PRAIRIE THREADS

NEWSLETTER OF PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS March

2021

We will continue to use a combination of Facebook and Zoom for our March events. If you want to participate from home, join the Facebook group. Go to Prairie Piecemaker Fremont Quilt Group. Ask to “+Join Group

**Prairie Piecemakers March Newsletter:**

**Join the Guild in Celebrating 40th Anniversary!**

This is your personal invitation to continue or become a member of the Prairie Piecemakers Quilt and Needlework Guild for the 2021-2022 year. March 2022 marks the 40th year of our Guild and the entire year will provide members with many outstanding experiences. Plans are to begin meeting face-to-face in April with safety precautions practiced, masks and social distancing. It will be wonderful to see all of you in person! Beginning in May we will celebrate our brown bag projects. May and June activities will include hands on experience and a chance to learn about and support the needs of women globally. Join us for our Rainbow of Color Retreat in July. From August through January, we will have four national speakers who will present Guild programs and teach workshops (August is Amy Bradley, September is Arlan Brown, October is Liz Jerome – Mini Hexified panels, Ilene Bartos with applique and January with Robbi Joy Fused Quilts). What a bargain you will get for your $20.00 membership fee (paid before May 1,2021). Complete the enclose membership form and send with your check to Jill Norenberg. Invite friends and family to join as well so they can benefit from the awesome year ahead of us. Susan Williams President, Deb Schroeder Vice President

**Leadership Opportunities**

Please accept this as your personal invitation to help with our Quilt Guild. We need a Vice President and will be calling others during the year so help our committee chairs make events successful. If you would volunteer contact nominating Committee members Susan Williams, Debra Schroeder and Teri Wolfe. Here are our 2021-2022 volunteers. Officers will be elected at the April Meeting. Please review the slate of officers for 2021-2022 that follows:

**2021-2022 Officers: Elected April meeting**

President - Debra Schroeder -

Vice President –

Secretary – Jill Norenberg -

Treasurer – Lisa Braasch -

At Large Board Members – Susan Williams, Danielle Smith

**Committee Chairs Appointed by the Officers**

* Challenge Project – Pat Mommsen and Leslie Thompson
* Community Service – Sandy McDuffee
* Door Prizes – Wanda Krueger
* Greeters – Loraine Smith
* Hostesses – Janet Shamburg
* IQM representative- Kathy Murphy
* Membership – Anita Groh
* Newsletter -Sue Arp
* Yearbook - Sue Arp
* Publicity/Social Media – Carroll Welte Electronic Media, Bev Wieler Print Media
* Retreat –Marilyn Bonow with Wonderful Wacky Women & other volunteers

**Special Project Chairs**

**Audit Committee May 2021** – Anita Groh Chair, Jan Larson,

**Christmas Brown Bag Challenge** 2021- LuAnn Franzluebbers

**Eco Fair Virtual Booth 2021** – Julie Joyce

**2022 Quilt Show Chairs** – Pam Schroeder and Teri Wolfe

**Raffle Quilt** – Designed by Scott Flanagan, pieced by Lisa Braasch and Anita Groh, and Quilted by Sue Steier

**Bed Turning Spring 2022** – Susan Williams, Jill Norenberg, Janet Divis

**Nominating Committee 2022-23 Officers** – Deb Schroeder, Susan Williams

**Heartland Quilt Network**

Connect with Quilt Guilds and Professionals through Prairie Piecemakers membership in the Heartland Quilt Network. The mission of The Heartland Quilt Network is to connect quilt guilds, professionals and quilt shops from across the five-state region of the Heartland. Prairie Piecemakers membership in the Heartland Quilt Network entitles all our members to access their webpage and program resources. On their website you will find zoom workshop opportunities and motivation for your own creativity. Find their website at: <Http://www.heartlandquiltguildnetwork.com/> To access the Members Only portion the username is: hqnetwork and Password: sew4fun. Due to COVID our membership was extended by a year through June 30, 2021. The Steering Committee voted to pay our membership dues for the next three year through June 30, 2024. Their annual meeting will be held on April 10, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. I am excited that we can participate in the annual meeting virtually and hope that will continue in the future. Professionals will also share details of their potential programs via video clips that will be part of the annual meeting and posted on the webpage. I hope that many of you utilize our member by checking out the website and attending the virtual annual meeting. Please let Deb Schroeder know if you want to participate in the annual meeting by April 4 as those participating need to pre-register.

