

Minutes of the July 17, 2020 Beachplum Quilters Guild Meeting

A virtual meeting of the Beachplum Quilters Guild was held on July 17, 2020. The Zoom Meeting was hosted by Laurie S.

The meeting began at 6:38 and there were 19 attendees present.

President Dona S. made an announcement that Barbara E. has left charity quilt material and backing at Crafty Fabrics, if you want to go there and pick it up to make charity quilts. Congratulations we're given to Kathleen C. for selling her house very quickly.

Debbie P. gave the treasures report for July. The only income was interest. The final balance was \$7094.62.

Kathleen C. asked if we should have a show of hands to accept the minutes that were on the website for the June virtual meeting. Dona S. motioned for show of hands to accept the minutes as on the website, the motion was carried.

- **Block of the Month:** Marcia G. and Dixie M. had the block of the month drawing for the June (March) block "Irish Chain". Presently there were 12 blocks with one more to come that they were aware of. Dixie pulled the winning name-Marcia G. won the blocks! The next BOM in August (which will be April block) is the fruit salad block.

- **Programs:** Laurie S. has received information that October 24 is the scheduled date for MakerFest and we've been invited to join. Laurie also received an email from Tiffany Lucy, inviting members of BeachPlum Guild to volunteer as mentors to the summer camp attendees, helping high school kids with their projects. Tiffany Lucy's phone number is 732-505-5500 extension 7. The person you would be mentoring would be working on projects for summer camp. We would listen to the project ideas and help them out with their projects. Not necessarily quilting or sewing, but other projects. Our membership have a lot of knowledge and we could share and help these kids out. It was a nice invitation to receive. Kathleen C. asked if this would be one-on-one and Laurie thinks that it would be over the phone or virtually on Google.

Laurie S. has not pursued any more program information at this point due to the coronavirus situation. We're kind of on hold until we know what the state is going to allow.

Dona S. has spoke about this with Ellen H., concerning the whole group meeting in the church since we cannot socially distance as mandated. We cannot go back to the church, we fill up that room and cannot maintain the social distance. We just don't know when we are going to be able to go back to in-person meetings.

A reminder about membership dues, please wait until September to send in the dues this way they'll be less mailing back-and-forth between Jackie P and Debbie P.

Marlene S. told everyone that The Island Beach State Park Beachplum Festival is Sunday, September 13. Laurie S. suggested perhaps we can sell masks, that might be something that would sell well. Dona S. said we have leftovers from previous years that we have available to sell also.

- **Show and Tell:** Dona S. said we're going to try show and tell so she called for people to show their projects.

Ginger C. showed dog and cat beds made from material scraps. Basically all your scraps and trimmings from fabric ends and pieces get put into a pillow "shell" that you've made, they can be a variety of different sizes. The "scrap beds" can be given to shelters (or sold), it's a good way to recycle all your scraps and pieces and can be donated to a good cause. This was something she had done with a group in Florida.

Dina N. showed her "Hummingbird" paper piecing wallhanging.

Terry P. had a wall hanging "A Lemon Tree" it's in progress for her guestroom.

Emily L. had a raw edge appliqué quilt featuring different birds in each block.

Toni L. was working on some 20 year old UFOs using Eleanor Burns videos for inspiration, and some of the fabric pieces were even from old curtains in the house!

Donna D, created a "Sugar Skull" wallhanging out of lots of buttons and seed beads.

Marlene S. was finishing a UFO of a Stack N' Wack from a Maria Sendzik class. She discovered the fabric had stretched a lot but she trimmed everything down and got everything to fit.

Sophie K. is working on a part of the Mouse Creek Quilts appliqué club quilt. Shades of red and green and the final quilt will be donated to MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Janet P. had three charity quilts that are ready-finished and bound, she wanted to know what to do to hand them in.

Dona S. will get information from Pat T. or Barbara E. how to handle it.

Laurie S. had a spider web quilt, it's a 10 to 15 year old UFO and she didn't label it so she doesn't remember who quilted it, so its an example of put your label on!

Dona S. had boat blocks that had been done and she decided to put them together in a vertical pattern wall hanging She had a charity quilt that she worked on and she had a quilt she made for her grandson which had the high praise of a 12 year-old boy of "It's awesome"!

Dona S. asked if there was anything else going on and Ginger C. said Thank You for doing the virtual meetings it keeps her going and she loves to see everyone. Dona S. thanked Laurie S. for hosting the Zoom meetings and Laurie said that she needs to be inspired and seeing everyone does that for her too.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.