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Prairie Piecemakers Newsletter

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February 2024

Happy Valentine's Day

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly newsletter! I'm so happy to share with you the exciting events we have for you in the coming months. Our February and March speakers are full of history, humor, and spirited inspiration. April will bring our delicious salad dinner, challenge reveal, transfer of leadership, and best of all, our Quilters Garage Sale! We will have a wonderful night out for all of us in June as the committee is so busy preparing for our bed turning event. This is sure to be a fantastic garden party! We truly have an extremely talented group of quilters and crafters, which is so great to be part of!

Happy Sewing,
LuAnn Franzluebbbers, Co VP

Our Next Meeting,

Monday, February 26, Refreshments at 6:30pm, First Lutheran Church Fremont



Program: Reeze Hanson, The One-Patch Quilt Renaissance

You will learn a bit about how to design and sew one-patch quilts, whetting your appetite to try one from your scrap bag! Lots of quilts made from one-patch shapes.

Greeters: Bert Cowles, Leslie Parr, LuAnn Franzluebbbers

Hostesses: Debra Schroeder, Loraine Smith, Kathy Hartmann, Janet Divis

Door Prizes: LuAnn Franzluebbbers, Anita Groh, Sherry Johansen, Jill Norenberg

Quilt Holders: Pat Mommsen, Leslie Parr, Danielle Smith, Teri Wolfe

Community Service

Thriftology was once again the recipient of our January collection. Along with the many paper products and cleaning products, the money donated purchased 48 deodorants and 6 toothpastes. **Thank you for being such a generous group.** For February, we are collecting for Covered Waters. Crib Sheets, baby blankets, baby wash, baby lotion and baby wipes.

ECO Fair Save the Date!

Please mark Thursday, April 18th on your calendar. That is the day we participate in the Keep Fremont Beautiful ECO FAIR! Area fourth graders are bused to Christensen Field for an opportunity to see up close ways of recycling and repurposing. We help students make doggy chew toys from old t-shirts. Students can take theirs home or they can also donate it to our local FUREVER HOME animal shelter. We could use about 6-8 individuals to assist students. Supplies are furnished. We just need someone who can braid and likes 4th graders!!!! Please contact me (Jill Norenberg) 402.721.0615 to volunteer or for further details.

Quilters Garage Sale – April Meeting

Begin to look through your supplies and stash for items for the Garage Sale. Mark a sale price on your items and bring them to the April meeting. You will take the items that don't sell home that night. **Bring cash and buy something new to you!** Proceeds go to the guild for a day trip or event.

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Quilt Show News

Congratulations to our featured quilter for 2024 quilt show Leslie Parr! Thanks to Joyce Roberts, Cheryl Dickmeyer, and Ann Martin for volunteering to serve as co-chairs for the quilt show. We still need co-chairs for the Parking, Hanging Quilts, and Quilt Mom committees. Contact Pat Mommsen or Sue Augustin to volunteer!



Challenge Project Reminder

There is still time for completion of the Challenge Project. To help with ideas for making postcards, we are providing some links below, and postcard examples for those who haven't sent their postcard out yet. If you would like to purchase a book on making fabric postcards Thriftbooks.com is the most reasonable to



purchase from and they do deliver quickly. If you don't feel comfortable directly sending the postcard through the email you may put it in an envelope and mail it or you may bring it to one of the upcoming Quilt Guild meetings and give it to the person.

Everyone will need to bring the postcard they have received from another guild member to the April meeting. We will vote on the best postcard that night.

Links:

[Post Cards...Make and Mail book by Beth Davis \(thriftbooks.com\)](https://thriftbooks.com)

[Fabric postcards Ideas - Search Images \(bing.com\)](https://bing.com)

[Quilted Postcards - Search Images \(bing.com\)](https://bing.com)



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Quilts in the Garden

Bed Turning

Monday, June 24, 2024, 6:30 pm

Tickets are \$5.00

Louis E. May Museum
1643 N Nye Avenue, Fremont

Enjoy a summer evening in the gardens of the May Museum. Join your quilting friends for light refreshments, a walk in the garden guided by Linda Wagner and music. The program will begin at 7:00 pm and will feature beautiful quilts made by our guild members.

This is a modern take on an old fashion custom, Bed Turning. In the 1800's, to host a Bed Turning, a quilter would invite her friends to her home to see her work. She would stack her quilts on a bed and her friends would gather round to admire them; turning each quilt off the top of the bed to reveal another work of art below. For our event, we will take the quilts off the bed and hold them up like we do for show & tell during guild. We will read a story about the quilt as it is shown.

The *Quilts in the Garden* event is open to Prairie Piecemakers members. **Tickets are \$5.00.** Proceeds go to the May Museum. After the first 60 tickets are sold, we will open the event to your friends and guests. We will only sell 100 tickets.

Members can show two full size quilt and one crib size quilt at the event. They can be previously shown at a quilt show or meeting or something new. Family heirloom keepsake quilts are welcome. Forms will be available at the guild meeting and with the newsletter. You are asked to prepare a brief write-up about the quilt which will be read during the showing. Forms are due by the end of April. Each person showing a quilt will get a number or letter to place on their quilt(s). Quilts should arrive at the event by 6:00 pm with the number attached to the quilt(s). Members will take their quilts home after the program.



We are asking for three teams of volunteers: Food team, Set-up/Take down team, and Holder/folder Team. For questions contact the event chairs: Susan Williams, williamssn1@gmail.com, 402.440.7853
Debra Schroeder, dschroeder1@unl.edu, 402.380.2626

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2024 Quilt Show Raffle Tickets

Pick up your raffle tickets for next year's quilt show at the meeting. Each member is asked to pick up a minimum of 10 tickets for

International Quilt Museum Shows

World War I Quilts, the Sue Reich Collection now through April 13, 2024, in the Coryell Gallery

A New Deal for Quilts now through April 20, 2024, in the Gottsch Gallery

Multifaceted by Katie Pasquini Masopust now through May 4, 2024, in the Von Seggern Gallery.

