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Presidential Prose – Karen Demaree

What a great turn out for the January meeting. So great to see everyone. We have some wonderful programs this year, so be sure to mark them on your calendar.

What did you do NEW this month? Try a new pattern? Meet someone new at the meeting? PIG and get started on finishing it? Look at your go-to pattern and make some changes? Renew old friendships? Keep a focus on the OLD and the NEW and see what happens this year. Don't forget a nametag – not everyone remembers your name but they love your smile.

I've learned that sewing one handed takes patience (and that's not my strong suit). But I found that friends step up and help you do things you can't. I've been overwhelmed with the many who have offered to help, as I am used to being very independent and self-sufficient. It's been good for me. Thanks.

Guild meets on Monday, February 16, 2015

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.

February Program

Barb Brockett

Our program is called "Movie and Popcorn" (movie title is a surprise).

For more information, go to *What's Coming Up* on page 2.

Reminders:

Swap Club: Bring 15 (6-inch) squares of fabric that has Hearts. Stitches of Love: Bring fabric/yarn donations and batting scraps (at least 3.5" wide). WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.

What	Date	Time	Location
QOV-IA National Sew Day	Sat, Feb 7	10am-3pm	Cyndy Billmeyer, 18836 Breezy Ridge, Dubuque (call Cyndy to RSVP and for
Breezy Ridge Quilters			information or to register)
QOV National Sew Day,	Sat, Feb 7	10am-3pm	Barb's Sewing Room, 1141 Main St, Dubuque IA (Call Barb Brockett 563-564-
Sisterhood of the Traveling Quilts		-	0993 for info or to register)
QOV-WI National Sew Day	Sat, Feb 7	10am-3pm	Hidden Quilts, 85 W Main St, Platteville WI (call Karen D for info or to register)
CCQG monthly meeting	Mon, Feb 16	7:00pm	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall
CCQG Board meeting	Mon, Feb 23	6:30pm	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall
Community Service Projects	Thurs, Mar 19	9am-3pm	Shalom (3 rd floor) 1001 Davis St, Dubuque IA

Minutes

Mary Nauman



The Jan 26 Board meeting was postponed due to ice/bad weather. Instead, it will be held prior to the Monday, Feb 16th guild meeting. The next board meeting is Monday, Feb 23, 2015, at 6:30 PM at the church. Submitted by Mary Nauman, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Scofield



DECEMBER - 2014 Beginning Balance----\$4,429.39 Income-----\$220.19 Expenses -----\$416.37 Ending Balance----\$4,233.21 CD's ------\$11,280.58.

Membership

Paula Wade



Of the 117 guild members, 63 attended the January meeting. Please welcome to two new members:

- Tammie Gassman, 583-580-0324, 401 N Blake St, East Dubuque IL 61025 <u>tntgassman@gmail.com</u>
- Jolene Schaver, 563-663-2298, 6356 Osage Dr, Dubuque IL 52002 jschaver@gmail.com

I send a big thank you to the 64 members & businesses that have already submitted dues. It was exciting for me to see & speak with so many of you. I hope to get to know each of you better in 2015. If you did not receive your membership card we have them at the meeting sign-in table. I ask that all new members fill in an application form, and include it with their dues. When you renew by mail, if you cannot include a form a hand written note is okay if I may call you with any questions. For those of you planning to renew at the next meeting, I will have some extra blank applications at the sign-in table. I also have 2014 member information on a list. If there are no changes to your 2014 information and you review with me, when you submit dues you can skip filling in a form.

As you know, the CCQG encourages members to wear a handmade, stitched nametag to all meetings. This helps new members put names to faces and also shows off all the charms you have earned! I am inspired by the beautiful nametags I see each month. I am excited to say that we are going to have more options for nametags! In addition to the paper nametags, a selection of donated handmade nametags will be available for an additional donation (as a fundraiser). If you are interested and we've run out please let me know.

