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Presidential Prose - Irene Raby

We've been so lucky lately with the cool weather we've been having; it's cool enough to spread a quilt over us and quilt by hand. Speaking of quilts, my sister in California sent me photos of the quilts made by my friends at the Piecemaker's Quilt Guild. She took the photos when she attended their quilt show at the beginning of July. She also sent me a newspaper article about them. I will put them on the back table so you may see them if you wish. I was so delighted to receive them. It was kind of her to send them and so much fun for me to see them. I miss her. And I miss my friends from Piecemaker's and from my old Bee, "The Material Girls." It feels like it's harder to make new friends here, at this stage of my life. I was thinking about all the other women who've join the guild but are not in a bee. It may be helpful to take time to have those of us who would like to be in a bee to fill out a signup sheet so we could get new bees going. So, if you'd like to be in a new bee, be sure to sign up. See you at the August meeting.

Guild meets on Monday, August 18

Meets every 3rd Monday of each month (except December) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall (lower level), 1755 Delhi Street, Dubuque IA, at 7:00 PM.

August Program

Whitney Moss

We will be having our annual guild garage sale. If you have too much fabric at your house and would like to sell it at our garage sale, please email me as soon as possible and I will reserve you a table at \$5 per table. Sellers can begin setting up at 6:30pm. If you're not selling, please come to buy and add to your stash!

Reminders:

Swap Club: Bring 14 (6-inch) squares of fabric that reminds you of long, hot summer days

Stitches of Love: Bring fabric/yarn donations and batting scraps (at least 3.5" wide)

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

What	Date	Time	Location
IA Quilts of Valor Sew In	Sat, Aug 9	10am-3pm	Cyndy's home, 18836 Breezy Ridge, Dubuque IA
			(please RSVP)
CCQG monthly meeting	Mon, Aug 18	7:00pm	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall
Community Service Projects	Thurs, Aug 21	9am-3pm	Shalom (3 rd floor) 1001 Davis St, Dubuque IA
CCQG Board meeting	Mon, Aug 25	6:30pm	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall
WI Quilts of Valor Sew Day	Fri, Aug 29	10ат-6рт	Hidden Quilts, 85 W Main St, Platteville WI

Minutes

Mary Nauman



The CCQG Board meeting met Monday, July 28, 2014. <u>Present:</u> Irene Raby, Karen Demaree, Linda Scofield, Whitney Moss, and Jackie Goodrich. <u>Absent:</u> Julie Breitspecker, Janaan Gottschalk, and Andra Fifield.

Whitney reported that the August program would be the garage sale and Sept would be mini workshops. The stockings will be mailed to the Wounded Warriors this week. Treasurer's report was approved after some discussion. Jackie reported 46 members attended the July meeting and one new member joined in July. We have 105 paid members. Secretary's report was given and approved. The meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2014, at 6:30pm at the church. Submitted by Mary Nauman, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Scofield



June 2014

Beginning Balance	\$3,763.69
Income	\$2,958.54
Expenses	\$1,064.14
Ending Balance	\$5,658.09
CDs	\$11,275.85

What's Coming Up

Whitney Moss



Mystery quilts: Quilt tops are due at this month's meeting and I can't wait to see them! If you don't have your quilt done yet, you can still bring it quilted (finished) to the October meeting to receive your charm! September: I'm still looking for some talented guild member volunteers to teach mini-workshops at our September meeting. Let me know if you're interested in sharing your talents with our guild!

Fundraising

Andra Fifield



No report submitted this month.

Membership



46 members attended the July meeting.

One new member joined in July:

Lory Sabers, 2506 Lincoln Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001 563-583-3141, Lorysabers@aol.com (email newsletter)

Community Service Projects

Peggy Weber & Karen Demaree

Jackie Goodrich





We had another very productive workday in July. Battings were cut for quilt tops (still need quilters machine, hand, tied - hint, hint!!!), more quilt blocks were sewn, and ditty bags were made.

