

Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild

Bringing quilting and fiber arts to everyone

DECEMBER

2023

Hello Guild Members,

Our Christmas party will take over our guild meeting, no business meeting. I still haven't decided what to make for the potluck. Don't forget your decorated Chinese take-out box. Your gift must fit inside according to Diana.

I did enjoy listening to our November guest speaker, Sherry Massey. She showed she was human when judging. We are just a little over 2 months out until our quilt show. We are hoping for 100 quilts. I still am working on two quilts for the show. One, my temperature quilt, won't be done until December 31, then it's hurry off to the long armer. If you are having second thoughts about entering a quilt in the show, don't. We were all beginners at one time. I often enter quilts knowing it is not show quality just to encourage others to make quilts. For the past 2 shows now, I have entered a quilt in the same-but different category. We will have some of those in the show again. I generally make quilts that are easy to do and scrappy and colorful. There is no one way to make a quilt, it is your journey, make it how you want. It's fun to read the little stories next to the quilts and fun listening to what people say about your quilt. So put your big girl panties on and enter your quilt. You will learn things as you make your quilt and get better with your next.

See you in December!

Guild President, Peggy Coe

December 11 6:00 pm First Baptist Church West Christmas Party”

January 8 6:00 pm First Baptist Church West Entry Forms are due and Guild Meeting

January 27 9-11 at Farmers Market Guild demonstrations

February 12 6:00 pm First Baptist Church West Guild Meeting

February 15 8:00 pm GP Coliseum Annex Set up for the show

February 16 9am -5pm Quilt Show

February 17 9 am - 3 am Quilt Show

*Remember your gift,
potluck dish, and
Christmas Hat!!!!
The fun begins at
6:00 pm Ho Ho!*

Officers

President: Peggy Coe

V. President: Barbara Johnston

Secretary: LaDonna Myers

Treasurer: Marilyn Sikes

Programs: Diane Davis

Hospitality: Janet Light

Community Sew: Rene Palaniuk

TLC: Plezie Johnson

Ways & Means: Anke Baker

Membership: Nancy Wicker

Publicity: Kathy Hepner

Newsletter: Vicki Nightingale

Facebook & Webpage: Rene Palaniuk & Vicki Nightingale

Quilt Show Chairman : Vicki Nightingale

Guild Meeting Minutes
WICHITA MOUNTAIN QUILT GUILD
November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by president Peggy Coe at 6:00pm. Peggy introduced Sherry Massey, who gave our program on What Judges Look for When Judging a Quilt.

A motion was made by Anke Baker to approved the October minutes, as written in the October newsletter. Cathy McDanel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Carol Johnson made a motion to approve the October treasurer's report, as written in the October newsletter. Nancy Wicker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nancy Wicker reported on membership. 27 members are present tonight with one new member and six guests.

Anke Baker will take over Ways & Means in January 2024.

Diana Davis reviewed programs for the upcoming months:

- December – Bring Your Decorated Chinese Take Out Box with a gift of no more than \$20 for the gift exchange. Several examples of decorated boxes were shared by Diana. Members are invited to bring a dish for the potluck dinner, to begin at 6pm. Diana encouraged members to wear a 'Christmassy hat'.

No old or new business was discussed

Vicki Nightingale reported that the next quilt show committee meeting will be held in January. She is selling Quilt Show t-shirts for \$15 each and encouraged members to wear them proudly before the quilt show, as advertisement. Please continue to sell tickets for the quilt raffle and the American Doll raffle. Sign up sheets are available for volunteers in many areas; admissions, basket raffle, guild booth, etc. Please sign up for hospitality room food for vendors and workers. Quilt show quilt entry forms are available from LaDonna Meyer and on the WMQG website. There will be a 'Same but Different' category for Blue Onion quilts. Vicki asked members to not think of the show as a competition, as much as a 'Drag & Brag' for the community to see. We will have a small quilt silent action. We need FQ for baskets.

Drag & Brag

- Vicki Nightingale – cat thread painting piece and American Girl Doll Wedding Dress
- Peggy Coe – buffalo thread painting piece

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm, by our vice-president.

