

Sue Secretan welcomed everyone to the meeting. We acknowledge we are meeting on traditional Blackfoot Treaty 7 Territory.

No guests at this meeting.

Reminders:

- Pick up your items from the Sale and Free tables at the end of the meeting,
- Membership renewals are due now. \$25.00. Renewals after May are \$30.00.
- Membership list is for guild members only.
- Festival of Quilts – please do return any books of sold tickets this evening to Bev MacTavish or pick up more tickets.
- Orphan Blocks – we need a volunteer to look after the orphan quilt blocks.
Duties – display the orphan blocks for members to sort through and adopt. Keep similar blocks pinned together and take unadopted blocks home and bring to the next guild meeting. Thanks Marion Jankunis for volunteering!

Announcements:

- Guild Handbook has been updated and is now available on the Guild Website.
- We have an updated Guild brochure that Connie Chaplin has distributed to the Crossings Library and at CASA.
- Many thanks to Connie Chaplin and Judy Barnett for their good work.
- May 13th – CASA's 10-year anniversary. CASA has planned all sorts of activities for that day. We will have the raffle quilts on display and will be selling raffle quilt tickets and inviting people to the Quilt Show. Connie Chaplin needs people to sign up in 1.5-hour increments to help sell tickets and talk to people about the show and the Guild. Sign up sheet available at this evenings meeting.

Volunteers for Guild activities

- The Guild exists through the efforts of our volunteers.
- There is a list of opportunities to sign up for our May AGM.
- Program committee needs one more volunteer,
- Community Supply needs one more volunteer,
- Sue Nagy – needs someone who would be interested to be an apprentice.
- Workshops – still to be determined,
- Retreat – needs one person,
- Community Service – needs one person,
- Membership – all filled,
- Special Events – now has a co-chair,
- Vice President – we need a person(s) to put their names forward for this position. We cannot operate as a Guild without a full Executive.

So what do these committees do:

Lynn Gibson – Community Service

- Collect community quilts made by the members,

- Register each quilt in the master record including the size of the quilt, brief description.
- Calls organizations in the community as to their needs for quilts, and deliver quilts to these organizations,
- Store quilts until they are delivered.

Judy Gilmour – Community Quilts Supply

- We shop for fabrics!
- Order the batting and cut into the two standard sizes,
- Record the distribution of batting and backing to members who are making community quilts,
- Provide the Guild labels for the quilts,
- Organize one to two Community quilts sew days at CASA that members and friends can attend to make community quilts from the Community Quilt pattern (or can use another pattern of your choosing).
- We ordered four rolls of batting for use starting last September. We are now starting the use the fourth roll.

Judy Barnett – Special Events

- Christmas party. Date booked Nov 25th, 2023, for Parkbridge Estates Community Hall

Sue Nagy – Website/Technical.

- She updates the website, post items to Facebook and run the laptop at the meetings for PowerPoint presentations, etc. and ensures the security and virus protection are kept up to date. Dolores Schilling takes the photos for the Guild meetings.

Val Beasley – Workshops

- Workshops are on hold for the moment.
- Typically the workshop committee organizes two workshops a year for members, drawn from a list of workshops and speakers that members are interested in.
- We arranged for Terry Rowland to come down from Red Deer to hold two workshops for us, as well as a trunk show. There was insufficient registrations for us to proceed with these events.
- Members have to think about what you want in terms of workshops. It takes a good effort to get instructors but sad when we have to cancel.
- At the last Guild Executive meeting we decided to makes workshops available to members and non-members at the same cost, in order to try to fill the workshops.

Bonnie Boulton – Retreats

- Organize an in-town and an out-of-town retreat each year (or two in-town retreats).
- The in-town retreat is held at CASA which is an excellent venue.
- These events take some organizing so it would be terrific to have another person on the committee to help share the tasks.

Sue Secretan – Vice President

- Supports the President (such as filling in for Guild meetings, or Exec. Meetings)
- Sends out the get well, sympathy cards to members,
- Monitor the Guild email.
- Learn the duties of the President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Quilts – Judy Gilmour

- The committee members try to cut the batting to the two sizes in-between meetings. Some members, wanting to access the batting stored in the Guild Locker, have noted that they could not find the supplies (scissors, etc.)
- What members need to do if they need batting in-between meetings or need to cut batting to a specific size – ask for the key from the CASA administration and go up to the second floor – art studio. Fob opens the door and the Locker is located in the studio in the back right corner. Look for the small greyish bag that contains the scissors, measuring tape, labels, etc.

Community Service - Lynn Gibson

- Please refer to her report in the Guild Exec. Minutes.

Membership – all OK

Retreats – Bonnie Boulton

- The in-town retreat was excellent.
- We are now getting ready for the out-of-town retreat at Pincher Creek which starts April 28th at the Dragon's Den in Pincher Creek. Six people have signed up for the retreat. Bonnie has organized the pricing if accommodation is needed or not needed.
- As weekend dates book so quickly at CASA, she has booked Oct 29/29th for the in-town retreat.

