

Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild

April 2, 2024 General Meeting

First Congregational Church, Moline, Ill.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by President, Dawn Thompson.

Attendance at the afternoon meeting was 68 members, 0 guests, and 1 new member.

Attendance at the evening meeting was 23 members, 3 guests, and 2 new members.

Dawn Thompson welcomed members and guests.

Announcements:

- Jennifer Chiaverini, quilt-themed author, sent a card to the guild advertising her upcoming book signings.
- Ballots for the board of directors nominating committee were distributed. Members should vote for two, who will join Nancy Duvall to form a committee of three.
- Kathee Secor was unable to be here for the UFO Challenge; please present your #1 completions in Show & Tell. Next project is #5 on your list.

Committee Chair updates:

- Sally Stewart – At the Figge Museum’s National Quilt Week exhibit, 62 quilts were shown from 37 quilters; 645 people attended. About 150 attended specifically to see the quilt exhibit. Sally has thank-you gifts for the volunteers who helped with the show.
- Denise Greer, Quilt Show Publicity – Bookmarks and flyers are available for distribution. Please update any newsletter articles as needed. Beulah Spalding is recovering from a fall, currently at Unity Point Hospital in Rock Island.
- Diana Engelbrecht, Programs – in place of May’s cancelled program by Charisma Horton the Fiber Arts group will present; Carlene from Shop Hops is our presenter in June; July will feature JeriAnn Massey (AnnieMcHugs.com) with reverse applique tips, tools, etc.
 - Community Education – Eldridge library quilt display is coming up – please help!
 - Quilt show judging committee info: categories have been included in the April newsletter. Contact Diana with any questions.
 - For the quilt show, we will decorate barn quilts again this year. Help out on May 9 at 9 a.m. for primer painting (only four volunteers needed); or come to the barn on Monday May 13, 9 a.m., painting of the barn quilts (25 needed).
 - Farm Fiber Fun is in May; see the list of classes in the L. On the back is info on how the event is conducted. Please note that the home schoolers’ class is Wednesday, May 15 (there are typos on the flyer). Setup is last Monday of April.
- Laurie Doyle and Deb Kopacz, Charity -- 192 Quilts have been distributed; 141 quilts donated by the current committee. Bethany Home sent a thank-you note with much appreciation. April 11 is next meeting. May meeting will be at the Carriage House. Best way to improve your stitching is “change your needle!” Schmetz website has plenty of information on the needles you will need for your particular projects. Birdies for Charity for QOV is coming up in May.
- Margaret Paulos, Doll Quilts – Please take some kits with you to finish at home. We also need color wheels, and kits are available for these also. Someone left a Christmas mug in December; contact Margaret to claim it! The doll quilts shed is still full of fabric. Some will go to Second Hand Treasures. Some fabric is suitable for tote bags and not for children’s quilts. Margaret needs a large travel bag pattern! Pick up a challenge bag!

- Susie Goodley, Skill Builders – Diane Murtha will teach a quilt-as-you-go Hexagons class on Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Deere-Wiman Carriage House. Cost is \$15. Colleen Curry will teach in the summer, “Beginning face drawing.” More information will be in the newsletter. Sign-ups start in May
- JoAnn Pilgrim, Habitat for Humanity—Thank you for your generosity in helping with the quilts while she was unable to quilt or cut fabric due to a torn retina.

Program:

Sara Guererro from Our Crafty Life: Doing the math!

Name tag winners selected prizes.

Angie Tague was the Doohickey winner.

Members presented their work during Show and Tell.

Dawn Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Downey, Secretary