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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we all begin our new year of membership in the Kenan Quilters Guild there are new horizons and activities to explore. Your new officers extend a very large thank you to each member for the trust you put in us to guide the guild through this year. But, we cannot do it alone!

There are opportunities for you to help. We need you to volunteer as a committee chairperson (or you and your best friend to share as committee co-chairpersons); there will be many tasks that need doing before and at the quilt show; sharing of your ideas about possible workshops; techniques you would like to learn or improve; possible speakers at the meetings and other ideas to make our Kenan quilters Guild an enjoyable and productive activity for you.

We have our best quilt show happening in November for you to participate in; Judy and Sharon are already thinking about and planning for programs and workshops; Stephanie has her pen ready to keep a record of our activities and many ideas to share and Gail will continue to do her excellent job of keeping us in the black as well as providing educational instruction (as do the other officers) just for you. (The discussion and sharing of ideas at the picnic sure did go well. Thanks for a great beginning)

Your officers will be meeting to brain storm about possible activities and programs and workshops and would very much like you to offer your suggestions to any one of us. Since I have to catch up with the technology of the rest of you—here is my email address- linjohnd@gmail.com. Or, if you wish to talk about a possible guild activity my phone number is 716 751 9470. I look forward to hearing from you.

Linda Davis

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July's summer heat is here and sleeping under a quilt is the last thing any of us are considering. We are using the July meeting to work on Cuddle Quilts which is the Guilds Service Project to the Community. If you don't want to bring a machine, you could bring your cutting supplies to cut fabric to create your own kit. We do have kits made up that you could choose and take home to make at your leisure.

We can work in groups with one person at the machine stitching, another at the ironing board pressing and



another person doing the laying out of fabric. While we are working I would like to get your ideas on what you would like for programs and workshops. There were many great ideas expressed at the June picnic, but my memory is short and there was no minutes recorded. So please come to the Taylor Theatre Meeting Room (Air-conditioned) and bring a machine or cutting equipment or just come and bring ideas and we will work together on Cuddle Quilts along with brainstorming for programs and workshops for the upcoming year.

Please note: There will be no Saturday Workshops for July or August.

July 13th and 14th is Lockport in Bloom and the Kenan Campus is part of that Garden Walk

Hope to see you in July, Judy & Sharon

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No minutes were recorded at the June picnic.

PROGRAMS

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

Workshops Saturday 9am to 3pm

July 11th, No meeting, cuddle quilt workshop, bring your sewing machine and help make cuddle quilts.

July 13th, No workshop

THIS MONTHS BIRTHDAYS

Mae Andes	July 9
Barb Sanford	July 13
Lynn Urban	July 15
Sue McKenna	July 16
Jean Brown	July 16
Beverly Rosenberg	July 17
Belle Bright	July 20
Sally Johnson	July 25

IT'S A MYSTERY



An upcoming activity is to do a mystery quilt. It will start next month so the particulars can be all worked out!

QUILTING TIP OF THE MONTH

A neat trick! When you need to sew a strata as part of your quilt, do you have trouble pressing the seams? Try this, press the first seam then drop that seam over the edge of the ironing board then press the next seam, and continue in this method until all seams are pressed. Then turn the pressed strata to right side up and make sure there are no pleats.

Linda Davis

COMMUNITY SERVICE

It was mentioned at the June KQG meeting that perhaps we could begin to visit local nursing home facilities and conduct small quilt shows for the residents. I have chaired this committee in the past and can tell you that we were welcomed with open arms. Not only did the residents love to see the quilts, which generated lots of conversations among them, but the facilities were thrilled that this was a "free" event. I am sending a letter to Lockport nursing home facilities to ask if they are interested in inviting us in. My plan is to begin this program in September. Please contact me asap and let me know if you would be willing to bring a few of your quilts and quilted items for a "show and tell" program at each of the homes that reply to me.

Dates will be forthcoming, but if you email me, let me know if there are particular days that do not work for you. I am planning this as a "before lunch" or "early afternoon" event, but of course, we will have to abide by the facilities' schedules.

Thanks so much. If you have never participated in this program, you are in for a treat. The residents of these nursing facilities LOVE us!!

Thanking you all in advance!!!

Dotti Timkey



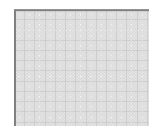
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