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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Surprise! It's snowing! The ground is covered with a beautiful white COVER, opps, I mean covering of cold FLUFFY WHITE, that makes me think, guess I'll just go to the sewing room and play with a fluffy white batting to make a brightly colored cover (or quilt in our language). I do have my mystery ready for the March meeting, do you? I really look forward to seeing what you have done with your mystery. Remember that Pat Tracy has a surprise up her sleeve so bring your imagination, off the wall creative ideas so we can WOW her, and ourselves, with our challenge. Let's show her how really good her ideas are.

It is time for selecting new officers. Will you be available to support your guild? If you have doubts about your abilities perhaps your best friend would work along with you? With all the mistakes and forgetfulness I have had during this past year, you have just waited for me to get my act together. Remember we are friends and will support you as you are one of the next year's officers.

Thank you all for the bias squares you made.

Linda

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank You to Barbara Huber for her presentation of pattern making. It was interesting to hear where some of her ideas for creating new patterns came from. Even if you never intend to produce a pattern of your own, her suggestion of writing down your ideas, measurements and procedures is important. It will save you from the work you went thru the first time and enable you to perfect the process. The Saturday workshop was an enjoyable class with five ladies leaving with a completed purse.

March is our 29th year of being a guild. The Kenan Quilters Guild was formed in 1985 to "perpetuate the art of quilting by sharing ideas, expertise and fellowship among guild members". Come and join in the fun as Pat Tracy has organized a fun experience



creating a unique use of leftover blocks and pieces of other projects. The March workshop is "Embroidery Stitches" with Barb Sanford. Space is available for this workshop.

In April we have scheduled Enchanted Mountain Quilting Inc. to present the program and workshop. They were one of the vendors at the last quilt show and offered a unique way of combining techniques to a basic block and creating very intricate results.

I am looking forward to spring as everyone is. Come to the Birthday Party for the Guild and hopefully get some new ideas. Happy Stitching, Sharon

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Kenan Quilters' Guild was called to order at 7:40 PM by President, Linda Davis. The meeting followed a program presented by Barb Huber, pattern designer. There were no new members and two guests present. Several pieces of mail were received and laid on the front table for those who would like to read them.

### Reports:

Secretary-There were no corrections or changes to the Secretary's Report and it was accepted as printed.

Treasurer-There were no corrections or changes to the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted as printed.

### Committees:

Liaison- Mary Sue Rogers reported on the most recent Affiliates meeting. The following items were discussed: Facebook, Wine & Beer Fest, EastNiagaraPost.com, Teas & Tours, All High Photo Show, EIN Survey, and staff changes. Mary Sue announced that there will be an Antique Fair in the Arena on March 8, 2014. There will be a tea for Amy Greenan in the Kenan House on March 9, 2014.

Volunteers are needed to set tables & wash linens. We are asked to submit a donation for the Storrs All High Photo Show event. The staff changes are as follows: Office Manager-Heather Bowen, Liaison Contact-Alyssa Napoleone, Information Officer (managing membership databases)-Mary Napoleon. EastNiagaraPost.com is a website to post on-line news releases free of charge.

Cuddle Quilts-Bev Rosenberg announced that kits were available to take tonight. At the March Sewing Circle more kits will be assembled and she will demonstrate a new pattern for cuddle quilts. You are also welcome to bring your own projects to work on at Circle.

Challenge-Pat Tracy is still collecting orphan blocks and bits & pieces for the March Madness Challenge. She would like to hear from anyone who has any ideas about organizing the program.

Nominating-Linda announced that she needed people for the Nominating Committee. Pat Tracy & Stephanie Drehs volunteered.

### Old Business:

Mystery Quilt-Linda announced that the mystery quilt featured in the newsletter is due at the March meeting.

2014 Raffle Quilt-Linda is collecting the completed kits that were handed out last month. For those who enjoyed the Bias Square technique and would like to use it again she announced the formula. It is as follows: (finished size of bias square + 1") X 2 + ¼"=size large square must be. This allows a little wiggle room so the resulting bias squares need to be trimmed to size.

Programs-Sharon Schneider announced that reservations & payment are now being accepted for the Karen K. Buckley classes which will be held in September. The March workshop will be crazy quilt stitches by Barb Sanford. Reservations & payment are being accepted for the workshop. Barb announced what is needed and has a needs list for anyone who wants one.

