



Prairie Threads

Prairie Piecemakers Newsletter

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November 2023

“GIVING THANKS”

I want to give thanks to our officers, committee chairs, and all the guild members that are making Prairie Piecemakers an enjoyable guild. Your attendance and voluntary help is tremendous! This month we will be welcoming Cathy Thayer from the Fabric Bash. Be sure and bring your stash cash to buy some of the goodies she will be bringing in the Fabric Bash Truck. Also, I hope all of you are working on your Skinny Mini for the Christmas Party at Big Red Keno. Be sure to count your blessings and be thankful for all you have this HOLIDAY SEASON including friends and family.

With gratitude! Anita

Our Next Meeting,

Monday, November 27, 2023, Refreshments at 6:30pm, First Lutheran Church Fremont

Program: “How to Prepare your Quilt for the Longarmer”, Cathy and Jacob from Fabric Bash

Greeters: Sherri Adams, Bonnie Lamont, Karen Ruwe

Hostesses: Nancy Hilgenkamp, Janet Wilson, Sue Arp, LuAnn Franzluebbbers

Door Prizes: Marilyn Bonow, Marilyn Freeman, Nancy Hilgenkamp, Julie Joyce, Bonnie Lamont, Janet Shamburg

Quilt Holders: Marilyn Freeman, Ann Martin, Julie Robinson, Leslie Thompson

Snow Cancellations

If it snows and Fremont Public Schools is closed, we will not have a guild meeting. Information on meeting cancellations will also be sent out by email and posted on Facebook. If you have a question about a meeting being cancelled, you can always call an officer.



Community Service

Thank you, guild members once again! Our local Head Start was very appreciative of all the donations as well as the items purchased with the cash donations. THANK YOU!

Our collection for November is going to **The Bridge** which provides resources for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They serve five Nebraska counties including Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Saunders & Washington. Items requested are cleaning products (new or items you may have used and didn't care for) as well as paper products.

Post Card Challenge

This is a good year to get acquainted with a new member and be creative!! If you weren't at the meeting or didn't get a chance to sign up. Give either Marilyn (402-720-5713) or Tina (402-968-1452) a call and we will sign you up.

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Christmas Party

December 11, 2023, 6:30 pm Big Red Keno

Everyone is welcome. The exchange is optional. We order off the menu. Make a skinny Mini – any season or design. Sign up at the meeting or contact Loraine Smith or Colette Garton. **Deadline to sign up is Nov. 30th.**

Meet Your Officers and Volunteers

Carissa Sauer (left) lives in Omaha. She serves as co-chair for the Hostesses. She likes to quilt table runners or throw quilts so I can get them done. “During Guild meetings, I like show and tell to see the variety of quilts and get inspiration for projects to try.”

Marilyn Appleby (center) is co-chair for Door Prizes. Marilyn and her husband Jim live north of Elk City on the Marshal Nursery Road along with Pearl and Chewy. She likes all aspects of the piecing and quilting process. “Making new friends, sewing with others, and seeing their creativity is why I enjoy being a part of Prairie Peacemakers.”

Mary Lou Carlson (right) lives in Fremont just west of First Lutheran Church. She is co-chair for Door Prizes. She has been making patchwork quilts and hand quilting them for 45 years. Now, she likes making smaller quilts and machine quilting them. “The best parts of being a member of Prairie Piecemakers are meeting other quilters, seeing the work done by our speakers, quilt retreats, and learning new skills.”



Your Assistance Requested

You are invited to help with publicity for the 2024 Quilt Show. The goal of the committee is to use traditional and electronic media to motivate people to come to our quilt show. We would like to involve more people in the process. Your involvement in committee work helps you to feel a part of the Guild and get to know more people!

There are a variety of tasks you can help with including: working with Fremont Tribune on the feature article; developing news releases for area weekly newspapers; contacting tv stations for feature coverage; sending letters to quilt guilds; developing news release or ad in the State Guild Newsletter; develop ways for guild members to recruit people to attend the quilt show; social media on our Facebook page; and articles for members to copy and paste into emails to their friends and family. If you are willing to assist, please contact Deb Schroeder, 402-380-2626, dschroeder1@unl.edu or Jodie Reeh, 308-391-0465, jodiereeh7@gmail.com, 2024 Quilt Show Publicity Chairmen.

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Prairie Piecemakers Winter Retreat *Going Into the Future with Prairie Piecemakers*

January 12-13, 2024, at the Nebraska Quilt Company

Come join us for 2 days of food, fun and friendship and of course, sewing. Scott Flanagan will be giving instructions on our newly drafted signature block. You can choose to work on the block or bring a project of your own. Cost is \$45.00 for both days or \$25.00 for one day. Includes lunch and snacks. Sign up and pay at the guild meeting. Hosted by Sally Christiansen and Sue Steier.



Congratulations Scott Flanagan



Congratulations to Scott on his booth at the International Quilt Market and Festival in Houston Texas. We have enjoyed watching your professional journey in quilting industry as a pattern designer, fabric designer, book author (3) and now market and show vendor! Thanks also for your contributions to our guild as a speaker, workshop teacher, past president, and friend. You always have time to help us find just the right fabric or answer a question. We've missed you the past few weeks at the Nebraska Quilt Company and at guild. We are proud of you.

