

**COUNTRY NOTES**  
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***From the President***

I am looking forward to the Quilts of Valor presentation at our March meeting. It is a great way to honor some of the veterans who have served our country. There is still time to make blocks if you wish for the donation. Any red/white/blue or red/cream/blue star block you wish to make that is 12-1/2" unfinished would be much appreciated. Norma Jeane is collecting them so please give them to her before the meeting.

I would also like to say thanks to Norma Jeane and Lavonne for helping with the auction at the February meeting. The weather was certainly not in our favor that day, but the guild did raise over \$200 so overall I am pleased with that.

If you have not received your membership roster, please see me as I still have a few in my possession.

Our April meeting is going to be by Renee' Nanneman with The Need'I Love Company. She is not only a pattern designer, she also designs fabrics for Andover. We will be doing a felted wool pincushion workshop from 9 to 12 that morning. There is a \$15 fee to take the workshop and that includes the cost for the kit to make the pincushion. I will have a pincushion available at the March meeting for everyone to see.

***REMINDER***

**Board Meeting will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, prior to Guild Meeting.**

***TREASURERS REPORT***

(See emailed newsletter for financial information)  
Beth C

***REMEMBER.....If Marshall schools do not have classes, CPQG will not have a meeting either.***

# ***MEETING MINUTES***

**BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The CPQG Board met on February 11, 2014 with the following members present: Janet E, Mike M, Bobby Jo P, Kathy C, Karen G, Micki U, Beth C, Norma Jeane F, and Barbara D.

Janet called the meeting to order.

Kathy C gave the 2014 Quilt Show report: The raffle quilting is progressing. She still needs volunteers to be in charge of the silent auction, bazaar and raffle quilt sales. The first raffle ticket sale will be March 22 at the Marshall Crafts and Arts show.

Janet and Norma Jeane went to Columbia and purchased a roll of cotton batting (\$204.98) for charity quilts. It is stored at Karen's house and if you need a piece to finish a charity quilt, contact Michael (660-886-5797). The Guild received a donation of 3 king size battings (80/20) that will be used for our 2 charity projects or larger quilts.

It was reported that the 30 Ohio Star blocks distributed to members to make one of the charity project quilts came back with half of them not useable due to seam allowances, pressing issues, etc. On motion, it was decided to concentrate on getting a quality quilt or two finished this year to have ahead for charity projects. It was agreed that we appreciate the job that Norma Jeane and Marlyn do coordinate charity.

Ways to improve the skills and education of members was discussed. It was agreed that we would have mini demonstrations with instructional hand-out cheat sheets from 12:00 to 12:30 each meeting date. These would be on basic skills like choosing colors; cutting; pressing; seam allowances, etc. This will provide a basis for learning for quilters just starting and a reminder for members who could use a refresher. These should start in March.

Janet had talked to the CP Women about the fall luncheon. The CP women want to clear \$400; therefore, on motion, it was agreed that the Guild will guarantee they get this much each year. This will cost us less than raising the cost of the meal and guaranteeing a set number.

There were some suggestions made for programs for the 2015 program year including a possible sharing of cost with other area guilds or members from various guilds presenting programs to each other.

Meeting was adjourned.

## **COUNTRY PATCHWORK QUILT GUILD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

President Janet E called the meeting to order. The Treasurer's report and the Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written in the January Newsletter. A budget was presented and approved with motion and affirmative vote.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHARITY:** Blocks for the Quilt of Valor program in March were collected. Blocks are due in March if you would like to participate. There will also be the opportunity to donate to off-set the costs involved in making the QOV quilts.

**SUNSHINE:** A card was sent to Donna R who fell on the ice. Thank you cards were read from Donna M thanking the guild for the gift of a comfort quilt and Christy B for the Hands-On quilt from the quilt show.

**HOSPITALITY:** The fall luncheon was discussed.

QUILT SHOW: The Quilt Show Committee is looking for someone to chair the Bazaar for the Quilt Show as well as someone to schedule the raffle quilt to be shown in the area.

FRIENDSHIP BLOCK: Donna B's name was drawn for March's Friendship block.

DOOR PRIZE: Mildred M, Charlene G, Mary Pat W, LaVonne B, Michael M, and Dorothy R won door prizes.

SHOW AND TELL: Quilts and projects that were shown and were enjoyed by all.

MISC: Quilting will begin again on the raffle quilt at Bobbie Jo's.

OLD BUSINESS: Marty is working on the cookbook. She asked for clarifications on some recipes.

NEW BUSINESS: Norma Jeane presented the Quilt Show Challenge called "Something That Makes You Happy". Participants paid \$3.00 and they were given a strip of focus fabric. They were instructed to design a quilt block to illustrate what makes them happy. Any other fabric, color, or embellishments may be added and it is not to exceed a perimeter of 100 inches (in any dimension). Date for completion is August 12, 2014. If you would like to participate, call Norma Jeane at 660-886-7044.

