

Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild February 4, 2020 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Diana Engelbrecht.

Attendance was 59 members at the afternoon meeting with 2 new members and 2 guests present. There were 29 members at the evening meeting with 1 guest.

Announcements:

Diane Murtha has an article in the December/January "Quilting Arts" magazine and the Art Quilting Studio Winter 2020. The Quilt and story are on the "Last Page" feature. One of Diane's quilts is also included in the "Endangered Species: Animals and Plants in Fabric Perspective" book by Donna Desoto, released last month.

Wendy Rios' husband had a kidney transplant in Des Moines last month, and we received a note from Wendy. "Please thank Guild members for their thoughts and prayers. My husband's new kidney is working great. I hope we can return to the Quad Cities soon. I will be so happy to get back to my quilting activities. I was only able to do handwork at the hotel."

Jeanne Hess had back surgery last Monday and had some complications. She was not able to do anything with the T-shirt designs at this time. We are postponing the voting on the T-shirts until next month. Anyone who had entered designs, please send them to any Board Member.

The February Doohickey items are Clover's Wonder Clips (50 pack), magnetic needle nest, and needle puller.

Please report all your volunteer hours. There are sheets at the check-in desk for you to record your hours. Volunteering hours include working on doll quilts, charity quilts, committee meetings, demos, anything you do that is volunteering in any area.

"It Takes a Village" exhibit entries will be due at the July 7 meeting. We will need to know how much room will be needed at the quilt show, so please turn entries in ASAP. Please note that once the quilting is done, there has been shrinkage. Size should be no less than 15-inch square.

Board & Committee Reports:

Mary Korreect, Programs. Sign-ups for David Taylor's classes are in the "L". You can sign up for two classes, and if you would like a "third option", there is a sign-up sheet on a space-available basis. Christa Watson's classes in April are specifically for domestic machines (not longarm). There is a book on display for your review and Christa will be bringing books to the classes for purchase. The UFO Challenge sign-up sheets were in the newsletter. Cost is \$5 and the drawing for the first number will be at the March meeting. Mary asked members to be sure and review the newsletter, which is full of additional Program information.

Mary Kay Hymes announced that today is the last day to turn in your quilt information for the Figge Art Museum for National Quilt Week from March 9-16, 2020. She also needs

volunteers to help during the week. Sign-up sheets are at the check-in table, or you can contact Mary Kay for available dates/times. There will be a reception Thursday evening, compliments of the Figge. Members are invited.

Margaret Paulos, Doll Quilts. Margaret wanted to thank the person that did the Log Cabin Doll Quilts. Please make sure to see Margaret when turning in the doll quilts. She wants to make sure she has your name listed. Margaret announced that there are 50 Doll Quilt kits ready for you to take home to finish.

Marlis Beechamp. Due to the small number of sign-ups, the Memory Collage Class scheduled for February 8, 2020 has been rescheduled to November 15, 2020 at the Butterworth Education Center.

Vicki Hamilton, Block to Raffle and Quilt Show Auction. Please hand in your "happy basket" quilt block today. If you forgot, please contact Vicki and she will get with you to pick it up. For the Auction at the Quilt Show, Vicki asked for donations, i.e., purses, small items, table runners, aprons, etc. You can bring these items to the meetings beginning in March.

Mary Pement, Retreat. There are still openings for the Spring Retreat which will be March 4-8, 2020. Forms are in the February newsletter or in the "blog area" on the website. Please let Mary know if you would like to attend.

Catherine Litwinow, Historical Interest. There has only been one person turning in the historical book report challenge. As a reminder, you need to read 3 historical quilting books with a report. The challenge ends in May. Also, Catherine wanted to remind members that Women received the right to Vote 100 years ago, and invited all to the Quilt Study Group event to be held the first Saturday in April in Kalona, IA. If interested, please see Catherine.

Clayton Peterson, Quilt Show. Clayton has asked everyone to pick up bookmarks for the Quilt Show to be distributed. He also reported he will be writing his first Grant and would like someone to look over the grant before he submits. A possible recommendation was given.

Terry Austin, Quilts of Valor. Terry showed the block members will be making at today's meeting. For one quilt, 16 blocks are needed, or 12 blocks with a border. Terry also asked members if they had extra 2 1/2" squares to make 9 patches to be included in additional quilts.

Program: This month's program was a sew-in for the Quilts of Valor. A pattern block was distributed to members to complete.

Name tag drawing was held and show and tell presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane St. John