



Prairie Threads

Prairie Piecemakers Newsletter

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October 2023

BOO, are you Quilting??????

I always enjoy this time of the Year with cool weather and brilliant colors. Our featured lecturer is Denise Stahl. She is going to help us with everyone's addiction of BOM. I was counting how many BOM I have going, and I will only share that with myself! I hope several of you were able to take in the Cottonwood Quilters Quilt Show "Block Party". It was a beautiful show of quilts and talented quilters. See you all on the 30th of October.!

Anita Groh, President

Join Us for Our Next Meeting,

Monday, October 30, 2023, 6:30pm First Lutheran Church Fremont

Program: **Denise Stahl, The Curious Kansas Quilter**, "Hello, I'm Denise and I'm a BOM addict."

Greeters: Sue Augustin, Karen Burgin, Cindy Winter

Hostesses: Janet Scott, Linda Wagner, Colette Garton, Jan Anderson, Judy Everly

Door Prizes: Jan Anderson, Cheryl Dickmeyer, Colette Garton, Janet Larsen, Joyce Roberts, Carrol Welte

Quilt Holders: Scott Flanagan, LuAnn Franzluebbbers, Jill Norenberg, Linda Plack

Community Service October

Dodge County Head Start – Ice packs for boo boo's, thermometers, clear packing tape, Duct tape (**Duck brand please**) all colors and patterns and masking tape.

Community Service Update

I am so grateful to each guild member that brought items or donated money to our September collection. We collected 29 paper towels, 45 rolls of toilet tissue and 25 boxes of tissues! Cash donations totaled \$101 and that equals 20 toothbrushes, 20 toothpastes, 20 bodywash/shampoos and 22 deodorants. I am sure the Life House staff as well as current residents appreciate your generosity. Thanks again! Jill Norenberg

Post Card Challenge

Don't miss out on this year's 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, It's Not Too Late. Give either Marilyn (402-720-5713) or Tina (402-968-1452) a call and we will sign you up. We will pass out your post card goodies at the next meeting. It will be fun to see all the postcards and where they all come from.

Marilyn Bonow and Tina Mommens

Lincoln Guild 50th Anniversary Show

You are invited to: Lincoln Quilters Guild, 50th anniversary quilt show, "**Celebrating 50 Years of Quilting**", October 28th, 9 am – 4 pm, 6001 A Street (Church of the Holy Trinity) Lincoln, Nebraska. Attendance is free.

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Meet Your Officers and Volunteers

Sue Arp (left) is our Treasurer. She lives on a farm near Kennard. All six grandkids quilted, and she had lots of fun teaching them. Her favorite thing about quilting changes. "I just started a quilt kit that is laser cut and am enjoying the accuracy of the pieces. I also enjoy kits that come in cute boxes. Even if the quilt never gets sewn, they make great decorations." Sue's favorite thing about Prairie Piecemakers is making new friends that have a common thread. During show and tell, workshops, and programs, she gets motivated to sew and learn new things.



Jill Norenberg (center) is our Community Service Chair and lives in Fremont. Jill likes quilting because it is ever changing! "It begins with talented people who have ideas for patterns, fabrics with inspiring colors and tools that make the project even faster. I love everything about quilting." Prairie Piecemakers is important to Jill because along with learning from others she has fond memories of the group's bus trips. "Prior to COVID, every non-quilt show year, we had a bus trip. They were so much fun!"

Sue Steier is Retreat co-chair. She lives in Bennington and has been quilting for over 30 years. "I walked in the Log Cabin quilt shop in Omaha and was mesmerized by the beautiful quilts on display. It just so happened they had a quilting 101 class coming up and I immediately signed up. I love all the aspects of the craft." Sue been a member of Prairie Piecemakers for several years and have had several positions on the board. "This year, I partnered with Sally Christianson to prepare for a fun winter retreat. Being a part of the guild gives me the opportunity to be around friendly people with the same interests and I love it."

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.

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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.



Prairie Piecemakers Treasurers Report

09/01-09/30/2023

Checking account Balance \$21,488.04

Income:

Workshop 210.00

Membership 160.00

Total Income: \$370.00

Expenses:

Workshop 250.00

Speakers 1,194.89

Rent& Set-up fees (4months) 960.00

Total Expenses: \$2,404.89

Ending Balance-Checking \$19,453.15

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.

Fidget Blanket Sew Day

Join for a community service sew day on Wednesday, October 18th from 1 to 5pm at the Nebraska Quilt Company. We will be making Fidget Blankets for older persons with memory concerns. Contact Marilyn Bonow or Jill Norenberg for more info.



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Treat Recipes from September

Apple Spice Cookies

1 ½ cup flour
1 tsp apple pie spice
¾ tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
6 Tbsp butter, softened

½ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar
1 large egg
1 cup medium tart apple, peeled and grated

1. Whisk together the dry ingredients in a medium bowl.
2. In another bowl beat butter, sugar, and brown sugar until fluffy (2 minutes). Add egg and vanilla and mix. Add dry ingredients and beat until well combined.
3. Stir in apples until just combined – Chill for 30 minutes. Spoon 2 Tbsp balls on parchment lined pan.
4. Bake 14 – 18 minutes and cool.
5. Optional frosting – ¾ cup powdered sugar, 4 tsp. lemon juice, pinch of apple pie spice.

