**Patchwork Garden**

**Business Meeting**

**February 25, 2019**

* Annual vote to approve Bylaws (now referred to as policies and procedures)
  + Not necessary to approve annually.
  + Will be posted on the website
* Guild News
  + The Guild is working on a new membership database that will enable the membership sign up process to be done on line. More info. to come.
  + The Showcase of Quilts raffle quilt raised $10,000. It was won by a member of Lake Miona Chapter.
  + The Bra Quilt (breast cancer awareness) created in memory of Chris Phillips raised $1,077.
  + Basket Mania raised $4,900 for charity – special kudos to Tena Vincent who took the lead on this for our chapter. She put a lot of time, effort and miles into collecting the donations for the basket.
* Chapter News
  + Treasurer’s Report – Bernie gave the treasurer’s report for January 2019.
  + Committee Reports
    - *Challenge* - At the March 25th meeting, Show and Tell will include the Christmas party charm pack challenge. There are no rules for the challenge – make whatever you wish.
    - *Charity committee* - Beth – For every charity quilt a member makes and brings to the business meeting Show & Tell, they will be eligible to write their name on a ping pong ball and be entered into a drawing. More information to come regarding the timing of the drawing and the prize(s).
    - *Charity committee continued* - Karen showed a sample of a quilt that will be made from the quilt squares we will make at our March 11th charity night meeting. Bring your usual sewing tools, sewing machine and scraps of fabric cut into strips of varying widths and lengths to be sewn diagonally on a 10” square of muslin (muslin will be provided).
    - *Friendship, Hospitality* – Members of the committee are Maureen Hawkins, Tena Vincent, Kathy Hronchek, Eloise Noble and Cindy Bloecher. Tena provided an update and asked the members to help keep the committee informed if we know of a member going through a tough time. The Committee will respect people’s privacy and respond appropriately.
      * They are creating an information folder for new members.
      * If you have any suggestions or ideas for the committee regarding any of their activities, please let them know.
      * Patti Acton asked if perhaps we should send a welcome note to new members when they join. This received a positive response from the members present.
    - *Membership* – Patti Acton – We currently have 50 members. Please see Patty if you’d like to order a nametag.
    - *Programs* – Pam Pike – March 4th meeting will be second class of the hollyhock wall hanging with Maryellen Streeter.   
      April will be a class with Karen Smith – little baskets.

May – we’ll have a member from another chapter visiting to teach reversible binding. June – Kathy D. will be teaching. She has two possible projects. And at a future date, Penny Gibson has agreed to teach a pillow project.

* + - *Retreat* – Patti Acton – 15 have signed up. Everyone attending the retreat needs to sign a waiver form. Please see Patti.

It’s very important that the balance of your payment be made by our next meeting – March 4th. If you cannot pay at the meeting on March 4th, please mail your check made out to Patchwork Garden to:

Bernie Coppola

2003 Cordero Court

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* + - Quilt Show survey results – Shirley shared highlights from the survey.
      * 25 people responded
      * The results were given to our Guild President to be shared with the committee for the next Showcase of Quilts in 2021.
    - Display Case
      * As very few signed up to volunteer to change the display each month, it was announced that it will be cancelled due to lack of interest. Shirley will talk with the manager of Lake Miona Rec. Center about offering the shelf to another club that uses our room.
    - *Miscellaneous* - Sally – chemo caps.
      * Anyone interested in making them, see Sally.
    - AccuQuilt GO machine
      * Due to lack of use and the amount of space it takes up in the storage closet, we have decided to sell it including the dies that are with it for $200. It will be offered to chapter members first. If you are interested, please contact Shirley at [shirleyl123@comcast.net](mailto:shirleyl123@comcast.net).
    - Shop Hop – Shirley has confirmed with Rainbow’s End that we will be given 35% off all fabric cut from bolts at Rainbows End. They have asked that we wear a name tag or shirt with your name on it to make checking out easier. We will be given a 10% discount on anything not on sale.
    - Website – Ginny gave a presentation on the latest updates to the website. Sharon asked if a link to our chapter website could be added to the Guild website. Ginny will follow up on that. Members were encouraged to log on and create their password and familiarize themselves with our website. It’s a great asset to our chapter that we have this tool for communication. With updated information being available 24/7, it will become our primary form of communication as we go forward.
* Any other business – no other business
* Drawings:
  + Name Tag – Carol Browning
  + Show & Tell – Sally Rowe
  + Raffle prize drawing – Diana Shimpeno
  + 50/50 – Lorrie Cancilliere
  + Next month’s raffle prize contains a pattern, 2 1/2” strip pack and yardage of three coordinating fabrics.

**PATCHWORK GARDEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

1. **Patchwork Garden will cap its membership at 60 active participants.**
2. **Member are required to attend at least six (6) chapter meetings per year in order to renew their membership the following year. Extenuating circumstances which provide non-compliance with this requirement will be considered on a per-case basis.**
3. **Prospective members will be welcomed to attend three (3) meetings in a calendar year. Prospective members and guests may not bring a sewing machine to meetings.**
4. **Only Chapter members may participate in our Show and Tell.**

**Please go to QGOTV.org in order to review the Guild Bylaws to review the requirements necessary to be a QGOTV member in good standing in order to participate in the Showcase of Quilts.**