

Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild March 3, 2020 General Meeting (Corrected)

The meeting was called to order by President Diana Engelbrecht.

Attendance was 108 members at the afternoon meeting with 2 new members and 4 guests present. There were 41 members at the evening meeting with 1 new member and 2 guests.

Announcements:

March 21st is National Quilting Day. Today is If Pets Had Thumbs Day and I Want You To Be Happy Day. Turn to someone sitting near you, introduce yourself, and tell them what makes you the happiest.

Former MVQG member, Esther Morford, from Milan has passed away. She was known for her award-winning fiber-arts clothing and taught a class at our guild on the subject. Sue McBride passed away. Kathy Young's sister has also passed as well as Donna Fleck's husband.

The March doohickey was a Dual LED Precision Magnifier Set won by Kathy Higgins.

The nominating committee contacts people they believe would be able to fill board positions that will be vacated in September. There are people who have said they would like to serve in a specific position, so we have people the committee can contact. Please consider helping in this capacity. We need two volunteers from the afternoon meeting and two from the evening meeting. Voting for 2 of those 4 will be held at the April meeting. The two volunteers from the afternoon meeting were Vicki Hamilton and Sandie Cockerill. Volunteers from the evening meeting were Sharon Milne and Peggy Fierst.

There is still room in both cottages for Spring Retreat which starts this Wednesday. You can attend for a day or stay overnight. Contact Sue Kirk or Mary Pement. The Fall Retreat will be October 14-18.

We are in the process of compiling a booklet about all the activities in the L and the groups that anyone can participate in. The purpose of the booklet is to give to the new members when they join so they have something that they can refer to. This can help them figure out what activities they may want to participate in. Will the committees and others in charge of something in the L please compose a paragraph describing it. This would include what the information board is, name tag drawing, show and tell, library, etc. Please send it to Shelly Moore at her email address – shelly@quiltstitching.com. You can also find her email address in the directory.

Farm Fiber Fun will be May 14-19. Sixteen workshops including different techniques of dying fabrics with indigo and procion, the basics of procion dyes, felted balls/beads, wire spiral earrings you could use for embellishments on wall quilts, needle felted animals, acrylic paint pours, zipper bag, stand up zipper bag, gelli prints, fused landscape, a scissors holder necklace, leather wrapped beaded bracelet, salt shaker snowmen/women, gnomes, painted organza, and painted scarf. There is scheduled time for homeschooler groups and juniors, so bring your grandkids or neighbor's child to have some fun. Twelve guided playtime activities are listed on the schedule along with others when asked for. Bring anything you want to work on including sewing. You can do anything you want at any time throughout the 6 days. A schedule will be put up on Facebook as well as the MVQG website.

Board & Committee Reports:

Terry Austin, Quilts of Valor. We will meet tomorrow from 9-2. Last month 251 quilt blocks were handed in after the meeting and they were made into 18 quilts. Thank you to all.

Jane Darin speaking for Mary Korreect, Program. In April Christa Watson opened up 8 more spots for her domestic machine quilting, so let Mary know if you would be interested in attending. In May, Melanie McNeil will be doing Medallion quilts. The kick off will be a trunk show Saturday, May 9. We will be doing a border a quarter. Sign up is in the L if you are interested. There will be no charge for this. In June, the David Taylor workshops still have a few openings. After the April meeting we will be contacting those who are on the list wanting to sign up for more than two workshops if there are still openings.

Paula Hardy, speaking for Dawn Thompson, Raffle quilt. Please pick up your raffle tickets in the L. Charity Committee. We will meet the 12th from 8:30-3. We will be trying a sitting station for those who have difficulty standing for a length of time so they may work sitting down. Thanks for all you do. Twenty-nine quilts were delivered in February.

Faye Kunz, Member at Large, Quilt Show Chair. Trash to Treasures items are coming in quite well. Please pick up your raffle tickets in the L. We would like to have a t-shirt designed to be able to wear at the show and for other occasions. Check out the designs in the L and mark a check on the one that you like best.

Catherine Litwinow, Historical Interest. The Iowa – Illinois Quilt Study Group will meet on April 4, at the Kalona Historical Village. Sandy Schweitzer will speak on the topic, “Women Speak With Needle and Thread.”

Jo Noon, National Quilt Day. We will be setting up and tearing down at the Figge at 10:00 the next two Mondays. Please sign up in the L to volunteer to sit at the table and monitor visitors attending the display. You may work on handwork while at the table answering any questions visitors may have.

Vicki Hamilton, Block to Raffle. The next block will be, “Think Spring.” It will be available at our next meeting. Start thinking about the small quilt auction and what you might create for it.

Sandie Cockerill, UFO Challenge. A member drew the number 3, so everyone can start working on their UFO number 3. Email a photo of your completed UFO to me by the Sunday before the June meeting, or get the photo to me at one of the sit and sews I attend. You may also mail it to me. We will draw another number in June and one in October. The January meeting program will be our completed UFO's.

I see that many have started working on aprons. We will all wear our aprons at our July meeting and display them or wear them at our show.

Elaine Giesecke, President's quilt. Please turn in your signed block for the President's quilt by the May meeting. If you would like to take the easy way out, I do have some completed blocks that just need your signature.

Margaret Paulos, Doll Quilts. Margaret showed samples of doll quilts and said that she has brought kits that members may take home to finish. She also mentioned that she has members who would be willing to quilt any enveloped doll quilts. Doll quilts sit 'n sew will be the third Tuesday of this month

if anyone would like to come play with the fabric. Margaret will be at the Scott County Park Sunday and Monday of the Memorial Day weekend if anyone wants to come out and work on handwork.

Clayton Peterson, Publicity. Clayton would like a video of our last show to use in the publicity for our upcoming show. If anyone has a video, please let him know.

Faye Kunz passed out membership directories to new members who had not received one.

Program:

Guild member and quilt historian Catherine Litwinow presented a wonderful program and trunk show on Sunbonnet Sue and Overall Sam quilts at the afternoon meeting and a program on Redwork and friends for the evening meeting.

Name tag drawing was held.

This guild is made up of people of many different quilting levels. We want our show and share or shows to represent our entire guild. That means we want to see quilts that represent all levels of quilting.

Show and tell was presented.

Supper tonight will be at 4:00 at Miss Maime's.

The Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m in the Butterworth House.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Rios