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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a good turn-out for Gail's appliqué class, excellent teaching and lots of laughter. I have to say I've never made such a beautiful appliqué. The edges are smooth and my points are sharp. I was so inspired I went on to do a block. I'm in the process of quilting the background on the block now.

I really love doing handwork. It's probably a good thing since my new daughter-in-law to be has requested a Hawaiian quilt for their wedding. Needless to say it won't be done by August, but I now feel prepared to do a good job on the appliqué. I've been looking at my books and imagining what I can do. Design is one of those love-hate things. I love to imagine all the possibilities, but I get frustrated when I try to carry them out sometimes, especially if the design is my own and nothing matches.

Just an idea for our new program person, perhaps we can find a person who designs quilts who might like to explain some of the principles of design so we can all be more creative. I did learn from Ricky Tims that we should design a quilt block from the outside finished size, not build it from the inside. That way there are no surprises in fitting blocks together. That was a good idea. Another good idea is attending the May workshops to learn new techniques from our guest speaker. I hope everyone has plans to attend at least one workshop. We have to make it worthwhile for the teacher to come to the Kenan.

Kirsten likes sunrise colors. My sister Kathie does hand dyed fabrics and she has some Sunrise Red from Dharma that we're going to try to see if it's a good color (and color fast) to use for the design on a soft cream colored background. I'll keep you all posted on my progress. This will hopefully not be one of my UFOs that I get back to 5 years later like my daughter's double wedding ring, which still isn't even cut out all the way. The great flood in my basement slowed the progress for that quilt. That is on my list of UFOs to finish along with Marge's One Block Wonder and Sharon's jacket.

Winter tried to come back the last two days and I could have used a jacket at work. I could use a jacket period, but I just haven't gotten back to it. Can Mother Nature be my excuse again? But no, my daughter and her family came to visit for Easter, and the back



bedroom where I do my winter sewing was cleaned out so they had a place to sleep. It looks so good that I almost hate to set up my sewing machine again. Ummm, neat and clean or quilting satisfaction? I think I'll set up the table this weekend. Maybe when I'm done, there will be a space in the basement to work when my son and his fiancé come in June? I just have to keep finishing UFOs!

Martha Krupa

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Quilters,

I thought Linda Glantz's presentation was very interesting. If anyone is interested in having her as one of our teachers, please talk to Marge Spósito.....there seemed to be some interest at the meeting, me included.

I didn't get a chance to attend Gail's applique class, but I'm sure it was great.....the pictures looked beautiful. Thanks again, Gail.

Karen Sienk will be our presenter for May 10th with her workshops following on May 11th & 12th. Karen won 1st place in the home sewing machine quilted small wall quilts category with her "Which Way Out" quilt, 2nd place in the pictorial small wall quilts category with "Sedona Remembered" at the 2011 American Quilt Show in Paducah. She also won a 1st place fabric art and exemplary use of color with her "Hollyhocks" quilt in the Indiana Heritage Quilt Show. (Which, by the way, resembles the Sunflower quilt we will be making on Friday). All of this information is online, if you would like to Google her name.

Our Friday, May 11th workshop is the Sunflower quilt, as explained by Karen. "Explore the world of pictorial quilts! Design your own original piece using several techniques of free form piecing and raw edge fusible applique. This workshop will demonstrate the design importance of the background by creating a pieced background using an expanded slice and dice method, fun and easy. Raw edge applique will complete the design. Free motion thread play will be demonstrated. This class is great for all levels of quilters."

Our Saturday, May 12th workshop is the Log Cabins and Prairie Points quilt, also explained by Karen. "Design a cottage style original design! Using the log cabin block construction and simple strip piecing you will create a one of a kind original design. Students will take the

design to whatever level they want- more simple to very complex. You will not be attempting to duplicate the sample shown, but will utilize the simple construction methods to have fun designing your unique wall hanging. This workshop is fun and rewarding for all levels of quilters."

See below for pictures of both quilts, with a few variations of the Log Cabins and Prairie Points quilt. Then it's our picnic in June and the swearing in of the new officers. Don't forget to bring a dish, your place setting and a lawn chair for outside seating.

I will be preparing a collage board representing our Guild to display at Patricia Knoechel's demonstration to attract new members. If anyone has any pictures or ideas, please contact me. And speaking of new members, the member with the most referrals at the June picnic will receive their choice of the membership drive gift baskets and the member with the second highest referrals will receive the other basket. As of March, we have four members with one referral each, so everyone still has a shot. The value of the baskets are: \$170.40 and \$87.50. Don't forget the membership fee is only \$7.50 for new members until September.

See you soon, Sandy



Karen's Sunflower quilt



Log Cabin and Prairie Points



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting Minutes April 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Martha Krupa after the program by Linda Glantz of Peace Quilts. There was one guest present, Brenda Byrd. The March Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were accepted. We received a thank you from the Kenan Center for our contribution.

Old Business:

Slate of Officers; Stephanie Drehs said that Marge Sposito will take over planning workshops and programs. Stephanie will plan parties.

Cuddle Quilts; Judy Schryver said the supply is low. Please complete any kits you have.

Kenan Center; Sue McKenna needs volunteers to do surveys at the 100 American Craftsmen Show.

Programs; Sandy Shufelt listed the upcoming classes; Gail Schweigert's applique class April 14th; Karen Sienk's classes May 11th and 12th; and Pat Knoechel's free lecture May 19th.

New Business:

President's Block; Martha would like 9 1/2" (raw size) blocks in any pattern made in any shade of red with a light neutral, like muslin. Please have it done by the picnic in June.

2012 Challenge; Samples of the "June Bug" theme were shown by Pat Tracy and Denise Falgiano. Please have yours done by the June picnic.

The motion to close the meeting was made by Sandy Diel and seconded by Sue McKenna.

- Submitted by Barb Sanford

Newsletter Editor

It is with regret, that I will need to resign as the KQG newsletter editor. For personal reasons, I will be unable to be a member of the guild next year. I am looking for someone to take over this responsibility beginning with the July issue. If you are interested, please contact me at lhartman@buffalo.edu and I can help you get started. Thank you, Laurie Hartman

PROGRAMS

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

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.

May 1 (T) Sweatshirt Jacket with Judy Schryver & Sharon Schneider

May 11, 12 Karen Sienk

SHOW AND TELL

Sandy Shufelt - Two table runners, sailboat quilt top, batik quilt top, purse with Flower

Denise Falgiano -Small Dragonfly wall hanging

Marge Sposito -Basket, Table runner

Martha Krupa - Two art quilts from Ina Randall's workshop

Mae Andes - Dresden Plate quilt top started by Pat Herman

Judy Schryver -Spades quilt

Barb Sanford- Kenan Rose, Stack & Whack, Jacket, Twirling Skirt

Sandy Diel - Easter Basket

Sue McKenna - Two border prints, reverse appliqué

Maria Adams - Baby doll bed with linens

Jan Jordan - Christmas Wallhanging

Sunshine

A Sympathy card was sent to Marian Roeseler for the death of her father.

A Sympathy card was sent to Sharon Schneider for the death of her husband.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Fleckenstein 20-May



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