



# *Prairie Threads*

Prairie Piecemakers Newsletter

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September 2023

## **Quilting Pieces**

Hi, Guild Members!!!!!!

"HAPPY FALL Y'ALL" Our summer of 2023 gone and looking forward to cooler days and a colorful Fall. My VP's stepped in for the Steering Committee Meeting and I thank them very much. Looking forward to The Scrappy Farmer. You know we all have those scraps you can't get rid of. We still have room for guild members to join her workshop on Tuesday, September 26, 9am. Remember the workshop is in the morning and you can stay and Quilt all Day at Nebraska Quilt Company. Contact me if you want to join in the fun! I told you waiting for the yearbooks one more month would be worth it. Be sure to pick yours up as you check in on Monday night. Nice job Chris Hoffman, yearbook chairman.

Just remember, I appreciate your ideas and comments. HAPPY QUILTING  
Anita Groh, President

## **Vicky Beasley, The Scrappy Farmer**

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 refreshments and 7:00 program**

The beauty of scrap quilting. Vicky shares her passion for all things scrappy! In her presentation/trunk show Vicky shares how she organizes, cut & uses her scraps. Vicky will bring 50+ scrappy quilts to share the versatility that can be created with scraps.



GREETERS: Marilyn Appleby, Liz Fox, LindaKay Hermes

HOSTESSES: \*Susan Williams, Carol Bosshardt, Karen Ruwe, Lisa Braasch

DOOR PRIZES: Judi Adams, Marilyn Clark, Rhonda Ehrisman, Barbara McLaughlin, Susan Williams

QUILT HOLDERS: Rhonda Ehrisman, Loraine Smith, Ellen Stigge, Teri Wolfe

COMMUNITY SERVICE: **Fremont and Arlington grade schools – pencils, colored pencils, printer paper.**

## **SCRAPPY DIAMONDS WORKSHOP**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, 9AM-12PM Nebraska Quilt Company

The Diamond Quilt measures 69" x 88". You will need (24) 12" block foundations (either paper or muslin). You will need (24) 11" blocks for a background. Color of your choice. Scrappy Farmer used black background. No special tools needed. Just your basic sewing supplies, ruler & rotary cutter. Remember Nebraska Quilt has cutting mats and irons. Plus, don't forget all your SCRAPs.

Class Fee \$30.00. Lunch is on your own. Maybe one of the many eateries downtown or bring your own. Contact Anita Groh to sign up or if you have any questions. Hope you decide to join us!!!!

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## **WHAT AN AMAZING START TO OUR NEW YEAR!**

Prairie Piecemakers – when there is a need, you step up! Our community service collection for “Thriftology” was a huge success! Just a sample as to what was donated: 23 toothpastes, 23 toothbrushes, 13 deodorants, 14 bars of soap, 14 bottles of body wash and Kleenex, toilet paper etc. You are all AWESOME! In addition, \$56 was collected as well! Dick and I delivered the goods to Thriftology. The manager requested deodorant and shampoo (2 things they can’t keep on the shelves) so with our \$56 they received 20 (additional) bottles of shampoo and 22 deodorants! They were very appreciative!

Thank you so very much! Wouldn’t it be nice to provide a similar amount each month? September service is paper products for LifeHouse (our shelter for the temporary homeless of our area). Thank you again for your generous hearts! Jill Norenberg

## **Quilt of Valor Presentation**

At our August meeting, we had the 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 awarded two quilts to veterans honoring them for their service.

**Donald Anderson** served in the Navy during the Cold War from 1946 to 1948 as Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> class. Don served on the USS Los Angeles and the USS Duluth. He departed from San Diego and returned to Long Beach, working in the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant’s office. He remembers sailing to Australia, Guam, and Shanghai as part of the US Navy presence in the Pacific after World War II. Don lives in Fremont Nebraska.



