



# Prairie Threads – Newsletter of Prairie Piecemakers

**Our January meeting is on Monday, the 29th, not the 30th as printed in yearbook.**

Dear Quilting Friends: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As I compose this, it's the first day of the New Year and the temperature this morning was -17 degrees! It has "warmed up" to 14 degrees now but winter wear is still very much needed if you plan to be outside! I do hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and was able to spend time with loved ones.

Any New Year's resolutions? Unfortunately, I have good intentions but poor follow-through!

By the time you read your newsletter we will have had our retreat. Many thanks to Wanda Kruger and Scott Flanagan and the Sew n Sews small group for all the work that made the retreat such a success! Hopefully, participants will bring their "pineapples" for Show and Tell.

Our January meeting includes our "Round Robin". Plan to learn a few tips from our own members! I appreciate any short cut to things we are all doing as well as tricks for new ways to do things (like paper piecing)!

As you make plans for this New Year please be sure to pencil in our next workshop with Kelly Ashton from 1-4 p.m. Monday, March 26 at Country Traditions. The fee for the class is \$25 and includes the kit needed for the "Inner City" quilt. A supply list will be given to you at the time of registration.

HAPPY QUILTING! JILL

**"Come and Learn"** will be the theme for our January 29th meeting. Many of us are not up to date on the latest and newest items in the quilting world. Now is the time to **COME and LEARN** and ask **Questions!**

**Country Traditions** is a leader in the sewing and quilting business. They will bring us up to date on new gadgets, notions, tools and how to use them, Jelly Rolls and all the new precut items, etc. This will be the time to ask questions like: what is new in the batting world, what batting do I use for ?????.

**Lisa Braasch** will also give us more information about the **2018 Challenge**. Many have asked questions about it. Now will be the time to ask questions and get ideas for YOUR project.

**Greeters:** Pam Schroeder and Teri Wolfe

**Hostesses:** Susan Williams, Mary Lou Carlson, Nancy Skokan, Evelyn Eldridge, Bert Cowles and Les Parr

**Door Prizes:** Pam Larsen, Colette Garton, Linda Wagner, and Lois Geisler

**Community Service:** Fremont Public School: Kleenex and underwear in sizes for elementary through high school.

## Prairie Piecemakers Meeting, November 27, 2017

At 7:00 p.m., Vice President, Teri Wolfe, introduced our speaker for the evening. Cathy Geier, of Waukesha, WI, presented the program, "Landscape Quilts—Alaska to Wisconsin".

The business meeting was called to order at 8:09 p.m. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. The motions carried.

In the absence of the membership chair, Wanda Kruger reported that there were 49 members present with one guest, Beth Berry, and one new member, Linda Kay Hermesch.

Door prizes for the evening were won by Susan Williams, Pam Larsen, Jeanette Stinemates, Evelyn Eldridge, Judy Gaeth, Janet Divis, Loraine Smith, Dianne Cook, Deb Schroeder and Marilyn Clark.

Pam Larsen reported that the Hope Center would take 100 Christmas stockings and Nye Point would take 45 Christmas stockings. There are plenty of stockings from those made last year. There have been donations of \$70 this year and \$100 from last year to fill the stockings. Pam will ask for help stuffing the stockings or delivering if needed.

Members were reminded to consider signing up for the retreat January 12-13. Registrations will be accepted until that week-end.

Members who had taken Cathy's workshop showed their projects. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2, 6:30 at First Lutheran Church.  
Respectfully submitted, Jan Larsen for Sharon Strong, Recording Secretary

### Steering Committee Minutes – January 2, 2018

Committee met at First Lutheran Church. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Jill Norenberg with 10 members present.

Treasurer Dianne Cook reported a balance of \$7,802.31 at time of the Steering Committee meeting.

It was moved and seconded to pay IQSCM \$350.00 for the year.

It was moved and seconded to pay Nebraska State Guild dues of \$25.

It was moved and seconded to reimburse Marilyn Freeman for a roll of stamps and a printer cartridge for mailing out newsletters for the remainder of the year.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Quilt Show budget for 2018 as presented by Marilyn Freeman for \$3,850.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Next Steering Committee meeting will be February 6, 2018, 6:30 at First Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Strong, Recording Secretary

## Community Service Report

Once again we helped to brighten the holidays for over 200 people in the Fremont area. We delivered to Care Corp two large bags of hygiene products. Large bottles of shampoo, two body washes, five deodorants, twelve bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby lotion and a huge package of toilet paper were donated. One hundred filled Christmas stockings were taken to The Hope Center and 45 filled stockings were taken to the residents at Nye Pointe. I could not help but notice the brightened faces! Great job Prairie Peacemakers! Let's plan to brighten more faces in 2018. THANKS!

Community Service, Pam Larsen



Fremont Public Schools has a need for boxes of Kleenex and underwear in sizes for elementary through high school. This is definitely cold season so lets see how many boxes of Kleenex we can bring to help the teachers with this problem.



Our **Quilters Luau** was a great success! Twenty four of us were met with leis, smiles and ALOHAs by the Sew n Sews. The food was delicious, very Polynesian. Many different styles of "pineapples" were made. Many of them will be shown at our meeting.

If you have never been to a retreat you are really missing a great treat. This is the best way to get to know our sister quilters. Sew, eat, chat.... what more can a quilter ask for!

### Recipe for Retreat Honey Garlic Meatballs

1 28 oz bag of cooked/frozen beef meatballs  
 Sauce: 3 cloves Garlic  
 1/3 cup Honey  
 1/2 cup Ketchup  
 2 Tbsp. Soy sauce  
 1/4 cup Brown Sugar

Throw all into a crock pot and cook on low for 6-8 hrs or high for 3-4 hrs.

TIP: Could add some crushed red pepper  
 ( 1/4—1/2 tsp)     VERY GOOD!

The recipes for the other Retreat food items will be brought to the meeting.

THANKS to Teri Blevins for the great food and Denise Hendrickson for desserts.



**New Members since the yearbook was printed. Please place these names in the back of your yearbook!**

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Julie Beck	816-550-2209
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Doris Fetherkile	402-297-4018
Judy Gaeth	816-550-2209
Linda Hermesch	402-378-6894
Jean Kabella	605-481-2646
Debra Schroeder	402-372-3376
Leslie Thompson	402-630-4581

<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>		
\$5,687.02	Balance October 31, 2017	\$5,687.02
Balance December 31, 2017		
<b>Checking Account</b>		
		\$8,781.01
Balance October 31, 2017		
<b>Income:</b>	\$ 75.00 Membership dues 255.00 Retreat 130.00 2018 Quilt Show Vender 75.00 Stocking Stuffers 260.00 Workshop	
		<b>\$795.00 Total Income</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ 48.83 Max D—Newsletter 363.42 Jill Norenberg-3 motel rms 1,154.36 Cathy Drier – speaker 25.00 2 membership refunds 182.09 Linda True-quilt raffle	
		<b>\$1,773.70 Total Expenses</b>
\$ 7,802.31 Ending Balance Dec.31, 2017		
<b>\$13,489.33 Total on Deposit</b>		

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**Guild Meeting:** January 29, 2018

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Refreshments at 6:30 pm, Meeting follows at 7:00

**Steering Meeting:** February 6 at 6:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, 3200 E. Military

**Be sure and bring with you:**

Donation for Community Service  
Your name tag  
Your coffee Mug  
Show and Tell  
Camera  
A friend  
Pineapples

**Links to visit**

**Nebraska State Quilt Guild**

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

**International Quilt Study Center**

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

*Have a NEW  
YEAR  
BURSTING  
with friends  
and fun!*

