



# General Meeting Minutes

## January 11, 2018

**Call Meeting to Order** - President Su Holmes at 7:00 pm.

**Announcements/Information:** Please silence your cell phones. Please remember to be quiet for the speakers so that your neighbors can hear.

**Approval of prior minutes as posted on the board:** Approved.

**Approval of the Treasurer's report as posted on the board:** Approved.

**Special Recognition:** Su brought up Lucy Crouse the 10-year old quilter featured in Columbian articles last year. She had been given a membership to the Guild and Su read a letter of recognition for her efforts.

**Sunshine and Shadows** – Linda Pritchard

- **Shadows**
  - Randy DeKraai's sister passed away.
- **Sunshine**
  - Linda Pritchard has two quilts being displayed as part of Clark County Employees Art and Craft exhibit.
  - Marilyn Bevan is celebrating her 90th birthday. All January birthdays were recognized with a rendition of "Happy Birthday".

**New Business**

- **Certificate for Thomas Park** - Su brought up Thomas and explained that as a new member just this fall, he has completed longarming 90 Comfort Quilts. He was awarded a certificate of appreciation and received a standing ovation from the members.

**Introduction of our featured speaker:** Carol Jacobsen - She announced that Sharleen Rainville has joined the Program Committee. She also indicated that there were still a few spots available for the Friday and Saturday classes including a couple that were free. She then introduced Katie Pedersen, Seattle coauthor of "Quilting Modern: Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts". Katie is well known both nationally and internationally.

**Program:** Katie presented an outstanding trunk show of her quilts and pillows explaining the stories behind them and introducing concepts of improvisational and modern quilting. Originally from Michigan, her mother was a huge crafter and seamstress. A few highlights: She quit giving wedding quilts. Instead she gives marriage quilts to give more time to complete. We can all be artists. Steal ideas and techniques from those whose work you like.

**Speaker Thank You Presentation** - Su presented tokens of appreciation from the guild.

**Unfinished Business**

- **Guild Dues** - Linda Pritchard: The membership were reminded that there had been an article in the last two newsletters. Sharron Brainard moved that the guild dues be increased to \$40 for next guild year. Ballots were distributed and returned for. Following the Quilt Show Committee report, the results were announced. The motion carried 171 to 23.

**Committee Reports**

- **Quilt Show** – Dianne Kane & Wilma Scott: Local quilt judges were introduced and a discussion of judging was led by Val Pellens. She explained the basics of what happens and the advantages of having quilts judged. It is not about what's wrong with your quilts but about what can make them better and techniques to help. Also positive feedback on what is right with your quilt.

We were reminded that quilt entries are due February 1st. Your project does not have to be complete. A sketch or diagram will suffice if a picture is not available. Dimensions are critical so that layout for the show can be completed. If estimating, error on the large side. Please limit the story to 50 words max so they will fit on the card.

Project Linus was contacted to host a Grandma's Corner to display "bragging" baby quilts by moms, grandmas, aunts, etc. These would be for display only and there would not be an entry fee charged. They will also display a few of their quilts.

Joanne Roth and Wilma Scott will have a special exhibit titled "Avian Birds".

We were all challenged to bring a non-member friend to the show with us.

Spaces are still available for the classes at the show. Fabric Depot will provide a Make and Take class. All materials are included in the \$40 class fee. You will need your sewing machine.

Our current "Partner" sponsors pay \$1000. It was decided to add additional sponsor levels at \$500, \$300, \$100 and \$75. Additional information will be included in the newsletter.

The Jelly Roll Race will be limited to 10 teams. Comfort Quilts is hosting the event and have already put together the jelly rolls. Dianne Kane shared some of the winning techniques she and her sister used when they participated in one.

Program ads remain the same price as last year. The ads themselves will actually be larger due to a larger program size.

Quilt intake time on Tuesday, April 3rd, has been changed to 9-11 am. There is need of someone willing to provide the lunch for the judges on Wednesday.

Arden Shelton and Nancy Pietzold - In addition to vendor responsibility for this year will be chairing the show next year. 21 vendors are currently signed and have paid their fees. Connecting Threads, the online store headquartered here in Vancouver, were contacted but are not able to come this year. They are interested in coming in 2019. Cherrywood Fabrics has annual challenges. The selected quilts then travel for display. They have committed this year's challenge "Prince" honoring the musician Prince for the 2019 show.

- **Results of the Guild Dues Increase Motion:** Carried 171 to 23.
- **Fat Quarters** - Randy DeKaai: Next month's theme is 1930's reproductions. There were four winners.
- **New Member Services** – Colleen Garrison: Great turnout at the tea in December. We have some great, skilled quilters that have joined this year.
- **Retreat/Spring** – Meredith Reid: Great team helping. Feb 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to turn in everything. Openings are still available.
- **Challenge** – Karen Griggs Saltzberg: Last ditch request for entries. No fee for entry just use the Special Exhibit form on the website. Reminded us of what is needed to enter.
- **Quilt Show Raffle Baskets** - Debby Potter: Announced that she had receipts for a couple of donations that we didn't know who submitted.
- **Member Registration** – Karan Brooks: 7 visitors with us tonight and membership has grown to 451.
- **Secret Pal** – Pat Mathison: She has two gifts that have not yet been picked up.
- **Library** – Joyce Brekke: Thanks to those who filled out the survey this evening to help determine the future of the library. Feel free to continue to email suggestions.
- **Auction** – Kate Griffith: On track for February 1st. Thanks to all who brought their donations tonight. We will need lots of goodies for the Hospitality table, both savory and sweet. There will be a bar in the room with beer and wine for \$5.00 and soft drinks for \$2.00. In addition to standard silent auctions there will be some "Buy It Now"s. Just agree to the indicated price and it is yours. There will be additional cashiers to speed up the checkout process. The website will be updated Monday so you can check out the new additions. Invite family and friends to join us.
- **Opportunity Quilt** – Mary Dougherty: Not doing as well as planned with sales so far. Please help support FISH along with our operations to meet our goal for the year.
- **Saturday Workshops** – Jean Seale: February 24<sup>th</sup>. Great turnout for registrations tonight. There are still openings in classes. Rapid Edge will be there to sharpen anything.
- **Block Contest** – Janice Harding Harris: All but sold out of the fabric. Only enough pink left for maybe 2 blocks.
- **Stash Bazaar** – Janice Harding Harris & Judy Arnold: Only five tables left for the April 21st bazaar.
- **Door Prizes** – Lorraine Spreadborough: Awarded the door prizes graciously donated by Jane Dudley.
- **Three for One** – Jackie Campbell: Big thank you to Marcy's Just for Fun Quilting shop who provided 12 prizes.

#### Show and Tell

##### Announcements - Su Holmes

- There has been a request to make a t-shirt quilt from the public if anyone is interested.
- Comfort Quilts is supporting Every 28 Days and needs donations of feminine hygiene products.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:06 pm.

**Next Board meeting:** Thursday, January 25th, 6 p.m. at Clark Regional Wastewater District, 8000 NE 52nd CT, Vancouver, WA.

**Next Month's General Meeting:** Annual Auction - Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Warehouse 23, formerly Red Lion at the Quay Ballroom, 112 Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA 98661

Dennis D. Morgan

Secretary