

September 13, 2023
Missoula Quilt Guild

Board Members present: President Joni Stormo, Vice President Jewel Kodilla, Treasurer Shirley Frank, Fundraising Chair Karen Winther, Publicity Chair Vida Anderson, Member-at-large Meredith Hoistad

Joni called the meeting to order at 6:33 and introduced Quilt of Valor chair Debbie Tomell. Debbie and Sherry Gay presented a Quilt of Valor with a Viet Nam Veterans pin to retired Brigadier General Dale Stovall thanking him for 31 years of service in the US Air Force. Over 355,000 Quilts of Valor have been presented nation-wide. Mr. Stovall thanked QoV and made a few brief comments.

Joni welcomed new guild members and visitors. She introduced herself and the new board members.

Treasurer:

Shirley gave the treasurer's report and presented the proposed budget. The current balance in checking is \$2552.90; savings is \$14,247.00 for a total of \$16,826.09. The proposed budget was discussed and membership will vote on accepting the budget at the October meeting.

Newsletter:

Vida reminded members who may not have received the newsletter to verify their email addresses on the membership and the website. The newsletter will go out two-three days prior to our monthly meetings.

Fundraising:

Karen announced the return of the "Fat Quarter Basket" starting in October. Caroline Emmons will be in charge. For October, it's Polka Dots.

Birthday Bundles will also return. Members with birthdays in September and October are encouraged to put together bundles to be raffled. Tickets will be 4/\$1.

Our PIGS (Projects in Grocery Sacks) auction will be in February with Peggy Floyd serving as auctioneer.

Announcements/Committees

Class: Thelma Moyer will teach a class sponsored by MQG at A Clean Stitch on October 12 from 10:00 to 4:00. Registration is on the guild website and is limited to 12.

A Clean Stitch is collecting and sending quilts to Maui. Please drop quilts off by October 15.

Library: Louise Rhodes announced that the librarians have been culling materials from our library to sell at our October meeting.

Challenges: Quarterly Challenge is pillow cases for the pediatric unit at St. Pat. Members can work on pillowcases at Sew Day on September 23.

Annual Challenge is Eclipse-themed entries for the April Quilt Show with items shown at our April meeting and entered in the show later that month.

Quilt Show: Susan Appelt, Marcene Coburn and Peggy Floyd reported on the progress of the quilt show. They thanked Barb Powell for organizing work crews for the Western Montana Fair this past August. By working at the fair, our guild will have use of three buildings for our show in April. On "off years" our guild will receive up to \$3000 if we provide work crews again. Joyce

Auer made a motion that the guild work at the fair on “off years.” Debbie Gross seconded. Vote passed by a majority.

Quilt Show chairs announced the following:

- *Quilt registration via forms (not online) available (at November 8 meeting due by February 14 meeting.
- *Must be a paid member by November meeting to enter
- *Four quilts may be entered by each member
- *A certified judge will be available as an option at \$5 if members want their quilts judged
- *Viewers Choice ribbons will be awarded
- *Quilts will be in three buildings at the fairgrounds
- *Fabric baskets will be raffled; 1-yard cuts of batiks and 1-yard cuts of neutrals

Quilt Committee chairs will meet on September 27 at the Fire Station at Russell and 39th in groups at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30. Show Chairs gave out forms to return at that meeting. Any expense should be approved prior to purchasing and receipts should go to Marcene.

Door Prize drawings. Debbie Gross explained door prizes and drew for three. The winners were Eileen Zac, Shirley Frank and Kathy Schubert.

Quilts of Valor: Debbie reported on a presentation of Quilts of Valor in Columbia Falls on September 6. Debbie, Janet Gustuson, and their spouses along with Sue Giskaas, state coordinator for QoV handed out 54 quilts including 35 in a group presentation.

Historian: Suzanne Sterrett will be the guild’s new historian. Thank you!

Community involvement: Carolyn Dewey and Meredith Hoistad gave a presentation about removing and adding new facing and a hanging sleeve on a 1712 tapestry owned by the University of Montana. Susan Appelt and Gen Beery helped with the four-day process. The tapestry, The Bagpiper, will be on display at the new Montana Museum of Art and Culture starting late in September.

Break...goodies provide by the board. Sign up for future meetings is on the guild website.

Show and Tell followed the break.

Submitted by Meredith Hoistad for Lisa-kay Prideaux, Secretary