

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS GUILD MEETING

August 13, 2011

Friendship Quilters meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. August 13, 2011 and everyone was welcomed by President Peggy Williams. Visitors were especially welcomed: Gary Batson (who is actually a long-absent member), Lura Campbell, and Linda Giddens (who sells fabric).

Shirley Sargent inspired us with a reading about 42 daughters and handwork.

Peggy thanked Shelia Robertson and Peggy White for our refreshments. Next month's refreshments will be provided by Sally Day, Esther Sear, and Terry Ware. She thanked Jackie White and Irene Dison for a timely newsletter.

Florence Kerr recognized the August birthdays of Linda Jimerson, Jackie White, Brownie Drummonds, Aline Gardner, and Carole DeGrenier.

Judy Boozer announced the items available on the raffle table, the proceeds of which will fund our lunches during next month's sew-in. (September 15, 16, & 17). The raffle table has been a successful fundraiser this year.

Paige moved and Betsy Batson seconded that the minutes be accepted as posted on the web page. Motion carried.

Donna Nicholson gave the treasurer's report. She provided information on a P.A. system which we are testing out today. Margaret Rose moved and Terry Andrews seconded that we reimburse Donna for the purchase of the P.A. system. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Donna provided an update on the web site account which expires on August 24. Since the rate has increased considerably, the executive board moved to pay for only one year for this service then look into other options. The members voted to pay for one year. Bernee' Long will be transitioning in as our 2012 webmaster.

Margaret Rose gave an update on the Quilts of Valor Project. The Veterans' Home will actually have 230 beds to include 24 Alzheimer beds, 126 other skilled nursing beds, and 80 domiciliary beds. Some of the veterans may be transferring in from the home in Huntsville or Alexander City and will already have a quilt. The Pell City facility is scheduled to open May or June of 2012. Fort Rucker will be having a Quilt of Valor presentation in November 2011. If a quilt doesn't fit the Veterans' Home quilt dimensions, Margaret will send it to Fort Rucker.

Donna Nicholson presented an update on the November 5th and 6th quilt show. Lunches will be available for our members and will cost \$5 for vendors. She advised that the entry form for quilts to be displayed is on the web home page. Every quilt needs an entry form. If you have one or more in progress, you should go ahead and submit entry forms so you will have the inspiration to finish by the time of the show. All Quilts of Valor will also need an entry form. We discussed telling other guilds about the quilt show. The members from the JOY Quilters, Lick Skillet, Birmingham, Gadsden, and Evening Star guilds that are here should carry the information to those guilds. Sally Day will see that information is available for *A Time to Sew* before the Collinsville Quilt Walk in September. Jackie White is developing a flyer for the show to be available by the next meeting.

After a short recess, Florence Kerr demonstrated the Accu-Quilt-Go. It does die cuts, so it is a true cut. Members discussed purchasing this equipment for use by our members. We could share dies. She explained the cost. It will be especially useful for cutting blocks and strips for the Quilts of Valor Project and prayer quilts. It would be available at sew-days, sew-ins, and even on meeting days for member's use. Shirley Sargent suggested that the guild buy the basic and most commonly used dies; (2 ½ inch strips and 6 ½ inch strips). Gary Batson asked about the durability of the dies. Florence said that they last a very long time when used properly. Celisia Burke suggested we buy a 3 inch die, because it is also useful and there are a few members that already have 2 ½ inch dies. Margaret Rose suggested that members with dies e-mail Florence Kerr to let her know which dies they have and are willing to make available for use. Betsy Batson moved and Jackie Crumley seconded that we purchase the Accu-Quilt-Go and some dies not already available. A \$300 limit was set for the equipment and dies. Peggy called for a vote. Motion carried.

Gary Batson was recognized and invited us to the 12th Annual Quilts at the Falls" show September 23 and 24. There is a \$3 admission. He also invited us to enter quilts in the show. No fee for entering a quilt. Their guild does not charge dues because they are an entity of the city of Gadsden. They meet on Tuesdays. Their raffle quilt and the show proceeds are their only source of income. The Gadsden Museum of Arts gets about ½ of their show proceeds. Gary also volunteered to pick up and deliver quilts that we want to enter in the show. He will be here at our September guild meeting to pick up our quilts for display. Please mail him the entry forms as soon as possible to that he can process the entries.

Shelia Robertson introduced Lura Campbell. Lura is an award winning quilter whose quilts have shown around the United States and Japan. She showed us some Convergence Quilts she has made using Ricky Tims' inspiration. She told us about some of the things that make a successful convergence (large prints) and things that will enhance them. Lura will teach the method at our sew-in on Saturday, September 17th. Lura buys 1 ½ to 3 yards of her focus fabric, but it is possible to make a convergence quilt with just 4 fat quarters. Lura showed us several quilts one of which was a stack-in-whack 4 convergence with three fabrics to make a beautiful queen-size quilt.

Florence Kerr can order Ricky Tims' *Convergence Quilt* book, but it is not necessary for the class. There is no pre-cutting and no pre-sewing. Lura's class is \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members (space permitting). All interested in taking the class should sign up with Shelia today. Those interested in purchasing the book, see Florence today.

Linda Giddens brought some red, white, and blue fabrics in case anyone needs some today. She will also be here next month with more fabric.

Beginning Thursday, September 1st, we are moving our sew-days from Mondays to Thursday each week (9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.) This will coordinate nicely with our 3-day sew-ins.

After Show and Tell (see facebook page) and prize drawings, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Rose, Secretary