What's Coming Up

Barb Brockett



Our Feb program is "Movies and Popcorn", and the movie is a surprise! Keep up with your Stash Challenge due in April; Block of the Month available at Check-In. Catherine Litwinow will be doing a Trunk show of Civil War Era Ouilts in March. April is the Show & Tell from our Stash Challenge. I have more information on the May workshop with Kim Fauth, (check at the back table). We will also have another Trunk Show and Workshop combo in July with Doug Leko. More info to come on that one. Our final contract speaker for the year will be Diane Eisenman in October. Lots of great things to come this year. I will even be having a program in joint effort with our fundraising efforts - details soon. Keep quilting and see you at Guild. Barb Brockett

Swap Club

Lynn Johnson



For the month of February, bring 15 (6-inch) squares that have hearts on the fabric! Place your squares in a plastic bag with your name on it. Fabrics may be any color, but they should be good quality 100% cotton quilt fabric that is prewashed and pressed. If you miss a meeting, if possible, please send your squares with a friend or call me to drop them off ahead of time at my home. Lynn Johnson (563) 845-7110 cjohnson516@mchsi.com

Retreat Dates

Barb Brockett & Bonnie Heiberger



We have 14 people signed up for our retreat March 6 - 8. There is room for some last minute joiners as we can comfortably go to 21 participants. The cost is \$143 for the weekend or \$60 for the commuter rate. (Commuter Rate means you just come and sew at the retreat and join us for lunch & supper, but sleep in your own bed.) The absolute deadline for all money, balances, and additions is February 15, the night of our Guild meeting. I will be taking all the papers to Sinsinawa on Feb 16. Barb Brockett, Retreat Coordinator

Quilts of Valor

Cyndy Billmeyer (IA) & Karen Demaree (WI)



FEB. 7, 2015: NATIONAL QOV SEW DAY. PLEASE JOIN 1) THE BREEZY RIDGE QUILTERS, 18836 BREEZY RIDGE, DBQ., 2) SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING QUILTS AT BARB'S SEWING ROOM, 1141 MAIN ST., OR 3) HIDDEN QUILTS QUILT SHOP, MAIN ST., PLATTEVILLE WI. CONTACT CYNDY 563-590-2923, BARB BROCKETT 563-564-0993, OR KAREN DEMAREE, 608-732-5124 for information or to register.

QOV-IA I stepped down as Iowa State Coordinator for QOVF on Jan. 1st. I am remaining in Quilts of Valor, as NE Iowa co-coordinator, with Sandy Thorson of Cresco, and group leader of the Breezy Ridge Quilters. This should allow me more time to concentrate on our area and our local Veterans. Vicki Swensen, Des Moines area, is the new Iowa State Coordinator. She is moving fast to coordinate all Iowa volunteers into "Team Iowa". She is centrally located in the state, which makes it much easier for her to reach volunteers in central and western Iowa.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: February 7th, QOVF National Sew Day. I will be hosting the Breezy Ridge Quilters, AND everyone is welcome and invited to come sew/cut/press that day. You can also sit and sew comfortably at home, alone or with your own group. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF QOVF TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL SEW DAY. The idea is to get as many sewers/quilters making blocks/tops for Quilts of Valor on that day.

The big thing is to REGISTER. Registration is open on the <u>www.QOVF.org</u> website. Or, you can register with either Karen, Barb or me. National has a plethora of items donated from national sewing/quilting companies to award on this day. They will randomly pick names throughout the day, call the winners and award them a gift. Last year, 2 members of the Sherrill Sewing group, leader Pat Hefel, won neat prizes. (Pat Hefel 's group is also planning to sew Feb.7th, at the church in Sherrill.) WOW! and Thank YOU to those who made these fundraisers possible: The Sons of the American Legion are designating their spring breakfast to benefit Quilts of Valor locally. As soon as the date, times are announced, I'll get the word out to all of you.

Theisen's (Dubuque) is designating Quilts of Valor as recipient of their Service Salute of the Month. For every deluxe oil change during February, Theisen's will donate \$1 to QOV locally. Check the Dubuque Advertiser for details. Cyndy B.

Fundraising

Kathy Abba



Thanks for the feedback on fundraising for 2015. I will update you at the upcoming Board meeting with information about T-shirts and sweatshirts. Also, don't forget to bring in any items you are willing to donate for door prizes.

Bus Trips

Joan Oberfoell



No bus trip planned until Des Moines in October 2015.