**Workshops and Meeting/Programs**

We are encouraging all members to take a serious look at the upcoming Spring workshops. Please enroll as soon as possible so the presenters have an idea of how many people will be participating. The workshops will help spark your creativity, give you a chance to reconnect with your quilting friends and help you learn new techniques. Projects that you create in the workshops will also brighten up your home for spring and summer. Invite family and friends to participate with you in the workshops.



**March 29 – Early Riser Workshop by LuAnn Franzluebbers via Zoom from 1-4pm.**

The *Early Riser* pattern is from *Mini Wonderful Curves* by Jenny Pedigo and Helen Robinson. The pattern uses the QCR Mini curved ruler. The book includes 16 quilt projects ($1.00/pattern) using the QRC Mini ruler. The workshop will be the start for many more colorful projects from your sewing room. The *Posh Santa* pattern using the QCR Mini is a fun pattern that is available from many sources. This is an intermediate level workshop where you will learn curved cutting and piecing. Participants need to purchase the mini ruler and book prior to the workshop from area shops or on the internet. The workshop fee is $10.00 (Non-members $20.00). This would be a fun workshop for several members to get together and view the zoom workshop together. It would be fun way to ease back into Quilt Guild activities with your friends. Friends can help each other with the technology of workshop being taught via Zoom.

**March 29 –** **LuAnn Franzluebbers – My Quilt Journey streamed live on Prairie Piecemakers Fremont Quilt Group** **from 7pm to 8pm.**

Join us in LuAnn’s studio near Dodge as she shows us some of her fabulous quilts and designs. LuAnn was an instructor at Country Traditions for several years. She has designed several quilts for workshops. Now she enjoys longarm quilting for others and the time to quilt for herself.

**April 26th** **Star Bright Workshop**

Start early creating home decor to decorate your home for Memorial Day, Summer and Fourth of July. Face to Face workshop 1-4 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  Star Bright by J. Michelle Watts workshop is made from pre-cuts-- one Layer Cake or a Honey Bun roll (19 strips by 1 1/2 inches) and background (45 strips by 1 1/2 inches).  This small quilt is easily made using a pre-packed layer cake which contains forty (40) 10 by 10-inch squares.  The quilt will measure 43” by 47” inches when finished.  Taught by Susie Brown of Calico Cottage. Cost: **$20.00** which includes pattern **(**Non-Member **$30.00)** Questions about either workshop contact Deb Schroeder at 402-380-2626 or [dschroeder1@unl.edu](mailto:dschroeder1@unl.edu).

**April 26, Program:**  **What’s New with Notions with Susie Brown.**

Face to Face meeting at 7 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fremont with speaker Susie Brown owner of Calico Cottage in Hastings.  What's New in Notions quilt guild program will demonstrate the latest notions that were featured at the Virtual Spring Quilt Market.  Not only the latest in notions, but also patterns, books, and latest colors in quilt fabric trends.  Enjoy the evening with up-to-date ideas in the quilting and embroidery world. You will also have a chance to shop following the workshop until the program begins.

**April 26 -** **Challenge Project**

“Home is Where the Story Begins”. Any shape but no bigger than 36” X 36”. All the starting fabric must be used in the design. Embellishments allowed. Hopefully, you are making good progress on your project. Contact Teri Wolfe 402-290-9577 or Pam Schroeder 402-468-5253 to get the starter fabric for your creation.

