



Prairie Threads – Newsletter of Prairie

Greetings Friends!

Does it seem to you that time is flying by? March reminds us to renew our guild membership. You are probably putting the finishing touches on your Challenge project for our April meeting. Now is the time to plan ahead to our next board and to plan for our quilt show as well. Would you please consider volunteering to put our yearbook together? How about producing our monthly newsletter (that we all so enjoy receiving)? Or what about organizing our Community Outreach for our monthly donations?

We have been so blessed with talented members who see a need and step forward. I am hoping this year is no different.

See you on Monday when we welcome Kelly Ashton!

Happy Quilting! Jill

Welcome back Edith Andreasen. Glad you are able to join us again.

Greeters:

Sherri Adams & Pam Larsen

Hostesses: Linda Kincanon, Bonnie Lamont, Sally Schmidt, Janis Bond and Janice Havranek

Door Prizes: Jeanette Stinemates, Carol Nielsen, Eileen Cash and Linda Kincanon

Community Service: Project Harmony at The BridgeFleece blankets and kid-size quilts

Kelly Ashton will present our March Program. She calls it “**Sixty Degrees of Inspiration.**”

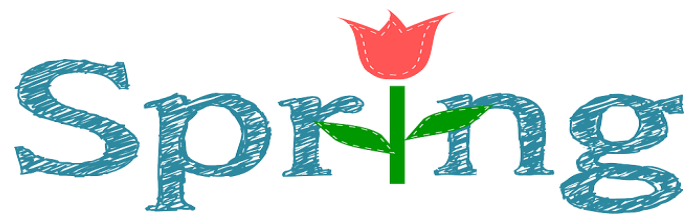
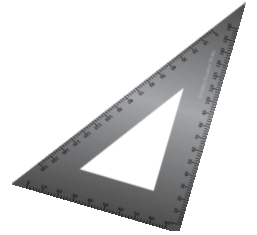
Now what does 60 degrees mean?

After thinking about it for a moment, I came to the conclusion that it pertains to the 60 degree mark on our quilting rulers.

There are rulers that are just the 60 degree angle. After hunting the internet for Kelly, I did find several Kelly Ashtons but not her. However, there were several U Tube videos on how to cut the 60 degree angle and show to use it in quilts.

Kelly will tell us why she loves the 60 degree quilt block and share her personal collection of “60” quilts, share personal stories and how she got started creating with this angle.

There will be **NO workshop** on Monday, March 26..



Upcoming Spring Event:

Monday, April 30: Salad Supper and final meeting of the 2017-18 year. Be sure this date is on your calendar so you do not MISS it. What you should bring for the supper will be in the next newsletter.

Your CHALLENGE PROJECTS will be shown then. If yours is not finished, you have only one month to do so. There is still time to **start** and finish one! PRIZES will be awarded!

OFFICERS will be elected also and committee chairmen announced! DO NOT MISS!!

Prairie Piecemakers Meeting, February 26, 2018

At 7:00 p.m., President Jill Norenberg introduced Jennifer Dick of Harrisonville, MO for the evening program. At 7:55, the business meeting was called to order.

Quilt Show chairperson Marilyn Freeman presented the raffle quilt for this years' Quilt Show designed by Linda True and quilted by Sue Steier. Julie Joyce is the Quilt Mom. She has tickets for everyone to sell.

Motion was made to approve the Secretary and Treasurers report as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Membership showed 64 members present with 2 guests. Edith Andreasen and Rosie Larsen have joined as members.

Door prizes for the evening were won by Peggy Hansen, Marilyn Freeman, Janet Larsen, Teri Blevins, Julie Joyce, Wanda Kruger, Leslie Parr, and Mary Lou Carlson.

Old Business was asking for volunteers to help at the ECO Fair April 19.

It was noted that March 17 is National Quilting Day.

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held, Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 and concluded with Show and Tell.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Strong, Recording Secretary

Steering Committee Meeting March 6, 2018 at First Lutheran Church

Steering committee meeting was called to order by President Jill Norenberg at 6:30 with 12 members present. New business was the need for suggestion for board openings for next year.

Kelly Aston is the program for the March meeting. The workshop she was offering was cancelled as no one signed up.

Committee sign-ups for next year will be available at the March and April meeting.

Marilyn Bonow stated volunteers are needed to make the four State Fair Ribbons for the fall. Sue Steier volunteered to do this.

Marilyn Freeman stated the Quilt Show will have the original name of Don't Worry, Be Scrappy.

