



APRIL 2015

# St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

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## Next Meeting: April 2, 2015

Love of Christ Lutheran Church  
1971 Pine Cone Road S.  
St. Cloud, MN 56303

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7:00 P.M



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**See the Quilt Guild  
calendar on page 8.**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**Karen Cyson**

Hello, Spring! The snow is gone and from my kitchen window I can see my rake (lost to the early October blizzard), the leaves that didn't get raked, and the chrysanthemums that didn't get planted. I'm OK with all of that because The Snow Is Gone (and I made it through another winter without slipping and falling on ice).

We've got a great meeting planned for you in April: a fun speaker, your monthly free pattern, more show information and raffle tickets, show & tell, and more. I hope you'll join us and bring a quilting friend. The more the merrier!

Several people mentioned to me that they were concerned that our April meeting fell on a religious holiday for them and there was a request that the meeting date be changed. As a guild we contract for our meeting space and speakers months or sometimes years in advance. Furthermore, as our community becomes more diverse, we cannot possibly nor should we rearrange our schedule to accommodate the important days for many diverse faith systems. As an example, our last meeting, March 5, was on Purim, a Jewish holiday. Our policy is to meet the first Thursday of the month unless it's a holiday (New Year's Day or Independence Day) or our regular meeting place is unavailable to us. We hope you are able to attend guild meetings and understand when you cannot.

I'm astonished at the overwhelming response to our charity quilting projects so far this year: Quilts of Valor, pillowcases, bags for cancer patients -- the quantity and quality of the work you're doing is amazing! For those of you who expressed concern about the size of the Quilts of Valor quilts, I hope we've addressed your concerns. The kits are precuts, but you can certainly make a larger quilt and any and all quilts are appreciated.

Remember to keep working on your quilts for our show in October. For those of you looking for a longarm quilter to help finish your quilts, we'll have a table for business cards, samples, and brochures at the May

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, Cont.

meeting. Any longarm quilter who is a member of our guild may display their information on this table at the May meeting and visit with interested quilters before the meeting and during break time. If we fill one table, we'll haul out another table. We want all guild longarm quilters to be able to participate and there is no charge for this.

Happy Spring & Keep Quilting!

Contact Karen Cyson [karencyson@aol.com](mailto:karencyson@aol.com)

## QUILT SHOW REPORT

Marjorie LaTour

**Silver Threads and Golden Needles • October 10 – 11, 2015**  
**Haehn Campus Center, College of St. Benedict**

The raffle quilt titled "These Are A Few Of Our Favorite Blocks!" was unveiled at the March SCHQ meeting and is spectacular!! The photo (see next page) doesn't do it justice as you have to see it in person to appreciate the subtle color shading and the intricate quilting. Congratulations to **Chris Hoover** for the design and piecing, and to **Renee Sauve** for the quilting. In addition to the quilt, we have three other very nice prizes for the raffle; they will be announced at the April meeting. The raffle quilt has already drawn lots of interest from simply the photo. Although it is larger than the maximum size allowed, Chris has received approval from the MQ Show Committee to enter it into their show.

Some of the committee members are attending other area quilt shows looking for new ideas for the show. We will continue to update you each month as decisions about the show are finalized. In the meantime, continue working on the quilts you plan to display. If you are part of a small group, think about having your group put together a raffle basket. More information will be forthcoming soon.

The Show Committee has selected **Chris Hoover** as our Featured Quilter for the show. Chris is a long-time member of the guild and has been designing quilt patterns for more than 10 years. She is the designer behind Whirligig Designs ([www.whirligigdesigns.com](http://www.whirligigdesigns.com)). Her quilts do not fit into one category as she uses both traditional fabrics and blocks, as well as more contemporary batiks and non-traditional designs. The display will include Chris's bio and a selection of her quilts from traditional to contemporary. Congratulations, Chris!



## QUILT SHOW REPORT, Cont.

In honor of St. Cloud Heritage Quilters' founding 25 years ago, the committee has also chosen to feature a special exhibit by the charter members of the guild who are still members today. This includes **Jan Steeves, Sue Beckman, Jean Gilbertson, Anne Dobos, Vonetta Kennedy,** and **Sandy Kollman**. The display will have two quilts from each – one from 25 years ago and one from today – as well as a bio of each quilter.