**Steve Anderson** served in the Air Force between 1968 and 1978 during the Cold War and the Vietnam War as Captain. Steve was stationed at the Ubon Royal Thai Air Base in 1971. Between 1973 and 1978, he was a Reconnaissance Pilot and flew 135 missions from bases including RAF Mildenhall England; Kadena AB Japan; Eilson AFB Alaska; and Hellenikon AB Greece. He was also delivery officer at Offutt AFB in NE. Steve was awarded the USAF Air Medal, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. Steve is the son of Don Anderson and lives in Omaha.



The QOV group invites any interested volunteer 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.

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## **Christmas Party**

This year we will have a “Skinny Mini” exchange with the Christmas party on December 11, 2023, 6:30pm at Big Red Keno. No size requirements, if it’s kind of “skinny” and kind of “mini” and in any pattern, color, season, or holiday works. Be sure to get the date on your December calendar!! Sign-up sheets will be at the October and November meetings.



## **Prairie Piecemakers Garage Sale**

Time to look through your patterns, fabrics, kits, notions, etc. for things that you no longer want. The Guild will be sponsoring a quilters’ garage sale at our April guild meeting. Please bring everything priced to sell that evening. We do not want it early and you are responsible for taking anything home that is not sold. Proceeds will be used by the guild at the discretion of the steering committee. Please do not bring scraps. Whole goods, charm packs, cakes, fat quarter bundles and jelly rolls are acceptable. Remember, anything you bring must be priced for sale and if not sold, must be taken home as we will not have any place to go with the leftovers.

## **Meet the Officers & Volunteers**

By highlighting some of our Prairie Piecemakers Officers and Steering Committee Volunteers, we hope you get to know them better!

**Tina Mommens** (far left) is Challenge Project co-chair. She lives in Omaha. Tina loves quilting from the start to the finish. “It is all about learning new things.” She loves the atmosphere and laughter at Prairie Piecemakers. “It is the people – so friendly and welcoming.”

**Danielle Smith** (center) is co-chair of the Hostesses. She lives in Valley. Danielle loves quilting because she can try new things and put things together doing the unexpected. Danielle likes Prairie Piecemakers because of the fellowship. She says, “Gathering with people who love the same things is like a ‘good soup’.”



**Chris Hoffman** (far right) is Yearbook chair. She lives in Fort Calhoun. Chris loves paper piecing. “It’s my one chance to get flying geese with great points.” Chris likes being involved with Prairie Piecemakers because she gets to know all the nice people.

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## Camp Fontinel Quilts

If you would like to make a quilt for Camp Fontinel contact Linda True. Quilts top size is 72 X 102. Linda will quilt and bind them. She will issue you a tax-deductible letter.

## Upcoming Quilting Events

- **Quilters Garage Sale**, 1208 Ruth Ave. Fremont, NE. Friday, September 15, 9-4 and Saturday, September 16, 8-12 Newer Janome Serger, older sewing machine, embroidery machine patterns (CD and thumb drive) embroidery hoops, stabilizers, quilting fabric, LOTS of new embroidery and quilting thread, current quilting supplies and lots more.
- **Cottonwood Quilters Quilt Show** Lutheran Church of the Master West Campus, 1200 N. 181<sup>st</sup> Court Elkhorn, NE 68022, October 5, 3pm -7pm, October 6, 9am – 7pm, October 7, 9am – 4pm, Admission \$9.00 Children 6-12 \$5.00
- **Nebraska State Quilt Guild**, *Threads Across Nebraska*, Oct 13 & 14 buffalo County Fairgrounds Kearney, Friday 9 to 6pm, Sat 9 to 4pm. Adults 8.00 Children 4-12 4.00. Featured Quilter Janice Lippincott
- **International Quilt Museum** Lincoln NE. Now showing World War I Quilts, the Sue Reich Collection. Also showing Layered & Stitched, 50 years of Innovative Art. Showcases 50 art quilts depicting the evolution of the art quilt
- **Exclusive Virtual Retreat! Unlock the Perfect PFIT November 12-14**, Four shops (P-Poppy Quilt N Sew, F-Fabric Bash, I-The Iowa Quilt Block, T-Two Chicks Quilting) will have tons tips, tricks and prizes. With your Virtual Retreat Sign-Up, you will receive: Entry into the Meeting Room (we will be using Streamyard). Your "Charmed to Meet You Retreat Package" will include the *Charming Jelly Roll* book. The first 50 books personally autographed by the designer, Scott Flanagan. The retreat package includes other fun things and gift certificates from each shop! Door Prizes will be drawn every day -- you do not have to be "live" to win a prize.
  - We will be "live" the entire retreat: Sunday, Nov 12 from 2:00pm - 8:00pm Central, Monday, Nov 13 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm Central, Tuesday, Nov 14 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm Central
  - Work on a project out of the *Charming Jelly Roll* book. Each shop will choose a quilt from the book to work on and share lots of tips and tricks with you.
  - Participants can chat along in the "Chat" section and will have the opportunity to join the live stream and show off what they are doing.
  - Sign-up is easy! This event for \$69.99. Be sure to use the email you wish to receive your invitation to and include your phone number just in case we need to reach you.  
<https://fabricbash.com/products/pfit-retreat? pos=1& sid=1c5837f1c& ss=r>

