

Riverwalk Quilt Guild

Newsletter

December 2021

From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone!

Happy December and Merry Christmas to all! Rather than having our normal meeting, we will be having a Holiday Dinner and Dirty Santa gift exchange.

The dinner will be held this Wednesday, December 8th at Kaye's Kitchen in Newland. Please come around 5:45 to 6:00 p.m. We will plan to eat about 6:15. Kaye is serving grilled chicken buffet style with choice of pasta or mashed potatoes, vegetables, and salad. The price is \$25 which includes dessert, drinks, tax and tip. Please pay Linda Campbell the night of the meeting. The guild has a fund to help those who would like to attend but find the price prohibitive. Please let Tiffany know if you are attending but haven't signed up yet.

We are also having a Dirty Santa gift exchange. Please bring a \$15 wrapped quilting-related gift if you are planning to participate. I look forward to some fun gift stealing!

Don't forget to bring your recent projects for Show and Tell. Kaye and her staff say seeing our quilts are a highlight of the evening for them and missed us last year.

Also, Elizabeth O'Hagan will be coming at 7:00 p.m. to pick up our donations for the Crossnore Communities for Children. As a reminder, they need quilts, bedding, toys and Bath & Body products.

Thanks to all who were able to attend our Veteran's Day Quilt presentation. We awarded 9 quilts to Avery County Veterans. I believe everyone in attendance enjoyed the program and being able to thank the Veterans for their service.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to act as President of the Guild this past year. I have enjoyed getting to know more of you better and being more active in the group. I am looking forward to helping Cindy with the program scheduling in the coming year.

Piece and Blessings,

Tiffany

Our Mission

- To preserve our mountain heritage of quilting
- To be a source of education and inspiration for quilters
- To encourage excellence in quilting and related arts
- To be of service to the community
- To provide fellowship to people with a common interest

Guild Leadership

President – Tiffany Melchers
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Vice-President – Vicki Stansbury
Secretary – Grace Ingram
Treasurer – Linda Campbell
Photographer – BJ Mickel-Close
Community Outreach – open position

Treasurer's Report

Respectfully submitted by Linda Campbell, Treasurer

10/31/2021	Balance	\$2,691.39
	Deposits	0.00
	Expenses	(165.00)
11/30/2021	Balance	\$2,526.39

Service Opportunities

Veterans Quilts....

Twin-size Quilts for Crossnore

The following people will be on the Board in 2022.

- President – Sheri Elderfield
- Vice-President – Co-Chairs Cindy Booth and Tiffany Melchers
- Secretary – Grace Ingram
- Treasurer – Linda Campbell
- Photographer/Newsletter Distribution – BJ Mickel-Close
- Community Outreach – Tiffany Melchers

Minutes from the November Meeting

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Minutes of the November 11,2021 Meeting

Tiffany called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Everyone was welcomed. Cindy had a visitor Susy present.

Elizabeth O'Hagan from Crossnore Community for Children was a special guest speaker.

She related that 500 children were served by the organization with about 120 in the Avery County facility. They need donations of pillowcases, comforters, quilts, sheets, fleece blankets, new clothes and shoes as well as stuffed animals. Twin size quilts are the size that they desire the most, but all sizes are welcome. Shampoo and body wash from Bath and Body Works can also be used. They also need volunteers to come spend time with the children. There is a list of children's specific requests, possibly online. In short there is lots of opportunity to help this local organization.

Tiffany recognized Gayle who suggested that Joann's could be asked to donate supplies for whatever we might decide to do for Crossnore Community for Children.

Old Business

BJ will deliver the backpacks next week.

Tiffany asked if we wanted to have a work day and the consensus was that we did not.

Recovery wishes go to Leslie who broke her foot.

Regarding the Christmas Block quilt, we are looking for the toy soldier block and the reclining Santa block. If you have either of these blocks, please bring them or have them delivered to a meeting. There is no deadline to finish the blocks for this quilt.

The minutes and Treasurer's report were approved.

New Business

The election of Board Officers was conducted. The slate of Officers was presented to the guild. There were no nominations from the floor. Gayle made the motion to approve the entire slate of Officers as presented. BJ seconded her motion. The guild voted to approve the Officers.

Minutes from the November Meeting cont...

Kay's Kitchen was suggested for the December meeting with a game of Dirty Santa following the meal. Each member is asked to bring a \$15 gift to exchange. Some people asked if they could do something quilting related but not Christmas related, and it was agreed that this would be acceptable. An example might be purple, blue, or green batiks. Each individual is encouraged to give \$10 as a donation to Crossnore Community for Children but this is an individual choice.

Final preparations for the Veteran Quilt Presentation were accomplished. There were cards to sign for each Veteran. A show of hands determined those who would be coming at 12:30 to set up and decorate. It was announced that a reporter from the Avery Journal would be covering the event. Sandy announced that she had fabric for future Veterans quilts which she would bring to a future meeting.

There was an opportunity to advertise the guild in a Brochure for the 2022 Avery County Visitor Relocation and Business Guide. The deadline was November 15th. Given this short time period and the cost of the ads the guild agreed that we did not want to participate in this venture.

BJ gave a wonderful program on how to make a Christmas tree ornament. She had supplies for everyone as well as a handout. Members enjoyed working on their unique creations.

Show and Tell

Gayle- Pink and green traditional quilt for grandchild

Sandy- Mystery quilt that Sheri assisted and encouraged the guild members to make. The quilt was in blue and pale green and 2) Batiks in a log cabin pattern against a pastel background.



Sheri- Raven picture and 2) a cat in purples from a photo from an online animal collage class.



Sheri also showed the Veteran quilts we would be presenting on Saturday.

Minutes from the November Meeting cont...

Vicki-- pillow made from old quilts.



The Birthday Basket was passed around. Door prizes were won by Susy, Tiffany, and Nancy.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Ingram, Secretary

Minutes from the Veteran's Quilt Presentation

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Minutes of the November 13, 2021 Veteran's Quilt Presentation

On November 13, 9 Avery County Veterans were presented with a quilt and thanked for their service. The service was simple and very meaningful. The speaker's speech was enjoyable. Refreshments were served. About 25 to 35 people were present. The reporter took a picture of the Veterans with their quilts and another of the quilters who were present and published both pictures with his writeup in the Avery Journal.



Respectfully submitted by Grace Ingram, Secretary

December Birthdays

Lolly Howser
Linda Campbell
Carol Calvert
Sandra Hurd
Sharon Stewart
Noel Williams

December 1st
December 6th
December 22nd
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Classified Ads

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