What's a ditty bag??? It is the military term for a hygiene bag that is filled with toiletry items and given to patients at the VA Hospital in Iowa City. (We would be happy to donate to other VA hospitals if you have a way to get them there.) They are very easy to make. I will try to remember to bring some samples and also the pattern to the next guild meeting. We could use drawstrings for these bags. Any type of cording that would fit through a ½-inch casing (at least 36 inches in length) would be greatly appreciated: shoestrings, heavy cording, bias tape, macrame cord, ribbon, etc.

Many thanks to all of you for the many varied things you do for the less fortunate in our communities! Our next workday will be Thursday, August 21, 9am-3pm, at Shalom (3rd Floor) 1001 Davis Street, Dubuque IA. Come for an hour or the whole day. Thanks, Peggy.

Retreat Dates

Barb Brockett & Bonnie Heiberger





Remember to register for the retreat when you check in at our August guild meeting.

Costs: *Regular room* - \$143 for the weekend; *Room with private bathroom* - \$163 for the weekend; *Suites* \$183 for the weekend /per person.

Dates are Friday October 31 @9:00 - Sunday November 2 @ 2:00. We need at least 1/2 down to hold your spot. You will get registration forms and extra info when you sign up. Thanks, Barb & Bonnie.

Ouilts of Valor

Cyndy Billmeyer

QOV The next *Iowa QOV Sew-In* will be on Saturday, August 9th, 10am-3pm, at Cyndy Billmeyer's home located at 18836 Breezy Ridge, Dubuque IA. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP so Cyndy knows how many to prepare for. Contact Cyndy by email cyndyb0244@hotmail.com or by phone 563-590-2923 to RSVP or for directions.

"To Comfort and hopefully to help heal" are goals of Quilts of Valor. This past month, six of your QOVs were awarded. Each recipient received not only a quilt, but, more importantly, a symbol of the outpouring of love and caring from each of us. More than one of them had tears in their eyes, while being thanked for their service. One of the recipients, Mr. Bob Gross, has since passed away from cancer caused by Agent Orange.

A big Thank You goes out to the Back Stitch Quilt Shop in Elkader Iowa. Their 4-month Hearth & Home block drive netted 125 blocks, which they presented to me for Quilts of Valor. I already plan to use these blocks as framing for some patriotic panels. (Karen & I both have the pattern available.) If you're on a road trip, The Back Stitch is a neat place to stop.

The first QOV group ceremony in Dubuque this year will be held Aug. 3rd, where 11 Veterans will receive their much-deserved Quilt of Valor. You are welcome to come and experience a QOV ceremony if you wish on Sunday, August 3rd, 2 pm, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22nd & White (one block below KFC, on the corner).

There are always so many of you to thank for your generosity and your talents in this endeavor. when I get up to speak, my brain goes elsewhere, and I forget names that I intended to mention. This month, I would like to acknowledge our great CCQG long arm quilters: Linda Althaus, Sherene Lochner and Peg Ries, who give so generously of their time. Mary LeGrand also quilts QOVs for her customers. They are all so beautiful, and the Veterans who receive them really do appreciate your work. And, a quick tip of the hat to Judy Harron, former CCQG member, who phoned me one day & said, come on over & get this QOV I made for you. Thanks Judy.

The medical news is good for now...I'm postponing any procedures until September, after Rich & I return from our Alaska cruise tour, where we'll be celebrating our 50 years together. Thanks, Cyndy.

The Wisconsin Quilts of Valor Sew Day is usually held the last Friday of every month. Please mark these 2014 dates on your calendar: Aug 29, Sept 26, Oct 24*, Nov 28, and Dec 26. Our next Sew Day will be held on Friday, August 29, 10am-6pm, at Hidden Quilts, 85 W Main Street, Platteville WI. Come for all or part of the day. Bring your machine and supplies to sew, cutter, mat and ruler to cut, press for others or hand stitching supplies to bind and label quilts. Materials will be provided but donations of fabric or money are appreciated. For more information, please contact Karen Demaree at (608) 723-5124.