LaDonna Meyer

Guild Secretary

PROGRAMS

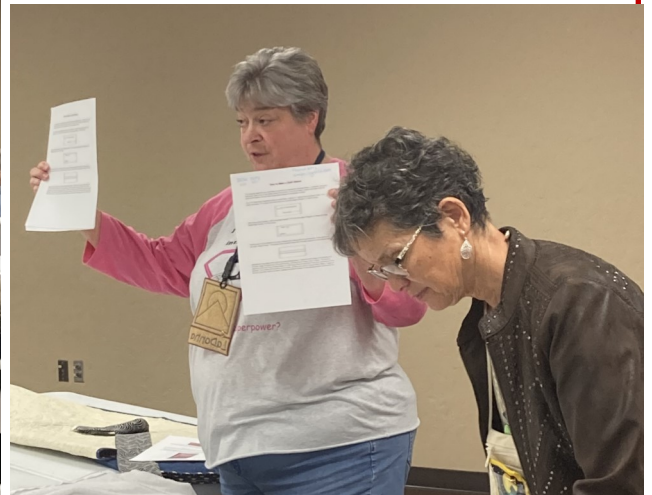
Potluck for Christmas party. Dirty Santa gift \$20 must fit in takeout box with lid shut. Wear a Christmas hat, sweater etc to celebrate the occasion. Take out boxes will be judged for creativity.

Please bring fat quarters for basket to be raffled off at quilt show. Fat quarters that go with our theme or what would be considered blenders. Also go through your sewing notions and consider donating anything you don't need that could flesh out a basket and make it more **appealing**.

Last Month's Program



Sherrie Massey, our quilt show judge, is explaining something to a new member.



LaDonna is explaining the entry forms used to enter a quilt in the quilt show



Here LaDonna is showing what a quilt sleeve is and how to attach it to a quilt.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello quilting friends!

There are a LOT of new members and visitors (who we just haven't converted yet!). For those of you who are new, WMQG Community Sew is a program within the guild that focuses on giving back to our local communities and allows our guild to share our talents where they are most needed. Over the last year we have hosted classes and project days with Lawton Public School FACs class, the American Heritage Girls, a local daycare, and Girl Scout Troop 21. We've donated hand Sewn items including quilts, dignity bibs, fidget aprons, and pillowcases to local organizations including Pregnancy Resource Center, C.A.S.A of SWOK, Indiahoma Vet Center, Montevista Rehab, Ten Oaks Assisted Living, and more!

We are blessed with fabric donations from all sorts of community and former guild members and strive to give the gift of comfort to those we can.

We frequently have projects for guild members to complete as they have the time and availability for and are always looking for organizations to support.

Learn more about what we do online: <https://wmquiltguild.com/community-service>

This month we donated 3 patriotic quilts to the Indiahoma Veterans Organization that were presented on Veterans Day. Thank you to all of those who helped create these beautiful quilts!

My time here in beautiful Oklahoma is sadly drawing to a (much quicker than anticipated) end, as my family will be moving to Mason, Ohio over spring break in March. It's time for me to hand the reigns off to another guild member to run with. Community Sew is a volunteer (not elected) guild board position. If you're interested, please let us know!

Thank you so much for the warmth, kindness, guidance, and family you all have provided me with since my first flamingo Christmas Party I attended with y'all.

I will not be at December guild meeting, and, due to the holidays, there will not be a December Community Sew date. We will resume with sew socials in the new year, with the 1st one being on Jan 23 from 10-2 at First Baptist West. 2024's first quarter project will be preparing "Make, Take, and Donate" kits for us to share with the community at the quilt show!

As always, if you've got any ideas or know of an organization that could use our support, please reach out to me:

(727)599-1372 or rene.palaniuk@gmail.com like any true millennial, email or text is best :)



It's getting closer to the Quilt Show on February 16th & 17th. Time to finish those quilts. Keep in mind this our chance to show the community what we can do. LaDonna in the last meeting explained how to make a quilt sleeve and attach it to the quilt. I will include it as an attachment. Also don't forget to label your quilts. Your name and phone number must be attached on the bottom left side of the quilt. The entry forms will also be attached.

If you haven't already pick up the postcards to handout to friends, relatives, churches, and places you shop. Also be selling your raffle tickets for the quilt and doll. Emphasis to others that for a paid admission they have a chance to win a sewing machine.

Quilt shirts can still be ordered The cost is \$15

Please sign up to work at the quilt show. Volunteer sheets will be at the Christmas Party. Something I have not mentioned this year is the set up on the Thursday before the show. **Everyone will help with the set up at 8:00 am before setting up their areas. The judging will begin at 10:00 am and quilts must be hung before then.** Cris and Dee is in charge of the set up so follow their directions. The vendors will be arriving after 12:00 pm.

January 27th from 9-11 the guild has the classroom at the Lawton Farmers Market. Kathleen Hepner is arranging for members to do demonstrations while tickets are being sold for the raffle quilt and AMG doll. This is a good way to advertise the show.

Diana Davis is asking for fat quarters for the gift baskets. Please bring some to the Christmas Party.

Peggy Coe is accepting small quilts for the silent auction.

If you looked at the treasurer's report you will notice I have bought a sign to place at the fence at the coliseum.

Vicki Nightingale



Drag and Brag

