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MEETINGS

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BOARD MEETING, Thursday, January 2, at 6 pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

GUILD MEETINGS Thursday, January 9, 10 am &
6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

PROGRAM: Overview — Where we've been and where we're headed. We examine our recent past with year end quilt, QOV and pillow case counts; watch videos of the 2018 quilt show and the Missouri star bus trip. Then looking forward, we'll review the 2020 budget, kick off the 2021 quilt show and finally, tell you about our new quilt challenge.

SIT 'N SEW Thursday Mornings, 9:30—Noon, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — an informal session to work on personal projects or to just connect with us, followed by lunch out.

MISSION DAY JANUARY 18, 2020

Join us for our first Mission Day of 2020. Want company while you quilt? Come and make quilts for our service projects: Premies for the local hospitals, Sunshine Quilts for the Family Guidance Center and Children's Advocacy Center, and Quilts Of Valor for local veterans, or work on a project of your own.

Bring lunch and stay all day or just drop by for a while. We have everything you need to help with these worthwhile projects: kits, machines, thread, etc., including expert guidance from the group!

GUILD EVENTS

MISSION DAY January 18, 2020 9 am to 3 pm

In House Workshop March 14, 2020 9 am to 12 noon Coiled Rope Basketry, Katherine Lila, Mountain Thread Co. \$22 includes kit. To register: gi-gim@charter.net

THIRD ANNUAL GUILD SPRING RETREAT, April 26-May 1, 2020 Sunday to Friday (includes an extra day). Camp Holston, Banner Elk. Price TBD. Stay tuned for more information.

QUILT SHOWS

February 27—March 1, 2020

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival

Hampton Roads Convention Center Hampton, VA
<https://10times.com/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival>

March 6—7, 2020 Carolina Quilters' Guild

Carolina Lily Quilt Show

Union County Ag Center, 3230 Presson Rd., Monroe
www.charlottequiltersguild.org

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Meeting Dates / Times

Second Thursdays 10 am/6:30 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 547 6th Street NW, Hickory, NC
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MINUTES JOINT MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2019

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Evening President Mary Long called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and welcomed everyone. There were 49 members present and no visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from both November meetings were printed in the December newsletter. Kathleen Whid-don moved, seconded by Debbie Smith, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unani-mously.

FINANCIALS

The current financial report is printed in this newsletter.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

- Diana Weber's doctors very recently found that she has both breast and colon cancer and surgery was done immediately. They found no cancer in her lymph nodes, and no malignancy in the margins. She will soon undergo radiation therapy for the breast cancer, and her doctors are optimistic. Members were asked to remember Diana in their prayers.
- Martha Brown's parents celebrated their 71st wed-ding anniversary yesterday.
- Sherry Huffman thanked members for their cards and prayers during the past few months, following her husband Carol's recent passing and her own health issues.
- Janice Setzler thanked members for their cards and appreciated support over the past few months during her husband John's difficult health crisis and passing.
- Jan Hutchinson thanked members for their cards and prayers during her recent health issues, saying that she is feeling great now.
- Amanda Truett introduced her 3-week old son To-bias Abraham Truett to everyone. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. at birth, and is a healthy 13 lbs. now.
- Deanna Clark is wearing a neck brace and will soon have surgery. Members were asked to remember her in their prayers.
- Mary Long read a note of appreciation she wrote about Diana Weber, which will be forwarded to her after the meeting. She praised Diana's talents and

hard work in preparing the guild's monthly news-
letter and cheerfully sending e-blasts to members at
the drop of a hat, and encouraged all members to
remember Diana in their prayers.

*Mary Long then blessed the covered dish meal pre-
pared by members and everyone enjoyed a time of
fellowship.*

OLD BUSINESS

- Annual dues of \$20 should be paid immediately if a member wants to be in the guild's 2020 handbook, Photos for the handbook should be e-mailed to Deb-bie Abernethy. Payments made by check will be de-
posited after January 1. A complete list of library books and materials is currently printed in the guild handbook, and members were asked for input on continuing to so, or if the list provided on the library cabinet door and guild website is sufficient. Few members noted they use the list in the handbook, so it will not be printed in 2020 handbook.

