

Mississippi Valley Quilters' Guild
September 1, 2020 Combined General Meeting
Davenport American Legion Post 26 / Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Diana Engelbrecht at 7:00pm.

Attendance at the meetings was:

Evening Meeting: 62 members, 1 new member, 20 via Zoom

President Diana Engelbrecht welcomed members and asked each to greet the person on their left and ask the question, "What do you like most about September?"

Announcements:

An additional 12 tubs of fabric of Sue McBride's was found. There will be another garage sale in Maysville, Iowa. Diana will forward the date and address of the location on the MVQG Quilting Bee Facebook page.

Also, Diana received tubs of Orvis Paste. If anyone is interested, please contact Diana.

Board & Committee Reports:

Audit Report: The Audit was conducted and completed by Nancy Jacobson and everything was fine.

Doll Quilts: Margaret Paulos announced that Head Start was cutting down their classroom size. Doll quilts are still needed. She asked if anyone knew of agencies needing Doll Quilts to please let her know.

Program:

Mary Korrekt announced the October meeting speakers will be herself and her sister, Jan Ragaller. They will introduce and launch "Border of the Quarter" and will include a trunk show. In preparation for the Border Sew-A-Long, Mary suggested reading up on border and medallion quilts. She suggested when making the center block to use many colors, and the size should be divisible evenly (2/4/5). The bigger the center block, the bigger the quilt. Center blocks can be square, circle, hexagon, and rectangle.

UFO #2 is due October 4th. Please send your photo of your completed UFO#2 in to Sandie Cockerill.

Mary recently talked with Jane Sassaman, the November program speaker. Jane is hopeful she will be able to attend the meeting and instruction, but is cautious about Covid. The Program Committee will continue with signups for Jane's class through the October meeting. A hard call will be made in October to determine if Jane will come.

There will be a Program Committee meeting via Zoom on Wednesday. Details will follow.

During these times, Mary found online opportunities for Zoom instructors. One site Mary recommended was to check out GlobalQuiltConnection.com website for further information.

Mary also announced the Double Double Challenge will be due in December. The cost is \$1.00.

Quilts of Valor: Clayton Peterson is filling in for Terry Austin, since her son is having surgery. There were 75 invitations sent out for the September 27 Quilt of Valor Drive-Through event. The September event will replace the November Ceremony. The July Drive-through went well. All the Veterans were very complimentary. Due to Covid issues, Terry Austin has cancelled the Quilt of Valor sew-in days until January. She has asked everyone to send in their finished quilts as soon as possible.

Botanical Center: Clayton Peterson announced there will be a quilt display at the Botanical Center November through January, and possibly through February. He is asking Guild members for a topic for the display and would like to feature the quilts that were to be in the 2020 Quilt Show. A possible "Mini 2020 Quilt Show" could be displayed. If you have any topic suggestions, please let Clayton know.

Block to Raffle: Vicki Hamilton displayed the Tulip block. Please let her know if you would like the background. They are \$1.00 for two backgrounds. Blocks will need to be finished and in by next month's meeting.

Raffle Quilt: Dawn Thompson asked members to turn in their raffle tickets and money ASAP. Dawn has been visiting Quilt shops and will be visiting the Cedar Rapids Country Inn & Suites for a display by Rainbows and Calico on Thursday. They have offered to let Dawn sell tickets for the Raffle Quilt. Dawn encouraged members to keep selling tickets.

Second-Hand Treasures: Faye Kunz announced that tickets will also be sold at the two Garage Sales on September 18-19. Ticket sales will close at noon on September 19. The drawing will be held via a Facebook Live presentation from Faye's Garage Sale at 2:00 p.m. on September 19th. At this time, the pre-sales have brought in over \$1,000. Fabric will be sold for \$2.00 per pound. Non-quilting fabric will be sold at \$1.00 per pound. Patterns are 2/\$1.00. If you would like to view the "pre-sale" please contact Faye or Deb Schladt. Location of the second Garage Sale is 2501-22 Avenue in Rock Island.

Retreat: Mary Pement announced the retreat will be held on October 14-18. There is a limit of 10 in each building. Andrew is almost full. Peter is empty at this time. The retreat is \$100 for the entire stay, \$25 per night or \$17 per day. The Guild will not be reimbursing for food. Diana announced the cost of the retreat is extremely reasonable.

President's Report: Diana reported on the past year's events, indicating that, even though Covid took a toll on meetings, the Guild continued to thrive. Diana thanked numerous committee chairs, board members and all the members who volunteered their time during this past year. Prior to Covid, Diana presented ways the Guild was very active in events and charity sewing. During Covid, many members continued to sew for Charity and the Board was active in Zoom meetings. Diana continued to thank all for their volunteering efforts during her term as President.

Volunteer of the Year: Diana announced the Volunteer of the Year. This person has been on the board and filled a number of positions when needed. She is a great person and she was there any time help was needed. Congratulations to Sandie Cockerill, our Volunteer of the Year. She will make an awesome President this next term.

