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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a great way to begin the year! We had a great time at our painting and dyeing workshop on Saturday, the 12th. We were able to snow dye using the snow piled along the parking lot. I am amazed at how mine turned out. I had two pieces of ½ yard each on the lid, one on the top and one on the bottom. I packed snow on them heavily, but when I moved the container inside to pour the dye on it, the packed snow cracked. The upper fabric took the dye quickly through the crack and is nice and bright while the lower fabric is very pastel because of all the snow the dye had to travel through to get to the fabric, yet I used the same colors. It's always interesting how each piece of fabric has its own unique design. I can't wait to see how everyone else's turned out.

We also used various kinds of glue to adhere foil to fabric. I personally liked the grey paste glue that we rolled on fabric that was spread over the rubbing plates. The glue dried fairly quickly, was easy to clean up and held the foil quite well. Another glue that worked pretty well was Aileene's No Sew glue. We tried Misty Fuse and Heat and Bond Lite too. The Heat and Bond holds a lot of Foil color and is still flexible. The Misty Fuse was webby looking as I showed at our meeting. Barb Sanford brought her bleach Soft Scrub so some of us tried discharging color from the fabric. Mine was fairly simple. I used a paint brush and made my initials. It's interesting that the thicker the paste, the more color is removed. I did mine on dark brown and the letters came out reddish.

We used the rubbing plates with the acrylic paint for fabric and the paint sticks. The more intricate the plate, the more mottled the design turned out because the lines weren't real distinct at least that is what mine looked like. We tried stamping with a few found objects with varying results. And we mixed paint to dye a series of one color in 3-4 strengths to see how those turned out. I know how mine turned out, and I hope you all come to guild next month and see what we made! This was a really cooperative session with everyone making suggestions. I always learn something new at workshops. I hope everyone tries at least one this year.

I've been able to work on my sewing machine this semester! Yay! I finished one set of placemats with the trapunto and I hope to get the second pair



done before the meeting. I managed to insert one round of yarn in the placemat but it made the whole thing curl. I'm not sure I want to do that technique in the placemats again because I also want them to be functional as well as nice looking. I made a top for a veteran's quilt, which I hope to layer, quilt and bind before next meeting. Remember Gretchen is bringing her veteran contact with her to our meeting, so if you have time and inclination, try to get a veteran's quilt done to donate.

A new year means new projects, but for me it also means finishing UFOs. I'm still working to cut that pile down of all those projects. Watch for them in coming Show and Tells! Keep quilting and see you all in February.

Martha Krupa

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's so good to see so many back from the holidays and all the sickness. I had the bug off and on for two months. I still cough and take meds when it flares up.

Now is the time to get some quilting done and plan for the quilt show. Do you have your fabrics selected for the challenge? It will be here before you know it. I think I have most of the colors I need and now I have to decide what to do with them.

Martha's workshop was fun learning what happens when you dye the fabric yourself and use objects like SNOW - templates, glue, wonder under and misty fuse, the colored foils and lots of different dyes. Great job Martha. I sure learned a lot. There should be a great show and tell.

See you in February

Marge

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting Minutes January 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Martha Krupa. One guest was present, Marty Fragale.

Old Business:

The Treasurer's Report was accepted. There were no

meeting minutes due to the Christmas party.

New Business:

Quilt Show; Jan Jordan said that the featured quilter will be Gretchen Lang. Also, the 2013 Hoffman Challenge Exhibit will be part of our Quilt Show.

Kenan Affiliate; Sue McKenna will put together a Pasta Basket for the Wine & Beer Festival Chinese Auction.

Programs; Marge Sposito said Gretchen Lang will do a Trunk show in February and a workshop in March. The April workshop will be a basket taught by Gail Schweigert.

The motion to adjourn was made by Sue McKenna and seconded by Gretchen Lang.

Submitted by Barbara Sanford

PROGRAMS

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

Workshops Saturday 9am to 3pm

February 14th, Trunk Show, Gretchen Lang

February 16th, Gretchen Lang workshop (See Below)

March 14th, Miniatures Trunk Show, Barb Sanford

March 16th, Linda Davis workshop

GRETCHEN LANG WORKSHOP NEEDS LIST

Caribbean Nights 72" x 84"



1 Yard of large scale floral print

1 Yard bright print for squares and inner border

1/2 Yard each of 7 prints or solids for square (think use



up my stash)

3 3/4 Yard for squares, outer border, and binding
Note: I would wait on the 3 3/4 and just bring 3/4 Yard for squares. You can always pick out the border and binding later.

SHOW AND TELL

Marge Sposito	Table Top and Bag
Sandy Shufelt	Purses
Martha Krupa	Baby Quilt
Sue McKenna	Zentangle
Stephanie Drehs	Pincushion
Carol Brown	Art Quilt
Pat Tracy	Charity Quilt and Doll Quilt
Gail Schweigert	Chenille Scarves and Knitted Cowl

NEW MEMBER UPDATE

Please update your roster with the following members:

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

Grace Dietz	February 1 st
Linda Davis	February 6 th
Kim Jeffree	February 23 rd
Carol Brown	February 27 th

ANNUAL QUILT CHALLENGE: GRETCHEN'S RED-STEMMED ASTERS

Gretchen Lang's garden on Hollenbeck Rd. is serving as inspiration this year for our annual quilt challenge. There is only one requirement this year: Match the colors in the photo of the red-stemmed wild asters. If you don't have a copy of the photo to work from, it is available on-line or ask Pat Tracy. You can choose the size, the techniques, and the pattern. Just bring the

finished project to the June meeting.

To make the voting on the winners as fair as possible, please do not enter anything you have shown at a guild meeting or write your name on the front of the quilt. We want all entries to be anonymous. There will be two winners based on totally subjective categories: most creative and most beautiful.

Any suggestions for improving the contest see Pat Tracy.

KENAN QUILT SHOW - "FOR THE LOVE OF QUILTS"

The planning of the 2013 quilt show is underway. We have named it "For the Love of Quilts" and it will be Friday through Sunday, November 1 - 3, 2013. In addition to our normal display of 200 quilts we will be featuring this year 40 quilts from the traveling Hoffman 2013 Challenge Collection. Gretchen Lang will be our featured guild member. Start planning your entries now and keep in mind we will be including a Chinese auction of small quilts, purses, wall hangings, etc. that our members will be donating.

There will be a meeting of the quilt show committee chairmen prior to our next guild meeting at 5:45PM February 14th.

SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE

Bernina Artista 180 Sewing Machine with embroidery attachment for sale. This Bernina comes with many extra feet including a walking foot. Seller is asking \$650 or best offer. Call Linda after 6pm or weekends at 471-0092

HAND QUILTER WANTED

During the Kenan Holiday House, a woman asked if there was anyone who would finish hand quilting a quilt that her mother had started. It is applique and has been outline quilted, but it needs more quilting. If you are interested, please contact Linda Caruana at 866-6374 OR lakc8@hotmail.com.



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