



Prairie Threads

Prairie Piecemakers Newsletter

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August 2023

Quilting Pieces

Hi, Guild Members!!!!!!

It's August and time to think about all your UFO's that have taken a back seat this summer. I know I have a few hanging over my head. I'm so excited about the programs we have scheduled this year. We are kicking things off with a Quilts of Valor Ceremony awarding a father and son for their service. Following that we have a program on "The Great Tohoku Triple Disaster". Also, we have a Scrappy Farmer, Fabric Bash Truck, Curious Kansas Quilter, Stories of Inspirations and two of our own members stories. All these programs are listed in your new yearbook, so don't forget to pick it up as you check in on Monday, August 28. Our Steering Committee was buzzing with so many great ideas for our guild. Looking forward to sharing all the activities.

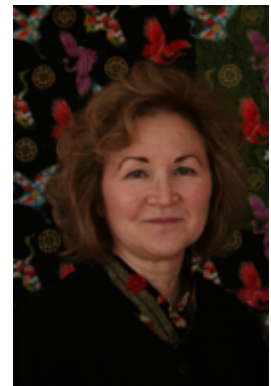
Keep working on your UFO's!
Anita Groh, President

Guild Meetings are held at First Lutheran Church, 3200 E Military Ave, Fremont. Refreshments at 6:30 pm and program at 7:00 pm. Bring your own drink with a lid. Guests are welcome.

August 28th Guild Program

Cynthia Parry, *The Great Tohoku Triple Disaster*

This series is a direct result of my need to express the profound sympathy and compassion I felt for the people and the country of Japan as they struggled to recover from the horrific triple nightmare of March 11, 2011.



It was never intended as a series but rather as a single piece. Ideas flooded me and kept me up nights. I quickly realized it had to be more than one. It became what it needed to become: a series of fifteen. Members of my fiber art group, Fractured Fabrics, pointed out that there is a definite educational aspect to my series. Since education and continued learning is important to me, I am on a mission to educate the viewers of my pieces about Japan and the triple disaster that continues to effect life there.

Quilts of Valor Presentation

At our August meeting, Prairie Piecemakers group has an opportunity to be a part of a Quilts of Valor (Fremont) award presentation! Quilts of Valor's (QOV) mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing quilt. The Fremont Group, (led by Sherry Mason) will be awarding two quilts to veterans honoring them for their service. We plan to begin right at 7, prior

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to the start of our meeting. The presentation may last about 30 minutes and we will return to our guest speaker.

The QOV group invites any interested volunteer that would like to help make quilts, coordinate award ceremonies, or donate to the group to contact Sherry Mason, (Leader) or any member of the QOV Fremont group. We meet the second Tuesday of each month @ 10 am at Nebraska Quilt Company. We can bring our own lunch or order a lunch from any of our downtown establishments. We can sew until 4 pm.

Community Service

Thriftology – is located downtown at the corner of Main Street and East Third Street as part of Care Corps' Lifehouse community nonprofit focused on helping those in need. The store allows for both free items for those in need who possess a voucher as well as shopping at a reduced price for members of the public. Please bring:

Family hygiene items, soap, shampoo, conditioners, deodorant, baby soap, lotion, wipes. Cash donations also welcome.

Hostesses

Our hostesses for the August 28th meeting will be:

Wanda Kruger*, Marilyn Appleby, LindaKay Hermes, Jan Zarestky

Meet Your Officers and Volunteers

Each month we will highlight some of our Prairie Piecemakers Officers and Steering Committee Volunteers. We hope this helps you get to know them better!

Karen Schiefert, Secretary (far left), lives in Omaha. As secretary she takes minutes at the steering committee meeting and the guild meeting. "I have been a quilter for nearly 20 years but recently I have gotten into apparel sewing. I just really enjoy the friendships and inspiration from this fun and talented group of people!!"



Julie Robinson, Vice President (left center), lives in Fremont. As a vice president she is working with LuAnn to plan programs for the 2024-2025 year. She enjoys looking for new patterns and challenges in

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making quilts. "I enjoy most aspects of piecing a quilt, but paper piecing is an ongoing challenge for me. I also enjoy doing counted cross stitch. I did several projects in the past and then took a lapse from it. I started doing this needlework again about 3 years ago. Being in the guild has been great. I enjoy meeting new people and I love seeing all the quilts this group makes."

Anita Groh, President (right center), lives in Fremont. As President she conducts the business meetings for the guild and steering committee. The president also hosts and introduces the guild speakers that she secured the year before as Vice President. "I am so happy to be serving in this position as I like the camaraderie that goes along with my interest of quilting. My interests in quilting and needlework consist of reproduction fabrics and expanding to brights and batiks. I also enjoy wool appliqué. The most exciting thing is piecing a quilt, quilting on my longarm, and finishing with the binding. I admire all the energy this guild expresses!"

