

Missoula Quilters' Guild



February 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Our Feb meeting began with Door Prizes. Seven lucky members were our February winners.

Nancy Terwilliger-Grube gave an update on the UFO challenge. Interest is piqued since Meredith scored two nice gift cards, completing the most projects in the last cycle.

Our annual challenge is a quilt made with a ruler you've never used before and using the 2022 Pantone color of the year, Very Peri.

Deb Tomell handed out some free 12 ½" block patterns to anyone who might be interested in making Quilt of Valor blocks to bring to the next meeting. All will go towards making at least one quilt, possibly more, and we will have a presentation of a quilt to Brigadier General Dale Stovall at an upcoming meeting. He is a Missoulian and a WWII veteran and it will be an honor to present him with a quilt. Patterns are on our website at <https://www.missoulaquiltersguild.org/about-5-1> Scroll to the bottom of the Quilts of Valor page to download the pdf patterns.

Our 2024 Quilt Show is scheduled for April 26-27, and the theme is Eclipse. Sue Olinger and co-chairs Marcene Coburn and Susan Appelt have already been gathering volunteers to help with all the committees. There was discussion of areas in which we still need help. It takes an entire village of guild members to produce a successful quilt show. It was very gratifying to see all the activity at the quilt show table during the break.

As usual we'll be having great raffles and presentations by our talented feature quilters, Karen Winther and Margaret Bachmeyer.

There are still openings for the Krista Moser class brought to you by our ETC committee. That is happening April 13 with a trunk show at guild the night before.

Joni Stormo reported that she and her husband gathered 462 quilts to send to Ukraine. We thank you so much, Joni and Loren, for motivating us all to help with such a worthy cause. Joni has an upcoming interview scheduled with Jill Valley and there was a very positive article in the *Missoulian* as well.

Chris Stobb gave a report on comfort quilts. I Rose read a thank you note from a grateful chemo recipient. It is such a worthwhile cause. Thanks to everyone involved in this group.

Em Dix reported that Quilts for Kids handed out an astonishing 95 quilts this month! Those ladies continue to meet and sew every Wednesday at Grace United Methodist Church from 9-2. They welcome anyone who is interested in helping out.

Deb Tomell and her committee are thankful and excited about Quilts of Valor's new meeting space. They meet on Mondays from 10-2 at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Sheri Leischner gave a reminder of the March Retreat at Glacier Presbyterian Camp up on Flathead Lake. Dates are 3/22 - 3/26. Contact Peggy Floyd for more information.

Sew Days at Latimer Fire Station will be on March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, and May 6 and 20.

Stitchers in the Dark will meet on March 6 from 6:00 - 8:45 pm. We will be able to have potluck again! The location will be at Atonement Lutheran Church. Come and join in the fun, and maybe sign up to participate in the exchange next spring.

Our program was all about Missoula Works Ventures. Paige Pavalone gave an excellent presentation about people trying to transition back into a job, a home, being part of the community after problems they've had with addiction, prison time or parole. This organization is making use of some of the canvas and sewing machines that were left behind and destined for the landfill after Sun Mountain Sports closed their doors many years ago. They have smokejumpers and people from Missoula Children's Theatre helping make products. She is hoping some of our members might be willing to help with sewing and teaching skills to help these people get back on their feet. This group also meets at Atonement Lutheran Church. They are part of the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative and an excellent place to donate some of your time and talent. Please check out their website, www.missoulaworks.com for more information.

We heard our Treasurer's report and then a reminder that next month is our **guild rummage sale**. Bring your quilt-related items....fabrics, trims, tools, books, rulers, patterns, nice scrap bags, etc., priced and ready to move next month. Bring your checkbook and piggy bank! All profits will be split between our service groups. If it doesn't sell, take it home or it will be taken to Goodwill or other groups in Missoula.

We look forward to seeing everyone in March.