Many of you have asked about displaying larger quilts. The difference in cost for 8' pipe and drape versus 12' is considerable and amounts to almost \$26 per quilt. We will use a minimal amount of 12' drape as necessary to properly display your beautiful creations. When we begin registering quilts for the show, the form will ask if your quilt can be folded over at the top in order to hang it on the 8' drape. Your quilt will not be pinned or left to drag on the floor which could cause damage. If it is necessary for the complete design to be viewed, you may request to have it hung on 12' drape; otherwise we will use 8'. (Note: the MN Quilt Show does not use any 12' drape. If your quilt is longer than 90" you must put on a second hanging sleeve at the 90" length. We recognize that some designs need to show the entire quilt and have elected to use 12' drape to properly display them.)

### Raffle Quilt Trivia

How well did you listen to the presentation when the raffle quilt was unveiled? Here are some interesting trivia questions about the quilt.

- ❖ How many batiks and hand dyes were used in the quilt?
- ❖ How many different thread colors were used in the quilting?
- ❖ How many pieces were used?
- ❖ How many log cabin blocks?
- ❖ How many block designs submitted by guild members were used in the design?
- ❖ How many hours and how long did it take to complete the quilt?

The answers to these trivia questions will help you sell raffle tickets more easily as people can then appreciate the work that went into making the quilt. The answers to the trivia questions will be supplied with your raffle tickets and are also in Chris's article on page 6.

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### “These Are A Few of Our Favorite Blocks!”

Raffle Quilt for  
**Silver Threads and Golden  
 Needles**  
**October 10 – 11, 2015**

**Chris Hoover: Design and  
 piecing**

**Renee Sauve: Quilting**

**SCHQ BOARD MINUTES****Ann Chmielewski**

The March 5, 2015, SCHQ Board meeting was called to order by President Karen Cyson at 5:50 p.m. at Love of Christ Lutheran Church.

**Present:** Audrey Abraham, Marlyn Anderson, Ann Chmielewski, Karen Cyson, Deb Danneman, Cindy Kleve, Teri Olson, Fawn Wright

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Marlyn to approve the February 2015 minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

**BOARD REPORTS:****President (Karen Cyson):**

**By-Laws:** One item of business this year will be the review of the By-Laws with the intent of developing one, cohesive operating document. At the last Guild meeting, Karen asked for volunteers to work with her on this project. There were no volunteers, so Karen will pull the information together for the May board meeting.

**Special Events:** The Board discussed and decided to designate two meetings this year for special events that showcase the many talented members in our Guild who are long-arm quilters or who make items for sale. The first event will be in May. Guild members who are long-arm quilters will have the opportunity to display their photo books, business cards or business information sheets/brochures. This will be an opportunity for members to find out who the long-arm quilters are in the Guild (and, maybe, finish those special quilts for the show in October). The second event will be in November. Guild members who make items for sale will have an opportunity to display and sell their goods at the meeting. It will be a great opportunity to purchase something for yourself or a gift for someone else. Tables will be provided for both events free of charge.

**Programs (Marlyn Anderson and Teri Olson):** Marlyn announced that speakers and programs have been arranged for most of the meetings in 2015 and the first few months of 2016. Currently, there are three openings. Members with ideas and/or recommendations for speakers or programs are welcome to send their suggestions to Marlyn and/or Teri.

**Secretary (Ann Chmielewski):** No report.

**Newsletter (Sandra Williams & Deb Danneman):** The deadline for submission of articles for next month's newsletter is March 12.

**Membership (Fawn Wright):** Currently, there are 118 paid members for 2015. Fawn's goal is to have 100% renewal of last year's members. Prior to the March meeting, there were only 19 members who had not renewed their memberships.

**Service Projects (Cindy Kleve):**

**Quilts of Valor:** There were questions from a few members about the recommended and minimum size of the Quilts of Valor. There were concerns that the quilts made from the pre-cut kits were too small for some servicemen/women. Cindy will provide information at the meeting and in the newsletter about the recommended and minimum size for the Quilts of Valor. Members who wish to do so should feel free to make the pre-cut quilts larger by adding additional blocks and/or borders.

## SCHQ BOARD MINUTES, Cont.

**Cancer Patient Tote Bags:** Cindy is working with personnel at the Coborn Cancer Center to get answers to a few questions about who is offered bags and when bags are given out. Fawn Wright received a donation of upholstery-weight fabric that can be used to make tote bags. Two volunteers are needed to help cut the fabric. When the fabric and straps are cut, members will have an opportunity to take bag kits home to sew or to participate in sewing days at Project Linus. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Ann to provide \$100 for the purchase of webbing for the tote bag straps. Motion passed.