Festival of Quilts – Gail Berkner

- Thanks to everyone who signed up for the Quilt show.
- We have five days of volunteer activities.
- You will have a volunteer lanyard assigned to you for the day(s) you help at the show but you need to turn these in at the end of your shift so that we can pass them on to the next volunteers,

- Admission to the show is free for the day you volunteer and as well you get free parking.
- Some activities we still need help with – Wednesday we need volunteers to help Connie Chaplin put up all the direction and events signage and then help take all the signage down at the end of the show.
- Wednesday – we need help to hang the quilts.
- Thursday the vendors arrive and it would be great to have some volunteers who can help vendors unload and find their booth. As well these vendors will need help on Saturday after the show closes to pack up and load up.
- We still have spots for people to help sell Postcards.
- Workshops – we need a morning workshop angel,
- Quilt watcher – wear the white gloves and lift the quilts so that attendees can see the beautiful quilting; remind attendees not to touch the quilts,
- Saturday after the show we need help to take down the quilts and the hanging rods, etc.
- Quilt folders and sorters – fold and sort the quilts and get them ready for pick-up on Sunday from noon until 2:00 p.m.
- Floaters – we need to have some people who can be called upon should a volunteer not be able to work their shift or nor come in at all.
- Please contact Gail Berkner at this evening's meeting or gbrknr@gmail.com if you can help out. It is a lot of fun.

PROGRAM – Judy Barnett

- Block of the month – Judy showed her two rows that she has completed.

Retreat, held in Raymond in April.

- We had a small quilting retreat during which we had the opportunity to learn how to paint a quilt block on a prepared board. Everyone who attended displayed their version of the same pattern – it was very impressive. Judy and Cherylyn noted it was a fun experience learning how to paint a barnboard quilt block and then when the paint was drying, we sewed on our other projects, and then back to taping and painting.
- Judy Barnett showed the taping for her design. The benefit of this process – if you get a lot of paint bleed, or you taped the wrong section or used the wrong color, you can simply paint over it 😊
- You can get 3/4-inch plywood cut at Home Depot.
 - o The Board has to be primed with white paint and then you can use a pencil to mark your design.

YouTube video: quilting addicts anonymous <https://youtu.be/6vf7K8Z8ihw>

- o Prime the board with white paint (front, back and edges) and let dry.
- o Pre-draw your quilt block on paper which is the same size as the board. This makes it easy to transfer the design to the board.

- Make a grid on the board by measuring the marking the center and then you can mark out your grid and your design for your quilt block.
- Use painters tape to block off the sections for the first color.
- Use high gloss paint and apply your first color.
- As the paint is drying, remove the painters tape (easier to remove when the paint is still damp)
- Apply paint lightly along the tape to reduce paint leakage under the tape.
- Let the paint dry and then paint your next section.
- If you are using three colors, you can typically complete your project within a day.
- You may need to touch up any signs of paint bleed.
- You can also apply a couple of coats of varnish for projects that will be mounted outside.
- Home Depot provides Sanford testing paint pots for \$4.00 each.
- Teresa Petriw and Sharon Anholt noted that one of our show merchants – Quilters' Pallett, has kits and runs workshops for making barnboard quilt blocks. Perhaps we could have her come and do a workshop for us.

PROGRAM NEXT MONTH

- Please bring a 5-1/2" square piece of fabric for an eye spy quilt. The piece should have something on it like an insect, animal, car, vehicle, etc.

PRIZE DRAWS:

Prizes this month were purchased from the Yellow Button plus donated items.

Door Prize: Purse donated by Marilyn Squires; winner Joyce Furukawa

Loonie Draws

1. Large Cutting Mat – winner Yvonne Wilson
2. Small Cutting Mat and Fabric – winner Sue Secretan
3. \$40 gift certificate from Yellow Button – winner Janet Bice
4. Fabric and Thread – winner Bonnie Seim

Five Looser prizes

SHOW & SHARE

Cherilyn Jorgensen received two bags of completed quilt blocks from Marilyn Bullock. These will be turned into two lovely community quilts.

Lori Hand completed three snazzy scrappy quilts for Community Quilts

Cherilyn and Sharon Anholt, with help from Lynn Gibson finished a quilt top from Jane Regher. This quilt will be donated to the Rotary Club as an auction item fundraiser for the Therapy Ride. The pattern was delightful.

Lonnie Murphy – displayed her beautiful intricate quilt of blues, whites and greys and worked two hearts into the design.

Anne Whiteside put a smile on everyone's face with her forest and bigfoot quilt.

Janet Bice did a Pat Sloan quilt along (new block every Wednesday). Janet's quilt was in lovely turquoises and whites.

Pat Phillips (hope I have the correct person and quilt matched up) – made a lovely small quilt from a layer cake of greys and creams fabrics.

Brittany Wilton – brought her cheery quilt top she completed at the CASA in-town retreat.

Ruth Atwood brought two quilts: Rail pattern turned on its side – to give a zig zag effect (quilted by Dolores Schilling), and the second quilt is a Vertigo pattern. Teresa Petriw donated the border fabric and Kaye Borthwick quilted the quilt.

Lia Britton showed a dramatic large geometric patterned quilt in greys and blacks.

Judy Barnett showed her two small art quilts and a delightful vintage quilt with reproduction materials and vintage applique and ribbon embroidery.

Sharon Anholt showed a quilt completed by her friend that can to the CASA in-town retreat. Quilted by Lynn Gibson. This was Sharon's friend's first quilt.

Cherilyn Jorgensen showed more of Jane Regher's quilt tops that have been turned into completed quilts. Cherilyn also showed her two community quilts that she completed at the Community Quilts Sew Day.

Jackie Mignault showed her pieced minky baby quilt and happy basket. These are being donated to the Interfaith Foodbank Society's baby bundle program.

A sincere thank to all the members who are finishing their volunteer committee terms. We so appreciate your support. And thank you to the members who signed up to fill positions on the committee for the next term. The support of guild members on these committees helps make our meetings so much fun to attend. Thank you!

Upcoming Meetings:

Guild Exec. Meeting May 17, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at CASA.

AGM – May 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at CASA, followed by the regular Guild Meeting.