PROGRAMS: The March 11 program will be on Quilts of Valor.  
Meeting was adjourned.

### ***MARCH BIRTHDAYS***

Mary Pat W	1
Betty L	5
Jeani K	8
Betty E	9
Elsie L	22
Gayle H	24

### ***MARCH HOSTESSES***

Kathryn J, Betty L, and Bobbie Jo P

### ***APRIL HOSTESSES***

Anita C, Paula S, Gayle H

### ***EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION***

I want to thank everyone who started giving me their recipes in September. Another thanks for answering my e-mails and phone calls. All the recipes have been typed and the only thing left to do is proof reading and following up on a few minor ordering details. The cookbook should go to press sometime in March. Again, thanks for all your help.

Marty W

## ***CHARITY PROJECTS***

First of all I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank a Guild member who anonymously donated \$75 for batting to be used for the Care Quilts donated to Fitzgibbon Hospital. Three king size packs of 80/20 batting were purchased for members to use when they are making charity quilts. Thank you!

Since the Guild needed batting I also purchased a large bulk roll. Michael and Karen have generously agreed to store the batting at their home so if members will notify them when a quilt top has been completed and batting is needed they will cut it for you.

Make arrangements with them to pick it up at their home or have them bring it to the next meeting. Thank you, Michael and Karen, for doing this for us.

The hospital Spring Fling is the first week of April and I took the queen size small-print floral strip-pieced quilt to them for that affair. Mary K, the chair-person, was very pleased with the quilt and thanked us for the donation.

I know that many of you have taken fabric, kits, and ufo's to make into charity quilts and we thank you. If you would like to make another charity quilt, please check out our fabric "stash" in our small storage closet at the next meeting.

And..speaking of the next meeting.....we will be honoring several veterans with our Quilts of Valor presentation. Please remember to bring your QofV blocks to give to our guest speakers. If you need the pattern, call me.

If you know of someone who has a need for a Care Quilt, please let us know.

Thank you.

Norma Jeane

### **About the Challenge:**

Norma Jeane will have the Challenge fabric available at the March meeting for those members who have not gotten theirs yet. The guidelines are simple and will be a fun, colorful addition to the quilt show in September. Think about all the things that make you happy! You can do it! Cost is only \$3.

## ***OPPORTUNITY QUILT***

The raffle quilt is almost quilted. We will be quilting Thursday and Tuesday morning if you want to get your stitches in. Maybe we will have it done for the meeting, but it might take a week from Thursday to finish it.

We still don't have anyone to chair the bazaar at the quilt show.

This doesn't have to be a huge job. Collect what members bring in and set it up for the quilt show. It is up to the members to get a few nice things made and collect some magazines, books, patterns, orphan blocks, fat quarters, and anything quilt related to donate to the bazaar.

Karen G and Michael M are chairman for the silent auction. We need some well done items for that. It can be miniature quilts, wall hangings, pillows, framed items, Christmas stockings or tree skirts, or other seasonal designs.

This is our quilt show and we all benefit from the proceeds.

Thank you for all you do.

## ***FRIENDSHIP BLOCK WINNER***

My name is: Donna B. I grew up in the Mojave Desert, married in 1959 to Bob B and moved to San Diego, where he was working at Convair. We have a son, Jeff, in San Diego with his wife Dedie and her 3 children; twins, Michael and Marrisca 20, and Matthew, 19. Our daughter, Cindy, lives in San Luis Obispo, CA with her husband Mark and their son Carsten, 16 and daughter Anna, 13. We have lived in Fayette for 17 years.

4-H got me interested in sewing. I've been interested in quilting since 1979 when I took an adult Ed class. I sewed most of my clothes in high school and made most of the children's clothes while they were growing up. Don't do much sewing of clothes anymore.

I really like most quilts. Would love to be able to do "good" machine quilting. As of now I've a long way to go. I'd like to do some thread painting also.

We travel to California one to two times a year. Have lots of yard to keep up on the property. My husband does lots of reading, but I do the "Books on Tape" so I can sew while getting educated!

I just learned about the tube quilt, so I'm going to ask the gals to sew 6- 2/1/2 strips together so I can make a tube quilt. I'll be requesting it to be in blues and yellows. It'll be a scrappy quilt, and I'm looking forward to seeing it develop.

## ***APRIL MEETING***

***Renee Nannerman of Gravois Mill will present a program and we will have a workshop for a felted wool pincushion from 9 to noon. There will be a nominal fee for that.***

## ***DID YOU KNOW.....***

Do you have a problem doing hand quilting on a large frame? Try using a small hoop and try hand quilting or try no frame or hoop and quilt. What a life, sitting back in your easy chair and quilting!!!!

Does your thimble constantly fall off your finger? Wet your fingertip and then put the thimble on.

Got any good tips? Send them in and we will put them in the newsletter. Not everyone was born a master quilter. Or maybe you can let us in on an embroidery or sewing tip. Whatever, lets help out our not so expert quilters.