



Elm City Quilters' Guild



November 2007

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Minutes of October 15, 2007

Terry Teskey was acting secretary in Lois Estabrooks' absence.

74 members in attendance – Sandra welcomed Caroline Finney and Laurie Doucet to the guild.

Correspondence: The CQA conference is asking for donations of table toppers or wall hangings in a seasonal theme. We only need to make 50 luggage tags not 100 as previously stated.

Program: Cecile Grant & Joan Baldwin shared their quilting tips – such as magnetic bowl, mini vacuum, masking tape for removing threads, painters tape for marking quilts, flannel back table cloth for laying out blocks, pressing odd rows to left and even rows to the right and much more.

Financial Report: Balance as of Oct 07 - 5, 965.99 as submitted by Ann Wood

Library – Kim Day reported that a better job was done of returning books and there will be new magazines to view at break time.

Sandra Nofel – Workdays are listed in the newsletter.

Saturday Oct 13 Jackie Ferguson will be demonstrating how to make the luggage tags.

Nov. 24 – Deborah Birch will be demonstrating how to make chenille scarves.

Jan – Gwenda Mattinson will be doing a Convergence Workshop (Ricky Timms)

Feb. – Joan Baldwin informed us that Pippa Moore will be coming to the Fredericton Guild to do workshops and we have been invited to take part - more information to follow.

Lee MacLean from the Fredericton Guild spoke to us about a trunk show of Heddie Bremer 's mini quilts to be displayed at the Stepping Stone Centre on Nov. 3 from 11-4 everyone welcome – bring a 6” piece for fabric in pinks/purple

The guild Christmas dinner to be held Dec. 3 will be at a cost of \$13.00 per members and the guild will be paying \$10.00 for each member.

Fat Quarters Draw– Kimberley Day
Name Tag Draw - Karen Guitard



FEBRUARY RETREAT by Connie

I am taking names of those interested in attending our Guild Retreat on Feb. 15-17th at the Villa Madonna. Payment has to be made at the January meeting of \$225. Please do not put your name on the list if you aren't sure you will be able to attend. I will be handing out more information at the meeting for those who register. This is the week-end we all look forward to every winter and if you are new to the guild or have never been to our retreat before--now is the time. This year we will arrive at the Villa on Thursday evening after supper and leave on Sunday after lunch. Don't worry about how you will get there--give me a call and I can most likely find you a ride if you don't know anyone else going.

I have been planning the guild retreats for a few years now and I must say the greatest reward for me is to see someone come to the retreat for the first time and see that person really come out of their shell and truly enjoy themselves. That person would be the person who never stood up or spoke up in front of the guild or never took part in show and tell but after they attended the retreat they were able to feel like part of our guild family. You will get to know other people in a more relaxed setting and feel more comfortable. Please don't stay home because you don't know anyone else going--by the time the weekend is over you will know at least 40 more people than you did before the retreat.

I can be reached at 472-0794 if you should have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me. My goal is to make sure you have a great weekend and want to come back another year. Come and get INSPIRED, clean up some of those unfinished projects or get help with a project you are having trouble with. I myself can't think of a better way to spend a weekend than to be with such a great bunch of ladies on a stress free wonderful weekend.

Hope to see you at the RETREAT!

Scheduled Workdays

Nov. 24 - chenille scarf taught by Debra Birch.

Nov. 17 - Cathy Hachey will teach "It's a Wrap". Cathy had many bags and bowls at Show and Tell last month and great interest was expressed in having her teach a workshop on it. This will be a paid workshop as we have to rent a hall. Cost will be 10.00 for the day.

On the questionnaire circulated at the Sept. meeting, the greatest item of interest was a Christmas runner. We will have that as our Dec. workday project. The final pattern has not been decided. We would like to hold a mini retreat in Dec. to finish, or start, our Christmas projects. I have not heard as to whether or not we will be able to have the hall for the Friday before our workday to make that possible. I will try to find out before Wednesdays meeting.

Do you have any ideas for a Christmas runner that you would be interested in sharing?

Workshop coming up in January with Gwenda Mattinson. She will teach the Ricky Tims method of convergence quilting. She will bring a sample to the meeting.

Sandra



Xmas Party Message

Our Xmas Party will be at the Ramada Inn (the old Howard Johnson's) on December 3rd. Doors open at 6, dinner will be served at 6:30.

Dinner tickets will be \$13.00 and for sale at our November meeting. If you are not at our meeting and want to attend please call Joan Baldwin at 450-3991 by November 28th.

This year for a gift exchange we will ask all members, if they choose to participate, to bring a gift wrapped coffee mug with either a fat quarter or notion inside.

OPEN HOUSE!

Come celebrate with me the Grand Opening of my wonderful new quilt shop, The Christmas Crab Quiltery, 553 Main St., Woodstock, NB 506-328-6018 on Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 9am to 4 pm.

Free keepsake and entry to win a Grand Prize with all purchases! Extra ballot for every \$20 spent.

Refreshments will be served.

The Christmas Crab Quiltery specializes in super low prices!

Proprietor: Joanne Craig

I am looking for a giant L or square hoop-it-all and table for a Kenmore. If not, does anybody know of a dealer in New Brunswick that sells or can order this item.

Evelyn MacNaughton phone number is 455-3857 or email emacnaugh@yahoo.ca

May 22nd to 25th, 2008 - Quebec's 3rd Provincial Quilt & Textile Art Exhibition

- Location: Collee Andre Grasset, 1001 east Cremazie Blvd. (corner of Christophe Colomb) Montreal, QC (Cremazie metro station) Hours: Thursday - 1 - 9pm Friday 10am - 9pm Sat. 10am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 3pm Visit their website for more information: www.cqq.ca

"Bloopers by Cecile"

Is it just me or does anyone else get irritated by those books and patterns that claim that you can make a quilt in a WEEKEND ? This thought occurred to me as I was doing some rotary cutting at 3:30 in the morning. Just one advantage of menopausal insomnia and night sweats is that you have more hours in the day, so to speak.

So there I was, cutting away, when I started to wonder how many actual hours go into making a quilt from beginning to end. Beside the obvious steps listed in these patterns, do any of them mention the possible bloopers which can so easily turn a so-called WEEKEND QUILT into a UFO?

Here are some of my bloopers:

I once cut twelve blocks and embroidered them lavishly before realizing that I **had not** included a seam allowance. This quilt is now **almost** finished after nearly 25 years.

While marking a quilting pattern, I incorrectly started the pattern in the middle of the border and then was unable to **erase** it. No problem...I thought... I'll just replace that border. Big problem, I

really only had a very small piece of fabric left and had to piece the border and make do. **Eventually**, it turned out just fine. And what about all that time spent **un-sewing**? I have finally discovered that when I use two different coloured threads for the top and bobbin, it makes those ripping episodes a bit easier. Believe it or not, when you can tell the top from the bottom thread, it allows you to pull out a longer string of thread instead of tightening the seam. Only those who sometimes have to un-sew should try this!

While doing the final pressing of a soon to be finished top, I **burnt** a few tiny pieces within a nine-patch block. Now, if I was paid by the hour, removing and replacing such pieces would surely add great value to this quilt! This oops instantly disqualified thieprojet as a WEEKEND QUILT.

Enough said about my bloopers! I hope you agree that we must accept that making a quilt is a labour of love which cannot be rushed. Quilts were not meant to be completed in a WEEKEND and UFO's are really works in progress.