Installation of New Board Members:

Faye Kunz asked all 2019-2020 Board of Directors to stand and be recognized. The 2019-2020 Board of Directors was thanked for their service throughout the past year.

Faye Kunz, Chair of the Nominating Committee, read an article presenting each Board Member with their "bags of scraps", indicating how their position gathers the scraps of information into their Board position. (See end of the minutes for article).

- President – Sandie Cockerill
- Vice President – Hope Schroeder
- Treasurer – Laura Strickland
- Secretary – Diane St. John
- Membership – Elaine Giesecke
- Program – Mary Korreect
- Newsletter Editor – Diane Schloemer
- Historian – Peggy Fierst
- Member-at-Large – Nancy Duvall
- Member-at-Large & Past President – Diana Engelbrecht
- Webmaster – Shelly Moore

Faye asked the new Board: Are you each willing to assume the duties as assigned to you in the by-laws of the MVQG? All responded: "Yes"

Faye congratulated and thanked the new Board for their service to our organization. She asked Members to "please welcome your new Board of Directors!"

There was a ten minute break.

After the break, our new President, Sandie Cockerill, announced the combined Board meeting will be next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Diana Engelbrecht. Please RSVP to Diana. She will need to plan for members attending.

Introduction of Speaker:

Mary Korrekt introduced guild member, Beulah Spaulding, the evening's presenter, as a red-headed fire-cracker who turned 90 this year and has a joyous, infectious laugh. Beulah was to be featured at the "derailed" 2020 Quilt Show. We were entertained by Beulah's trunk show of her quilts and their stories. Beulah featured and talked about some of the amazing number of quilts she has made during her lifetime, and also during the Covid crisis.

President's Quilt: The President's quilt top for Diana Engelbrecht was completed by Elaine Giesecke. Faye has the completed top and will be quilting the "President's Quilt" and presenting this to Diana at the next meeting.

Sandi Cockerill presented a gift card to Faye Kunz on behalf of the Quilt Guild for all her efforts she put in trying to coordinate the first Quilt Show that never was. Faye has also been instrumental in getting the Trash to Treasures set up to raise money, even though the show was cancelled.

Name Tag Drawing: Nancy Duvall pulled tickets for the name tag drawing.

Doohickey Drawing: Kathy Higgins drew Diane Schloemer's name for the Doohickey Drawing which was a sewing lamp.

Show and Tell: Members displayed their quilted items and individual members revealed their "It Takes a Village" challenge.

Dorine Donnabauer, a past President, asked to be recognized and wanted to commend the outgoing board for doing an outstanding job keeping the guild together during this pandemic.

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Diana Engelbrecht.

Meeting adjourned by President Sandie Cockerill.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane St. John

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS
2020-2021
By Faye Kunz

"I have found nothing so desirable for summer covers as the old-fashioned scrap quilt of which our Mothers were so proud. Every girl should piece one at least to carry away to her husband's house. And if her lot happens to be cast among strangers, the quilt, when she unfolds it, will seem like the face of a familiar friend, bringing up a host of memories...too sacred to intrude upon." - Annie Curd, Good Housekeeping 1888

Sandie Cockerill, as President, you are receiving a bag of scraps, because the president is the leader of the guild, responsible for putting all the pieces of the Guild together into one cohesive unit.

Hope Schroeder, as Vice President, you are also receiving a bag of scraps, because the vice president picks up the duties and scraps assigned to her by the President

Diane St. John, as Secretary, you are receiving a bag of scraps, because the secretary is responsible for recording all of the scraps of information disseminated during Guild Board and Membership meetings.

Laura Strickland, as Treasurer, you are receiving a bag of scraps, representing the coins and cash flowing in and out of the Guild accounts.

Mary Korreect, as Program Chair your bag of scraps represents the planning, organizing and arranging of speakers and programs presented throughout the year.

Diane Schloemer, as Newsletter Editor, you gather scraps of information, assemble them into some kind of order, and pass that information along to our members. Therefore, you are eligible for this gift of scraps.

Peggy Fierst, as Historian, you are responsible for gathering bits and pieces of the Guild year for compilation into a memory book, just as scraps are used to create memory quilts.

Elaine Giesecke, as Membership Chair, you maintain information regarding our scrap happy members. Let this bag of scraps remind of you the assorted people and personalities within the Guild.

Nancy Duvall, as Member-at-Large and Diana Engelbrecht, Member-at-Large and Past President, the two of you give scraps to our members in the form of Name Tag Drawing prizes. It seems appropriate to give some of those scraps back to you for your use.

Shelly Moore, as Webmaster, you are responsible for pulling together all of the bits and pieces of the Guild's information and presenting it online in an unscrappy manner.

Therefore, you get no scraps. You get blocks that you can finish into a quilt because of the effort you have already put into building and finishing our new website.

Are you each willing to assume the duties as assigned to you in the by-laws of the MVQG? Please answer "Yes"

Congratulations and thank you for your service to our organization. Members, please welcome your new Board of Directors!