**Pillowcases for Veterans:** Cindy will mail the pillowcases that were donated for the unit of MN servicemen/women who are going to Kuwait (Tom and Diann Kremer's son is a member of this unit). There are approximately 1,000 Minnesotans who are currently deployed so any number of pillowcases will be welcomed for this project.

**Treasurer (Brooke Strassburg):** The Treasurer's report for January/February was reviewed. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Karen to accept the January/February 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy and seconded by Deb. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Notes by **Ann Chmielewski** [annchmielewski@gmail.com](mailto:annchmielewski@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Fawn Wright

Our 2015 membership continues to grow – we now have 127 paid members. It is nice to see both returning members as well as brand new members to our guild. So much talent – all in one place. If you know of someone who has been thinking about joining and just hasn't done it yet, we'll look forward to seeing you and potential new members at the next meeting.

Welcome to our new and returning members! They are **Diane Zimmerman, Cecilia Rathbun, Carrie Oehrlein, Sue Horowitz, Jan Pederson, Mary Ann Smith, Lois Fischer, Barbara Kuklok, and Sue Johnson.**

We also had six guests at our March meeting.

Contact Fawn Wright [fawnmwright@gmail.com](mailto:fawnmwright@gmail.com)

## SUNSHINE

Jeanne Skaj

Two cards were sent since our last meeting. If you know of a Guild member who has had an illness, surgery or loss of a family member, send an e-mail message with the member's name and address to me at [jmskaj@gmail.com](mailto:jmskaj@gmail.com). I will confirm receipt of your e-mail. If you don't receive a confirmation, please call me (number on mailing page attached for members).

Contact Jeanne Skaj [jmskaj@gmail.com](mailto:jmskaj@gmail.com)

**QUILT RAFFLE REPORT****Chris Hoover**

Everything you wanted to know about the 2015 Raffle Quilt:

- Name:** “These are a few of our favorite blocks!”
- Designer:** Chris Hoover
- Maker:** Chris Hoover
- Quilter:** Renee Sauve
- Size:** 101” x 114”
- Fabrics:** 105 batiks and hand dyes. Background and backing fabric donated by Gruber’s Quilt Shop.
- Thread:** 32 different thread colors
- Pieces:** 3,517
- Blocks:** 125 total blocks on the front, 1 block on the back  
 48 log cabin blocks  
 1 – New York Beauty block  
 2 each of 38 blocks from other guild members  
 Label block by Maggie Voigt
- Time:** Approximately 225 hours to complete over two months

This is a **ONE OF A KIND!**

There will not be a pattern for this quilt as it would need to be at least 75 pages long and it would cost about \$100. So sell lots of tickets!

Contact Chris Hoover [jmskaj@gmail.com](mailto:jmskaj@gmail.com)

**NEWSLETTER****Sandra Williams & Deb Danneman**

Anyone is welcome to put an article in the newsletter. The deadline for receipt of articles to appear in the May newsletter is **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Articles should be sent to me at [sandraqwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:sandraqwilliams@gmail.com). Thanks!

**KUDOS TO . . .**

Thank you to the holders and folders at the March meeting:

**Diann Kremer, Tom Kremer, Chris Hoover,  
 Dianne Zimmerman, and Kathryn Stolpman**

**Your help is appreciated!**

**SMALL GROUPS****Audrey Abraham**

For small groups we have EQ7, and now Row by Row, color group and a mystery quilt.

I have scrap quilt blocks that we can put together for our Army people. Please make a **9 ½” block**. You can put anything that you want into this block; it doesn't have to be red, white and blue. Flowers would be good too. I'm asking you ladies to make one or two blocks to help out. When we have so many, maybe we could get together and sew them up. Thanks!

I have a **12 ½” block project** that will go for the rest of 2015. This block is fun and easy; you can use scraps if you want, and both light and dark colors. When I get a lot of these blocks, we can do the same as the 9 ½” block – get together and sew them together. I want to make this to be fun; when you turn your block in you can be in a drawing each month. Turn them into me so I can put your name in the drawing. [Both these patterns were in an attachment with the March newsletter.]

I want to thank everyone for bringing in 47 scrappy blocks to the March meeting. I hope we can keep getting more. Everyone has a chance to win something for bringing in your blocks. Thanks to Daisy A Day Floral in St. Joseph for providing the flowers won by two members in a drawing for those who brought in blocks. Thanks again.