Pecan Pie Mini-Muffins

1 cup light brown sugar
½ cup flour
¼ tsp salt
1 ½ cups chopped pecans, toasted

2 large eggs, room temperature
½ cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled
1 tsp vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray the mini muffin pan with Baker's Joy or vegetable spray and dust with flour. Avoid using paper liners because they stick horribly.
2. Toast chopped pecans in a single layer on a baking sheet at 350 degrees for 8 to 9 minutes.
3. Combine brown sugar, flour, salt. Add pecans, stir. Make a well in the center of the mixture.
4. Whisk eggs until frothy. Add cooled melted butter and vanilla extract. Add liquid ingredients to dry mixture and stir until just combined.
5. Use a tablespoon cookie scoop to add batter to mini-muffin cups.
6. Bake 12 to 15 minutes – Remove from pan **immediately** to wire rack. If they stick return to oven to reheat.

Guild Meeting Minutes

Monday, Sept 25, 2023

Vicky Beasley made a fun and interesting presentation on making scrappy quilts. She brought many beautiful quilts that she's made and designed to show the group.

A motion was made by Jill Norenberg, seconded by Luann Franzluebbbers to call the meeting to order.

- A motion to approve the minutes for August was made by Pat Mommsen, seconded by Danielle Smith.
- A motion to approve treasurer's report made by Lisa Braasch, seconded by Wanda Kruger.

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- Thank you to everyone who donated to the community service project this month. Next month's donation will be for Dodge County Head Start.
- There will be a large red quilt show at the International Quilt Museum after the first of the year.
- 64 members attended the meeting tonight with 2 new members joining.
- The challenge project will be the fabric postcards. 49 people have signed up to participate in the challenge but there is still room for more. At the meeting next month people will be paired up. All are encouraged to get to know the person you've been paired with. There will be a report out in April on the challenge.
- The pattern for the January retreat was shown. This was designed by Scott Flanagan.
- The December meeting exchange will be skinny minis. The meeting will be in Fremont. Participating in the exchange is optional.
- For the garage sale, figure out what you'd like to sell. Price it to sell and bring it to the April meeting.
- Thank you to those that provided door prizes. Reminder to those providing door prizes that they do not need to be wrapped.
- Marilyn Bonow has a sample for the fidget blankets. A sew day will be arranged and the date will be announced to the group. Anyone can join to work on these blankets.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deb Schroeder, seconded by Danielle Smith.

Karen Schliefert, Secretary

Guild Steering Committee Mtg Minutes

Monday, Oct 2, 2023

A motion was made by Jill Norenberg, seconded by Sue Steier to call the meeting to order.

- A motion to approve the minutes for August was made by Danielle Smith, seconded by Mary Lou Carlson.
- The next speaker has requested that the guild pay for a campsite rather than a hotel.
- Oct 18th will be the last quilt workday for community service. This will be from 1-5 at Nebraska Quilt. Jill will send the information to Susan.
- During the September guild meeting, there were \$101 in cash donations and numerous supplies donated. October donations will go to Dodge County Head-start.
- There was a pattern left from the Scrappy Farmer presentation. This will be used as a door prize. Need to mention to the group that door prizes do not need to be wrapped.
- Discussion on adding at least one more person as a hostess for each month. The monthly participation has grown so there is a need for additional help. We currently have four each month, but we may want to go to five or six next year.
- There were 2 new members in September.
- For the challenge project, the pieces needed to create the postcards will be brought to the October meeting. Information will be sent to Susan to put something in the newsletter.

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- For the newsletter, Susan would like everything to her by the 13th to send out the newsletter on the 16th. Need pictures of three additional steering committee members for the newsletter spotlight.
- Community service project pictures will be put in the Fremont Tribune to show the community how the guild gets involved in supporting the community. A story about the Quilts of Valor presentations was recently put in the Tribune.
- The cost of printing the yearbook in the current format was higher than anticipated. Group discussed options for bringing this cost down. Discussed the potential of distributing the yearbook digitally. Previous survey found that a third of the membership would be willing to receive it digitally.
- For the January retreat, there are 20 already signed up. The cost is \$45 for the 2 days, \$25 for a single day.
- For the 2024 quilt show, there's now a chairperson for every committee.
- The garage sale will continue to be announced at the guild meetings. The Quilt Museum was discussed as a potential recipient for the proceeds of the garage sale. Members will be allowed to have items in the garage sale for free or ask for a free will donation.
- Raffle tickets for the 2024 quilt will be ready in January. Tickets will be \$20 for 10 tickets.
- Scratches on the floor from moving tables have been buffed but not all came completely out. \$250 bill will be paid directly to vendor. The insurance claims adjuster will look into this.
- Any committee member needing a table at a guild meeting let Anita know. The January retreat committee mentioned they will need a table for the next meeting.
- We need to announce that we are paying for set up and tear down at the guild meetings. Guild members do not need to help with this.
- Anita will purchase batteries for the sound system. Reminder to take the batteries out of the sound equipment when storing the items. Discussed that we may need to purchase an addition headset for use during the meetings.
- Nominations taken for a featured quilter at the 2024 quilt show.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jill Norenberg, seconded by Pat Mommsen.

Karen Schliefert, Secretary

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