

Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild
April Newsletter Minutes

April 23, 2019 – 7PM CASA Community Room

President, Connie Chaplin called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, welcoming the members and asking if there are guests. Three guests present, Maria Buckman, Darlene Leger and Connie Jagers. Welcome ladies!

Connie reminded members and guests to take a look at the free/shopping table. You may find just the thing you have been looking for. For those members who have contributed to this table, please check it prior to leaving the meeting as you must take home your unsold merchandise.

Beads of courage labels are ready for pick up. The labels must be attached to the bags prior to sewing. For more information, contact Fay Vandenberg.

Judy Barnett reported there are still positions available on the following committees: retreat, workshop and program. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering on one of these committees.

Connie asked if there was anything arising from the April Executive meeting minutes:

- A.G.M. meeting is May 28. Committee reports to go to Connie prior to the Executive meeting in May.
- Workshop Committee question regarding payment to guild members should they provide a workshop. A question will be "penned" by Connie, to the Executive for approval then to the membership for a secret ballot vote to be done at the May meeting. If members have questions or would like to provide input, please contact Connie directly.

Festival of Quilts committee reports:

Chairman's report was attached to the April Executive meeting minutes.

Pat Panchmatia is requesting more volunteers for the Festival of Quilts show in June. Please contact her regarding your ability to volunteer and in what capacity. There are over 100 volunteer opportunities for our guild members, so please take part, it is a wonderful show and a great way to help showcase what we as quilters do.

Kathy Oliver reported that 189 quilts have been received as well as 2 youth entries. Letters of Acceptance will be going out by April 30. Currently Deb Cartwright and Effie Brandt are doing a floorplan of the quilt locations and need to ensure there is adequate wall space for the larger quilts entered. The introduction of Jot Form as the method of entering quilts has saved a lot of data entry time for Kathy and Shena and the write-ups members did on their entries were very well done. Kathy would like the members with larger quilts to bring them a bit before the 10 am quilt acceptance time. You will receive additional information if you are to be there earlier. All entries must have a 4" sleeve and if your quilts are 85" or larger, you need two

sleeves leaving a gap between for ease of hanging. Please, please label your quilts!! Quilt pick up time will be Sunday 12-2.

Barb Clarke asked for donations of new or very gently used items to be put in the baskets we will be using for the FOQ draw tables. So far, she has received donations of books, thread, patterns. She is at the back table to receive these items and Shena will be receiving them at the May meeting.

Judy Barnett and **Deb Cartwright** reported on the Postcard challenge entries. Thus far there are 200 postcards donated. Should you need the "postcard stamp", Judy will leave one at the Lethbridge Sewing Centre that you may use.

Janet Thompson gave her Community Quilt report, also thanking those members who have contributed quilts in the past. Janet has completed her time with the community quilt committee and expressed to the membership how rewarding the experience was, to see the faces of those recipients of the quilts you have so kindly made. To help the new committee, she asked members to ensure labels are on the quilts, try and eliminate lint and pet hair by using a lint roller prior to bringing them in as well as making sure your binding has caught all raw edges on the quilt. The committee do go over the quilts before distributing them and make adjustments as needed, but it would be nice if we took that responsibility prior to passing them on.

Jackie Mignault of the Workshop committee reported that the April 13 workshop was a success and there is another workshop upcoming on May 25 by Rosemarie Christie. For more information, contact Jackie.

Pat Greenlee thanked members for bringing back outstanding library books so the committee can do inventory. If you still have material out, you may get a phone call regarding it. The cart will be back down for the May meeting.

Program, Judy Barnett asked members who are participating in the Bag exchange to please have their bags ready for the exchange in May. If you are participating and cannot make it to the meeting, see that Judy has your bag for that meeting so everyone does receive their bags.

Wendy Benoit have a talk on Row by Row quilt using her visit to Newfoundland/Labrador as an example of how you can create your own Row by Row experience using your own vacation experiences. Local quilt shops participating in the 2019 Row by Row are Chicken Feed Quilts, Coaldale and Village Quilts, Fabric Fusion in Lethbridge. It was a delightful presentation and making us all wish we could make that trip.

Doreen Little gave us a tour of her quilt room - another amazing space! Thanks Doreen.

May Program will include a "Seat Sale". The instructions are shown below and if members have questions, please contact Susan Secretan directly.

People can bring handmade items, sewing or quilting, and also extra quilting related items, notions, patterns, fabric etc. that they would like to sell. They need to bring their own change for their sales and be prepared to man their tables. There will be a time during the program that the sale will take place, please try to refrain from sales before the meeting starts to give everyone an equal opportunity.

Draws:

Free Draw: Modern Heritage Quilt book won by Judy Gilmour

Loonie Draws:

60x60 package of silk batting won by Darlene Huber

Mini iron won by Connie Chaplin

Cotton batting & fat $\frac{1}{4}$ "s won by Karen Schilling

These prizes were purchased at Lethbridge Sewing Centre

The \$5.00 notion draw was won by Pauline Dumont

Show and Share concluded the meeting. Now a mystery, we love mysteries, don't we? Remember the lovely quilt Dora Blue showed us? That quilt top was donated to the M.C.C. Store in Lethbridge by the family of "Aunt Dorothy". While the members of "Little Bits of Comfort" hand quilted this top they always wondered who Aunt Dorothy was and the story behind the quilt. This quilt will be raffled off at the M.C.C. Relief Auction this summer in Coaldale and Dora and her quilt friends would love to know who "Aunt Dorothy" could be. Perhaps one of our members knows of someone who can help with this mystery, or will it always remain "a mystery"?

The Quilt Show in Hillspring is this Saturday, April 27 at 10 am. Hopefully some can make it. The Quilt Show at Heritage Park is May 25 and 26. If members have blocks ready for Quilts of Valour, contact Connie prior to May 23 and she can take them up for you.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Next Meeting; Guild meeting, April 23, 7 pm Casa Community Room

Next Executive Meeting: May 22 7 pm Casa Meeting Room

AGM and May Meeting: May 28, 7 pm Casa Community Room