



# Prairie Threads – Newsletter of Prairie Piecemakers

Dear Quilting Friends,

It is hard for me to believe our “year” has almost come to an end! In some ways it has just flown by! I want to thank you for your understanding as I did my best to fill the “Presidents” spot! I hope you have enjoyed our guests and possibly learned a thing or two. I have had an opportunity to work with a great group of individuals that when asked, were very willing to help and made my job that much easier. Thank you Steering Committee! Teri has worked very hard and has a great number of guests planned for next year.

Don’t forget to **renew** your membership as well!

Please remember that it takes an entire guild to promote and provide an awesome quilt show so volunteer or if called upon, please say “**YES**”.

Happy Quilting, JILL

Looking ahead to the NEW 2018-19 year, we start right off with a WORK SHOP by Tony Jacobson, from Winterset, IA. This is advance notice so that this event can be on your calendars now.

Tony Jacobsen is a nationally-known quilt designer and teacher. Being an Art Director helps when he is creating his own designs. When not designing quilts—or running a quilt shop— he can be found teaching or giving guild presentations.

He likes to teach his students how to let the fabric do most of the work so that the finished quilt looks more intricate than the piecing needed to complete the quilt.

The class will be held on **Monday, August 27th** (day of our Guild meeting) at Country Traditions from 10:00—4:00. The cost is \$20 and limited to 20 quilters. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Please call or text Teri Wolfe at 402-290-9577 to **sign up now!**

## It’s Party Time!

Our final meeting of the year will be a **Salad Supper** on Monday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m.



**Last names beginning with**

**A— J bring desserts, K—N breads, and P—Z salads.**

This is the time to reveal your CHALLENGE PROJECT. Don’t forget to bring them. It will be great to see what everyone depicts their birth date.

Officers for the 2018-19 year will also be elected. This is also the time to renew your membership for another year and pick up your raffle tickets and buy more!

A **B I G THANK YOU** goes to this years President and the entire board.

**Keep working on quilts and other items for the Quilt Show during the summer!**



**Greeters:** Bonnie Lamont and Janet Divis

**Hostesses:** Karen Ruwe, Eileen Cash, Kaylene Krueger, Sharon Sutton, Janet Larsen and Anita Groh

**Door Prizes:** Janet Divis, Bert Cowles, Janet Scott and Sharon Sutton

**Community Service:** Bring any items that were not collected because of canceled meetings due to weather or bring hygiene products for Care Corp.

Prairie Piecemakers Meeting, March 26, 2018

At 7:00 p.m., President Jill Norenberg introduced Kelly Ashton of Overland, KS for the evening program. Membership showed 57 members and 2 guests.

At 8:00, the business meeting was called to order. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Secretary and Treasurers report as printed in the newsletter.

Teri Wolfe wanted all to be aware of a class being offered the first meeting of the year, August 27. The fee is \$20. Please sign up with her.

Marilynn Bonow wanted members to think Silent Auction items for the upcoming Quilt Show.

Door prizes were won by Sally Schmidt, Bonnie Lamont, Maribeth Losee, Karen Ruwe, Marilyn Bonow, Terry Scigo, Sherri Adams and Tracy Katt.

Sue Steier asked for a show of hands for the Challenge Project for the next month's meeting.

Quilt Mom, Julie Joyce thanked all who sat with the Raffle Quilt in Blair and Fremont to sell tickets. Please see her for more tickets and be aware of upcoming opportunities to take part in selling tickets.

The Eco Fair is Thursday, April 19 at the City Auditorium. Pam Larsen, Teri Blevins, Lorraine Smith and Janet Shamburg volunteered to man the booth from 8:00 to 2:00.

Kathy Murphy reported there were over 600 visitors at the Quilt Study Center in Lincoln for National Quilt Day.

There are still openings for next years slate of officers. The positions of Secretary, Newsletter, Yearbook, Community Service and Challenge Project are open. Please talk to Jill to volunteer to show your support for the club.

Karen Ruwe spoke regarding the Nebraska State Quilt Guild and the upcoming convention which is going to held in Omaha this year. It is always held the last weekend of July. Please consider taking part of the opportunity to attend.

The next steering committee meeting will be held Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church.

There being no old business, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30.

Meeting concluded with Show and Tell.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Strong, Recording Secretary

Steering Committee Meeting April 3, 2018 at First Lutheran Church

Steering committee meeting was called to order by President Jill Norenberg at 6:30 with 12 members present.

Teri Wolfe asked committee procedure for presenter not requesting fee for presenting program.

Lisa Braasch moved and Wanda Kruger seconded there would be a \$50 stipend for the presenter. In the event the presenter would decline the stipend, the stipend would be given to the Quilt Study Center in their name. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,901.38 at time of meeting. Quilt registrations for the upcoming Quilt Show will be included in the April newsletter.

Sue Steier moved, Sue Williams amended and Lisa Braasch seconded the labels for the Quilt Show include who pieced, sewed and quilted the item. Motion carried.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be May 1, 2018 , 6:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. This will be the passing of the book meeting for officers for the new year.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Strong, Recording Secretary

Teri Wolfe is inviting all Prairie Piecemakers to her

**"Country Quilt Show and Garden Walk" on Saturday, July 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

This is an experience you read about in quilt books....quilts outside on fences, flowers all around, beautiful setting. You do **not** want to miss this experience. She is also asking anyone who would like to show their quilts to contact her., 402-290-9577.

