

LETHBRIDGE CENTENNIAL QUILTERS' GUILD
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
25 February 2020 7:00 PM CASA Community Room

The meeting was called to order by **President Connie Chaplin**, who acknowledged that we were meeting on traditional Blackfoot Treaty 7 Territory.

Our four guests were introduced and welcomed.

REMINDERS:

Beads of Courage: Get labels or turn bags into **Fay Van den Berg**. Instructions and more information available from BoC website: <http://www.beadsofcourage.ca/>.

Shopping and Giveaway: There is a Free Table and a Shopping Table on the side of the room.

Help Needed ASAP: Our secretary, Phyllis McEwen, has a medical situation in which she is no longer able to do the secretarial work. We need a secretary who is willing to carry on her work for the remainder of this term and into our next term. Anyone willing to do this work will be assisted by everyone on the executive. You are never alone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Judy Barnett (Workshops):** presented an initial plan for a fall workshop which would include a morning of mini workshops about various quilting matters: straightening fabric, determining integrity of fabric, use of sewing machine feet, various ways to deal with seams, tools of the trade, how to do various bindings, and more. The afternoon of the workshop would have a project such as a making a bag, or other plan. The cost would be minimal. It would be held at Parkbridge. There was a positive response, so the committee will continue with plans.
- **Judy Barnett (More News):** told us about the Hillspring Quilt Show which is being held 25 April 2020. A bulletin has already been sent out about the show along with a form to enter your quilts.
- **Gail Berkner (Retreats):** spoke about the Annual Mother's Day Retreat. It will be held 7-10 May 2020 at the Bloomin Inn. **Four** full days of sewing. Cost is \$345 for 3 nights and 9 meals and/or \$255 for 2 nights and 6 meals. There will be all sorts of activities, prizes, and very much laughter. Get your money in for the sew and laugh event.
- **Audrey Christianson (Community Quilts):** spoke to the following:
 - **28 baby quilts** donated by Finely Quilting. They were all on the table for viewing.
 - **14 March 2020** Community Quilt Workshop at CASA from 9:00 until "we finish." The supplies for the community quilts will be available at the workshop. Bring your machine and your thread and tools and let's do it. If you wish to work on your own project, that is perfectly okay, but you must bring your own supplies for it.
 - **22 August 2020:** The second annual summer Community Quilt Workshop will be held at Parkbridge... Sign up now and book your spot.
- **Wendy Bushell (Christmas Stockings):** Chicken Feed Quilt Shop has donated a very large amount of Christmas Fabric. Our guild made over 330 stockings this year and we have enough fabric to meet that number this year. We are to start making our stocking plans now.
- **Kathy Witdouck:** The Lethbridge Modern Quilt Guild hosted a workshop with Terry Aske in November 2019. A few LCQG members attended.

- **Val Beasley, Darlene Huber (Festival of Quilts):**
 - Festival of Quilts, 2021 – June 18 & 19. & tentative date for 2023 – June 16 & 17
 - Our Festival of Quilts is not only a very important fundraising opportunity for our guild, but as important, it helps our members develop a strong fellowship bond as members work together to showcase our talent, “quilting” with our community members.
 - In 2019 we had a total of 191 quilts entered, which were judged as Viewer’s Choice, whereby everyone coming to the show were given ballots and they voted on their favorite quilts in each of the 9 categories.
 - We had 20 vendors taking up 39 spaces in our Merchant mall, so lots of shopping opportunities for those attending.
 - Our attendance was 1200 over the two days of the show.
 - A walk through Festival of Quilts:
 - It all starts with you, the quilter. Throughout the year or so, you are busy creating your entry for our Festival of Quilts. Once done, you begin the entry process designed by Kathy Oliver and Shena Boes. Your entry information goes to The Display Committee: co-chaired by Effie Brandt and Deb Cartwright. The info is fit into a blueprint of the gym and quilts are hung accordingly. The blueprint shows all facets of the show including
 - Merchant Mall chaired by Janet Thompson
 - FAN show (Travelling Fibre Arts Network show) chaired by Jill Aman
 - Postcard Challenge chaired by Linda Stenbeck
 - Gift Basket Table chaired by Barb Clarke
 - Feature Quilter under the direction of Judy Barnett and Sue Secretan
 - Bed Turning featuring a prominent space on the stage under the direction of Wendy Benoit who also does a fabulous job of MC
 - If you know of a vintage quilt with a story, it needs to be in this category.
 - Raffle Quilt, chaired by Bev MacTavish. (Bev and her crew will do the design and tickets and have the quilt made.)

On the Monday before the event, College staff start their show preparation. By Wednesday the Display/Hanging volunteers start to set up the rod and drape to hang your quilts. Thursday the merchants set up their booths. Tables for admission/raffle are set up in the foyer. Postcard challenge booth, the FAN show and gift basket draw sections of the show are set up, the bed is set up on the stage –

Also, some of our committee chairs are looking for volunteers to assist them and perhaps train to take their place for the 2023 show. These positions are: Merchant

Mall (Janet Thompson), Admission/Ticket sales (Audrey Christiansen), Promotions (Teresa Petriw), Display/Hanging (Effie Brandt, Deb Cartwright).

- Over the next months, committee members will be sharing their part of the show. Our Volunteer Chair, Gail Berkner will have a list of all volunteer opportunities available from set up through to the show and take down. We thank you, our guild members for stepping up and assisting in the organization and running of this amazing event.
- Darlene spoke of the incredible financial benefits for our guild. Over the past two shows, FOQ has produced approximately \$10,500 and is a major fund raiser for us. She encouraged us all to participate and enjoy the celebration of quilts at our own show.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- **CQA Member Guild Challenge: Gateway to Adventure Project.** We are to bring our entries to the March meeting. There will be gift certificate prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- **Post Card Challenge for Quilt Canada.** We will be having a draw for 3 gift certificates. Each post card gives you one entry. The deadline for post cards is our April meeting.
- **Note to Guild: We need program people for the next term.**
- **Table Runner Exchange** was completed with smiles and happiness all around.
- **Festival of Quilts: Our major fund raiser held once every two years: 18-19 June 2021**
- **Block of the Month: Karen Bialik** explained the 4-patch in a square and showed us how to do variations of it. She also spoke of ways that it can be used to enlarge other blocks, such as orphans... The volunteer for the March Block of the Month is Delores Schilling.
- **Fat Quarter Exchange** proceeded without a major problem
- **Trunk show by Cheryl Jorgensen:** Cheryl is a local quilter. (Sue is trying to get her to join our guild.) She showed us a number of her quilts which showcased her favorite fabrics, favorite patterns, favorite authors and favorite quilts. We watched a myriad of designs and fabrics and listened to the warmth of the story as Cheryl talked about her quilts.

DRAW PRIZE SUMMARY

Prizes this month were purchased from Village Quilts

The door prizes were a bunny basket (won by **Teresa Petriw**), fat quarters (won by **Sydney Fisher**), and magnetic board and scissors (won by **Phyllis McEwen**).

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1st prize: a Lori Holt book won by **Sue Nagy**

2nd prize tumbler, ruler and fat quarters won by **Delores Schilling**

3rd prize fat quarters won by **Bonnie Seim**

We were treated to another great round of Show and Share.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Community Quilt workshop – March 14, CASA

Sew Day in Coaldale—March 16

Executive—March 18, 2pm, CASA

Guild Meeting—March 24, 7pm CASA

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Kendall, Acting up Secretary