

October 8, 2011

Friendship Quilters meeting called to order by President Peggy Williams at 10:10 a.m.

Guests: Mr. Haynes who came by to pick up sewing machines to work on. Jill brought Suzette Scout who does beading and jewelry. Margaret Rose brought Walt Hebert who joined the guild. Dixie Terry is a new member. Janice Buster is a new member. Karen Dawson is a new member from Alpine. Sherry Allen came by way of Denise Boshell.

Shirley Sargent read our inspiration about a Friendship Quilt and shared that she is glad that we have a Friendship Quilters.

Aline Gardner thanked us for participating in the Gadsden Quilts at the Falls. She also said that the troops overseas are very appreciative of the gifts and packages that they receive from quilters and the inspiration we give the community. Peggy Williams said that it was a really nice show.

Thanks to Judy Boozer, Shirley Sargent and Florence Kerr for refreshments.

Florence Kerr passed out gifts for October birthdays to Sally Day, Celisia Burke and Donna Crowe.

Sew-In News: We had record numbers participate and a great Convergence Quilt class. Thanks to Judy Boozer for taking care of the outstanding lunches. Thanks to Shelia for the "make it and take it" projects. We have spoken with Nancy at Pell City Recreation about a spring Sew-In. She will work with us to have a larger room at the Civic Center for that.

Minutes of the September meeting were posted in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. Jackie White moved, Donna Nicholson seconded that the minutes be approved as posted. Motion carried.

Donna Nicholson gave the treasurer's report. Margaret Rose moved, Jackie White seconded the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried.

Opportunity Quilts: Shelia Robertson has tickets and pictures for the opportunity quilt. Please pick some up and sell them. Mentioning our participation in Quilts of Valor is a good way to sell tickets. Drawing will be Sunday, November 6, 2011.

Show and Tell:

Linda Jimerson showed a blue and white disappearing 4-patch quilt top and a red white and blue skinny strips (or line) quilt top.

Jackie White did four "Project Linus" panel quilts. Two were quilted by Denise Boshell, and two were quilted by Judy Boozer.

Beth Staples showed her completed Convergence Quilt which she also quilted and a Quilt of Valor quilted by Margaret Rose.

Carole Degrenier showed a black, white, and pink "take 5" Wedding Quilt quilted by Margaret Rose.

Debbie Swann showed a southwestern looking quilt started by Carole DeGrenier who does not like paper piecing and gave it to Debbie to finish. It is done in autumn colors.

Terry Russell showed two convergence quilts with cat themes. She appliquéd cats on it.

Shirley Sargent told us about the block of the month for next month.

Peggy Williams and others paid \$0.25 fines for not having name tags.

Peggy Williams told us about the Christmas party at Sunset Inn just south of Gadsden off of Hwy 77. We are challenged to bring a completed project for show and tell at the quilt show. We will not exchange ornaments at the Christmas party because we are very busy doing other projects.

Terry Andrews won the fat quarters. Secret pal gifts were distributed.

Sarah Childress is chairman of the officer nominating committee. Jackie Crumley and Jackie White volunteered to help her. Our by-laws state that Officers can hold office for two years. Margaret Rose is completing her second year as Secretary. Because we voted to make an exception last year, Donna Nicholson is completing her third year as treasurer. Sarah will especially be looking for replacements for these two offices.

QOV update: Margaret Rose told us about the retreat that is being sponsored by Alabama Quilts of Valor, Heart to Heart Quilt shop and Magnolia Springs. It will be at Magnolia Springs the weekend after Valentines Day. We will have a QOV presentation at the quilt show for a Coast Guard serviceman from Gadsden who is currently in Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Donna Nicholson gave a quilt show report. We have over 200 quilts to show and need all members and their significant others or adult children to assist with set up and take down. Be at Civic Center at 8:00 a.m. (or even a few minutes earlier) to help set up. Last time we started at 8:00 a.m. and were done by 2:00 p.m. This time we have more to do, but with enough workers we should be able to do it in the same time. Take down is Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Quilts can be picked up at 6:00 p.m. Donna passed around a workers schedule. There will be a country store for the guild. If you have anything to donate, please remember the country store. Saturday the show will be 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday will be Noon until 5:00 p.m. We need ladders, piano carts, hand trucks, pairs of saw horses, trucks and trailers. Donna checked with those whose supplies we used last year. We plan on having a bed turning for vintage quilts. Shelia Robertson explained

what that would entail. She needs to know how many vintage quilts will be shown and a write up about the history of the quilt. For advertizing the show, we will have a streamer on Coosa Cable network for 10 days preceding the quilt show. Peggy Williams and Donna Nicholson will be on Good Day Alabama, Fox 6, at 8:30 a.m. on November 3rd to advertize the quilt show. The show is already advertized at the Civic Center and on Pell City's internet page.

Door Prizes were won by Peggy Williams, Shelia Robertson, Jackie White, Mary Casey, Sally Day, Jane Wilson, Donna Nicholson, and Judy Boozer.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Rose, Secretary.