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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We jumped straight from winter into summer! Can you believe the heat and sunshine? It's a good thing I have small projects to work on in the warm. Ina Randall kindly agreed to hold her workshop with just the five of us so I hobbled on over there on Saturday morning. I am really glad that I did. She is so creative. I can hardly wait to show everyone what we did at that workshop and after. I haven't been into small hangings and such, but these are really cool. I'm sure I can find a place in my house for at least one.

The next time there's a workshop I'm not too sure about, I think I'll take a chance and hopefully be pleasantly surprised. The photos didn't do the workshop justice, and the endless possibilities for embellishment are intriguing. I have been dipping into my buttons, which I acquired from my son-in-law's deceased grandmother. Several jars and bags and boxes are piled around the house in various places. She had an inordinate number of peachy colored buttons in one of the bags that were perfect for one hanging. Who knows what else I can find to do with the stuff laying about? My husband sure wishes I'd find things to do with this stuff. Frank's grandmother was a saver. She's not my relative, but I think I have the same trait. I have old lace trims, zippers of many colors and sizes taken out of old clothes, buttons, ribbons, some netting of various colors (mostly pastels) and very fine crochet thread with crochet hooks in the zero and double zero sizes. His grandmother, like mine, loved to crochet lace. I didn't get any finished product, but I got lots of materials. And all the labels are in Italian so I'm not really sure what things are exactly. It's a mystery! Look at all the art quilts I can make with this stuff! If I only had the time!

Besides all the stuff we get to use in these quilts, I am amazed at the number of hours of work involved in embellishing them fully. I must have spent at least 10 hours on the first little quilt with buttons and embroidery and that was after the time spent at the workshop. I was up and at it first thing in the morning before work. I find quilting very relaxing first thing in the morning. I don't mind going to work if I've had an hour to quilt first. I have to say taking a chance on Ina's workshop was well worth the money and time. We have our regional teacher coming in May and Gail is teaching appliqué in April. Her work is exquisite.



Be sure to check out the projects. We can all learn something new.

Martha Krupa

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting minutes March 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Martha Krupa after the program given by Mavis Hens on quilting techniques and tips. There were 2 guests present; Toni and Ann. The February Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were accepted. This year is the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our guild. We had a cake to celebrate and a gift bag for everyone.

#### Old Business

N. Y. State quilt consortium; Discussion was held on whether to retain our membership. It was decided not to renew.

Kenan Center; Liaison Sue McKenna reported on the success of the wine & Beer Fest.

#### New Business

Officers: Stephanie Drehs said we need someone for vice President next year and explained their duties.

Programs: There were sign-up sheets and project examples available for the next 4 classes.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marge Sposito and seconded by Sandy Diel. Submitted by Barb Sanford

### PROGRAMS

Programs Thursday Night 7pm to 9pm (no cost)

- Apr. Linda Glantz from Peace Quilts, Etc. - Author of "Flowercolor - Picture Quilts with Two-Inch Squares"
- May Karen Sienk
- June Picnic and Trash to Treasure

### WORKSHOPS

Saturday workshops are held between 9:00 am -3 pm.  
Tuesday workshops are held 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

- Apr. 14 Floral Applique with Gail Schweigert
- May 1 (T) Sweatshirt Jacket with Judy Schryver & Sharon Schneider
- May 11, 12 Karen Sienk



Gail Schweigert's Floral Applique samples

### Nominations

It's that time of year again. Nominations for a new slate of officers needs to be chosen. Martha, Barb, and Gail have graciously decided to stay in their respective offices of president, secretary and treasurer for another year. Sandy has been vice president for the past two years and has done a great job. Therefore, the only open position is that of vice president. I made my plea at the meeting last week and am writing this article to reach those who were not there.

In my opinion the office of vice president has become much more complicated than it needs to be. I have been in the guild for about 25 years and have seen a lot in that time. I also belong to a couple of other guilds and trust me, they are all experiencing the same issues as we are. First of all I want to quote from the bylaws what the job of vice president entails. Article 6, Section 2 states: It shall be the duty of the vice president to assume the president's duties in the event of her absence. The vice president will be responsible for programs, workshops, the holiday party, the annual birthday party and the annual picnic. The vice president will honor all previously committed contracts for programs and workshops.

It does not state a particular number of workshops per month must be offered. When I first joined the guild we had only 1 or 2 workshops per year. As our numbers



swelled over the years there became a need for more workshops and there was never a problem in filling them. That was when we were at our membership peak which was around 120. Now our membership is 53. The needs for a smaller group are different than for a large group. We also never had a national teacher in the early years. Again, when our membership was high we had both the finances (from increased dues collection) and the interest to support a national teacher. The description does not say that you have to have a national teacher. Only that if there is one contracted to come before you take office that you must follow through and take care of it. The cost for national teachers has skyrocketed, particularly because of the increased cost of getting them here. The holiday party, birthday party and picnic are among the listed duties. That takes care of 3 of the 12 meetings per year so programs only have to be arranged for 9 meetings.

Since I am taking a walk down memory lane there is one other item I would like to mention that is unrelated to the election of officers. Originally the guild met on a monthly basis from September through June. We took the months of July and August off to enjoy our too brief summer. When our membership swelled it was decided that we would meet on a monthly basis after a motion, discussion, and a vote to change the bylaws was made. Again, the meetings were always full regardless of what month they took place. With less than 1/2 of our peak membership currently maybe it is time to revisit that issue and make another change to the way it was. Just a thought.

If anyone is interested in becoming vice president please let one of us know. Or, if you can recommend someone we would appreciate that also. We are trying to make contact with everyone in the guild. If no one steps up to the plate I have no idea how that will impact the guild.

~ Stephanie Drehs (Nominating committee chair), Pat Tracy (committee member) and Maria Adams (committee member)

### SHOW AND TELL

- Laurie Hartman* - Stonehenge wallhanging
- Maria Adams* - Scarves, quilt top
- Mae Andes* - Wall Hanging
- Martha Krupa* - Rose baby blanket

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Diane Surage                    7-Apr  
 Barbara Huber                 23-Apr

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Patricia Knoechel is coming to the Kenan Center.

The FREE program will feature their newest publications from *Quilt in a Day: Tales of the First Ladies*.

Patterns will include: *Parade of Braids*, *Opposites Attract*, *Miniature Dresden Plate* and *Oriental Fan*.

*Opposites Attract*



*Tales of First Ladies*  
6" Miniature Blocks



*Tales of First Ladies*  
and Their Quilt Blocks



*Parade of Braids*



Eight traditional blocks in both 12" and 6" sizes pay tribute to women who have earned their place in history. Learn multiple techniques to make your quilt in traditional or contemporary colors. Choose an Eagle or Floral center.

With the free template enclosed in the mini-book, you can easily cut up and assembly line sew 2 1/2" strips into braids. Instructions are given for all sizes of quilts. You will cheer when you see how quickly your colorful parade of strips line up and march together!

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**Date: Saturday, May 19, 2012**

**Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**