

January 2019

Note from the President -

Appreciate all who attended our inaugural meeting for 2019. Looking forward to lots of sewing/quilting in this new year. I'm excited to start some new projects instead of just finishing up the "old" ones. While completing that UFO always gives me a sense of satisfaction, diving into that new project is always more fun! Here's to a lot of fun for everyone!

Janet Lindsey



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

There were 34 in attendance (33 members and 1 guest)

Janet welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that the February Sit-n-Sew will be held Friday, February 1st *before* our next meeting.

Sarah McCormick gave the "Sunshine" report in Judy's absence - in November and December 13 birthday cards and 1 get well card were mailed out. Sarah also wanted everyone to be aware of recent losses among our quilting friends - Mary Naeve's father passed away this past Sunday; Gwen Harris loss her husband in September and that Betty Ferguson's husband recently passed away. Please keep these ladies in your thoughts and prayers and send them a thinking of you card if you can.

Cindy Pannier reminded everyone that she collects the fronts of greeting cards (Christmas, birthday, etc.) for a children's hospital for craft fun for the kids. Please bring to any future meeting and deliver to her.

- The minutes were accepted as published in the December newsletter.
- Missy reported the guild's current bank balance.
- MQA reminder, the Spring Gathering to be held in Louisville at Lake Tiak O'Khata on February 8th and 9th. Information should be coming out soon.

Reminder - **Stitch-n-Frame** near Vicksburg will have their Annual **Super Bowl Sale** on Sunday, February 3rd, starting at noon.

Minutes of January 2019 continued -

Janet announce her 2019 challenge - a Christmas stocking. They are to be fully completed and ready to show at our December 2nd meeting. She has a pattern for the shape of the stocking and that is the only rule - it must be this shape and size, but can be quilted, appliqued, paper-pieced - using any materials, fabrics or craft supplies you choose.

Our 11th annual retreat will be September 26th—29th at Lake Tiak O' Khata. Cindy reminded us that paperwork and roommates selections should be completed by April. Cindy also requested that a committee be responsible for this year and future retreats (she's ready to retire as sole organizer). Janet asked for volunteers and the following agreed to be on the committee - Laura Key, Jo Patterson, Patricia Welsch, Ann McDonald and Christy Calhoun. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact Cindy.

Janet asked for a show of hands for those interested in a Brandon Quilters guild t-shirt. Over half of the members raised their hands. Linda McGill has agreed to be over this project.

Marilyn Rose announced she will be teaching a One Block Wonder class in January at Stitch n' Frame that requires seven panels. Please contact her or Stitch n' Frame for additional information.

We will have several local guilds participating in the Quilts of Valor display here at the Brandon Library. Forms are to accompany each quilt to inform committee who is to receive the quilt; Polly can submit to the Quilts of Valor Foundation or the quilter can pick up quilt and give to someone of their choice. Even those, if given to veteran, can be registered with Quilts of Valor. We have a local Veteran's home and hospital that would gladly accept these as well. Guild coordinators are Lucy Large, Ann Callender, Joan Howard, Polly Duggan and Karen Petrignani. If you would like to assist with this project please contact any of these ladies.

Debbie Wilson then spoke on our 2019 Block of the Month. The pattern and instructions for the first block are available tonight. She had a completed top and sample of January's block displayed - a court house block. All blocks have the same border around them, so these could be made ahead of time and added to your monthly block when completed. A helpful suggestion is to label your colors to help stay organized. If you were not at the January meeting, instructions and pattern can be found on our web site and future meetings.



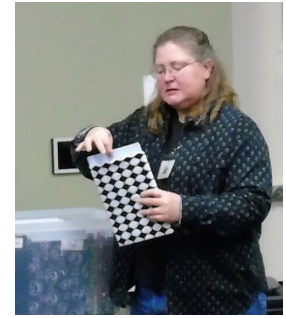
There being no other business, we moved on to our program - Getting Organized for Quilting, presented by Jo Patterson and Polly Duggan and then we enjoyed Show -n-Tell before dismissing.

Respectively submitted, Patricia Welsch, Secretary and Newsletter

Getting Organized for Quilting -

Jo Patterson suggests-

- Wrapping fabric on “polar notion” boards. All fabrics will be stored the same size and take up less room.
- Mark the amount or length of fabric for easy reference on each board
- Use “scrapping” boxes for storing all projects (patterns and fabrics all in one place)
- Project book for keeping up with current projects and ideas for future projects.



Polly, says we should all refer to our fabric as our “Inventory” and not stash. She recommends -

- Sort fabrics by color, as well as alphabetize them by color
- Then sort by themes - Children’s, Asian, 30’s fabrics, etc.
- Sort notions by color as well (zippers, binding tape, etc.)
- Use small drawers to store your notions in
- Always start a project that has a purpose
- Minimize clutter to save time /adopt “Tidy Ten” and put away 10 things after sewing / or once a day
- Store projects in large storage bags (Ziploc)



Make your own project board (like Debbie’s) by purchasing a piece of foam core board (available at Dollar Tree); spray baste batting and attach to foam core board; top with flannel fabric also attached with spray basting; secure with pretty “duck” tape around the edges.



During our February meeting we will have a BLOCK SWAP..... any size, any color, made with any technique. Bring block in brown paper bag. We will play a type of “Dirty Santa” to give out. Keep in mind these blocks can be incorporated into a quilt, or made into a potholder, coaster; embellish a bag or sweat shirt. The choice is yours.

Sew-n-Tell -

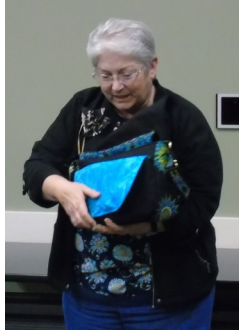


Linda McGill - Christmas Table Runner



Robbie Wise - Flying Geese

Sew-n-Tell -



Marilyn Rose -
Another handbag with
lots of pockets
Bonnie Hunter's Mystery
Quilt - Good Fortune and
Two different samples of
Supernova - a class she
will teach at the MQA-
June Gathering



Ann McDonald -
Moonlight Serenade
And
Papa's Tree Farm



Christy Calhoun -
Monster Quilt



Jo Patterson -
Embossed velvet





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Mark your calendar -

- **Friday, February 1st - Sit-n-Sew at MS State Extension building, 9:00 a.m.**
- **Monday, February 4th—Guild meeting, 6:00 p.m., Brandon Library**
- **February 8 & 9—MQA Spring Gathering at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville**

