

May Minutes - Missoula Quilters Guild May, 14, 2025

President Sue Olinger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone. She then introduced Quilt of Valor representatives, Debbie Tomell, Janet Gustuson and Nancy Terwilliger-Grube, for a Quilt of Valor presentation. Debbie introduced US Navy veteran Dean Ludwig and his family. After a brief history of origins of Quilts of Valor and the organization's mission, she gave a synopsis of Mr. Ludwig's service to our country. The three representatives presented and "wrapped" Mr. Ludwig with a red, white and blue quilt. Mr. Ludwig spoke for a few moments recalling his time in the service and thanking the guild and QoV for honoring him. Sue invited the Ludwig family to stay (or leave at any time) as she segued into the evening's program.

She introduced Vice President Jodi Bowser who gave an informative talk on "What's in the Middle" about batting. She gave us terms, helpful ideas and ways for us as quilters to choose the appropriate batting for the quilts we make. Following her presentation, she also answered questions from the guild.

The next order of business was the presentation of the slate of officers: Member-at-large Debbie Gross; Secretary Lanell Curry; Publicity Kathy Klinge; President Sue Olinger. Janet Gustuson moved that the slate be approved; Joyce Auer seconded; the motion passed and we have new officers.

Rose Rademan spoke to the group about the recent death of long-time guild member Julie Radtke. A celebration of life will be held at the home of Julie's son for close friends and family members June 1. Sue announced that volunteers are needed to interview 4-H members who are entering quilts in the Western Montana Fair on August 8 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you're able to help out, contact Phoebe Knight at the Fairgrounds.

A guild member, Cindy French, has an unfinished hand-pieced quilt top to give to anyone who was interested in finishing it. Susan Appelt was the lucky recipient.

UFO coordinator Nancy Terwilliger-Grube presented \$50 gift certificates to the two members who tied for the most UFO quilts completed: Rhonda Maun and Susan Appelt. She then drew a name for a \$25 gift certificate and Rhonda also won that. Congratulations!

Upcoming ETC classes include a July 12 bag-making class taught by Stephanie Minnick. Cost of the one-day class is \$25 and will be held at Atonement Lutheran.

A Spirit Butterfly Quilt trunk show will be our program on November 12. A two-day class for members to sew their own Spirit Butterfly Quilt will be offered November 13 and 14. The cost will be \$45.

Break time allowed members to look at and touch quilts with various battings to understand why the correct batting makes a difference. Treats were delicious!

Following the break, members who participated in the Sustainability Challenge showed their quilts. The variety was amazing! These quilters showed what it means to re-use, make do and use up what's in that stash.

A reminder that two fabric baskets will be raffled at our 2026 quilt show. One basket will be black and white; the other will be red & white and blue & white. Please contribute 1/2 yard cuts for these raffles. Jackie Reimers will be in charge.

Show and Tell was a delightful wrap-up to the evening. President Sue reminded us that we'll all be back together on September 10.

Adjourned.