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## **Steering Committee Meeting**

Sept. 5, 2023

A motion to call the meeting to order was made by Jill Norenberg and seconded by Sue Steier. Vice Presidents LuAnn Franzluebbbers and Julie Robinson welcomed everyone and indicated President Anita Groh was ill.

- Jill Norenberg reported that \$56.00 in cash donations was collected for Community Service. She was able to buy 20 bottles of shampoo and 20 deodorants. Everyone though the cash donations were a great addition to the project.
- Membership is over 100 people.
- The newsletter will be sent Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Everyone liked the new Yearbooks.
- Sue Steier reported that the January retreat would cost the same. Food will be catered, and Scott will have a pattern for the new guild quilt block for people to sew.
- Sue Augustine and Pat Mommsen indicated that they will be looking for new people to partner with committee chairmen. Discussed the idea of a "scrap sale".
- Colette reported that the Christmas party was set for Big Red Keno and the Skinny Mini quilt exchange was optional.
- Lisa Braasch reported on the Garage Sale for April. People will bring their items marked. Money will go to the guild and if an item doesn't sell the person should take it back home.
- Carroll Welte is looking for pictures of the Summer Retreat and the Christmas Party for the web page.
- September workshop has 10 people.
- Everyone liked the Quilts of Valor presentation and wanted to do it again.
- Nominations for Featured Quilter will take place at the October Steering Committee meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jill Norenberg and seconded by Pat Mommsen.

## **Prairie Piecemakers Treasurers Report**

08/01-08/31/2023

Checking account Balance                      \$21,771.81

### Income:

2024 Raffle quilt	\$52.00
Membership	<u>20.00</u>
Total Income:	\$72.00

### Expenses:

Office-web page	\$144.00
Raffle Tickets-printing	<u>\$211.77</u>
Total Expenses:	\$355.77

Ending Balance-Checking                      \$21,488.04

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## **Guild Meeting Minutes**

Monday, Aug. 28, 2023

A Quilt of Valor presentation was made to a father and son honoring them for their military service. Cynthia Perry made a presentation to the group titled "The Great Tohoku – Triple Disaster". Her quilts depicted the earthquake and resulting tsunami and nuclear disaster that occurred in Japan in 2011.

A motion was made by Therese Hoyle, seconded by Danielle Smith to call the meeting to order.

- A motion to approve the minutes for April made by Therese Hoyle, seconded by Lisa Braasch.
- A motion to approve treasurer's report made by Deb Schroeder, seconded by Marilyn Bonow.
- New container for cash donations for community service will be by the door for those wishing to donate.
- 80 in attendance for the meeting including 5 guests and 5 new members. 106 total members in the guild.
- Challenge project will facilitate getting to know other members of the guild. It will include mailable postcards.
- Yearbook will be provided at the next meeting.
- December party at Big Red Keno will include an exchange of skinny wall hangings.
- More participants are needed for the workshop at Nebraska Quilt. Attendees can stay and work after the workshop is complete.
- Door prizes were handed out and a thank you given to hostesses!

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Flanagan, seconded by Joyce Roberts.

Karen Schliefert, Secretary

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