### New Business:

Possible Future Project- Jan Jordan announced that she received an e-mail from Ellen Martin of the Sweet 16 Shop. She is proposing an Outdoor Quilting Marathon this summer in honor of Aaron Moselle. After some discussion it was decided to ask Ellen to come to a future meeting for further explanation.

Wool-Marge Sposito announced that Martha Ferguson is interested in selling wool fabric. She will bring the wool to the next meeting.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mae Andes and seconded by Sandy Diel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Drehs  
Secretary

## PROGRAMS

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



**March:** Birthday Month & Scrap Creations with Pat Tracy

**April:** Enchanted Mountain Quilting Inc.

**May:** Lorin Van Dier - Trunk Show

**June:** Picnic

### WORKSHOPS

Workshops Saturday 9am to 3pm

**March:** Embroidery Stitches - Barb Sanford

**April:** "The Enchanted Mountain Quilt Shop" Applique Block

**May:** Fancy Flowers - Carol Kinzley

**June:** No Workshop

### SHOW AND TELL

Martha Alexander	Pillow
Marge Sposito	2 Snowman Hangers
Dotti Timkey	Table runner
Deb Colaizzi	Quilt
Martha Krupa	Pineapple log cabin
Sally Johnson	3 quilts
Sue McKenna	On Point Quilt & wall hanging
Pat Tracy	Baby quilt, table topper
Jan Jordan	Table topper
Susan Laubacker	Pineapple blocks, cuddle quilts

### THIS MONTHS BIRTHDAYS

Jody Barry	March 1
Betty Bright	March 6
Joanne Witjes	March 15
Sandy Diel	March 28

### NEEDS LIST - EMBROIDRY WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 15, 2014

- Small scissors
- 6" - 7". Embroidery hoop
- Embroidery needles
- Floss, if you have some
- Thimble, if you use one
- Removable fabric marker or pencil
- Measuring tape or ruler

I will provide muslin for practice, a crazy quilt block,

stitch diagrams, floss, and reference books.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Sanford, 433-8563

### NOMINATIONS

It's that time again. We have to begin thinking about a slate of officers for the upcoming 2014-2015 year. Pat & I have decided to begin with a softer approach, asking for volunteers. If you are interested in running for office or know someone who you think would be a good fit for a particular office, please let us know. If you have any questions regarding any of the offices feel free to ask either one of us or any of the current officers.

The excuse, "I've already served as an officer", is no excuse as far as we are concerned. Your current officers have also served before-all of them multiple times in various capacities. But, we have many new members in the guild who are very capable & talented women. We would like to see some of the "newbies" step up and show us what you can do. If no one volunteers then Pat & I will have no choice but to go to the roster and begin calling people. According to our constitution & bylaws we are required to have a slate of officers. If we can't fill the offices then the possibility exists that the guild may have to be dissolved.

You can contact Pat Tracy at: 433-6925 or [patt@roadrunner.com](mailto:patt@roadrunner.com)

You can contact Stephanie Drehs at: 434-6831 or [StephanieDrehs55@msn.com](mailto:StephanieDrehs55@msn.com)

We look forward to hearing from you

### CUDDLE QUILTS

Thank you to the membership for all the quilts donated in the past months. There is always a need so if you can help we would appreciate it.

Again, thank you.

Judy Schryver and Bev Rosenberg

### NURSING HOME TRAVELING QUILT SHOW

Due to various other obligations, I will not be scheduling the nursing home visits. If anyone else would like to take this endeavor over, let me know.



Thanks so much. It is definitely a very gratifying program.

Dotti Timkey

## COMPUTER CORNER

While chatting at circle last week we began to talk about various quilt related websites. Linda suggested that it would be nice to have a couple of websites mentioned in each newsletter for people to explore. I mentioned that if I went through my "Favorites" that I could probably supply the newsletter for a very long time. So we will begin at A.

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Stephanie Drehs

## SEWING HINT

If you had one of the packets of 8 squares to make 32 bias squares, I hope you liked the process. There is a formula to know what size big squares to start with. First you need to know the size of your FINISHED bias square. This is the size of the square after it is completely sewn in the quilt top! Now the formula: To the finished size of the bias square add 1 then multiply by 2 then add 1/4. This is the size to cut the pair of starting squares. Once you have all 8 bias squares marked, sewn and pressed, then it is necessary to trim them to your working size which is the finished size plus the 1/2 inch seam allowance. Questions, please ask Linda Davis.