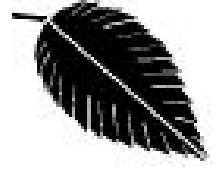




Elm City Quilters' Guild



October 2007

Marj Deveau, Editor

Minutes of the September 13 meeting

Lois Estabrooks, Secretary

Sandra welcomed everyone, extending welcome to three new members. This was the first meeting on our new night, the second THURSDAY of each month. At least, till further notice.

Joan Baldwin spoke to the meeting; she and her committee are looking to find a new place for us to meet, one with no stairs and would store our filing cabinets full of books. If you know of any prospects, see Joan. Plans are under way for our Xmas party, possibly at the Ramada Inn.

The **newsletter** is going out to many members by e-mail. If you would like to receive it this way, please give us your address. How many would still like to receive the newsletter as hardcopy? We need a number, so we are not printing more than needed.

The Quilt Show committee is gearing up for the October 2008 show. Please volunteer if you would like to help out.

Please bring in a fat quarter to the next meeting. The Guild would like to send a package to Cheryl Petreman in Germany.

Apparently fabric is pricey there.

An Ice Breaker word puzzle was played by each table, testing our knowledge on quilts. It was organized by Joan B. and won by Ann Wood.

Treasurer's Report by Ann Wood: Balance \$5,847.08

Correspondence: Linda Hubbard would like our Guild to make luggage tags. They will be put in the goody bags at the CQA conference in March 2008 in NL. Our Guild has committed to making 100 tags.

Workshops: workdays are listed in the previous newsletter. The next workday is Sept. 29

Library: Kim Day announced that many books were not returned after the long summer. Get your books in and don't take out more until the first ones are returned.

The quilt that was worked on at the Exhibition is not yet finished and is being set up at the Maugerville Hall. If you can help, give Sandra a call. We had great comments on our booth at the Frex and we are invited back again next year.

Programs for the upcoming year:

Oct.: Hints and Best Quilt Practices
Nov.: Holly from Country Crafts on Thimbleberries

Dec.: Xmas dinner
Jan.: A Quilter's Profile
Feb.: Yard Sale

Mar.: How to resize a block

Charity: Jennifer Speedy spoke on the Comfort Quilts, two have been sent to Ontario. Other ongoing projects are the adult bibs, hats to oncology and wall hangings to Stan Cassidy Center.

Door Prize: Frances Mazzerole

Fat Quarters: Bev Tapley.

2007/2008 EXECUTIVE

Chair – Sandra Day

Co-Chair – Joan Baldwin

Programs – Cecil Grant
Joan Baldwin

Workdays – Jackie Ferguson
Sandra Noftell
Dora Martin

Reception – Clair Buck
Peggy Landry
Pat Kennedy
Gail Searles

Library - Kim Day
Ruth Randall

Fat Quarters – Karen Guitard
Treasurer – Anne Wood
Secretary – Lois Estabrooks
Newsletter – Marj Deveau



February Retreat



It's time to mark your calendars and make plans for our "Retreat" at the Villa Madonna in Rothesay for February 14 to 17th.

For anyone who might be new to the guild this year, I'll try to explain what we do at the retreat. The retreat is held every year at the beautiful Villa Madonna in Roth say. All guild members are welcome and it is a great way to get to know others in the guild--never be shy or stay home because you don't know anyone. This is not a skill testing weekend or anything like that. It is a weekend to relax, sew, learn from others, get new ideas, share ideas, shop and truly enjoy the company of our guild members. If you are having any "Quilting" problems--bring them along and you can be sure someone wants to help you. We take whatever we want to work on and you are free to do whatever you wish. We usually have a couple of quick demonstrations throughout the weekend.

When you arrive at the Villa you will be assigned your own bedroom with a single bed and a sink in each room. There are a few rooms that do have full baths so anyone who requires a full bath usually gets one--just ask. We are the only people at the Villa for that weekend so we can stay in our PJ's all weekend if we like. We set up our machines in a big room and spend most of our time there.

The Villa supplies all our breaks and meals for the entire weekend. There is no need to bring any food with you, it seems like we eat all the time and the meals are fantastic. Best of all we don't have to prepare food or clean up.

The first night we are there we usually meet in the dining room where we introduce ourselves and we have a wonderful "Show and Tell". Some people stay up to the wee hours of the morning sewing. We have so much fun we hate to waste it sleeping. On Saturday night we have another "Show and Tell" and it is amazing what gets done in a day or so if you don't have to clean or cook!

The Town and Country Quilt Store is close to the Villa and they always give us a discount for the weekend on our purchases. There is always someone running to the quilt store so there is no problem to get there. The owner even offered to come get anyone who wanted to go.

Every year our retreat gets better and better. Every year I have so many people tell me what a wonderful weekend they had and how much they enjoyed the retreat. I myself can't take the credit for making this happen, it just happens itself; Quilters are just great friendly people. We have a lot in common! Nobody enjoys the retreat more than I do. There are never enough retreats for me.

This year our retreat will begin on Thursday evening and will go until after lunch on Sunday. The total cost for the weekend will be \$225. I will be taking names at the November meeting. For those of you who would really like to come but have to work on Friday, please let me know and I can most likely get the price adjusted.

I am looking for volunteers to do some quick demo's and I will be coming up with some fun things to do--if you should have any ideas please call me. More information will follow in the months to come.

Please feel free to call me or ask me any questions you might have. I look forward to meeting you!

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Planned Workshops

October 13 – Luggage Tags for QC
November 24 – Chenille Scarf
December 8 -

WHO ARE YOU?

Welcome to our new members and a welcome back to our returning members.

Just a reminder to wear your name tag. We have new members joining us as well as the returning members with short memories such as myself. Wearing your name tag whether made yourself or purchased is so helpful.

Name tags can be purchased by ordering from Peggy Landry during the break at our October meeting.

NOTE: The Fredericton Guild has invited Pippa Moore – textile artist, quilt maker & teacher from Vancouver Island to Fredericton on February 18th to hold workshops. The Fredericton Guild wanted to know if our Guild would be interested in hosting some additional workshops. Joan will provide more details at our October meeting. Web site for additional information: www.pippamoore.ca