Swap Club

Ruth Lyon



For this session, we will choose fabric that reminds us of special times and memories of our lives. For August, please bring fourteen (14) 6-inch squares of fabric that reminds us of Long Hot Summer Days. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth at rrlyon@mchsi.com or 563-583-7285.

Here are the fabrics to bring for the next few months. Bring a fabric that reminds you of..... <u>September</u> - Beginning of school; <u>October</u> - Trick or Treat; November - Thanksgiving.

Bus Trips

Joan Oberfoell



Nothing to report this month.

Quilt Show 2014 Update

Karen Cowell & Anita Wild





The books are closed on the 2014 Quilt Show. All the materials have been gathered and are now stored at Hidden Quilts until 2016. Start making your quilts for the new show. Great job everyone. Thank you again for all your help and support. Thanks, Karen.

Stitches of Love

Jane Petersen

Thank you for continuing to bring your Stitches of Love fabric & yarn donations and finished hats to the monthly guild meetings. Please continue to make (or consider making) fabric, knit, or crochet (adult-sized) hats and kerchiefs for our tri-state chemo and radiation patients. Give all donations to Jane Petersen or Peggy Weber.



On Sunday, July 27, 2014, Cyndy Billmeyer (pictured left) presented Delbert Manders with a Quilts of Valor (QOV) quilt at Delbert's son's home. Bonnie Heiberger, Mary Le Grand, and Barb Manders made Delbert's QOV quilt. Barb said "It was so nice to be on this end of the quilt because usually you never see who gets them. If you ever get a chance to either make a Quilt of Valor and/or are able to attend a presentation you must. It will change you and bring tears to your eyes. It was a surprise to Delbert, a Korean war veteran. QOV quilts are made for and presented to people that were in the service and also touched by war."





QOV workshop held at Cyndy's home (photos above by Cyndy)













Ads/Newsletter Editor/Email Mailings

Barb Manders & Jane Petersen





If you want to place an ad in the CCQG Newsletter, send your information to Barb. Please submit reports, pictures, and/or items for the monthly *CCQG Newsletter* to Jane by the last day of each month.

Thank you to Barb Scoggin for volunteering to proofread the newsletter each month!





August Shop Talk





Barb's Sewing Room: Barb's Sewing Room is celebrating it's 1st Anniversary during the month of August, with a buy one, get one 1/2 off. That includes sewing services and things like the Block Party Studio panels and patterns. Buy a pattern and get the panel 1/2 off (that's a savings of \$4.00)!!!!

Hidden Quilts: We hope your summer is going great. We've (mostly) settled into our new digs and now it's time for our Anniversary Sale! Come in Saturday, August 2 through Saturday, August 9 and help us celebrate 12 years. There will be door prizes and a different discount each day. Carol Getman from Mineral Point will be doing 2 demos on Aug. 2 at 11am and at 1pm. She'll be showing how to make your own unique cards with paper-piecing and stamps that she has made for us using our catch phrase "When life gives you scraps, make quilts!" So, please join us! Other August events include:

- Explore Wisconsin Bus Shop Hop: We have the bus, we have the rooms, we have a few places left. If you've been thinking about the bus trip, now is the time to decide. 2 days (Fri-Sat) Aug 15-16, 7 shops, meals, transportation and lots of fun and friends for \$149.00. For those who are signing up or who already have, full payment is due by August 1st.
- Everyday price on <u>all books will now be 20% off the listed price</u>. We know that you can go online and often get a discount, so we hope that this will help you and keep you coming to us for your books. And, if they are Martingale books, you'll get a stamp on your Martingale card.
- <u>EQ class</u>: Sue is teaching a basic EQ (Electric Quilt) class on August 19, 10 am to noon. A couple of people have said they have the program, but have never really figured out how to use it. Space is limited on this class, but if there is a lot of interest, we can offer it again. Class is \$20; you'll need your laptop with EQ installed. (EQ7 would be the best to have)
- Our <u>Newsletter</u> will be going out the end of the month so we are putting together the fall class schedule. If you are interested in a specific class, please let us know so that we can put it together for you. We already have some classes filling up!
- The next session of <u>Superior University</u> will be starting in September so we need to get kits ordered in August. You can learn all about different threads and how to use them; you do not have to have taken the previous session. Come in and talk to Karen or Sue for more details.

