

## Minutes of the December 18, 2020 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

At 6:26 pm President Dona S. welcomed 25 participants to the meeting, and lamented she missed the bountiful buffet which is a hallmark of the December Meeting!

• **Treasurer's Report-** (Debbie P.) Debbie reviewed income and expenses and the ending balance was \$9,582.55. A show of hands approved the report.

Dona asked if there are amendments/Corrections needed minutes of the November 20, 2020 as published on the website. Hearing none, a show of hands approved the minutes as written.

• **Charity Quilts-** (Barbara E.) Dona asked for an update on charity quilts for Dottie's House. Dona thanked everyone who responded very much. She was blown away by the great response to the last minute call for quilts. Barbara read a list of the many guild members who donated a total of 34 quilts, and noted many were quilted by Marcia G. Barbara will try to show pictures at the January Meeting. The quilts are scheduled to be delivered to Dottie's House on Monday, December 21, 2020. Laurie S. said she had just finished binding a quilt to donate when she got a call about a woman with stage 4 jaw cancer who was always cold, and was asked if there were any quilts that could be sent to her. Laurie packed her quilt up and sent it on to the woman, and later in the meeting showed a picture of the recipient using the quilt. The recipient was quite grateful for the beautiful donation.

Dona updated meeting at the church- No change. She does not anticipate any status change happening until after the mass vaccinations are completed.

Dona reminded everyone there is a Sit N'Sew coming up on Saturday, January 9th 2021. An email invitation will be sent out after Christmas with all the meeting information. Dona said the first one was fun and people came and went, so hopefully everyone can "stop in" for a bit. Laurie S. said if you go to the BPQ website, to the programs section, there is a link to use to join the Sit N'Sew.

Dona thanked everyone for the emails stating where prizes or guild assets are stored in your home. If you find more while cleaning or getting for the holidays, please write to her. She went on to say that she is the only one with keys to the storage facility, so she will be giving Donna D. a key and the code to enter the facility. Debbie P. said she knew the code to enter, so Dona volunteered her on the spot to take the third key.

• **Block of the Month-** (Dixie M. and Marcia G.) Marcia said that there were 21 participants who submitted "Bonnie Hunter Checkerboard Rails" blocks, and the lucky winner was Debbie P. Dona S. noted that Dixie has mentioned many people were wondering what color to use for the January BOM "Larkspur". The sample is blue, and Dixie suggests blues, purples, violets, pinks or reds as suitable colors.

• **Program-** The program for the meeting is Brita Nelson's Making Magic, a Disappearing four and nine patches. Laurie S. reminded everyone there is a workshop on this tomorrow (Dec 19th) starting at 10:00 am. The workshop zoom meeting window will open at 9:45. Laurie introduced Brita Nelson, who's website is QuestioningQuilter.com.

Brita encouraged everyone to ask questions as she went along. She began a lively and captivating Zoom presentation that featured Disappearing Four Patches, Disappearing Hourglasses, Disappearing Pinwheels and Disappearing Nine Patches. She showed so many variations on how the blocks could be arranged it was amazing. She displayed many quilt tops that showed the final results, a vast array of looks from simple beginning blocks.

The presentation ran for about an hour and a half, and at the end everyone agreed that either two-color quilts or scrappy quilts, the results were equally attractive Brita has patterns on her website and the code "Beachplum" will get you 10% off.

### • Show and Tell

-Dona S. displayed a bright red & green candy cane table topper

-Janet P. had a scrappy quilt for charity and showed a Christmas quilt with pretty Holly quilting.

-Mary P. had two holiday banners-A redwork embroidered Santa and a whimsical Bah Humbug design.

-Ginger C. showed the beginnings of a baby quilt made with panels she got at the BPQ "garage sale", and a quilt made from "Red Hat" fabric squares to be gifted to a fellow Red Hat member.

-Kathleen C. has finally got her sew space set up in Florida and showed a Dresden Plate pillow cover which matches a quilt she made a couple of years ago for her daughter.

-Ann B showed the quilted “Jelly Snow Flake” quilts she made in red and in blue. The pattern is a “Fat Quarter Shop” free pattern. She also had cute embroidery Gnome Placemats that she made for members of her family and personalized. The pattern came from AccuQuilt and they provided the embroidery pattern too.

-Barbara E. has been making (and gifting) iPhone and iPad holder pillows. They help prop up the phones and tablets for hand-free use. Dona S. suggested that’s what everyone needs to hold their devices for the Zoom workshops and Sit N’Sews.

-Toni L. showed the logo she created for the Sheltie Rescue group she works with. It was on a panel that will go into a quilt, and the logo can be resized for various different uses.

-Sherre M. had an embroidered Snowman mini quilt. She also showed a 2020 Journey quilt she and her mom are making for their church. Mom had a bit more done than Sherre but she was working on it!

-Laurie S. had a number of 3-yard quilts including one with Cheerful Christmas fabric. She also showed a small wool applique wall hanging that was hand appliqued.

At 8:44 pm Dona S. wished everyone and their families the Happiest of Holidays this year. She quoted Shakespeare “Now is the winter of our discontent”, but she sees light coming from the end of the tunnel! She encouraged everyone to please stay safe to keep yourselves well, and Happy New Year too.

The meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna DeAngelis

Recording Secretary

#### Block of the Month Entries

