

**Missoula Quilter's Guild
General Meeting
Quality Inn Conference Center
September 9, 2009**

President Jean Sautter called the meeting to order by reading the Missoula Quilter's Guild mission statement.

This year the Guild wanted to promote quilting at the Montana Fair. Robin Hall introduced the winners and presented them with a \$50.00 gift certificate from the local fabric stores. The 4-H categories were for best of show 12 and above and 12 and under won by Tiffany O'Neal and Callie Elli respectively. There were 3 winners in the Home Arts division; Rachael Lockwood, Mary Hayes and Brenna Glidewell.

There were several guests that were introduced along with three new members.

Annie Hanshew, author of Border to Border Historic Quilts and Quilt Makers of Montana presented her new book and told a little bit about the history and how it came about that she wrote the book. The hard cover book is \$34.95. It will be out in soft cover in January. The guild decided to purchase a signed copy of this for the library.

Allyson Baldwin presented 28 gift certificates divided equally between Joyce Auer and Audrey Nichols to be presented to their students to promote quilting. Joyce and Audrey represent the Arlee High School and Hellgate High School respectively. The gift certificates were purchased from the proceeds from the Garden Walk quilt show.

Debbie Gross gave Treasurer's report.

Jean Sautter introduced the board members, the Members at large; Robin Hall, Edna Hill, Jane Duncan and June Morrison. There was recognition given to all the past committee members and volunteers for doing a wonderful job.

The Librarians, Elaine Rose & Connie Wining were introduced and they have set a few new rules this year. Books are to be checked out for only two months and only to guild Members not family and friends. There will be a three book limit to check out. Since they are going to purchase more DVD's they are welcoming suggestions.

The sunshine lady is Julie Starr. If you know someone that needs a card sent please contact her to get them a card.

Martha Robertson is the official greeter and refreshment coordinator.

Sue Olinger and Calli Baker are the historians of the Quilt Guild. If you have photos to donate please give Sue or Calli a call.

Michelle Wieler has been working diligently this summer updating and making our website user friendly. It is now easier than ever to edit and post your information. The website address is www.missoulaquiltersguild.pbwiki.com. You will need to create your own login and password to access Member information. A request was made that if you had a picture it would be nice to add this so a face could be associated with a name.

The fat quarter basket is done by Judy & Karen Tremper this year. Judy explained what a fat quarter is and how it is cut. This year's theme for fat quarters is based on painted art work.

The PMS blocks are done by Cynthia Spethman and Jeanne Brown. They explained that there will not be a charge for the blocks anymore. That they will have them in a packet and will hand them out with a list of instructions and it will be up to the Member to provide fabric and turn in.

Brenda Messner will be our post card lady this year.

Sew Day – (Heidi Bakula filling in) Joleen Ellerton puts it all together. They meet at the Latimer Fire Station. Here are the dates for sew day: Sept 12th, October 3rd & 24th, November 14th & 28th, December 12th & 26th. Bring your sewing machine, power strips & projects along with something for potluck. These dates are also posted on the website.

There are several groups that get together and meet throughout the year. Jean asked someone from each specialty group to stand and explain a little bit about what the group does.

Flock Block group meet twice a year at the end of month of April and end of month of October. They have a potluck and this October the block colors are brown, pink, cream and will be two block types of Jacobs ladder.

Quilts for Kids meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10am every month. They now meet at the Grace United Methodist Church on the corner of 10th and Garfield. There will be an open house on September 16th, 6:30 to 7:30pm or Sunday, September 20th, at 12:15pm. They donate \$50.00 per month to the Church to help cover their costs.

The Woolies group meet at Timeless the 4th Wednesday of the month and have a potluck. This isn't just for woolies anymore. This group is for all handwork items. No machine work. Elaine Smith is in charge of this group.

Stitchers in the Dark group meet once a year in February. It is to be determined where it will be this year as old location is being remodeled. First, there is a potluck then you fill out a form with likes and dislikes along with personal information and there is a drawing. You have one year to make 12 blocks and then return the following year with made blocks. As the blocks are put up, the person whose blocks they are for, tries to guess if they are their blocks.

The Missoula Peace Quilters do not have a standard meeting time. However they will meet regularly from November through April. There is all types of people that go and contribute what they can toward peace. There is a peace party for peace in Missoula coming up. If you have a small item for a donation for a silent auction please contact Lilian Klawitter for this.

Round Robins – If you would like to do a round robin seek out other quilters with similar interests and go from there. The website and around the refreshment table is a good place to provide communication for this.

Joyce Auer put the Garden Walk together and is also the pillow person. Joyce would like to get as many pictures of the Garden Walk as possible. If you have pictures please contact Joyce. The Pillows for Bereavement camp should be 14 1/2" square for pillow tops.

Paula McCann (filling in for Michelle Baker) updated the Members on the retreat which is October 1st-4th. There are openings for more people to go. For 4 nights it is \$172.00 and for 2 nights it is \$115.00. There is 23 signed up to go now but they can take up to 40. The event Project runaway will be posted on the website.

Heidi Bakula reported on the upcoming planned programs. There is a Northwest Quilting Expo in Oregon and Heidi has 2 free tickets to anyone that will be going to it. January 23rd Odette Grassi will be teaching a class on non representational designs. There will be two – three hour sessions. The total number of people will be 24 and it will cost \$25.00. The only thing Members will have to bring is scissors and needles everything else will be provided. Registration for this class will start in November. If you would like more information go to www.inspirationenterprises.com. In Good Company will be coming in March or April. Heidi is also trying to get a program together on old “vintage” sewing machines. Next month Michelle Weaver Knowles will be coming to talk on Breast Cancer quilts.

Prez tip – Place a silicone baking pan on your sewing table to keep little items in so they do not migrate off the table and get lost.

Robin Hall had a tip of using non slip shelf liner for under the foot peddle on the sewing machine so it will not slip on carpet. If you have a laminate floor get the non slip shelf liner for carpet and it should work for a slick surfaces.

The PMS Blocks were won by Sue Harding. For next month’s block use orange, browns, golds or anything that would make a good pumpkin.

Door Prizes were won by Pam Rassmuson, Judy Goudette-Hastings, Catharine Claytor, Susan Stadler, Deann Birnel.

The Bag with fat quarters was won by Melody Stott.

The fat quarter basket “Van Gogh’s” Sunflowers was won by Allyson Baldwin.

Jean announced that if anyone had a spinning puzzle quilt to please bring them to next month’s guild meeting.

Peggy Floyd reported on the progress of the 2010 Quilt show. The dates will be June 24th for set-up, June 25th from 10am to 7pm and June 26th from 10am to 4pm. There will not be a banquet this year but there will be a breakfast at 8-10am Saturday June 26th. The ribbons will be presented at the breakfast where the ribbon winners will pin them on their own quilts. They are still in need of volunteers to chair the following committees: Admissions, Fabric Baskets, Publicity/Advertisement, Raffle Quilt (to be taken around), Raffle tickets (filled at meeting) and someone to head the work crew. There will be a small and large quilt to be raffled at this quilt show.

Meeting adjourned around 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Best