

Mississippi Valley Quilters' Guild
November 3, 2020 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Sandie Cockerill.

Attendance:

- 40 members, 20 members via video conference , 0 guests and 0 new members at the afternoon meeting
- 27 members, 12 members via video conference, 0 guests and 0 new members at the evening meeting

Announcements:

The Doohickey Drawing this month is an Olfa 17" Rotating Self-Healing Rotary mat. The winner of the Doohickey drawing was Diana Englebrecht.

Guild was featured in an article in the *Primitive Quilts & Projects Magazine*, Winter issue. The article speaks highly towards our Guild. It's very exciting to have our Guild's volunteer work presented in this national magazine.

Dawn Seaman passed away last night. She had been fighting cancer since June 2019. Runge Funeral Home will be holding the services.

The Board agreed to "Zoom" the November 3, 2020, Guild meeting. The Board has been discussing possibly creating a sub-committee, which would be responsible for administering (e.g. scheduling, streaming, operating, etc.) video conferencing as a service to its membership. The Board is invested in finding a way to continue making meetings available to those members who choose not to attend in person. If you are tech savvy and want to volunteer to help, or know of someone who is not a guild member that would like to do this, please contact Sandie or a Board member. We need your help.

Diane Murtha announced that National Quilt Day is March 19, 2021. Mary Kay Hymes is chairing the National Quilt Week Committee. She has worked with Figge to plan a virtual podcast of selected quilters who will share their quilts and their thoughts on inspiration. Members would pick their quilt and talk about a famous artist, painter, sculpture, architect, etc. that could have been your inspiration. You are asked to make a one-minute recording and email it to Mary Kay. If interested, pick up an instruction sheet at the sign-in table. Entries need to be sent by December 31. If you have questions, call Mary Kay.

Board & Committee Reports:

Historical Interest. Catherine Litwinow announced this is the last month to read a book and send in your report. Reports are due by the December meeting. At the January meeting, awards will be presented.

Botanical Gardens: Clayton Peterson. Yesterday was a successful day hanging 30 quilts at the Botanical Center. These quilts will be displayed there until the end of January. Clayton noted that there was a good variety, lots of color and different techniques. Thanks to Faith, Bev, Sandie, Nancy, Curtis and Kelly for their help with hanging the quilts.

Program: Mary Korrekt. Overachievers with border of the quarter sew-a-long. If you need the rules, please contact Mary. She has also created a little sheet for your use for noting the task and color drawn each quarter. At the December meeting, we will put on our own little Guild Quilt show. We would like to see what you are working on for Christmas, so please share with us items you are working on for Christmas which are for you or gift-giving.

There will be a Border of Quarter meeting on November 14th from 10-1 at the Butterworth Education. This will be a “come and go” event for tips and helpful suggestions and to see what other people are up to.

At the December meeting, please bring your Double Double Challenge 2020.

Block to Raffle. Vicki Hamilton and Sandie Cockerill drew the names for the Block to Raffle. Winners of the blocks include: 16 blocks – Faye Kunz
12 blocks – Carol Downey
12 blocks – Bonnie Bandalow
12 blocks – Ruth Ann Walters

Next month, Vicki will present a new block to raffle.

Doohickey Drawing. There are still chances available for the Doohickey drawing which is an Olfa 17x17” cutting/turning mat Cost is \$1 a chance.

Doll Quilts. Margaret Paulos has been sorting the fabric in doll quilt shed and has some items she found that are not suitable for doll quilts that she is giving away. Margaret indicated the doll quilt numbers are doing well. She asked if anyone knows of programs where they are in need of doll quilts to let her know.

Treasurer’s Report. Laura Strickland reported on the 2020-2021 Budget, which was approved by the Board. Since the Guild did not have a quilt show this year and membership decreased by 33%, to be fiscally responsible, the Board made budget cuts. For committee chairs, your budget for this year is approximately half of last year’s budget. To maintain the Quilt Guild for the long term, we needed to make those decisions. If additional money comes in, the Board may then be able to allocate funds to committee chairs (as necessary). Laura also introduced a new procedure regarding money donations by members. There is now a pink form to fill out for committee chairs. If in support of committee activity, you have generously purchased something but have not asked to be reimbursed for the item(s), please inform the committee chair. The reason we need to know this is as we budget for the next year, if overages occur, we know to allocate those dollars into the program for next year. The other two forms remain: blue for deposits and yellow for reimbursements. The pink form may be available on the Website.

Webmaster. Shelly Moore reported on the website. She has received the most updated membership list and imported to Constant contact. The website is changing and if you have any suggestions, please let Shelly know. Faye has generously provided the subscription to Zoom for this year's meetings. We are researching costs of video conferencing subscriptions and devices needed. As we research video conferencing, we ask for your patience as we continue to learn. Any suggestions regarding video conferencing, or other Guild business, please send them to Shelly at mvquiltersguild@gmail.com.

Library. Sandie Cockerill has pulled all books dealing with borders. There are some good books the library has for your research on the Border of the Quarter challenge.

Program: Mary Korreect announced that they had a big weekend and wonderful time at the classes on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Mary introduced Jane Sassaman. Her bio reads: *"After a varied career in the design world, Jane began to quilt in 1980. She found that these "soft paintings" satisfied the draftsman, the craftsman and the artist in her. Consequently, she is now a dedicated quilt artist and fabric designer. Her art quilts have been shown in many national and international exhibits, including Quilt National 1989 through 2005 and Contemporary American Quilts, the first major exhibit of American art quilts in England. Her quilt "Willow" was named as One of the One Hundred Best American Quilts of the Century. Jane is also the author of "The Quilted Garden". The book includes twenty years of her work and exercises for making nature-inspired quilts. Designing for Free Spirit fabrics."* Jane's program was very inspiring.

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Name tag drawing was held and show and tell presented.

Sandie asked for a count of how many people will be staying for dinner. Happy Joes Pizza will be delivered at 5:30.

The next Board Meeting will be November 10th at 6:00 pm in the Butterworth Center Craft Room.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane St. John