Community Service Projects



Peggy Weber & Karen Demaree

Our first workday will be next month, Thursday, Mar. 19 at Shalom. Thank you to everyone who has donated items. All are greatly appreciated. Continue to bring in the batting scraps, hygiene items, tie materials, fabric, yarn, etc. There seems to be little we can't use (or I know someone who can use these items). Happy sewing! Peggy W

Quilt Show 2016

Carol Coyle



Nothing to report this month.



Ads/Newsletter Editor/Email Mailings

Barb Manders, Jane Petersen, Barb Scoggin



If you want to place an ad or advertise your quilt-related business in our CCQG Newsletter, contact Barb M for cost and details. Deadline to submit reports, pictures, and/or items for the monthly *CCQG Newsletter* to Jane is the last day of each month. (No newsletter in Dec). Thank you to Barb Scoggin for volunteering to proofread the newsletter each month.

Stitches of Love

Jane Petersen

The Dubuque *Stitches of Love* project, which began in 2004, is proud to be completing its 11th year of service. The mission of *Stitches of Love* is to make headwear, free of charge, for local cancer patients and distribute them through two treatment centers. In 2014, the following Dubuque oncology offices received our knit, crocheted, and sewn hats: Dubuque Internal Medicine and Medical Associates - East Campus. In 2014, we donated 171 hats with the time and talent of 9+ volunteers. These 171 items were lovingly made with over 990 hours of volunteer time. The total hats donated included 32 hand knit hats, 14 crochet hats, 6 (recycled t-shirt) pillbox hats, and 119 kerchiefs. We used the following volunteer number of hours to make the hats: Pillbox (1.5), kerchief (3), knit hat (3), and crochet hat (3). These times include any laundering, ironing, transportation, etc. Our donated hats were made by individuals that worked in the comfort of their homes and/or as part of a group. Groups that participated in 2014 include: Sew For (Sherrill IA); Loving Hands (Yarn Soup, Dubuque IA); and Cable Car Quilters Guild (Dubuque IA).

Stitches of Love revenue primarily comes from donations. In 2014 we received two donations (checks) totaling \$70. The money was deposited in the *Stitches of Love* checking account at US Bank. We also received miscellaneous donations of fabric, batting, & supplies. And finally, a big thank you goes to you for supporting this most worthwhile cause.

Thank you to CCQG members for continuing to bring your *Stitches of Love* fabric, batting, & 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.

Stitches of Love received this letter on 11/20/2014:

Dear Jane and all members of the Stitches of Love group,

It is the week of Thanksgiving and only fitting that I express to you my heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of time and talent that made the chemo hats that were a gift to me last winter.

One year ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer after a routine annual mammogram. I have no family history of breast cancer. I didn't feel any lumps and even my doctor couldn't feel a lump. I felt fine. I couldn't believe it was true, but the biopsy results confirmed it. On December 5, 2013, I had a total mastectomy on the right side. It was stage II and was not found in the lymph nodes so I thought I could get by with just the surgery. However, it late December, my oncologist recommended that I have four chemo treatments. This news was devastating to me. The most prominent fear I had was the loss of my hair.

The week of my second chemo treatment, my hair was beginning to thin. A good friend accompanied me to that second treatment at Medical Associates. She knew how sad I was feeling. The chemo nurse brought in a high basket filled with hundreds of different hats that were made by you. My friend and I actually were laughing and having fun going through them all and trying them on. I picked out a few warm hand crocheted ones for sleeping. I picked out different styles for winter and some cute flower-designed sun hats for spring and summer. It was truly a blessing. I felt like the hand of God was touching my heart and saying "I love you. It's going to be okay."

I loved those hats and each time I wore one I was reminded that someone cared for me. My hair has grown back now, but I still have those hats at various places throughout my house. Each time I see one I am filled with a warm feeling of love. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please use this (monetary) donation to buy materials to make more hats for others who need them. God bless you all. Love, (signature)



GUILD LIBRARY BOOK SALE - Joyce Voss

15 books were bid on and 14 were picked up at the January guild book sale for a profit of \$27.50.

