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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What talent we have in our guild! Many thanks to Gretchen for sharing all her beautiful quilts with us. I'm not nearly as prolific as Gretchen probably because I sleep at night, but I have real fun making quilts for other people. I have two new excuses coming this summer in July. My daughter is expecting her second boy and my son and his wife are expecting their first daughter! I need to get working on Michael and Kirsten's wedding quilt not to mention baby quilts. They're way ahead of me.

If I'm going to have time to quilt more, I need someone to be president. I have loved being president of the guild, but I think two terms is enough for now. It's time for someone else to have the pleasure of working with our great membership. Everyone has been supportive in volunteering for positions and workshops and trunk shows. Now we need two people (or three) to step up to be leaders. Just think, if you become president, you get to choose the "best Kenan quilter" at the quilt show in the fall. If you take on programs, you get to find teachers for techniques that interest you. Don't forget these jobs can be shared. Many hands make light work.

We do a lot of good in our community as evidenced by all the thank you notes last meeting. It is a good feeling to know our quilts and stockings and blankets make others warm and happy. Next month will be another birthday for the guild, so we want to keep up the tradition. We need leaders to step up, and if everyone makes one cuddle quilt or veterans quilt, we're well on the way to helping others in hard times. Leadership, generosity and creativity make great reasons to remain a guild. What is it you want to learn from each other? We can make lots of learning possible through our membership and workshops and programs. Please talk about being a leader among yourselves and with others. I look forward to another year quilting and learning with friends from the guild.

Martha Krupa



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting Minutes February 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Martha Krupa. There was one new member present, Michelle Domescek, a former member who has moved back to Lockport. The January Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted as written.

In the mail, we received Thank Yous from; the Kenan Center for our donation of a raffle basket for the Wine and Beer Fest; from the USSS for the Christmas stockings we made for service people; from the Children's Psychiatric Floor at Eastern Niagara Hospital, handmade by the patients for their quilts; and from Care Net Center for quilts.

Old Business:

Quilt Show: Sue McKenna told of some plans for this year's show. Judging will be done by local Community organizations after the quilts are hung. The programs will be printed by KAX Solutions and Services. Catering will again be done by Lynn Urban and her husband. For the mini quilt raffle, gift baskets will also be accepted.

New Business:

Quilting; Betty Bright offered an introductory 25% discount on Longarm quilting for our members. Michelle Domescek had fliers advertising her Longarm quilting.

Kenan Center; we will again sponsor a \$25 Award for the Storrs High School Art Show.

Nominating Committee; we need a slate of candidates for next year. If you would like to be on the committee or be an officer, contact Pat Tracy at 433-6925.

Programs; Marge Sposito said the March program will be a Miniature Trunk Show by Barb Sanford. The March workshop will be the Wheel of Mystery quilt, taught by Linda Davis on March 16th.

Colonel Bond House; Pat Tracy requested volunteers to sit with the Historical Society quilt Show at the Bond House.

The motion to close the meeting was made by Linda Davis and seconded by Sandy Diel.

Submitted by Barb Sanford

PROGRAMS

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

Workshops Saturday 9am to 3pm

March 14th, Miniatures Trunk Show, Barb Sanford
March 16th, Linda Davis workshop Wheel of Mystery (see below for needs list)

WHEEL OF MYSTERY



Quilt size 54" x 70"
Block size 8" x 8"

Curves, curves and more curves—how can you not like this quilt? With a bit of slow stitching and cutting with templates you too can enjoy this quilt.

I chose to use two background fabrics (On a Sunday I did not have enough yardage of one anyway) you may choose one background. If you use one background fabric, the fabric required for the blocks is the same as for the dark block fabric.

Fabric requirements:

- Dark: 2 yd. (blocks)
1 3/8 yd. (border)
- Lightest: 1 1/4 yd. (blocks)
1/3 yd. (inner border)
- 2nd Light: 1 3/8 yd. (block border)



Before class: cut the following strips across the width of the fabric: (This is for the quilt as pictured. If you are making changes, just cut 1 strip of each size.)

- Dark strips: 6 at 4 1/2" 7 at 5 1/2"
- Lightest strips: 3 at 4 1/2" 4 at 5 1/2"
- 2nd. light strips: 3 at 4 1/2" 4 at 5 1/2"

Please note! If one light is used - cut the same as the dark

Supplies:

- ☺ Sewing machine in good working order with all necessary parts
- ☺ Rotary cutter, mat and ruler A rotating mat is real handy and a cutter with a **medium** size blade make class life easier
- ☺ Wheel of Mystery set of templates for 8" block (I will purchase the size you requested)
- ☺ Fabric shears that cut well at the point and will snip through multiple layers of fabric
- ☺ Seam ripper
- ☺ Stiletto or bamboo skewer or use your seam ripper point to help guide fabrics
- ☺ Thin straight pins
- ☺ Other sewing supplies to give you comfort
- ☺ Lunch

If you are looking to just learn the cutting and sewing techniques you may wish to bring a few scraps to work with **OR**

If you wish to work with many fabrics of differing colors, please bring the ones you want to use.

