



FEBRUARY 2016

St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

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Next Meeting: Feb. 4, 2016

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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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Marlyn Anderson & Teri Olson

First of all, Teri and I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered for positions on the Board. Our Guild will run more smoothly with all the positions filled. We'd also like to thank everyone for agreeing on the idea to pick the Holders & Folders for each meeting from the Membership sign-in list. I think it worked well.

We'd like to welcome all of the new members. Each member should make a fabric name tag that you'll wear to the meetings. These come in all shapes, sizes and styles. Some have a safety pin sewn on the back, mine has a two-piece magnet and some are made with a long strap so they hang around your neck like a necklace. I have known some people to tape or paper clip a temporary paper one on, when they forgot the real one at home. Your name tag can be as elaborate or simple as you wish. Some people make a block, finish the edges and print their name or embroider it by hand or machine. Do try to make the letters large enough to be read by someone sitting across the table from you. You can use your favorite colors or scraps (use up some of that stash). You could also fuse your name on - first names are all that's needed really. The main purpose for these, are so others can learn your name and we can all make new friends.

We still need to find someone to volunteer to take photos of our Show & Tell and some of the speakers, so the pictures can be put on our Facebook page. The making of a scrapbook doesn't seem to be so important anymore, with our digital age.

Our Treasurer **Mary Proell** also needs someone to volunteer to be her Co -Treasurer. This is a two year position with the first working under the Treasurer and the second year you are the Treasurer with a helper.

Terri Bahn also announced at the meeting that she would like someone to be her Co-Chair for the Program Committee. She drives from Baxter and is planning to do some travelling next year, so can't make all the meetings. It would be ideal if someone would volunteer who lives in the St. Cloud area. Slick roads in the winter might occur and it just wouldn't be safe for Terri to drive to St. Cloud. Sharing an office is so much easier than doing it alone. Plus you will make a new friend or get to know someone better. The majority of the communications for finding program speakers is by e-mail.

President's letter, Cont.**Marlyn Anderson & Teri Olson**

Teri and I announced our **President's Challenge** for this year: "Repurposed Block Challenge." Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the description of the Challenge. If you have any questions about it, please don't hesitate to send either Teri or me (Marlyn) an email.

How fun was it to listen to Rebecca Yaker and Trish Hoskins talk about co-authoring the "One Yard Wonders" books they've written? I myself was unaware there was more than one. I was amazed they've been able to come up with 101 things you can make with one yard of fabric. They've done this **three times** - Wow! And they **still** talk of writing another book. I also enjoyed as well as everyone else, it seemed, to see some of the projects created from patterns in the books. It's been a long time since I've purchased a book to make garments or home decor items, but I did so that night. They've inspired me!

It was great to see how many of you have signed up for the different Small Groups. There is still time and open spaces for more to do so. Typically the Brown Bag and Row Robin don't begin until there are a minimum number of people signed up.

So as we begin a new year, welcome to all, make some new friends, check out a book or two or three, join a small group, learn some new techniques or revisit some old ones. Put on your thinking caps if you need to make some blocks for the President's Challenge or gather up those orphan blocks - I know most of you have some of these stashed away somewhere in your sewing space.

Contact Marlyn Anderson pyromarquilter@gmail.com or **Teri Olson** teriolson35@yahoo.com

PROGRAMS**Terri Bahn**

Due to an illness our speaker Sherri K. Falls has had to cancel her engagement with us for our **February 4th** meeting. Terri Bahn will be doing a hands-on activity for everyone, and all you need to do is come to the meeting! She will be giving you everything you need to create a fun 8-inch block, which could later be used for the President's Challenge! There will be a few ideas shown for how to use the block as well.

Contact Terri Bahn terri.bahn@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS**Karen Cyson**

Our first event for 2016 will be a three-hour evening English Paper Piecing class in March. In April there will be two evening basket making classes. May will feature Shibori dyeing. Registration forms will be available at the February guild meeting.

Contact Karen Cyson karensyson@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP**Fawn Wright**

We have 175 members in the guild at the present time. I am happy to tell you that 127 of those members have completed the renewal for 2016. I would like to have everyone renewed by the end of the March meeting so I won't have to discontinue anyone's newsletter. That is only 48 more members to renew - we can do it. I don't want to lose any of those memberships. I have set a goal of 200 members by the end of the year so we can't lose any of our quilting friends.

I would like to welcome two new members for the month of January.

Terry Pray and Mary Forner

Please seek them out and say hello. Remember to make a cloth name tag if you haven't already. Having nametags helps new & old members alike.

Please note that there is a Welcome to the Guild document attached to the newsletter this time. Starting next month they will be given to all new members when they join. Take time to read this as there is a lot of nice information included in it.