**May 24th Event – Make it Modern – Hands on Event**

Sheila Green from Lincoln, NE will be our presenter. She teaches quilting to children and adults and has lead workshops in schools, the International Quilt Museum, the Museum of Nebraska History and many quilt guilds. Do you want to make a graphic modern quilt but don’t know where to start? We’ll begin with an oversized, simple traditional quilt block; then slice, re-arrange and add negative space to create a modern quilt! Sheila will show several completed wall hangings, different quilting techniques and discuss thread choices. Please sign up by May 1st. Call Susan Williams 402-440-7853.

**Retreat Update**

Our retreat “A Rainbow of Color” is booked for July 30 – 31st at Country Traditions.  You can work on any project you like. For those who want to do the retreat project, Sue Steier will be teaching Bargello Quilts. The pattern is included in the workshop fee. You can sign up for the retreat by mail rather than waiting for an in-person meeting. Call Leslie Thompson if questions or to register. 402-630-4581

**International Quilt Museum Fundraiser**

**Announcing Friends 2021 Project Potholder**

The 2019-20 fundraiser, Project Pincushion, was a huge success, thanks to sewists from around the country. Your contributions were awesome, and brought in much needed funds during a difficult time at the museum. Funds raised from selling potholders in the museum gift shop will once again go toward presenting new and exciting exhibits.

Here are the guidelines for making and donating potholders:

• Make two potholders to be sold as pairs (they do not need to be identical)

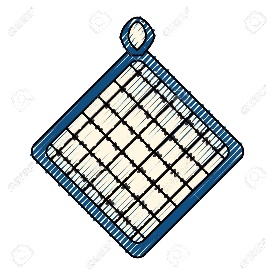
• 6” to 10” in size, any shape

• Fabric should be 100% quilt quality cotton

• Batting should be 2 layers of cotton or wool or 1 layer of cotton batting plus 1 layer of insulation such as Insul-Bright©

• Include a hanging loop or ring

Do you have a favorite hot dish recipe? Put it on a 3” x 5” card and include two copies with the potholders. One copy will be set aside for a possible future cookbook.



Send your potholder donations to:

