

## **Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild Newsletter - October 25, 2011**

Trudy welcomed over 90 quilters including guests Anne, Shirley, Elaine (became a new member - Welcome, Elaine), Jacquie and Wendy. Kim Godwin brought her friend, Julie, who is interested in joining an appliqué group or a small design group.

Trudy again invited everyone to ask questions about the guild and the way things were done, and also encouraged anyone with ideas for events or projects to let her know.

Elaine Josey has joined the Program Committee and, contrary to the minutes previously sent out, the committee still does need another member. Thanks again, Elaine. Just think how much fun we all had tonight watching the demos - this committee is an excellent way for new members to get to know everyone. If you're not comfortable getting up and talking, don't worry, there's quite a few jobs to do that don't entail you being so 'obvious'. Please let Teresa Petriw know if you are interested, then you too can have the warm fuzzies when everyone tells you what a good program they enjoyed.

November 12<sup>th</sup> has been confirmed for the Sew Before Xmas Day - 12:30 - 9:00 p.m. at LSCO. This event is guild sponsored (aka a freebie) and snacks and beverages will be provided but members are to provide their own lunch and supper. Maybe some might like to trot over to the pizza parlour nearby or even order a pizza in for supper. There isn't a definite program and everyone is encouraged to work on whatever their little heart desires and maybe make a couple of new friends in the process. There will be backs and batting available for community quilts. Please bring extension cords and all the usual sewing needs. A cushion to sit would be a useful addition to your supplies too. Maybe when we all get stir-crazy in the evening we could have a cushion fight!

Marilyn, Treasurer, was unable to attend so Trudy offered to reimburse anyone for outstanding expenses.

Pjam reminded everyone to bring dolly quilts to the November meeting. For the benefit of new members, an optional project the guild undertakes is to make dolly quilts for donation to the Salvation Army which are included in their xmas boxes and distributed to families in need. This is a chance to practice a new block, or to put 'extras/discarded' ones to good use.

Deb reminded the retreat goers to take bedding, pillow, towels, all sewing supplies and an extension cord. We aren't allowed to get into the facilities until 2:00 p.m. as the rooms have to be cleaned following the departure of the previous group. As we will be the only group attending there will be plenty of room to spread out. Kathy sent driving instructions previously but if you need them again, or further information, she or Deb will be happy to answer any questions. As the minimum number for the retreat to go ahead was met, the \$30 deposit will now be refunded to those who had to cancel.

Pjam wowed us yet again with all the work and attention to detail she went to in getting a mystery quilt underway. Thankx muchly Pjam, it sounds like an interesting venture - already we're looking forward to the meeting in February when the plan is for everyone to bring their blocks and complete the final step as a group so we can all solve the various mysteries together. There are general instructions about a mystery quilt attached and Pjam will be sending weekly instructions directly to all those signed up. If you weren't at the meeting and still want to join then please contact Pjam to be put on her email list. The mind boggles at what Pjam might come up with next, but come up with something she sure will. Absolute guarantee - but Pjam, no pressure!

Wow! What a wonderful selection of demonstrations Teresa and her committee organized to help get us started with our xmas gift sewing. Many thanks to all who demonstrated - it went so smoothly one tends to forget all the homework required beforehand. For new members who maybe didn't know who did what, below is the list of names and items demonstrated.

Teresa Petriw - xmas stocking  
Frances Schultz - table mats  
Chloe Collin - gift bags  
Judy Gilmour - xmas ornaments  
Tanell Wirzba - baby books

Quilters Believe It or Not! After Anne, a guest, showed a very pretty Victorian heart quilt top and explained a dilemma we've all experienced, of running out of a particular fabric, the member sitting right next to her had the very same fabric at home and, of course, would be more than happy to let her have some. Wonder what Ripley would have to say about that.

Of course, the newsletter wouldn't be complete without commenting on the usual abundance of quilts that were shown. Thanks to all who put their work up for everyone to enjoy.

Lucky Ladies:

Door Prize - Hildy Kornelsen  
Treasured Stash - Edith DeHaan  
Loonie Draws - Judy Gilmour, Wendy Vanderwal, Janet Thompson and Judy McQuaig.  
Wendy's name came up twice but she graciously declined the second prize . Hope you got a lottery ticket on the way home, Wendy.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 7:00 p.m. LSCO  
Stay tuned for program, stash and display information.