EQ7 meets at the St Cloud Public Library in the Array room. The EQ7 group is open to anyone interested. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 28th, from 6:15 - 8:45. (NOTE the change in time for this meeting) Maggie Voigt is the facilitator [rmntv@hotmail.com](mailto:rmntv@hotmail.com)

**Contact Audrey Abraham** [quiettimequilting38@yahoo.com](mailto:quiettimequilting38@yahoo.com)

**SERVICE PROJECTS****Cindy Kleve**

Thank you to all who have been so gracious in making pillowcases, piecing quilt tops for QOV and Anna Marie shelter twin size quilts and machine quilting. So far we have a total of 141 pillowcases. WOW! Please let's not stop yet; we have many veterans and ICI (Independence Center Inc.) clients who would love to see our support.

Just a reminder of the QOV size quilts. The width should range from 56-72” and the length should range from 65-90.” We discussed at the March meeting how the larger size works better. You can piece just the top or have it complete with the quilting done. I will be visiting with the coordinator from Coborn's Cancer Center about how the bags are being distributed and used. I will report back at April meeting. Thank you for the bags that were turned in this month. We still need 2 more people who want to cut fabric for bags; please call me if you can help (phone number in Mailing Page attachment with this newsletter). Thanks again for all your generosity.

**Contact Cindy Kleve** [cindysmq@mail.com](mailto:cindysmq@mail.com)

**PROGRAMS****Marlyn Anderson and Teri Olson**

Pam Dinndorf from Aardvark Quilts will be the speaker at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Pam designs quilt patterns and has designed a new line of fabric.

**Contact Marlyn Anderson** [pyromarquilter@gmail.com](mailto:pyromarquilter@gmail.com) or **Teri Olson** [teriolson35@yahoo.com](mailto:teriolson35@yahoo.com)

**St. Cloud Heritage Quilt Guild Calendar**

Remember to wear your cloth name tag at the meetings and to bring your show and tell items, birthday fabric, \$ for birthday fabric, and any library books that need to be returned.

- April 2 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Pam Dinndorf from Aardvark Quilts.** Pam designs quit patterns and has a new line of fabric.
- April 28 -- EQ7 group; 6:15-8:45; St. Cloud Public Library Array Room
- May 7 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- June 4 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- July 9 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Aug. 6 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Sept. 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Oct. 1 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Oct. 10-11 -- 25<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show; Haehn Campus Center, College of St. Benedict
- Nov. 5 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Dec. 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00

**St. Cloud Heritage Quilters  
Treasurer's Report for Jan and Feb 2015**

**Quilt Club Checking Account Activity**

Beginning Balance as of 2/1/2015				\$	3,649.46	
<b>Receipts/Deposits</b>						
9-Jan		Birthday fabric and refreshments - January		\$	32.75	
11-Feb		Memberships for January		\$	365.00	
11-Feb		Memberships for February		\$	385.00	
11-Feb		Birthday fabric and refreshments - February		\$	65.31	
		<b>Total Receipts</b>		\$	<b>848.06</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>						
	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
1-Jan	2441	VOIDED		\$	-	
1-Jan	2442	Love of Christ	Donation (use of space)	\$	500.00	
8-Jan	2443	Marlyn Anderson	Refreshments and door prizes (for several months)	\$	97.28	
5-Feb	2444	Ann Chmielewski	Flash drives to backup records	\$	21.45	
5-Feb	2445	Audrey Abraham	Copies of patterns for Small Groups	\$	16.87	
5-Feb	2446	Marilyn Bujalski	January program	\$	50.00	
5-Feb	2447	Karen Cyson	Copies of patterns for Mystery Quilt & Feb Craft	\$	30.95	
5-Feb	2448	VOIDED		\$	-	
5-Feb	2449	Vanessa Lynch	February program and mileage	\$	235.00	
5-Feb	2450	VOIDED		\$	-	
11-Feb	online	Harland Clarke	Box of checks	\$	18.65	
		<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$	<b>970.20</b>	
<b>Ending Checkbook Balance as of 2/28/2015</b>					\$	<b>3,527.32</b>

**Savings Account Activity**

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/15		\$	11,475.15
Transfer into Savings from Checking		\$	-
<b>Transfers Out to Checking</b>		\$	-
<b>Interest Accrued</b>		\$	4.79
<b>Ending Savings Balance as of 2/28/15</b>			\$ <b>11,479.94</b>

**Quilt Show Checking Account Activity**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2015		\$	1,505.86
<b>Receipts/Transfers In</b>		\$	-
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Ending Quilt Show Balance as of 2/28/15</b>			\$ <b>1,505.86</b>

**Quilt Show CD**

Quilt Show CD		\$	5,000.00
<b>Grand Total Funds</b>		\$	<b>21,513.12</b>