Project Potholder

c/o Friends of the International Quilt Museum

1523 N. 33rd Street

Lincoln NE 68583-08380

Prairie Piecemakers Steering Committee Meeting

March 8, 2021

* Meeting was called to order by President Susan Williams, 11 members present.
* Treasurer’s report was presented by Lisa Braasch. Full report will be printed in the March newsletter. The 2020 quilt Show generated a profit of $6,077.50 after expenses. A motion was made and seconded to pay the International Quilt Museum $350.00. Motion carried.
* Vice President Deb Schroeder reported on workshops scheduled for March and April. The March guild program will be taped and available for viewing March 29. Currently 11 signed up for the March zoom workshop “Early Risers.” April workshop “Star Bright” will be held in person pending approval from the church. Four persons signed up as of now. Eight persons attended the February collage workshop at Celtic Quilters.
* Secretary’s report: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January Steering Committee meeting. Motion carried.
* COMMITTEE REPORTS
* Challenge Project: Teri Wolfe reported 20 persons signed up to participate. Projects due at April guild meeting. Gift certificates to be awarded to the winning entries.
* Membership: Jill Norenberg submitted an updated form for membership that will be printed in the March newsletter. Dues are $20 if paid by May 1 and $25 after May 1. Members who submit dues by the April 26 guild meeting will be eligible for prize drawings to be held at the April meeting. Several steering committee members will donate prizes. Information on prize drawing will be in the newsletter.
* Yearbook-Newsletter: Sue Arp reported Leslie Thompson, Wanda Krueger and Cindy Winter were winners of the February newsletter anagram puzzle.
* Retreat: Leslie Thompson reported 17 members currently signed up for the July retreat. Sign up sheets will be available at the April guild meeting. Registration is limited to 35 and will be open to nonmembers after the April meeting.
* OLD BUSINESS
* 2021 Guild Meeting Schedule: Susan Williams reported the current plan is to hold the April meeting face to face following current COVID guidelines if the church is available. We will continue using the gym for workshops and meetings. Meeting schedule for remainder of 2021 as follows:
* May 24- Make It Modern by Sheila Green (Hands on making a traditional block modern)
* June 28- Tanzanian Treasures by Mary Mayfield
* July 17- Wolfe Country Quilt Show and Garden Walk
* July 30-31- A Rainbow of Color Retreat
* August 30- Amy Bradley Workshop
* September 27 Arlan Brown
* October 25-26 Liz Jerome Mini-Hexified Panels
* November 29- Ilene Bartos Designs and Workshop. The Fall program lineup includes a powerhouse of national speakers. Details to be printed on cards available for recruiting new members.
* Brown Bag Party scheduled for May 11 and will be held at Big Red Keno pending COVID guidelines in place in May.
* NEW BUSINESS
* Membership dues to remain at current level.
* 2021-22 Officer and Steering Committee nominations: President-Debra Schroeder, Treasurer-Lisa Braasch, At Large Board members- Susan Williams, Danielle Smith
* Committee Chairs Appointed by Officers:
* Challenge Project: Pat Mommsen and Leslie Thompson
* Community Service: Sandy McDuffee
* Door Prizes: Wanda Krueger
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* 2022 Quilt Show Chairs: Pam Schroeder and Teri Wolfe
* Bed Turning Spring 2022 Susan Williams, Jill Norenburg, and Janet Divis
* Raffle Quilt: Designed by Scott Flanagan, pieced by Lisa Braasch and Anita Groh, and Quilted by Sue Steier
* Nominating Committee 2022-23 Officers: Deb Schroeder and Susan Williams
* STILL NEEDED:
* Nominations for Secretary and Vice President
* Committee Chairs for Greeters, Christmas Brown Bag Challenge
* A motion was made by Deb Schroeder to continue membership in the Heartland Quilt Network. This group puts together guilds and presenters and will be useful for future planning for guild meetings. Membership also offers benefits for all guild members. Motion was seconded to continue membership for three years at $40 for three years. Motion carried. Details for members to access the network will be printed in the newsletter.
* Next steering committee meeting will be face to face with Zoom option also.
* Meeting adjourned at 9:15.
* Submitted by Pat Mommsen, Secretary



Quilters are always working with blocks. Try to find all the squares. I left the answer at the bottom of the puzzle. I still haven’t found them all.