Revised Bylaws

- Barbara Mahnke thanked the members who helped with the process of revising the guild's By-Laws this year. She said the committee's proposed revised By-Laws were approved by the Board, after making two changes, at their November meeting. These were e-mailed to members for review prior to the November meetings and print copies were dis-tributed. Since the recommendation to approve the proposed revised By-Laws came to the membership from the Board, a motion was not needed, only a vote by the full membership.

Kay Dwyer asked about the changes made. Bar-
bara said changes were made for accuracy, clarity
and grammar, or to ensure that the guild follows the
legal process required of non-profit organizations.
She discussed the specifics, noting that over past
years, changes had been made to the Policies & Pro-
cedures portion which also reflected on the By-Laws,
and needed clarification; however, many of the
changes the committee made were simple gram-
matical or typographical error corrections. Kay not-
ed one change was that non-Board members who
attend a Board meeting are now allowed to speak.

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She asked about the process for bringing a topic to the Board for discussion, and Barbara said a sentence was added stating it would be courteous to simply advise the Board ahead of time, so the topic could be added to the meeting agenda.

Barbara again noted the recommendation to approve the proposed revised By-Laws comes from the Board, and it was brought to a vote. The members presented verbally approved the recommendation, with no votes against.

In 2020, Barbara said additional work would be done on the Policies & Procedures portion of the guild handbook, as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

▪ Kay said an anonymous donor provided the Secret Santa bags of fabric that each member received tonight, and hoped everyone would enjoy them.

Workshops

▪ Workshop Chair Gigi Miller said the six workshops held this year were all very successful and filled to the max, with 97 total attendees. She shared information on the four workshops planned for 2020, with Katherine Lile and Gregg Colson each leading one workshop, and Nancy Mahoney leading two. A brochure with all details and dates was distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In Diana Weber's absence, Joy Mease will send the e-blasts for now, so let her know of any urgent messages the members should receive by e-mail.
- Mary thanked Debbie Abernethy for providing a new laminated calendar to each member again this year.
- Kay Dwyer thanked guild Presidents Mary Long and Debbie Swartzel for their leadership during 2019, and members joined in a round of applause.
- Mary thanked Libby Sigmon for preparing the monthly media release on guild programs during the year.
- Joy Mease thanked everyone for bringing donations to Holy Trinity's food pantry tonight.
- Mary said that some "less than wonderful quilts" were donated to the guild, which Gigi Miller made into pretty table centerpieces for tonight. She

thanked Gigi, and said someone at each table may take their centerpiece home.

▪ The next Mission Day will be on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

QUILTS OF VALOR

Mary Long recognized Amanda Truett and Peggy McCosh for their ongoing Quilts of Valor efforts and asked all members who have made a QOV to stand up. At least 12 members stood to a round of applause.

Amanda thanked all members who make service projects on behalf of the guild, including preemie and sunshine quilts, pillowcases, and Quilts of Valor. She discussed the Quilts of Valor event at Holy Trinity on Veterans Day, which resulted in numerous thank-you notes and checks written to the guild. She read the notes aloud, noting the enclosed checks of \$500 and \$200. There was also a \$1,000 check from Thurston Springer Financial with no indication of whom it represents. Amanda would appreciate having specifics on this QOV recipient, so please contact her with any information.

DOOR PRIZES

Attendance – Morning: Peggy Poe / Evening: Jan Carpenter

Nametag – Morning: Candi Gordon / Evening: Rebecca Mullins

OTHER DRAWINGS

In recognition of the guild's 35th anniversary in 2019, there were also eight \$35 gift certificates, with four provided by the Board and four donated by the specific quilt shop or longarmer. The winners were:

- Reba Walden, \$35 gift certificate to The Cotton Quilt
- Amanda Truett, \$35 gift certificate for longarm services by Cindy Konarski
- Mary Bucy, \$35 gift certificate for longarm services by Rebecca Mullins
- Susan Leithiser, \$35 gift certificate to Bill's Sewing
- Dianne Johnston, \$35 gift certificate for longarm services by Rebecca Mullins
- Teena McRary, \$35 gift certificate for longarm services by Cindy Konarski
- Joy Mease, \$35 gift certificate to Bill's Sewing
- Jan Carpenter, \$35 gift certificate to The Cotton Quilt

Two free tickets to The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza at the Statesville Civic Center on January

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24-25, 2020 were donated by the Quilters Gallery, and won by Janice Setzler and Candi Gordon.