Contact Fawn Wright fawnmwright@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE-2016**Marlyn Anderson & Teri Olson****Repurposed Block Challenge**

You may use orphan blocks or make new blocks (1 or more). It's up to you. The size of your blocks is also up to you. Just keep in mind that whoever gets your blocks must create a project that is no larger than 24" X 24". Your blocks do not have to be square - think outside the box here: hexagons, triangles, circles, rectangles, etc. You may turn in your block or blocks at the February, March or April meetings. When you bring in your block/blocks, have them in a paper bag and have your name on a piece of paper inside the bag.

At the April meeting we will exchange the bags. Everyone will need to check to make sure they didn't get their own bag. Then take your bag home and make something out of the block/blocks. You may add whatever fabric and/or embellishments you'd like. What you make should be quilted, in some manner, so three layers stitched together. The maximum finished size is 24" X 24" (but not necessarily square). If you make a three-dimensional item like a zippered bag, pouch, pillow, bowl, purse, etc., the minimum size is 4". We want you to stretch your creativity here. You don't need to keep the original blocks whole. They can be cut up and sewn back together with more fabric or additional blocks..

The finished projects will be due at the October 6, 2016 meeting. The completed projects will be revealed for all to see and then be returned to the original maker of the block/blocks.

Contact Marlyn Anderson pyromarquilter@gmail.com or Teri Olson teriolson35@yahoo.com

SCHQ BOARD MINUTES**Marilyn Bujalski**

Members present: Marilyn Bujalski (secretary), Marlyn Anderson (president), Teri Olson (president), Karen Cyson (special events), Brooke Strassburg (treasurer), Terri Bahn (program chair), Fawn Wright (membership), Marie Zaczkowski (newsletter), Kathy Crabtree (small groups), Mary Plas (small groups), Cindy Kleve (service projects)

Meeting was called to order at 6:55pm.

OLD BUSINESS- Marlyn asked if there was any remaining old business from previous year. Karen said the plans for the 501c tax exempt status were still in progress.

Motion by Cindy Kleve, second by Brooke Strassburg, to approve the minutes as presented for the December 2015 meeting. Motion carried by majority vote of all members present.

BOARD REPORTS:

Membership (Fawn Wright): Fawn reported there were 174 members in 2015 and as of December 31, there have been 102 renewals for 2016. Her goal is to get 100% renewal. The membership dues will remain the same as last year. She has added a column to the spreadsheet that will include the date a membership is paid to enable better tracking. She commented on the various incentives that were offered last year to increase membership. She will update the membership list monthly including all new members. This information will be sent to the newsletter editor and will be put on the website. There was discussion about the new-member packets. Currently the guild has a single sheet with some information for new members. Suggestions included making packets to be handed to new members, having the information on the website as a downloadable file, and using a software program called Constant Contact to help with the list. It was also suggested that the guild by-laws and quilt show adopted rules be included in the welcome packet. Kathy offered to assist Fawn with compiling a new welcome packet with all necessary information. Membership lists will be available as an attachment when the newsletter is sent via e-mail.

Programs (Terri Bahn): Terri reported that she combined the two notebooks on her position into one book. She has compiled a list of past guest speakers to avoid duplicating programs. She has filled the April program slot with Fat Quarter Gypsies so programs are filled in up to June. She would like to have the small demo tables again sometime in the summer where several guild members were set up in stations around the room and members went from station to station to learn about each demo. She is still looking for more speakers. She would like to again do a flea market as one of the programs. Information on the programs will be included on the website. Terri will ask for a co-program chair at the general meeting.

Newsletter (Marie Zaczkowski): Marie reminded board members that the deadline for submitting items for the next newsletter will be the 12th of the month. She will send out a reminder to members to submit their items.

Special Events (Karen Cyson): Karen suggested having a workshop for both Shibori fabric dying and basket weaving that members could sign up for. The location of the Paramount was suggested since this would be something that could get the floors wet which would not work at the church. Suggestions were to do the dying in two separate events. One would be using a single color and one would be for multi-color. Karen will follow up.

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SCHQ BOARD MINUTES, Cont.

Small Groups (Kathy Crabtree and Mary Plas): Kathy described several ideas for the small groups including row robin, brown bags, and a new art quilt group. She will put papers on each table for members to write suggestions. Signup sheets will be on the table for members to join. She will be doing a miniature block of the month in paper piecing and will start a mystery quilt project in June from Glad Creations. Mary will do a block of the month series which will be theme-based rather than a specific block pattern. Those will be drawn for each month. Kathy will check with Maggie Voigt about continuing the EQ-7 group. Kathy will make sure small group information will be current on the website. She will outline all the projects in the general meeting. Marlyn asked board members to all come up front at the beginning of the meeting to be introduced and explain what they will be doing in the coming year.

Service Projects (Cindy Kleve): Cindy will again have the cancer bag and Quilts of Valor projects in 2016. