

Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild Newsletter

June 26, 2018 – 7PM CASA Community Room

President, Connie Chaplin, called the meeting to order indicating we are meeting on traditional Blackfoot Territory, at 7 pm. She welcomed everyone and asked if guests were present. Welcome to Maria, guest of Maria Craft and Jessica Hoffman CAMP representative, our guest speaker, introduced by Janet Thompson.

Connie mentioned, you will notice blank survey forms on your chairs, please complete and put in the box at the back of meeting room prior to leaving the meeting. These surveys are to help the Festival of Quilts committee in encouraging members to enter their quilts in our show. The results will be addressed in the future.

Committee Reports:

Jackie Mignault, Workshop Chair, indicated changes to the workshop format to assist in increasing workshop participation by guild members. The goal is to have fun and use local talent as our workshop facilitators. These workshops will be one day long and will be held at the Parkbridge Estates Clubhouse.

Jackie also reported on the Grand Forks plea for quilts and sewing room supplies. If you have anything you can spare, Jackie has plastic bins at the back of the room you can put your donation in. Quilts, bed size for teenagers are among the sizes needed. Contact Jackie, jvn@readysells.ca; or Janet Thompson, Thompdj@telusplanet.net. If you have a donation, they will collect your donations and see they get to Grand Forks.

Gail Berkner reported on the Triangle Squares Quilt Guild Annual Birthday party being held on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Since it is just after our first meeting in September, they are taking registrations now. If you are interested in going, please let Liz Pinches know. Her contact information is: jeardon3@gmail.com, or phone 403-360-8528 (cell) 403-381-0062 (home). Details are: this is a day trip leaving Lethbridge between 7 and 7:30 am to arrive in Cut Bank by 10:00 am. The program goes from 10:00 - 5:00 pm and is \$20.00 with lunch provided. Shopping occurs before, during and after the party. We also need volunteers to drive, and passengers usually contribute to the cost of gas. You will need a current passport.

Gail also reported on the Fall Retreat. Due to lack of participation the fall retreat at Bloomin Inn has been cancelled. In its' place, the committee is planning an "At Home Retreat" being held October 13 and 14 at the Parkbridge Estates Community Hall. Cost and details to follow.

Pjam Swen reported on the next Community Quilt workshop which will be held August 15, 2018 at the Parkbridge Estates Community Hall. You can register at the meeting tonight.

Program Committee is passing around the "Show and Share" sign up sheet for the 2018 2019 Guild meetings. A total of 6 volunteers is needed for each guild meeting.

Janet Thompson introduced our guest speaker for this evening's meeting. Welcome to Jessica Hoffman, a representative from the CAMP program of the Lethbridge Regional Hospital. This program (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Program) is geared towards children from 6 - 18 with up to 80 children attending each year. These children can suffer from homesickness and a quilt to cuddle with is very helpful. There is a good mix of both girls and boys in the program and whatever quilts our members can donate would be very gratefully received.

Thanks to Jessica for her presentation and the membership will be discussing this potential donation at a future meeting.

Judy Barnett shared information from the Eureka Quilt Guild who are having a Quilt Show August 4. If anyone is interested in more information, please contact Judy.

Judy Barnett announced the Featured Quilter(s) for our 2019 Festival of Quilts. Our Featured Quilters will be Effie Brandt and Bev MacTavish.

First of all, thanks to the guild members who took the time to submit a nomination for the 2019 Festival of Quilts – Featured Quilter. This year we have chosen to honor two nominees. Both excel in what they do. We have chosen Effie Brandt and Bev MacTavish.

Effie is the inspiration behind our beautifully hung quilt show. She and her husband Merv sourced, bought and found storage for our supply of rods, drapes, etc. She makes sure the equipment arrives at each show, including our annual Galt Museum display. Her beautiful and innovative art quilts have won many guild prizes and have been submitted for judging at Quilt Canada. Effie has enriched her quilting skills at many workshops, local and nationally. She taught quilting classes including instruction on making "tuffets", and free motion threadwork. If you have a question on quitmaking, Effie will be there to help anyone in need in her gracious and knowledgeable manner. Effie has worked on various committees, most notably our workshop committee. Effie was nominated by Ruth Atwood, Doreen Rombough and Frances Schultz.

It is no secret that Bev is our guild's best resource person on any quilting technique you desire to learn. She has demonstrated a willingness to share her knowledge with us at our meetings and mini workshops. Bev's extensive travels have netted a treasure trove of beautiful fabric, particularly batiks, which she generously shares with guild members after creating gorgeous quilts, vests and jackets. She excels at foundation piecing. Her generosity has also benefited the community as she has made and donated dozens of beautiful quilts to our Community Service committee for local organizations. Like Effie, Bev continues to take classes and learn new skills. Bev was nominated by Yoland Smart, Bonnie Seim and Kaye Borthwick.

Please join us in congratulating our 2019 Featured Quilters, Effie Brandt and Bev MacTavish!

Judy Gilmour had the ladies bring their $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle square challenge projects to the stage. What a creative group of ladies, such awesome work.

Judy also had those who submitted the challenge project using the initials of your name and again, a great array of creativity was displayed. Those winning this challenge were: 1. Pjam Swen; 2. Colleen Ward and 3. Trudy Walker. The winners were chosen by guild members. Thank you ladies.

Judy Barnett gave information on the Block Lottery which will be part of the Program for 2018-19 year. The first block is a 14.5" log cabin design using fall colors. Instructions will be a scanned .pdf included with this newsletter. These blocks are to be completed and brought to the September meeting. There will be block designs at the September and October/November meetings.

Judy Barnett also asked members to do up blocks to be used as ribbons for our 2019 Festival of Quilts. She asked members to work on quilted blocks over the summer that we can use for our 2019 Festival of Quilt winner's ribbons, we need close to 30 blocks. The finished blocks should fit in hoops that measure 4, 5 or 6". They can be quilted, paperpieced or applique using your favorite pattern. We need to send them away to be put into hoops and ribbon attached by December.

Judy introduced, Bev MacTavish, owner of our newest Quilt Room virtual tour. What an awesome room; and the fabric! Bev has been sewing for over 50 years doing both sewing clothing and quilting. Thank you, Bev, for sharing your quilt room with us!

Pat Panchmatia, Trudy Walker and Lynn Gibson did our monthly draws.

Loonie prizes this month were purchased from Finely Quilted.

Scissors won by Susan Secretan

Thread pack won by Willie Schaupmeyer

Block kit won by Deb Cartwright

Door Prize, Christmas fat quarter pack purchased from Village Quilts and won by Susan Giffen.

We also received the following donations from Finely Quilted:

Scissors, won by Lynn Gibson, Connie Chaplin, Susan Secretan, Donna Laing and Lynn Arnold.

Finely Quilted also donated quilting vouchers which were won by:

Willie Schaupmeyer, Fay Vandenberg, Yolanda Smart, Deb Cartwright and Maria Craft's guest, Maria. Those ladies winning the vouchers, when you thank Finely Quilted, let them know you received them from the June Quilt Guild meeting.

The evening concluded with Show and Share, we were again treated to some beautiful quilts our members have completed!

Have a great summer folks, see you in the fall!

Upcoming events:

July 24 and 25 Quilting at Coyote Flats Pioneer Village Picture Butte (FULL)

August 15 Community Quilt Sew Day (contact Pjam Swen for info and to sign up)

September 19, Executive meeting 7:00 pm CASA meeting room

September 25, Potluck and Regular meeting 6:00 pm CASA Community room