Kay Dwyer provided five "grab bags" as door prizes. They were won by Ginny Quinlan, Joy Mease, Cindy Konarski, Debbie Rubin, and Amanda Truett.

SHOW & TELL

Service Projects

Preemie Quilt – Joan Cole (2)

Sunshine Quilts – Joan Cole (1)

Personal Projects

Four guild members shared their personal projects.

PROGRAM

The final program of the year was the 2019 Challenge Presentation, with all of the 8½ x 11-inch journal quilts made during the year displayed together around the room. The theme of the 2019 Challenge was: *Sew, What's the Story?* Chris Appenzeller and Mary Bucy directed the Challenge during the year. Chris said 11 members had participated, sharing their "memory quilts" and the personal stories behind them, and they made 60 total journal quilts. The 9 members present each shared their personal favorite from the ones they had made, including Gigi Miller, Peggy Poe, Kandi Peterson, Susan Bisulca, Mary Bucy, Cindy Konarski, Debbie Rubin, Joyce Pearce, and Chris Appenzeller. For each journal quilt a member made, they received one chance to win a prize. Winners were Cindy Konarski (1), Debbie Rubin (4), Gigi Miller (1), Joyce Pearce (1), and Mary Bucy (1).

The 2020 Challenge is being planned now, and specifics will be shared at the January meetings.

There being no further business, Mary wished everyone very Happy Holidays, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Starnes



OTHER NEWSY BITS

- **From Membership Chair Elle Clemens** re Quilts & Pillowcases made in 2019. Please give yourself a pat on the back for donating approximately 134 quilts and 22 pillowcases. Way to go! Let's see if we can beat it this year.

- **From Susan Fontyn, Librarian**

It's that time of year when we work on organizing and cleaning out! Please check to see if you have any CVQG library books that you are no longer using and have forgotten to return. Thank you for helping to keep everything up to date for our members!

Also-we have donated or weeded from the library books that we will no longer use in the collection. They are in a box on the counter in the evening meeting room and are labeled with a sign. Please feel free to take them if you can use them.

- **From Amanda Truett QOV Queen**

We have awarded 122 Quilts of Valor to veterans in 2019 and 377 since 2015! Join us on January 18 for our next mission day.

- **From Chris Appenzeller**

Huge thanks to everyone who participated in the 2019 Guild Challenge, *Sew, What's the Story?* The following were the lucky five whose names



were drawn to receive prizes at the December joint meeting: Gigi Miller, Mary Bucy, Debbie Rubin, Joyce Pearce, and Cindy Konarski.

- **From Gigi Miller, Workshop Chair**

We are very excited about the 2020 workshops. I neglected to mention that for the Nancy Mahoney workshops we are asking members to register for their favorite workshop. In March we will let members "double register" for any spots open. In May it will open to non members if available. We hope this gives members every chance to learn from this great instructor. She is teaching a different lecture in the morning and evening August 13th so make plans to be there as well.



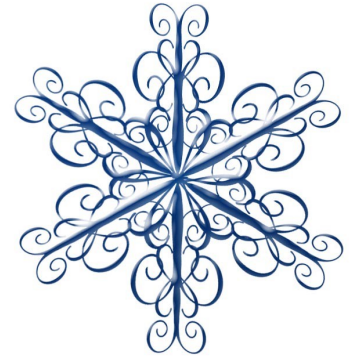
The Year in Review: A look back...and a look forward by Mary Long

Thank you, members, for another successful quilting year. We learned new quilting methods, perhaps expanding our quilting skills. We attended classes, met for Sit and Sew or Mission Day and kept our home machines and fingers busy with many worthwhile projects.

We were saddened by news of members with various illnesses, operations, diagnoses, and too big a number of spouses' deaths. One of our own passed away. It has been a year where we have had too many opportunities to say, "I'm sorry, and I will remember your situation in my prayers."

But through all of these circumstances we continue to be strong, having grown to over 130 members. We look forward to meetings and to continuing friendships and new learning opportunities each month. We celebrated 35 years as an established guild this past year! That, in itself, says a great deal about who we are!

It is my hope that we continue to demonstrate concern for each other as we go about the business of being part of a thriving guild.



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