

Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild Newsletter, June 2011

Trudy's first job as our new president was to welcome 76 members and one guest, Brenda Moody, to our meeting June 28th. Thank you, Trudy, for taking on the presidency.

Continuing with our tradition of making a quilt for the outgoing president, Trudy showed the block Corie has chosen. The pattern for this is attached.

Members were asked to sign up for the trip to Shelby for the annual Triangles and Squares party on October 1st at a cost of \$15 per person to cover lunch, a trunk show and talk by Barbara Olsen, a fabric artist from Billings. This year the celebrations and events are to be held at the High School in Cut Bank. New this year is the option of looking into hiring a 'bus for the day'. Judy Barnett is exploring this possibility and will let us know the outcome. Stay tuned. If you wish to sign up for this event please contact Trudy.

Kathy Oliver gave details about the retreat at the Southern Alberta Bible Camp, October 28th - 30th and was pleased to report that as we had more than the ten people signed up already it was definitely a 'go.' Not sure if at the end of the evening there were vacant spots left, but for those of you who might have been thinking about it more and are interested in going, please contact Kathy.

Members who were not on email were identified and paired with an 'email buddy' to keep them informed of guild events, etc.

Kathy Shigemi thanked everyone who donated fabric of all kinds for her to use at Victoria Park School and said how valued and needed it was for the continuation of the program. She will be teaching the same class again next year so donations are still welcome and very much appreciated.

Trudy reminded us about an email Cheryl Atkinson sent an earlier regarding a workshop the Textile Surface Design Guild is putting on this summer. There will also be an artist's talk by Lee Bale and trunk show at the Galt Museum on August 25th at 7:00 p.m. Regular admission fees to the museum apply, but there won't be a fee for the talk and trunk show. Cheryl would be happy to give further information.

Pat Greenlee would like anyone interested in a Castle Crown Hike and Quilt project to get in touch with her so she can organize this.

Doreen Rombough would appreciate assistance in making pencil cases for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child project as her friend is ill and unable to work on these at the moment. This is an optional endeavour as she realizes there are several groups of people working on them too for other organizations.

There was a request from the library for the loan of quilts to be hung during July and August. It was encouraging to see that a brand new member, Elaine VandenBerg, offered to collect the quilts and make sure they were safely delivered to the library. Thank you, Elaine, you're a very welcome addition to the guild already.

Effie Brandt and fancy, dancy boots thanked everyone for their participation in the quilt show and stressed it was due to everyone contributing which made it the success it was. She generously thanked the committee who all felt lucky to have been part of such a fun and successful event. There will be a full report at the September meeting. Kathy Oliver, on behalf of the quilt show committee, presented Effie with a token of its appreciation for great leadership and stressed how much fun the committee had whilst working with such a supportive leader and a great group of ladies.

Janet Thompson presented plaques containing a photograph of the winning quilt, the quilt maker's name, and event, to the worthy winners in each category in the quilt show as listed below. Selecting the winning quilts must surely have been the most difficult task in the show due to the quality and quantity of entries to choose from.

Original Design - Small

Effie Brandt - Colour Purple

Original Design - Large

Judy Barnett - Fall in the Prairies

Own Interpretation - Small

Marilyn Martens - Petal Pusher

Own Interpretation - Large

Lija Bane - Star Medallion

Commercial Pattern - Small

Effie Brandt - Poppy

Commercial Pattern - Large

Roxanne Holmes - Snake River

Youth

Mackenzie Brandt - My first Quilt

Wearable Art or other quilted items

Pat Greenlee

A questionnaire was passed around regarding the quilt show in the hope that information gathered will give guidance to those planning the next show.

Rose-Marie Christie won the door prize and Joyce Polec was the winner of the Treasured Stash.

Pat Panchmatia, Dorothy Jubelius, Elaine Josey, Florence Senda, Doreen Rombough, Elinor Foster and Sherry Timm were the winners of the loonie draws.

Patti Schween gave an interesting and informative demonstration on Discharging and passed around several samples of fabric that had had this treatment. Frances Schultz and Effie Brandt enthusiastically added to this and showed items also made with this method. Patti stressed the importance of handling cautiously all the products used, and also that they should be used in an area that is well ventilated. Her notes are attached.

Everyone enjoyed lunch and a special thanks goes to the hostesses who stepped up to the plate (forgive the pun) at the last minute to fill in the empty spot. A schedule for lunch volunteers was passed around but still has quite a few empty spots. If you would like to add your name for the upcoming year please contact Judy McQuaig at (403) 328 6057. Four volunteers are still needed for the September meeting to help set things up and clean up after the potluck. New members please note that when signing up for lunch duties all that is required is that you bring a plate of goodies or fruit and come a little earlier to help set the tables, etc. Help with clean up is also required. There are six lunch ladies each meeting.

Show and Tell rounded the evening off with the usual display of beautiful quilts and the stories behind them.

Our next meeting will be a pot luck supper on September 27th. A reminder with details about the program will be sent out nearer the time.

Wishing everyone a very happy Canada Day - take a minute to think how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful country - and an enjoyable summer with safe travels for all.

Pat Panchmatia