National Quilt Day 2024

Free Community Event

Saturday, March 16th from 9am to 4pm

International Quilt Museum, 33rd and Holdridge, Lincoln

9:30 & 1:00 **Making Scrap Quilts POP**, Bonnie Kucera

10:15 & 1:45 **Feed Sacks, An American Fairytale** exhibition Sara Walcott and Jami Swartz

11:00 & 2:30 **The Modern Quilting Bee**, Bee Sew Quilty

Make and Take projects, Handiwork Displays and Demonstrations, Collection Care in Action in the Dillow Conservation Workroom.

Parking is free in All University lots, Hardin Hall parking, parking north of the Museum and lots at 33rd and Holdrege including restricted lots.

Prairie Piecemakers Treasurers Report

01/01-01/31/2024

Checking account Balance	\$18,443.76
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Income:

Membership	\$20.00
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Winter Retreat	<u>\$70.00</u>
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Total Income:	\$90.00
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Expenses:

Retreat Refund	\$990.00
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Retreat	<u>\$ 344.00</u>
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Total Expenses:	\$1,334.00
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Ending Balance-Checking	\$17,199.76
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Guild Meeting Minutes

Monday, Jan. 29, 2024

- Motion called to begin the meeting by Cheryl Dickmeyer
 - Vice President's reports
 - Julie Robinson reported they are working on programs for next year
 - Luann Franzluebbbers thanked everyone that picked up raffle tickets
 - Motion by Les Parr, seconded by Lois Geisler to approve the November meeting minutes.
 - Motion by Lisa Braasch, seconded by Marlene Preissler to approve the treasurer's report for November and December.
 - Jill Norenberg thanked everyone that brought donations. There will be an ECO Fair on April 18th for 4th graders to participate in recycling. Jill needs 6-8 volunteers to help with the fair.
 - Teri Wolf thanked the greeters, holders, and folders.
 - 61 people attended the meeting. There were 2 guest and 1 new member.
 - Tina Mommens reminded everyone about the post card challenge. Some members have received post cards.
 - Pat Mommsen mentioned there are only 3 slots left for chairs/co-chairs for the quilt show.
 - The featured quilter for the 2024 show will be Leslie Parr!
 - The January retreat was cancelled due to weather. Reminder to check school closings if there's a question about the weather.
 - Scott Flanagan mentioned the event on February 11th at Sinai Lutheran Church.
 - Anita Groh discussed a request received from the Bess Streeter Aldrich historic home. The request is to decorate a room during their May 22 - August 26th event. Looking for someone to head up this effort.
 - Need a person to chair the Bed Turning in June.
 - Anita Groh is looking for officers and chairs for next year's guild. If you are interested contact a steering committee member.
 - Thank you letters were received from The Bridge, QOV and for the fidget blankets. Also, we were featured in the state newsletter for the fidget blankets.
- Motion by Marilyn Bonow, seconded by Carol Bosshardt to adjourn.

Steering Committee Meeting, February 5th:

- Motion by Danielle Smith, seconded by Susan Williams to bring the meeting to order.
- For next year's programs, contracts have been sent out 1 person from Lincoln, 3 from Central Nebraska, 1 from Dennison and 2 local.
 - Treasurer's business: Current balance is \$16,969.76 plus \$1,024 from ticket sales. About 50% of the members have purchased tickets. Motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Mary Lou Carlson to make a \$350 donation to the International Quilt Museum. Discussion on putting some of the guild funds into a CD or money market. Motion by LuAnn Franzluebbbers, seconded by Danielle Smith to explore. Julie Robinson will work with Sue Arp on this.
 - Community Service: Collected \$68 and many items for Covered Waters. Suggestion to look at Midland University student pantry next year.
 - Door prizes: Need to consider add 1 or more donators next year for each meeting. Also need to look at rules to make sure we are making it sure we are providing all members the opportunity to win once.

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- Hostesses: Need to figure out how to do the April meeting.
 - Membership: 109 total members, 1 new member
 - Challenge Project: All packets have been picked up. Put something in the newsletter on the challenge project.
 - Newsletter: Have items to Susan by Friday.
 - January Retreat: Cancelled due to weather. People are inquiring where they can get the pattern. Instructions have already been given out on how to cut the material but not the sewing instructions.
 - December Christmas: 30-40 attended the party!
 - Quilt Show Chairman: Business cards have been ordered and will be sent to local quilt guilds. Admission will be kept the same. Pat will look into availability and cost for additional flags. Change admission for to include a separate line for needlework and knitting to encourage more entries in this art. Need to find someone in Fremont with a golf cart to assist with parking.
 - Garage Sale: Start gathering your items. Need to put something in the newsletter. Payments accepted will be cash and check only. Carissa Sauer will look at getting a behind the scenes tour at the IQM.
 - Quilt Mom: Member picked up \$1,024 worth of tickets.
 - Meeting with Inspro verified that we have a general liability policy with our current contract.
 - Bed Turning: *Quilts in the Garden* will be Monday, June 24th in the evening. Susan Williams and Deb Schroeder will be the chairs for this along with three teams of volunteers. We will be able to use the restrooms and kitchen for setup. Reasonable amount of parking available. Proposed \$5 admission with the first 60 tickets going to guild members only. Motion by Jill Norenberg, seconded by Danielle Smith to allocate \$600 for the expenses related to the Bed Turning.
- Karen Schleifert, Secretary

New Member

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