

Minutes of the April 16, 2021 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

At 6:31 pm President Dona S. welcomed 25 Zoom attendees to the April virtual meeting.

She noted there were many April birthdays to celebrate:

• **April Birthdays-** Linda A., Pamela B., Sandra F., Fran G., Ellen H., Kathy M., Debbie P., Pam Q., Kathy S. and Pat T.

Dona had a correction for Linda W.'s phone number in the membership addendum page that was sent out. As it turned out, the bulk of the virtual attendees had not received this addendum, so Dona was going to reach out to Jackie P., membership chair.

• **Treasurer's Report/ Budget** –Debbie P. The report was for March and April. The ending balance was \$7,618.21

Dona noted that the Guild usually donates \$600.00 to the Toms River Presbyterian Church at the end of our fiscal year, and wondered if they were expecting it again this year, in light of the fact we have not used the meeting room. Ellen H. will find out Monday 4/19, and she will also see if there is any thought on allowing outside groups to use the meeting spaces again.

Dona announced Saturday, May 15th as our next "fabric garage sale", to take place at Ann B.'s house in South Bayville, from 9am-3pm. The invite is going out to all quilters and knitters. Ann noted this is also her place of business, "Trixie's Landing". An email will be sent. Since the 15th would be the "usual" date for our Sit N'Sew, Dona asked the membership if they were interested in a Sit N'Sew on Saturday, May 22. After discussion, Saturday May 8 was decided to be the date for the Sit N'Sew. Allaire's outdoor flea market is that day also.

While this Sit N'Sew will not be dedicated to making placemats for Meals on Wheels, we still need to work on them. We are only about 1/3 of the way to our goal of 100 placemats to donate. Labels are available at Crafty Fabrics and there is a drop off box there too. We would like to get this donation made in June.

Dona read brief email from Vicki Weiss, the owner of the Mathis House Tea Room on Main Street in Toms River. She was interested in getting a reproduction made of a quilt originally made by Thomas Mathis. Ellen H. will look into what the size is, about seeing the original and our participation in this endeavor. A number of members eagerly volunteered to help. In her email Vicki also extended an offer for the guild to hold a meeting at the Mathis House.

• **Block of the Month-** (Dixie M./ Marcia G.) Dixie said there were 19 "really cute" Lombard Street blocks submitted for the April BOM. Carol C. was the lucky winner of those blocks. Ann B. said she had been at Olde City Quilts in Burlington earlier that day and showed a photo of a finished quilt with the Lombard Street pattern that they have hanging in their store.

Dona said she has received feedback from members who were uncomfortable with the possibility of holding our June meeting in person but outdoors. Overall the meeting attendees felt it was too early to meet in person, not everyone has been vaccinated yet, and New Jersey is still in the top five states with cases still at high levels. The June meeting will therefore be a Zoom meeting.

Kathleen C. asked if there was any discussion on Raffle Quilts. Dona reported that Donna D. has a "traditional" scrappy nine-patch block top ready for the rows to be sewn. The blocks are laid out on point and in an X pattern, shades of purple and green set in with an off white background. Dona S. was a little behind with a second quilt, a more modern flying geese design planned for blues and grays. A number of members volunteered to help with that. Both quilts will be raffled, process to be determined.

Dina N. said she has been in touch with some show vendors who were scheduled to be in the 2020 show and they are still interested in participating in our next show.

• **Show and Tell-**

- Laurie S. had a 2012 Quilt behind her. She's been 'taking out and shaking out' stored quilts and really liked this one called Summer Hammock.

- Ann B. showed her Debbie Kalenty "Masquerade" Hunter Star class final result--a bright table topper she would use this spring. Behind her was a quilt "from the vaults".

- Sherree M. had a peach and green quilt with white sashing made during a recent virtual retreat. She also had her "Masquerade" quilt - instead of a table topper or runner she made a full size quilt, bright stars with a white/multi dot background.

- Erma H. made an adorable stuffed dog with her new great-niece's name embroidered on it.
- Diane C. is taking a sampler class at Mouse Creek and hopes to show us her progress next month.
- Juanita G. has her gold and black "Bees" quilt ready to be quilted. She went to Mouse Creek, where she had gotten much of the quilt fabric, and they told her there was an eight-week backlog!
- Ellen H. made the announcement that Richard Hyers Woodworking is finishing up all pending orders and then is officially retiring, but will continue to work on his own stuff.
- Kathleen C. has been making Microwave bowl holders for her sons and grandkids since she is no longer in New Jersey to cook for them. She is also making "Sisters" tote bags for when her sisters and nieces come to Florida for her 70th birthday girls weekend in June.
- Janet P. has been making placemats and using orphan blocks in them to change it up a bit.
- Ginger C. has been making placemats with orphan blocks too.
- Dina N. displayed her Masquerade wall hanging with a piano key border. Her background fabric had extra sparkle with silvery threads in it.
- Terry P. had a long narrow wall hanging that was a "Seashell Sampler", with needlepunch, applique, and flying geese. There was no pattern, it was her own very pretty 'Frankenstein design'.
- Sophie K. decided to make a quilt for her neighbors 80th birthday next year-but then found out it's actually this September! She's been making lots of little circles to applique onto the floral design blocks.
- Sherise B. showed some very large tote bags made with fabric swatch panels, and she made a project bag that had a lot of first time work for her including putting in zippers and quilting.
- Laurie S. showed her Masquerade table runner, bright colors with a green border.

At 7:28 pm President Dona S. concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna DeAngelis
Recording Secretary