Sue Steier asked for a budget for the challenge for the April meeting. It was moved and seconded to spend \$100 on the Quilt Challenge.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be April 3, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Strong, Recording Secretary

Upcoming Area Event

The Great Plains Creative Arts Association was started in 1950 by seven creative and generous people. Over the years it has changed but the original spirit continues. They sponsor workshops for anyone interested in arts, crafts or fun. They offer challenging and excellent opportunities to sharpen old skills, learn new ones and to work with people sharing your creative enthusiasm. The classes are in an open lab format for you to spend as much time as you wish on any project.

This years classes "New Beginnings, New Possibilities" will be held at Camp Calvin Crest by Fremont. The days are Tuesday, April 10—13. The "New Beginning" will offer some new classes and an array of exciting ideas. Some classes offered are: Loom Weaving, Stain Glass, Barn Wood Signs, 5 Minute Quilt Block, Fabric Dying, Bead Embroidery, and many, many more.

For more info, call Cheryl Jensen at 402-621-0220 or email blueriverfibers@gmail.com.

QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Everyone at the February meeting paid for and received their two books of Raffle Tickets. Many books have been sold already. YEH!!! If you have sold tickets, please bring your money to the March meeting and turn it into Julie Joyce, Quilt Mom. You can turn in ticket money at any meeting and to Julie Joyce during the summer. Additional tickets can be picked up at Julie's. Be sure and take the tickets everywhere with you. Do NOT be afraid to show the quilt picture to someone and ask them to purchase a ticket. It only takes ONE to win. Ticket sales went well at The Acme Quilt Shop in Blair. Everyone loved the new, modern, colorful quilt.

Susan Williams has designed the Quilt Show bookmark and flier. They will be either at the March or April meeting for you to take. They need to be plastered on windows and walls all over town and the surrounding communities. Susan has done her job and everyone's job now is to promote the Quilt Show. It is an easy job.....just visit with your neighbor, your beautician, church friends, etc. Everyone wants to win something!

Four vendors are already signed up for the Show. We would like more as we make money from them. Space is the issue.

I plan on meeting with a few committees soon. The meeting of all committees probably will not be until August.

Silent Auction (Marilyn Bonow) and Mini Raffle Chair Persons (Janet Divis and Marlene Preissler) want you to start thinking about and making items for their areas.

Marilyn Freeman, Quilt Show Chair

FYI: Enclosed is a Membership Registration Form for 2018-19. Please fill it out and bring it to the March or April Meeting with \$20 dues. If you want listed in the yearbook, your membership dues needs to be paid by May 1. If you receive this by Email, download it and print it. There will be a few copies at the registration table when you come in. Dues can also be mailed if you are not coming to the meeting.

Prairie Piecemakers—Report for March 1, 2018

Certificate of Deposit

\$5,713.03 Balance January 31, 2018

Checking Account

\$6,086.42

Income

\$980.00 Raffle Tickets

\$ 20.00 membership for 2018/2019

\$1,000.00 INCOME TOTAL

Expenses

\$ 69.72 Marilyn Freeman Raffle Ticket Paper

\$ 634.00 Jenifer Dick speaker

(program \$350, mileage \$284)

\$ 703.72 TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 6,382.70 ENDING BALANCE

\$12,095.73 Total on deposit

Thanks again!

At the February meeting you generously donated 111 pairs of underwear and 57 pairs of socks for girls and 29 pairs of underwear and 45 pairs of socks for boys at Jefferson House. I'm told some of these kids come to Jefferson House with very little in the way of clothing so it is very nice to be able to provide new items for them.



Nearing the end of our year so hope you've been working on kid size quilts or fleece blankets to bring to the March meeting. These will be given to Project Harmony at the Bridge. Project Harmony is a non-profit organization that provides setting where professionals can assess, investigate and resolve child abuse issues. These children can get a lot of comfort from a cozy quilt or blanket so this is a perfect way for quilters to do a very good thing.

Thank you! Pam Larsen, Community Service Chair

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Guild Meeting: March 26, 2018
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Refreshments at 6:30, Meeting follows at 7:00.

Steering Committee: April 3 at 6:30 First
Lutheran Church, 3200 East Military
(Enter in the front office door)

Be sure and bring with you:

Donation for Community Service

Your name tag

Your coffee Mug

\$20 for Quilt Show Raffle Tickets if
you have not picked yours up yet.

Show and Tell

Community Service items

Camera

Links to visit

Nebraska State Quilt Guild

www.nsqg.org

International Quilt Study Center

www.quiltstudy.org



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