At the March meeting you donated 19 really nice quilts and 9 cozy fleece blankets to be delivered to Project Harmony at the Bridge. Thank you so much as these quilts and blankets will provide a lot of comfort to kids who are in an uncomfortable situation. I don't know about you but this project is my very favorite monthly project and I hope it is a project that we as Prairie Piecemakers will continue as I pass the duties of Community Service Chairperson on to whoever accepts the position for next year.

Through your generosity we have helped a lot of people and I hope you will help make the new Community Service Chairperson's job as fun and easy as you've made the last two years for me. I especially want to thank Diane Cook for helping me carry the donated items to my car after each and every meeting and the Quiltalk small quilt group for stuffing the Christmas stockings this year. Thank you to all who donated and helped in the last two years. **Pam Larsen, Community Chhairman**

## QUILT SHOW UPDATE by Marilyn

Plans are formulating for the 2018 Quilt Show. I am meeting with individual committees to make sure I know what they are to do, make any changes that need to be made, etc. As of February things started moving fast. Raffle tickets were designed and printed, handouts and mailing material ready to be sent out later.

Then the big review.... THE RAFFLE QUILT. For those of you who have not yet seen it, it is exceptional. Here is just a portion of the over all quilt design. Thanks to Linda True and friends who made the quilt and Sue Steire for the great quilting.



Since we are not meeting over the summer, the quilt show will be only five+ weeks after our August meeting. Make sure to keep your calendar open for the 11-13 of October. All hands need to be on deck to get the show off and running. Our Guild has only 85 members. Working only a one two hour shift will not get the work done. Extra hands will be needed for these last minute tasks.....helping vendors carry in/out their wares, put out yard signs around town, decorating a little, etc.

As of now, we are using a room off of the kitchen for our "Scrappy Café". For this we will need waitresses...no experience necessary! If you would like to help get the idea working, please let me know. Need volunteers now so they can work out details. Should be fun, fun, fun! This will free up space for vendors and exhibits.

I am sending out the QUILT ENTRY FORM with this newsletter. Make as many copies as you need. Getting all the quilts in on time is essential. If you have your quilts ready, send your form to Jill Norenberg **now**. Compiling all the necessary info into the computer is very time consuming. So get your quilts and other items done ASAP and send in the forms. The deadline will be AUGUST 27, our guild meeting date. After Jill gets the forms, a lot of info about each quilt has to be put on a spread sheet. Then all the signs that go on the quilts have to be made plus the little tag for the backs. All that takes TIME....**NO LAST MINUTE QUILTS**.

Janet Divis and Marilyn Bonow hope you have been working on items for the **Mini Raffle** and **Silent Auction**. This is a very good money maker.

A Quilt Show is fun and exciting if everyone participates.

Thanks! MARILYN

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 : Thanks to everyone who signed up to help with the advertising. Most towns were covered but Fremont could  
 : use a few more people. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up to distribute material about the Quilt  
 : Show, call Susan Williams, 402-440-7853  
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### QUILT SHOW CHAIRMEN:

Treasurer: Anita Groh  
 Admissions: Sue Steire  
 White Glove/Viewers Choice: Wanda Kruger  
 Advertising/Publicity: Susan Williams  
 Quilt Mom: Julie Joyce  
 Quilt Signs & tags: Jill Norenburg  
 Small Items: Janet Shamburg  
 Mini Raffle: Janet Divis/Marlene Preissler  
 Quilt Check-out: Mary Lou Carlson  
 Placing Quilt Labels: Eilene Cash  
 Set-up/down: Geri DeGross  
 Featured Quilter Set Up: Anita Groh and Sue Steier  
 Featured Quilter Reception: Sue Steier and Anita Groh  
 Raffle Quilt Designer and Maker: Linda True and friends  
 Raffle Quilt Quilter: Sue Steier  
 Kitchen: Denise Hendrickson  
 Vendors: Sue Williams and Marilyn Freeman

Prairie Piecemakers—Report for April 1, 2018 <u>Certificate of deposit \$</u> \$5, 713.03 Balance February 28,2018 <u>Checking Account</u> \$6,382.70 <b>Income</b> \$ 920.00 membership dues 5.00 stocking stuffer 60.00 fee for August 2018 class 607.00 raffle tickets \$1,592.00 total income <b>Expenses</b> \$ 22.70 Sue Steier supper/speaker Kelly Ashton 579.88 Kelly Ashton speaker (program \$325, mileage \$254.88) 31.03 Julie Joyce quilt photos 350.00 International Quilt Study 89.71 Marilyn Freeman Ink, paper for raffle tickets \$1,073.32 Total Expenses \$6,901.38 Ending balance <u>\$12,614.41 Total on Deposit</u> Respectfully submitted, Anita Groh, treasurer
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**Call and volunteer with any of the above.**

Freeman  
3245 Marian Lane  
Fremont, Ne 68025

## Change over Committees Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, 3200 East Military

This is for all out going and incoming chairmen.  
Time to exchange info on duties, etc.

Next Guild meeting will be August 27, 2018

Be sure and bring with you:

\$20 to pick up your Raffle Tickets or buy more-  
Membership renewal forms/\$20 dues  
Salad Supper item  
Donation for Community Service  
Your Coffee Mug            Camera  
Show and Tell              A Friend

Links to visit

Nebraska State Quilt Guild

[www.nsqg.org](http://www.nsqg.org)

International Quilt Study Center

[www.quiltstudy.org](http://www.quiltstudy.org)

WANTED!

MISSING QUILT!

Last seen April 2017.

Anyone with information  
contact Linda True—

402-426-2813.

This quilt is very meaningful  
to her!