FYI - Karen Demaree

Midwest Marvels is an exhibit in the International Quilt Festival in Chicago, March 26 - 28, 2015, that showcases winning traditional and art guilts. We would like the exhibit to be representative of all the guilds in the Midwest states. We noticed that your guild was not represented. We would like to invite you and your guild to have your best work shown in this exciting exhibit focusing on Marvelous Midwest quilters. This exhibit is open to guilters in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Quilts must have been made since January 2013 and be a minimum of 25" x 25". Completed submissions with visuals must be received online by Friday, January 30, 2015. If necessary the deadline can be extended to give the quilter time to complete the paperwork. Quilts will not be traveling and will be returned by the end of May 2015, or arrangements may be made to have a quilt picked up at the conclusion of the show. Could you please put us in touch with some quilters that you feel should be exhibited? We would like to invite them personally to submit to the show. CCQG-IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND SOMEONE TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO EXHIBIT. PLEASE CONTACT KAREN DEMAREE (you can recommend yourself!)

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Barb's Sewing Room: We are having a Sew-in on Feb. 7 in conjunction with the national QOV program. Saturday, from 9-3. We will be gathering at the shop to sew, hopefully, with everything precut and ready to go. Bring your machine and come on in!! Party Panels have some great new ideas; stop down and check them out!

Hidden Quilts: Join our bus trip on April 17 & 18th, cost \$150.00 which includes transportation, meals and motel room. You will visit Rockford, IL, Morton, IL, Kewanee, IL, Muscatine, IA, Ottumwa, IA, Ames, IA, Dyersville, IA and Hidden Quilts, LLC in Platteville, WI.

JoQuilter Fabrics: Yes, I am open, call 563-872-3473 shop or 563-542-6605 cell, just to make sure I'm there and not out running to the bank or post office. Join me on Friday, February 27, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Serving starts at 4:00 pm. Come early and stop in the shop.

Pfat Quarters: There is plenty of parking in Galena this time of year so stop in and see what's new. Toni continues with Tea Time on February 12 and 26 as well as Log Cabin Club on Tuesday, February17. Check our website, <u>www.phatquarters.info</u> for more classes including a new machine embroidery block of the month with Jane.

Stitch n' Sew Cottage: New fabrics arriving weekly. Batik, Flannel, Wide Backing, Children, and panels are just a few choices what you will find new in the store. Don't miss our Presidents Day Sale on February 16th (7AM - 10AM receive 30% off on all fabric, 10AM - 5PM 20% off).

The Cotton Cabin Quilt Shop: We are very excited to announce that the Cotton Cabin was chosen as a Top Ten Quilt Shop for 2015 and will be featured in the Spring/Summer issue of Quilt Sampler magazine set to hit the streets in May. We'll have more information and events to announce as we near the launch date. Join us for our annual Valentine's Day sale on February 12, 13, & 14 with 20% off storewide and a valuable coupon booklet for upcoming specials FREE with purchase.

The Quiltmaker's Shoppe: All our winter samples are put away and the new spring table runners, quilts and other projects are out to brighten your day. Come see us at the I-80 Shopping Spree in Iowa City, Feb. 20 & 21. Sign up today for our spring bus shop hop tour, visit 4 shops in Wisconsin, 2 in Minnesota and 2 in Iowa in 2 days. Overnight stay and all meals and snacks provided. Complete details and list of shops on our website. Check it out!

Vintage Threads: We have a lot going on in the next few months here at Vintage Threads. Our 10th Anniversary Sale is February 5-6-7 with 20% OFF store wide - all regular priced merchandise. Our BOM for 2015 will be starting Feb. 19. Still time to sign up. You can check out the quilt on our web site or stop in the shop. *Spring Along 20 Shop Hop* is scheduled for March 26-27-28. Our Spring Bus Hop will be April 17-18 and includes 8 great shops in WI, IL, and IA. Check our web site www.vintagethreads.net for more details.



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Mission Statement

The Cable Car Quilters Guild is organized to promote quiltmaking and related fiber arts. The guild will conduct educational programs in the techniques and design of making both heirloom and modern quilts. The guild will, from time to time, make charitable quilts for distribution to individuals and organizations.

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