Linda Davis 751-9470

Wheel of Mystery or Spinning Wheel

SHOW AND TELL

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|-------------------|--|
| Martha Alexander | Quilt |
| Marge Sposito | Scarfs |
| Martha Krupa | Dyed Fabrics, Placemats,
Veterans Quilt |
| Sue McKenna | Snow Dye Fabrics & One Fabric
Quilt Twister |
| Maryann DeMaison | Flannel Quilt |
| Michelle Domescek | Doll Quilt |
| Pat Tracy | Comfort Quilts |
| Pat Brace | Comfort Quilts |
| Maria Adams | Table Toppers |
| Barb Sanford | Dyed Fabrics |

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

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| Jody Barry | March 1 st |
| Betty Bright | March 6 th |
| Sandy Diel | March 28 th |

SUNSHINE

Marge Sposito and Martha Alexander's brother-in-law passed away this past month. Please send condolences to them and their families.

EARLY QUILTS OF NIAGARA

The Niagara County Historical Society/ History Center of Niagara will be displaying quilts from its collection and from its members' personal collections at the Colonel William Bond House, 145 Niagara St. from April 7th through May 18th on Thursdays through Sundays from 1PM to 4PM. At this time of year the NCHS is often short of volunteers at the Bond House. The quilt committee setting up the exhibit is asking the members of the Kenan Quilters Guild for help in staffing the Bond House on the days it will be open. The Bond House is a lovely old (1824) brick house furnished in the style of the 1840s and 50s. It makes a wonderful backdrop for the quilts. These quilts will not be on display again for another ten years.

Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and answer any questions they may have. A booklet will be available for visitors telling them what we know about the exhibited quilts. We prefer to have two volunteers for each showing. You can bring your own projects to work on while you are "babysitting" the house. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the March meeting if you wish to volunteer.

Members of the KQG who have an historic quilt with a story to tell and want to exhibit it are encouraged to bring their quilt to the Niagara County Historical Society, 215 Niagara St., from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday until March 30th for consideration for inclusion in the exhibit. The NCHS quilt committee thanks the KQG for the help they have received from its members. See Stephanie Drehs, Alisa Bryd or Pat Tracy for more information.



QUILT CHALLENGE

Now that we have all been inspired by Gretchen Lang's wonderful truck show, we can look again carefully at the photo of her backyard and, inspired by the lovely landscape and the red stemmed asters, begin our quilt challenge projects. June will be here before we know it.

Reexamine the photo closely.

Eat a cookie or two while imagining your entry.

Drink some tea.

Search your stash for colors matching the photo.

Take a trip to your favorite quilt store to buy the greens and yellows you still need.

Eat another cookie. The creative process requires fuel.

Match the colors to your pattern.

Make your first cut. You're on your way.

Examine your handiwork so far.

Do some chain stitching.

Assemble your blocks.

Sew on the borders. Cut the batting. Quilt it.

Take your entry to the Kenan Center for the picnic challenge. Hang it proudly.

Eat the delicious picnic supper provided by your fellow quilters.

Rejoice when you win.

Spend your winnings at your favorite quilt shop.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I was recently contacted by a woman who makes catnip bags for Cat Rescue Groups. These bags are sold and proceeds are used to care for the cats and kittens until they find their forever homes. The catnip bags are 4.5 inch square (finished) and open at one end so that they can be filled when catnip is in season. I have made several and it's a great way to use up scraps. If you would like to contribute by making some of these bags, I will deliver them as a donation in the Kenan Guild's name. This could be an ongoing project as there is always a need for these bags as a source of income for these rescue groups. Please bring these bags to the meetings and I will collect them and make the delivery. Thanks!

Dotti Timkey

QUILTER WANTED

I was contacted by a woman who would like to have a

T-shirt quilt made for her daughter. Her daughter is graduating from Canisius College this May and she would like a T-shirt quilt made from their Canisius shirts for her graduation gift. If anyone is interested in making this quilt please contact her by email: Beth Hitro bgh6720@roadrunner.com or you can contact me at 772-7396.

Thanks!

Katie DerSarkissian

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

LONGARM QUILTERS

Betty Bright is offering an introductory 25% discount to all guild members looking for longarm quilting services. Michelle Domescek is also available with her computerized longarm quilting service.

EARRING FOUND

An earring was found in the Kenan parking lot after our January workshop. If you lost an earring or know someone who did, contact Gail at 751-3961.

FILED E-POSTCARD W/ IRS

I did file the annual e-postcard with the IRS. It was accepted.

Gail L. Schweigert, Treasurer



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Next Meeting March 14th @ 7:00 PM in the
Taylor Theater Meeting Room