

Wallowa Mountain Quilters' Guild September 2018 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by president Marietta Herinckx. 33 members were present. Introductions of everyone present, including several new members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jeannie Alford stated the current checking account balance is \$5580.84 less \$500 that is set aside for barn quilt project, bringing the ending balance to \$5080.84. Jeannie reported the grant money will be paid out for our service quilts. There is a balance of \$2002.48 in the savings account. It was discussed that no money had been transferred to the savings account in some time. Bev Hayward made a motion to move \$500 into the savings account. Joann Pollock seconded and the motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Patti Anderson from La Grande Quilt Shop joined the meeting and gave a presentation "trends seen at quilt market". She gave an interesting presentation on all the various and fun things she saw at market. One take-away was there are no rules in quilting anymore. Anything goes! She also presented a list of classes the La Grande Quilt Shop offers, with samples of the finished products, along with a hand out regarding the Quilting on the Dry Side shop hop. She mentioned that if anyone needs anything sent over from the shop, order online through their website at lagrandequiltshop.com and mention "FREE 2018" for free shopping. Also 'like' their page on Facebook to see all the specials and weekly deals they offer. Patti will also be teaching a Sue Spargo kit class for us January 5th. More info to follow on that.

Old Business: Reports from Committee Chairpersons

1. Baby Quilts: Cheryl Jenkins reported the supply is low for baby quilts. 32 quilts have been given out so far this year. Cheryl has new labels for the backs of the quilts. There is a baby quilt sew day on Saturday, September 15th at the VFW at 9:00am. Salad potluck.
2. Fire Quilts: Karolyne Doss reported there is a need for larger quilts, queen or king size. There are plenty of baby quilts. Discussion followed about donating some of the baby quilts to the hospital baby quilt project. Betty Whitehead made a motion to donate six baby quilts, Bev Hayward seconded and the motion carried.
3. Raffle Quilt: Betty Whitehead has appliqued the corner of the current raffle quilt. She did a beautiful job! Bobbi Thomson is making pillow slips. Betty will organize the showing locations of the raffle quilt. Barbara McCormack has the fabric and pattern for next years' raffle quilt.
4. Honor Quilts: Linda Koloski was not present to give a report on honor quilts.

New Business

1. President Marietta passed around sign-up sheets for various committees that need chair persons. A monthly hostess sign-up sheet was also passed around. Bev Hayward distributed a list of the Saturday sew days and mentioned there are several that she won't be able to attend so will be looking for help with set up and take down. Starting with the baby sew day on this coming Saturday. Connie Jenkins volunteered to help.
2. Celeste Bauck distributed the first two steps of the Medallion Quilt Challenge. Each month that you bring your completed step to show your name will be entered into a special drawing when all the steps are completed.
3. Marietta spoke about the UFO Challenge contract. Bring a filled out copy of this contract to the October meeting (if you didn't already turn it in). Finished UFOs will be checked off against your contract. When you have completed your list of finished UFOs your name will go into a drawing to win the end of year gift.
4. Bev Hayward talked about the Linda Knifong baby quilt challenge. A lot of Linda's fabric was available at the meeting to choose from. The finished quilts will be due at the May meeting. They will be displayed at the quilt show, then on to the hospital.
5. Bev Hayward presented the Block of the Month. A scrappy 16 ½ inch block in fall colors. Please also complete one in reds, whites and blues for an honor block. For everyone who completes a block, their name will go into a drawing and whose ever name is drawn will get all the blocks.
6. Bobbi Thomson distributed fabric for this month's honor quilt block. Very simple ½ square triangle!
7. Karolyne Doss passed around a sign-up sheet for sewing machine cleaning and repair, by the Treasure Every Stitch quilt shop owner in Baker City. He will come to the Hurricane Creek Grange to work on the machines. Karolyne also mentioned there is a new quilt shop (Patrick's).

Spring Retreat

Gail Hillock and Karolyne have been busy finding a new place for the spring retreat. It will be at the Lewiston Red Lion March 21, 22, 23 of 2019. Rooms are \$102.60 per night so divide how many people you are sharing with to get your cost. 2 Queen beds so 4 total may room together. The rooms include a free continental breakfast. Other meals will be on your own. There is no charge for the conference/sewing room. Gail asked for a show of hands to see how many might be interested. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting.

Fall Retreat

Sue Womack reported the Cove Retreat is October 24th – 28th. with the option to go the 23rd for an additional cost. There are currently 17 people committed to going. Information sheets were available. If anyone else is interested in going, contact Sue.

Other Discussion

Ellen Nesbitt spoke about her past work as a volunteer for disaster relief. With the east Coast and the Carolinas getting hammered by Hurricane Florence there is the potential for donating some quilts. It was suggested that rather than adding one more donation project to our list, there are many of us that have extra quilts that we could donate. If you would like to donate a quilt, Ellen will take responsibility to get them shipped to the proper organization. If you would like to donate a lap or bigger quilt, please bring it to the October 6th Saturday open sew day at the VFW.

Kathleen Wecks distributed new member books to everyone, and provided an updated membership list. The list will be updated as new members are added. Kathleen worked very hard on the new books and even updated our guild logo! Thank you Kathleen.

Show and tell and door prize drawing completed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Womack, Co-Secretary.