2024 Quilt Show Raffle Tickets

Members will pick up their raffle tickets for next year's quilt show at the January Meeting. Each member is asked to pick up a minimum of 10 tickets for \$20.00.

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.

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Prairie Piecemakers Treasurers Report

10/01-10/31/2023

Checking account Balance \$19,453.15

Income:

Workshop	\$120.00
Winter Retreat	990.00
Membership	<u>20.00</u>
Total Income:	\$1,130.00

Expenses:

Workshop	\$134.00
Speakers	\$132.79
Challenge Project	\$ 23.81
Web	\$ 46.39
Misc.	<u>\$250.00</u>

Total Expenses: \$586.99

Ending Balance-Checking \$19,996.16



A group of quilters, members of the local Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild, spent their afternoon at Nebraska Quilt Company making fidget quilts that will be donated to Methodist Fremont Hospital. The fidget quilts will be sent home with patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Fidget Quilts

Thanks to Marilyn Bonow and Jill Norenberg for organizing the sew day to make Fidget Blankets. Nebraska Quilt Company shared this photo (left) and article with the Fremont Tribune.

Guild Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 30, 2023

A motion was made by Leslie Parr, seconded by Kath Hartmann to call the meeting to order.

- A motion to approve the minutes for September by Danielle Smith, seconded by Kris Buckwalter.
- A motion to approve treasurer's report made by Lisa Braasch, seconded by Pam Schroeder.
- Generous donations made for Head Start. Next month donations need to be paper and cleaning products.
- Thank you to all volunteers that worked or bought items for the meeting this month.
- 72 members and 3 guests attended the meeting. One new member joined.
- For the challenge project, materials were provided for those that signed up. Send these postcards anytime but bring the plan on bringing to the April 2024 meeting.

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- Sign up will be ending soon for the January retreat. Scott Flanagan designed the project.
- Sign up is available for the December Christmas party.
- For the 2024 quilt show, every committee has a chair. There are still co-chair spots available.
- Garage sale will be in April. Bring items priced to sell. Designee for the proceeds is still being discussed.
- 6 fidget blankets were made by group at Nebraska Quilt. These will be taken to the hospital.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pam Schroeder, seconded by Pat Mommsen. Karen Schliefert, Secretary

Guild Steering Committee Mtg Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2023

A motion was made by Marilyn Bonow, seconded by Sue Arp to call the meeting to order. Motion to accept minutes from October's meeting made by Danielle Smith, seconded by Teri Wolfe.

- We received the insurance check for floor repair.
- Next month community service items needed are cleaning items.
- The speaker appreciated the use of the step ladders to show the quilts.
- Membership is 107 people.
- 45 people have signed up for the challenge project. All but 6 have picked up supplies. Postcards will go through the mail with a stamp on them. Bring postcards received to the April 2024 meeting.
- Three more people needed to be featured in the newsletter. This will be Mary Lou Carlson, Marilyn Appleby and Carissa Sauer.
- Keep newsletter items brief. All items for next newsletter need to be received no later than 11/10.
- For winter weather, meetings get cancelled when Fremont schools closes for snow. Notifications will be made to members through email and Facebook when cancellations occur. Julie Robinson will talk to the church about snow removal before guild meetings. Any member is free to call any committee member with questions about bad weather cancellations.
- Articles have been placed in the Fremont newspaper to show community about the guild.
- November guild meeting will be the last sign up for the January retreat.

For the 2024 quilt show:

- Rent for the quilt show has increased by \$350.
- No drapes will be rented.
- Pick up quilt frames on Wednesday before the show. Frames will continue to be stored in Cottonwood's storage unit at 146th and Maple, Omaha. Teri Wolfe will reach out to Cottonwood to determine if we need to help with the storage unit rental cost.
- Suggested that we raise the rent for vendors to \$95 for the smaller sections and \$175 for the larger. Each vendor will get 3 lunch tickets. Will send a parking map with the final contract.

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- Discussed but decided not to do a raffle. Silent Auction Baskets will be done again. At the last quilt show the basket “purchase now” prices were too low.
- Discussion on admission price. Need to get this decided because cards will be ordered soon.
- The featured quilter has accepted. They will be introduced at the January meeting by Sue Steiner.
- Have a vendor that can supply cheesecakes. Samples have been tried and they are very good.
- Signs will be put at entrances. Motion by Sue Arp, seconded by Jill Norenberg to discontinue yard signs for the quilt show. Motion passed.
- A letter and quilt show cards will be sent to local quilt guilds and quilt shops in the area.
- Jill Norenberg will get a drawing of the parking lot to assist with parking instructions.
- Continue to put something in the newsletter for the garage sale. Will continue discussion on where to give the proceeds from the garage sale.
- An email has been sent to the hospital to inquire about delivering the fidget blankets made by guild members, but no response received yet.
- A new committee is needed to do an insurance review, Sue Arp and Julie Robinson will lead this effort.
- Discussed doing a bed turning for members as a summer project at the May Museum in Fremont. Marilyn Bonow will talk with Linda Wagner about this. Teri Wolfe and Julie Robinson have beds that could be used for the bed turning.
- Motion made by Sue Arp, seconded by Susan Williams to donate \$500 to the local QOV chapter. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pam Schroeder, seconded by Marilyn Bonow. Karen Schliefert, Secretary

New Members

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