

**Mississippi Valley Quilters' Guild**  
**October 6, 2020 General Meeting**  
Davenport American Legion Post 26 / Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Sandie Cockerill.

Attendance at the meetings was:

Afternoon Meeting: 50 members, 1 new member, 20 via Zoom

Evening Meeting: 8 members signed in, 2 new member, ? via Zoom  
2 new members mailed in applications

President Sandie Cockerill welcomed members.

**Announcements:**

Donna Keys husband, Gene, passed away on September 25, 2020.

The Doohickey this month is an Omnigridd foldaway cutting and pressing board.

**Board & Committee Reports:**

**Program:**

Mary Korrekt announced Jane Sassaman, the November speaker, is a go. Jane is excited to speak to the guild. There will be many safety precautions in place. There is still space available in both classes:

- Wings and Wedges, Saturday, October 31/Sunday, November 1 - \$70
- Moths and Moons, Monday, November 2 - \$35

The December (Christmas) meeting will include show and share. Bring a Christmas item you have received or are making. There will not be a potluck or singing.

**Quilts of Valor:** Clayton Peterson is filling in for Terry Austin. Terry is not comfortable being with larger groups. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 53 quilts were given to Veterans. There was an honor guard which saluted each person as they received their quilt. A few other quilts were delivered privately. A huge thank you to all who have made quilts. There have been 1,587 quilts given to Veterans since 2012.

**Botanical Center:** Clayton Peterson announced there will be a quilt display at the Botanical Center November through January, and possibly through February. If you made something for the 2020 Quilt show, you may want to display the quilt. If the quilt is a Christmas gift, it can be taken down when you need to gift it. Please share a brief story about the quilt.

**President's Quilt:** Faye Kunz and Elaine Giesecke presented Diana Engelbrecht the President's Quilt. Elaine constructed the quilt and Faye did the quilting. Diana thanked all who participated and asked anyone who had not been able to sign due to Covid, to please do so on the blank blocks.

**Raffle Quilt/Garage Sale/Second Hand Treasures:** Faye Kunz reported Raffle Quilt sales amounted to \$6,577. The Garage Sales brought in \$6,303 and the Raffle Basket amount was \$125. When Faye announced the Garage Sales on Facebook, there was an option to donate to a charitable organization, and she received a \$100 pledge.

**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.

**Retreat:** Mary Pement announced the retreat will be held this Wednesday, October 14-18. There is a limit of 10 in each building. There was still room to sign up.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laura Strickland reminded members that when they write a check out to the Guild, there may be a delay in cashing them. It takes time for the checks to get to Laura and she goes to the bank as needed. It may take up to 60 days for the check to be cashed. Money orders or cash is always accepted.

**Doll Quilts:** Margaret Paulos thanked members for the quilts brought in today. She also pointed out there are many kits by the door to take home to finish. Margaret asked members for ideas of other places that may need doll quilts, Preschools, Churches, children's groups, etc. Margaret asked members to stop by her car after the meeting to pick up books that did not sell at the Garage Sale. These are free to members.

**Webmaster:** Shelly Moore announced there was a lot of activity on the website this month: 3,300 hits on the webpages. The revised Guild's website may not look the same, but the same content is there. She asked if there were any problems with the website, to please report them to her. Shelly asked members to please subscribe to the "Subscriber's List". This list will build the Guild's distribution groups, which will include important emails.

**Member at Large:** Diana Engelbrecht asked members if their name is on a group and the information is outdate/incorrect, please let Shelly know. Diana asked members to please finish and get her the "Villages" challenge. She needs 10-20 more "Villages" for a show. Diana also wanted to thank Elaine Giesecke and Faye Kunz for creating and coordinating the beautiful "President's" quilt given to her.

## **Program:**

Mary Korreect and her sister, Jan Ragaller introduced the Program and the next Challenge: "Border of the Quarter". Mary and Jan presented a trunk show of Medallion-type quilts. The beautiful quilts had the same challenge and were uniquely different. They recommended using a lot of colors in the center block. The block should be divisible by

an even number (easier for the borders). Each member at the meeting was given a piece of paper to add a task for the border. They were collected and will be used to draw a task each quarter. One task for the border will be pulled each quarter, along with one of 10 color crayons. The color drawn for the border can be any variation of the color. Mary recommended members review books on borders, one book highly recommended was "Pieced Borders – A Complete Resource by Judy Martin and Marsha McCloskey. Another recommendation was to use graph paper (4 squares per inch) to design the quilt borders.

Task and Color drawn for this Quarter:

Task: String Piecing

Color: Purple

One November 14, 2020, Mary will have a help session with any questions you have. This will be a "come and go" event between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next Task/Color drawing will be at the January 2021 meeting. There will be five borders drawn (October 2020, January/April/July/October 2021), with the reveal of the finished Border Challenge Quilt Tops at the January 4, 2022 meeting. These quilts will be part of the display at the 2022 Quilt Show.

UFO Challenge is due in January 2021. The last number drawn at this meeting was Number 1. Please send your photos of the project to Sandie Cockerill.

**Volunteer Hours:** Please fill out the form for all your volunteer hours, which may include mask making, garage sale(s), doll quilts, etc. The form needs to be returned to Laura Strickland.

**Name Tag Drawing:** Diana Engelbrecht pulled tickets for the name tag drawing.

**Doohickey Drawing:** Sally Steward's name was drawn for the Doohickey Drawing which was an Omnigridd foldaway cutting and pressing board.

**Show and Tell:** Members displayed their quilted items.

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Craft Room.

Dinner is on your own tonight.

Meeting adjourned by President Sandie Cockerill.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane St. John