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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I sit here watching the birds feed, actually watching a female cardinal and house finch fight over the small feeder, I look at the fresh white covering of snow and wonder what the fresh, so far, empty year will bring? I can count on lots of sewing and teaching of my log cabin quilts, perhaps even quilting at least one. The January meeting will be especially enjoyable with the opportunity to see many of your log cabin quilts too. I wonder how many different layouts of log cabin quilts we will see. I have one that is so..... Come and see.

There are other great activities/instructions planned too. A mini information session on English paper piecing (if you choose to participate bring needle, thread and scissors) will be held during January's meeting. There will also be packs of fabric and instructions for you if you wish to help with the next raffle quilt. When one ticket was drawn for the last raffle quilt, it was great to hear a member's name. Rita Gorman was the winner.

Sharon and Judy are doing a terrific job with their programs for our enjoyment. Please share your ideas with them. If this year's schedule is too full, they have a growing list for consideration next year. I have never enjoyed a bingo game more. How about you?

Linda

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome 2014! Looking back on the year just passed we did have our troubles. Snow and difficult driving conditions prevented me from attending the Christmas Party and then the rain and freezing conditions trimmed trees and took out power for many people. I hope you have survived all these difficulties as I have and are looking forward to a New Year and new experiences.

We have some new things planned and I hope you will join us. At the January meeting, we will be talking about the Log Cabin Block. I know this is as far from new as you can get! But we would like you to bring anything you have made using the log cabin block. Looking at the many different uses could give you some



new ideas. Linda Davis & Judy Schryver will present a program to inspire your creativity in this time tested block. Also during the January meeting we will have a small demo on English Paper Piecing. What you need to bring is a needle, neutral thread, and scissors. We have the fabric and paper for you to learn this technique.

The January workshop is Paper Piecing with Sue McKenna January 11. There is still time to sign up and get your needs list for the class.

The January sew session will resume on the 15th from 10 to 2.

The February meeting will feature Barbara Huber (former member) who has published many patterns - many of which are purse patterns. She also will be instructing the workshop on Feb. 15th. I hope to have an example of the purse being taught at the Jan. Meeting. You can find her at

www.quiltwoman.com/BarbaraHuber.

Another reminder for our March program--Birthday Celebration -- Pat Tracy is still collecting orphan blocks or unused pieces from your completed projects. She is putting together a project that is sure to be fun and a surprising use of these scraps.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting Jan. 9th.

Sharon

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No meeting minutes were recorded at December's meeting.

PROGRAMS

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

January: Log Cabin Presentation Judy Schryver & Linda Davis

February: Barb Huber - Purse & Patterns Maker

March: Birthday Month & Scrap Creations with Pat Tracy

April: TBA

May: Lorin Van Dier - Trunk Show

June: Picnic

WORKSHOPS

Workshops Saturday 9am to 3pm

January: Paper piecing - Sue McKenna

February: Purse - Barb Huber

March: Embroidery Stitches - Barb Sanford

April: "The Enchanted Mountain Quilt Shop" Applique Block

May: TBA

SHOW AND TELL

Kim Jeffree

Baby Quilt

THIS MONTHS BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Senders

January 14

Susan Laubacker

January 18

MaryAnn DeMaison

January 25

NEW MEMBERS

Please add the following to your rosters:

Jody Sossong

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THANK YOU KENAN QUILTERS

Kenan Quilters,

Thank you so much for the donation of beautiful baby quilts to our center. As always, your quilts are beautifully crafted with skill and love. Your generosity and love will be greatly appreciated by the many women and babies who will benefit from your efforts. We thank you for your heart for this ministry! You are such a blessing to our center!

May God Bless You Richly,

Dorrie Ainsworth, LCPC Client Services Director

Kenan Quilters,

Thank you for a very nice time at the Christmas get together. Everyone is so thoughtful and caring. The Quilt will look very nice in our new home.

God Bless,

Jody Sossong, a new member who lost her home to a fire.



SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT BATTING

As I started quilting, I used a 100 percent cotton batting. Then I started carrying quilts for trunk shows. Or to include them in shows but I had quite a hard crease down the center and it would not press out! So I began talking with those with more experience than I had.

A cotton batting retains fold lines and they are hard to remove. So consider the cotton with a small percentage of another type of fiber, maybe 80/20 cotton/polyester blend?

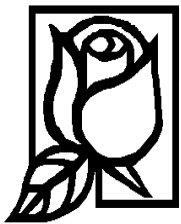
Many 100 percent polyester battings just seem too puffy but are light to carry. Now there are wool, bamboo, plastic bottles, and more fibers used for battings which I cannot offer any opinions about. Do you know how they behave?

Linda Davis

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