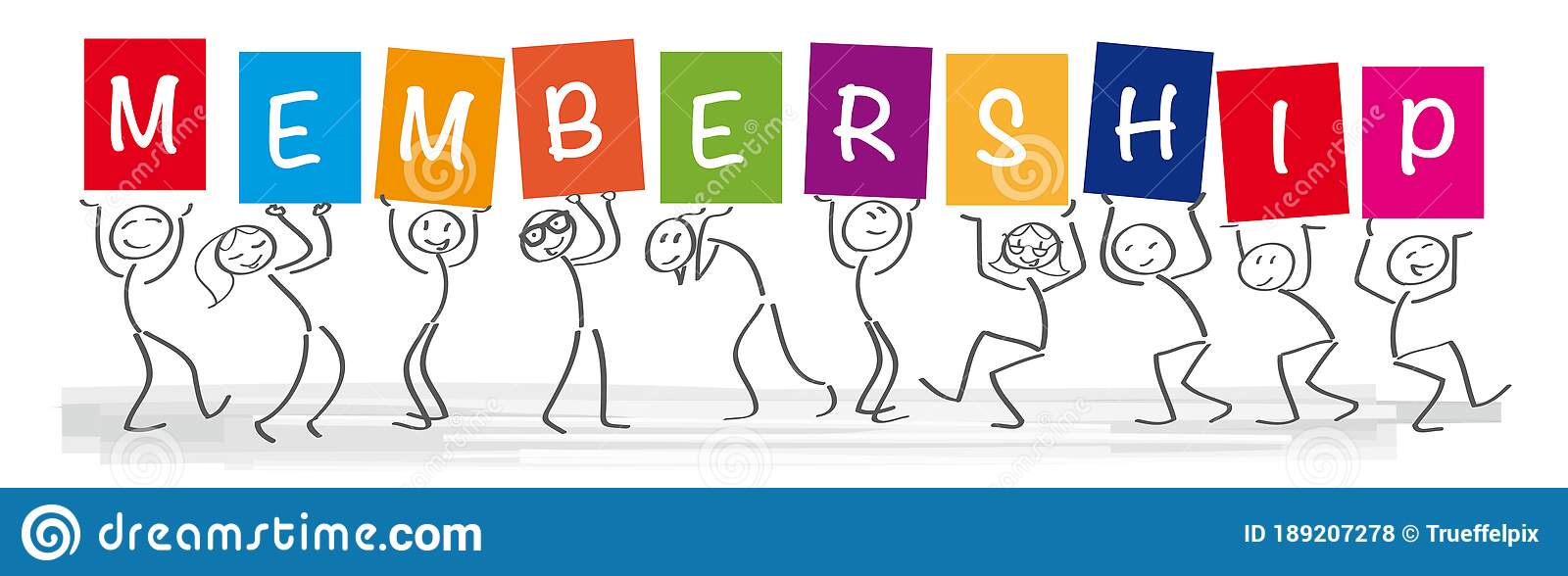
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| Prairie Piecemakers Treasurers Report - February 2021 | | | | | |  | |
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| Certificate of Deposit | | | |  | 5,838.38 |  | |
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| Checking Account Balance 12/31/2020 | | | |  | 12,789.51 |  | |
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| Income: | | | |  |  |  | |
| Membership | | | |  | 25.00 |  | |
| Workshops | | | |  | 574.48 |  | |
| Quilt Shops - 10% | | | |  | 1,000.00 |  | |
| Total Income | | | |  | 1,599.48 |  | |
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| Expenses: | | | |  |  |  | |
| Linda Wagner - Retreat Refund | | | |  | 45.00 |  | |
| State of Nebraska - Sales Tax | | | |  | 0.09 |  | |
| Scott Flannagan | | | |  | 430.00 | (Speaker fee - 100.00; Workshop - 330.00) | |
| Anita Groh - Workshop Refund | | | |  | 74.59 |  | |
| Ina Glaubius | | | |  | 100.00 | Speaker Fee | |
| Judy Flitcher | | | |  | 892.66 | Workshop & Kits | |
| Total Expense | | | |  | 1,542.34 |  | |
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| Ending Balance Checking | | | |  | 12,846.65 |  | |
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| Checking & CD Balance at 2/28/2021 | | | |  | 18,685.03 |  | |
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| Summary of Quilt Show: | | | |  |  |  | |
| From November 2018 - February 2021 | | | |  |  |  | |
| Receipts 2018 - 2020 | | | |  |  |  | |
| Raffle Quilt | | | |  | 4,329.00 |  | |
| Silent Auction | | | |  | 730.00 |  | |
| Quilt shops - 10% | | | |  | 1,276.80 |  | |
| Vendors | | | |  | 770.00 |  | |
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| Total Receipts | | | |  | 7,105.80 |  | |
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| Expenses 2018 - 2020 | | | |  |  |  | |
| Vendor Refunds | | | |  | (770.00) |  | |
| Featured quilter expenses | | | |  | (118.49) |  | |
| Advertising/Promotions | | | |  | (139.81) |  | |
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| Total Expenses | | | |  | (1,028.30) |  | |
| Net Profit | | | |  | 6,077.50 |  | |

COMMUNITY SERVICE March 2021

See page 9 of yearbook. Bring to April meeting.

