

**Mississippi Valley Quilters' Guild
October 1, 2019 General Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Diana Engelbrecht at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance was:

Afternoon: 113 members, 3 new members, 1 guest

Evening: 49 members, 1 new member, 1 guest

Diana asked the question "Who taught you to quilt or sew?" Greet someone you do not know well with that answer.

Announcements:

Carol Baldry's husband James passed away Saturday. A celebration of his life will be this Thursday at 2pm at St. John's United Methodist Church with a visitation 1 hour before the service.

Mary Roberts passed away in August. Mary had been a member of the guild for many years.

Judy Nelson's quilt "Paradise Island" is featured at the Houston Quilt Show. Congratulations to Judy.

The Doohickey Drawing consists of 1 gallon of Best Press and a Jumping Jack phone and tablet clip. Diane Schloemer won this month's Doohickey Drawing.

We are beginning a sign in process for each group meeting in the Butterworth Center, libraries, Masonic Center, and churches. This is for our and the venues protection in case of vandalism or other unexpected things that can happen.

Block to Raffle Drawing winners for the umbrella blocks are: Connie Jurgs, Maia Kristof and Pam King.

Committee Reports:

Terry Austin, Quilts of Valor. QOV will be meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) from 9-2. Please join us. On November 3rd there will be two QOV awards ceremonies at 12:30 and 2:30 recognizing 90 Veterans. If you have invited someone, please check to make sure they have received their invitation. The sign-in sheet to bring cookies to the event is in the "L".

Paula Hardy Charity. During the Porch Party, the Guild showcased stitching and tying the quilts. Charity quilts will be meeting on October 10th and they could use help in stitching, tying, binding and ironing the backs and tops. During 2019, the group has

donated 202 quilts to 8 organizations. 1600 hours have been logged in for Charity quilts this year.

Clayton Peterson, Quilts of Valor. The QOV presentation will be held November 3 and you can sign up for cookies or donate money to allow for the purchase of cookies. The Quad City Botanical Center has invited the guild to display 20 quilts November through January. The theme will be Quilter's Favorite with a story. Set up will be October 31st or November 1st. Also, if you are interested in selling your quilt, put a price on it. The Botanical Center will take 20% of the sale. Clayton has the forms to fill out for that.

Mary Korreect, Program.

- The UFO challenge is #5 for November. UFOs will be due at the November meeting. Please contact Sandy C and let her know your project is complete. Bring your #5 UFO to the meeting in January to show.
- Linda Halpin is the speaker today. Her afternoon lecture will be on borders and the evening lecture will be on miniatures. Her classes on the 2nd and 3rd still have a few openings, please sign up in the L. The November meeting will feature our local long armers. This will be a Q & A discussion. Prepare your questions for the long armers – What you always wanted to know, but were afraid to ask your long armer.
- The December meeting will be a Potluck with music, table decorations and games. Please bring a “quilting” white elephant item in a brown paper sack that is stapled. Items could be patterns, thread, rulers or anything you would like to give. Additional items can be donated to the Second-Hand Treasures.

Jane Darin, Porch Party. The Porch Party sponsored by the Butterworth Foundation was blessed with pouring rain. We were able to get the quilts set-up and taken down between rainstorms. Unfortunately, there were no antique cars or music. The guild highlighted Quilts of Valor and Charity Quilts. Clayton Peterson and Faye Kunz tied the quilts. Faye Kunz took home the quilt to finish with binding. Margaret Paulos quilted on a frame and Lydia Hoelle worked on Doll Quilts. Jane was told this was the biggest display they ever had. In November, there will be a quilt display at the Davenport Eastern Library Branch and in December at the Cordova Library. Jane asked if anyone knew of a local library where there is a display case to check to see if they would like a quilt display.

Margaret Paulos, Doll Quilts. Thank you to those who turned in quilts. There were over 50 doll quilts brought in today. Please take more and bring to the November meeting. Margaret is also working the Festival of Trees, with the theme being “Christmas Around the World. She will focus on Sweden and showed a woven Swedish heart. Let Margaret know if you would like to help to make these Swedish Christmas ornaments.

Faye Kunz

- announced there was no library today. There is a box of historical books at check in and you are welcome to check out any historical books. The box of books is available for the Historian Contest Kathryn is running. The contest consists of reading 3 historical books with a 2-paragraph book report on each book. Contest ends in May.
- Quilt Show: All Chair positions have been filled. There will be a collection for trash to treasures starting soon.

Name tag drawing

Diana announced that all chair appointments to the committees have been filled. If you would like to volunteer on any of the committees listed in the book, please let Diana know. Committees needing additional help include: Community Education, FYI, Doohickey Drawing, Hostesses/Greeters, Workshop Committee, Show & Tell, and Travel.

Guest Speaker: Mary introduced our guest speaker, Linda Halpin. Linda presented Borders on Parade at the afternoon meeting with a slide show and trunk show of interesting borders. The evening program featured miniature 1x1" half square triangles created from cutaways on a quilt which then created bonus quilts with the 1x1" half square triangles.

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center.

Dinner tonight will be at the Big Swing in Rock Island.

Name Tag drawing was held and the rest of the show and tell was presented.

Meeting adjourned by Diana Engelbrecht.

Respectfully submitted by Diane St. John, Secretary.