LuAnn Franzluebbbers, Vice President (far right), lives by Dodge. As a vice president she is working with Julie Robinson to plan programs for the 2024-2025 year. She joined the guild about 3 yrs. ago after retiring from Country Traditions. "I really love all types of quilting from piecing, applique, paper piecing, bags, longarm quilting, and teaching. There is always beautiful fabrics and new techniques to try! I really enjoy the guild because of all the wonderful people to meet that share this passion and to be inspired by other's talents."

Scrappy Diamonds Workshop

Vicky Beasley, The Scrappy Farmer

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 9am – 12pm
Nebraska Quilt Company – Stay and Sew All Day



"Scrappy Diamonds" is a great way to get your feet wet with foundation piecing/string piecing. There are always leftover strips or odd sized strips that are left over from previous projects that want to be put into a quilt! You can make it a "planned scrappy" or a "anything goes" kind of scrappy quilt. You can use paper or muslin for your foundation. Whichever you choose your quilt will be a completely unique quilt! Start gathering your leftover bits, strips & chunks of fabric. I'm looking forward to coming & sharing my scrappy quilts with you & teaching you "Scrappy Diamonds"! Vicky



Guild Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2023

Nobody could have left the guild meeting hungry because of the wonderful spread of salads, breads, and desserts! What a fun evening and delicious!

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- The guild is still in need of a chairperson or chairpersons for the 2024 quilt show.
- Julie Joyce reported that 37 dog toys made by students at the ECO Fair were donated. Jill Norenberg will be taking over the ECO Fair.
- Quilts of Valor group met at Nebraska Quilt Company on April 1st with 15 members and 15 guests. They got 3 quilts pieced.
- Pam Schroeder announced that there were three guests in attendance and that they joined the guild. Also reminded members to get their membership forms in soon so the information can get into the yearbooks.

Lisa Braasch and Pat Mommsen – Members at Large

Anita Groh reported, a Summer Retreat is planned for June 6, at ACME in Blair. Cost is \$15.00. The first workshop for next year will be in September on the Tuesday after the regular meeting. The program will be Scrappy Farmer and the workshop will be held at Nebraska Quilt Company from 9 am to noon. A motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Dickmeyer and seconded by Kathy Hart,

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Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2023

A motion was made by Jill Norenberg to call the steering team committee meeting to order. Seconded by Danielle Smith with 17 members in attendance,

- A copy of the budget was distributed. The group held a discussion on moving some of the funds to an interest-bearing account. The idea will be researched and discussed at a later meeting.
- Ideas discussed about using guild funds including scholarships, national speaker, or a potential day trip for members. Group will think about the ideas and discuss again at a later meeting.
- Names on the guild accounts need to be changed to the new steering committee members.
- Quilt show for 24/25 will need better signage. Hiring custodial help and set up/tear down help for the quilt show discussed. Potentially choose a featured quilter for the show.
- For the monthly community service, a drop box will be created for those that prefer giving monetary gifts. Amounts received to the designated charity will be reported in the newsletter.
- Donating to Quilts of Valor (QOV) was discussed. Jill Norenberg will find out if QOV can accept checks. Group will discuss potential donation next month.
- Dementia lap quilts were discussed as a potential sewing day. Jill Norenberg and Marilyn Bonow will lead the project and get a date set up.
- A list of door prize donors has been created. August donors have been notified via email.
- The list of greeters by month have been set up. Information will be in the yearbook.
- Hostesses have been set up for the year.
- The August meeting agenda will be the QOV presentation at 7:00pm and program at 7:30pm.
- There is a presentation at the IQM on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tara Miller will be presenting on Mary Ghormley.
- Pam Schroeder reported that the guild has about 100 members.
- The Challenge this year will be making and exchanging mailable post cards.
- The newsletter will be sent out two weeks before the meeting. Guild steering meeting members will be featured in the newsletter for members to get to know them.
- Everything has been received for the newsletter.
- Programs need to be sent to Carroll Welte to update on the website.
- The January retreat planning is happening. Will start promoting this in September.
- December exchange project will be Minis.
- Garage sale will be at the end of the year. Lisa Braasch will put details in the newsletter.
- More than 350 tickets were sold for the quilt raffle between Teri Wolfe's quilt show and Nebraska Quilt Company retreat.
- For old business, the audit and budget have been completed.
- Susan Williams will order more business cards for the guild. Separate business cards will be ordered later for the quilt show.

A motion to approve the budget was made by Sue Steier and seconded by Jill Norenberg. A motion to adjourn was made by Marilyn Bonow and seconded by Danielle Smith. Karen Schliefert, Secretary

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