Stitch n' Sew Cottage: Stitch N Sew Cottage has been receiving new and beautiful Fall and Christmas fabric and panels including advent calendars. Start planning now for your winter sewing. Also, check our newsletter or website for a fall retreat to get a jump-start on your next project or to complete a UFO. There is a sew-in day planned to sew with Dorothy on August 14th at Stitch N Sew. Need wide backing? We have many more colors and prints to choose from. A large selection of Riley Blake kids fabric, Zany Zoo and more has been added to our inventory.

The Cotton Cabin Quilt Shop: Thanks to those that participated in the area quilt shop sponsored Tri-State Treasure Hunt shop hop. We hope you enjoyed the hop and found lots of treasures. Remember to finish your hop challenge and bring to any of our shops during the month of October for a 20% discount.

Don't miss the Cotton Cabin 8th Anniversary sale. -- August 28, 29 & 30. Watch your mail for more information or check out our website at www.cottoncabinquilts.com

The Quiltmaker's Shoppe: Thank you to those who shopped our Summer Sale Days and Sample Sale. I know you found some great bargains. Our August special is all Kansas Troubles patterns and books 1/2 price!

Even if you don't use the Kansas Troubles country colors, these patterns will look good in your choice of fabrics. Of course, they are great stash-buster scrappy patterns.

Join us for our Shop-to-Shop Hop, *Sizzlin' Seven*, on August 7-10. Visit our seven shops for a chance to win seven \$75 gift certificates for a grand prize and many other prizes too. Each shop will feature a free pattern and \$7 a yard fabric to support the pattern. Check the website for complete details: www.thequiltmakershoppe.com

Vintage Threads: Gearing up for fall and Christmas here at the shop. Lots of new arrivals. Stop in and see our newest creation - Christmas Wheels by Bunny Hill Designs made with one of Moda's newest lines - Winter Wonderland.

- The best way to store an antique quilt is by spreading it on an unused bed and placing an everyday coverlet over it. Quilts can also be layered on a bed. This storage method keeps quilts safe from dust and light, while reducing stress on the vintage fibers that can result from folding.
- If you do need to fold a quilt, spread it face down between two well-worn white cotton sheets and fold in a pleated accordion fashion. While storing flat is best, folding in this manner helps to reduce stress on old fabrics and reduce the likelihood of tearing.
- Limited space may dictate storing a quilt under a bed safely sealed in a Rubbermaid-type container. Just be sure to fold the quilt in the accordion manner recommended above and making sure it is completely void of moisture before placing it in the container.
- If you are going to store a quilt by displaying it on a wall, a good method is sewing a four-inch wide tube or sleeve of fabric along the top back edge and stitching every inch or so through all layers of the quilt. You can then attach it to a wall or other display area easily with a sturdy rod.

TIPS:

- 1. Materials used in manufacturing plastic bags, cardboard boxes, and wooden trunks and chests can all react with quilting fabrics. These should be avoided when storing quilts. If reactions occur with plastic bags, cardboard or wood, they can cause quilts to become fragile, prone to tearing or even stain them.
- 2. When using a Rubbermaid or similar container for storage, make sure the textile is completely dry to avoid mildew from moisture trapped in the container.
- 3. If you're hanging the quilt on the wall for the summer season, be sure to distribute the weight evenly over the entire width to avoid stressing the fabric. Don't plan to store a quilt on a wall for more than six months.
- 4. No matter how or where you store your quilts, avoid sunlight. All light damage to textiles is irreversible.





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- The only number on your phone that is on speed dial is the local quilt shop.
- You start hiding the credit card bill so the hubby won't see all the charges to the quilt store.
- Your fingertips are so rough you can't even pull on a pair of panty hose.
- There's more fabric than food in your house.
- You go to garage sales and look at the clothes, but not with the intention of wearing them.
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