely red, white and blue quilt to be donated to the Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home.

Also Roxanne created a darling quilt from a fabric-panel of animals. The black print border accentuated everything perfectly!

This will be given to The FAMILY NETWORK of NWA, for new Moms.

* LOUISE sewed multiple flannel Baby Quilts — so soft and cuddly! These will also be donated to The Family Network of NWA.

* LINDA displayed a pretty wool appliquéd Table Topper. She said she enjoys working with the wool!

* SUSAN REED shared a charming Christmas Door Knocker accented with Bells.

Next she showed a sweet Table Topper sewed with tiny 9-patch blocks.

Additionally, Susan told about a gift of old quilt pieces made from odds & ends, which were hand drawn and cut from 50's fabrics.

Also Susan displayed two sweet mini quilts done in Christmas patterns.

* TINA showed a delightfully colorful Wall Hanging done in a "Stack & Wack" method.

Next she shared a gorgeous paper-pieced Wall Hanging in blue and cream fabrics, featuring a circle of "flying geese"!

* MARGY unfurled a fabulous quilt using 2 1/2" scraps, sewed into 16-patch blocks, in various shades of blue. She calls this creation: BLUE EXPANSION! Assorted blues made up the background.

Next Margy shared an unusual original design: a Labyrinth in scraps of green which may be displayed as a Wall Hanging.

* Mary Beth revealed a fun, multi colored quilt made from Tula Pink Fabrics. The scrappy binding gives an interesting dimension. This will be a graduation gift!

Mary Beth also made a sweet Pumpkin Wall Hanging in Autumn colors. This was sewn from a Kit.

* Catherine displayed a "Flat Robin" Quilt she completed after being inspired by a Challenge at Holiday Island Quilt Guild.

In the "Flat Robin" style, each quilter does their own work; the quilt is not passed around for others to sew on. Each month a new set of instructions is given for the next "round" on the quilt. This is done in red, white, and blue, and will be given to a Veteran.

Secondly, Catherine showed a warm quilt with fleece backing [requested by her husband!]. She found 'TEA' fabric in Elkins during the Fifth Wednesday outing. The fabric panel showcases different TEAS and TEA-POTS. She used this for the quilt top because her husband likes and drinks a lot of TEA!

* Carol Ann told about several projects she has completed and already given to the recipients.

First was the Razor Back Quilt for her Great Niece, finished with Lemoyne Stars and Arkansas Stars. Though Carol Ann said she would never make a "Razor Back Quilt" she reneged because her Niece is going to The University of Arkansas!!

Next we learned about a Christmas Table Runner which Carol Ann worked on at the Retreat. This was a gift for her Daughter-in-Law.

Her Son-in-Law also received results of Carol Ann's efforts in a Quilt made with blue and green fabrics.

Lastly, Carol Ann shared that she donated some fabrics [from Nellie] to her Granddaughter, Katie who works with 'special needs' kids. These fabrics featured cats and different textures which will be of interest to the kids

At 11:20 a.m. a motion was made by Margy to adjourn our last Business Meeting of 2019! Catherine seconded the motion and all agreed to finish!

Submitted by: Secretary, Holly Tabler

December 20, 2019

Previous balance: 7558.26

Checks:

Sue Stille -- Christmas party food 65.66

Catherine Henson -- Christmas prep 7.00

New balance: 7485.60

> From Our Library

> Treasury of Crazy Quilt Stitches is probably the first book where I've been grateful for our magnifying glass. The pictures in the 'gallery' section are 3"x3" and showed up beautifully with a little help. Truly, they are works of art. Author Carole Samples states you need to supplement her book with at least one of several glossaries of stitches with how to information because she does not provide that. However, I have Never seen such a variety of stitches !!! She begins with her 6 basic stitch groups and builds and builds and builds on those stitches. Most she seems to have come across in her studies of antique crazy quilts, some stitches were made up by her and her friends. Frankly, trying to understand the first part of the book was beyond me, but the subsequent parts are amazing. Little tidbits abound such as the stem and backstitch are similar but the backstitch is better for tighter curves. Later she compares the backstitch and double running stitch and mentions the double running stitch can easily be done in two colors—what a fun idea! I'm afraid it's time for me to pull out that unfinished antique crazy quilt I bought years ago at a meeting from a friend...

> Sue Hammer, librarian

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