Missoula Quilters Guild Meeting

11-8-2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from October 11, 2023 meeting, motion passed.

A full financial report will be presented in January. Joni reported that last month the library made $242 at their book sale and the Birthday Bundles made $60.

Joni introduced Board members, Lisa-kay Prideaux, Secretary, and VidaAnn Anderson, Publicity.

This month’s fat quarter basket theme is stripes. The Birthday Bundles are for November and December birthdays. There were several lovely baskets and much interest at the basket table. Next month’s fat quarter theme is SOLIDS.

So far, we have made and donated 120 pillowcases for our Quarterly Challenge. Linda Gooley reported that over 40 of our pillowcases have been given to children on the pediatric floor of St. Pat’s hospital so far. We will finish collecting the pillowcases at the Holiday Party in December.

The treat table was moved to the side of the room next to the charity quilt tables. Sign-up sheets were available for the rest of the year. You can still sign up on the website.

Marcene Coburn gave the Quilt Show update:

* Registration forms were handed out at tonight’s meeting. If you missed the meeting, you can contact Marcene (813-205-0793) or Susan Appelt (406-531-5749) to get the forms.
* You must be a paid member by tonight to be able to enter a quilt in the show. Instructions are on the form as well as on the website.
* Completed forms must be hand-delivered to Marcene Coburn, Susan Appelt, or Peggy Floyd. Just call one of them and they will make arrangements to meet you or find a way for you to drop off your forms.

 A date stamp will be put on the form when it is received.

* + IF YOU MAIL YOUR FORMS – the show chairs are not responsible for late or undelivered forms.
* Only 400 quilts will be put in this year’s show because it is a new venue and we want to be able to show the quilts adequately. Once the 400th quilt registration form is received, no other forms will be accepted, NO EXCEPTIONS.
* Registration forms must be submitted by February 14, 2023, at the latest; however, because of the limited number of quilts, the sooner you turn them in the better.
* Quilts do not have to be completed before the forms are submitted.
* Registration forms have the date/time/location of quilt drop-off and pick-up.
* When you drop off your quilt, you will receive the yellow portion of the registration form
* When you pick your quilt up, you must show the yellow page of the form to receive your quilt

Silent Auction for Quilt Show – Kathy Klinge

Please consider donating items for the auction – contact Kathy to make arrangements for getting items to her. Items do not have to be a quilt related

Joni announced that both Soft Landing and the International Rescue Committee would appreciate quilt donations for the refugees they serve. Any size from baby quilts to large quilts. She will be collecting them this month and at the Holiday party.

All charity group representatives spoke about their groups tonight.

* Emily Dix from Quilts for kids said that in addition to their sewing together on Wednesdays from 10-2 at Grace United Methodist Church, they are collecting mittens, hats, gloves and socks for Franklin School.

Quilts for Kids donates hundreds of quilts every year to local children in crisis.

* Debbie Tomell from Quilts of Valor described her groups mission of making quilts for Veterans. They meet Mondays from 10-2 at Atonement Lutheran Church. Quilts of Valor is a national organization, membership is $10 per year. When a Veteran receives a Quilt of Valor, he or she is draped in their quilt while a volunteer reads a short description of their service and also honors them with a certificate. Vietnam Veterans also receive a special pin. Debbie also described the Wreaths Across America Program. For $17 you can sponsor a wreath to be placed on a Veterans grave. There will be a wreath placement ceremony at the Montana Veterans’ Cemetery on Tower St on December 16th at 10 am sharp.
* Joyce Auer spoke about the Camp Make a Dream project. Her group makes autograph pillows for campers who are living with, or have experienced cancer. They need donations of 14.5” squares, decorated in any way you choose – preferably in fun, children’s designs, raw and unfinished. Her group in Arlee then makes them into pillow tops. They also work with the Tamarack Grief Resource Center.
* Chris Stobb spoke about her group, Comfort Quilts. They prefer donated quilts or quilt tops to be no bigger than a twin sized quilt. Most of their quilts go to St. Pat’s Cancer Center, their out patient services, and the ICU. Chris was selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Christmas quilt, pieced and quilted by our own Jodi Bowser. All proceeds will benefit Comfort Quilts.

Francine Miller from the ETC committee (Education, Teachers and Classes) gave an update. Her committee has been extremely busy. A few highlights are Lorinda Lee will be teaching a class on crazy quilts, Sue Dale will be teaching a class titled “I found a quilted heart”, Marilyn Likes will be teaching another class on quilted jackets (no dates for these), at our May meeting we will be learning how to paint a barn quilt and Thelma Moyer will be back May 9-11 to teach another landscaping class. Additionally, Francine described a number of classes coming up at A Clean Stitch.

Kathy Klinge from the Holiday Party committee spoke about the party plans. The party will be on our regular meeting night, December 13, 2023 at 6:30 at Revive Church in our regular meeting room. Long tables will be set up for a sit down dinner. It will be pot luck style. Alcohol is permissible. Bring HEAVY appetizers and desserts. Jewel, our Vice President has a fun program in mind, Vida will prepare some nice holiday background music. The committee will keep you updated with frequent emails and on the Facebook page as the date gets closer.

The Program for tonight was presented by Debbie Gross: The History of the Guild.

After the break, we had the drawings for the birthday baskets and the fat quarter basket. Then the makers of charity quilts presented their show and tell. We concluded the evening with our regular show and tell.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.