WHATS IN THE BAG?

You won’t have to wonder: “What’s In the Bag?” We will have twenty bags for sale at the April meeting, and the fun surprise inside will be easy to spot! Bags include charm packs, jelly rolls, layer cakes or fabric yardage plus some very fun surprises such as notions, rulers, patterns, etc. There are even two quilt top kits! Bags are either $20 or $25 depending on the amount of fabric inside. The quilt top kits are $40 each. Bring your cash or checkbook for a last chance to support the 2021 quilt show. A very special thanks to everyone who donated fabric and items for this project.

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**WHERE** did the year go? I bet each of us have our own story to tell about our current quilting year! Looking forward, we have Sue Williams and Deb Schroeder to thank for the exciting things on the calendar for the months ahead. Three (3) national speakers, workshops as well as our Challenge project and our Brown Bag exchange. With that being said, it’s **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!** The membership form is included with this publication and available directly from me (Jill Norenberg) if you need extra! Our membership is $20 if paid **prior** to May 1st and $25 if paid **after** May 1st. Our guild needs YOU! I’m looking forward to when we can all be together again!

Jill Norenberg

**YOU** **have an opportunity to win a gift!!!! If you complete your membership form along with a $20 cash or check and turn it in to Anita Groh by the end of our April 26th meeting, your name will be entered in our gift away**

**Prairie Piecemakers Winter/Spring 2021 Workshop Sign Up Form**

I would like to sign up for the following events and workshops:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Workshop: Early Riser** by LuAnn Franzlubbers**, Monday, March 29 – via Zoom from 1-4pm.** The Early Riser pattern is from *Mini Wonderful Curves* book by Jenny Pedigo and Helen Robinson. The pattern uses the QCR Mini curved ruler. This is an intermediate level workshop where you will learn curved cutting and piecing. Participants need to purchase the mini curved ruler and book with pattern prior to the workshop. Workshop cost is **$10.00** (Non-Member **$20.00**)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Workshop: Star Bright** by Suzie Brown, **Monday April 26, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church, 1440 East Military, Fremont. Cost: **$20.00** which includes pattern **(**Non-Member **$30.00).** Bring own fabric supplies (one-layer cake or honey bun (19 1 ½” strips) and background (45 strips 1 ½” strips).

Check one: Member\_\_\_\_ Non-Member\_\_\_\_ (Prairie Piecemakers Membership Jan. 1- April 30, 2021 $25.00)

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Please make checks payable to: Prairie Piecemakers and mail with check to: Debra Schroeder, 230 South Farragut, West Point, NE 68788. Call to reserve your space in the workshops at: Deb (402)380-2626 or Susan (402) 440-7853.

RETREAT UPDATE: Our retreat is booked on July 30 – 31st at Country Traditions.  You can sign up for the retreat by mail rather than wait for an in-person meeting. Call Leslie Thompson if questions or to register. 402-630-4581

**PRAIRIE PIECEMAKER MEMBERSHIP FORM 2021-22**

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**Preferred** Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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All newsletters will be sent via email to save money and keep our dues the same as previous years. If you have no email, we will send yours via US mail. If you have address labels and can supply them, it makes the mailing process easier.

**Guild Opportunities**

With COVID (hopefully) coming under control, we hope to return to normal. Your assistance would be most appreciated to be a hostess, a greeter, a quilt holder or bring a door prize to a monthly meeting. Months range from August to April. You may sign up for more than one opportunity.

Hostess: Month(s)

Greeter: Month(s)

Quilt holder: Month(s)

Door prize: Month(s)

Annual dues are $20 **IF PAID prior** to May 1st. They are **$25 if paid after** May 1st. Please return completed form to: Jill Norenberg (Membership Chair) at 2506 East 10th Street, Fremont, NE 68025-4988 or Prairie Piecemakers, PO Box 1202, Fremont, NE 68026-1202.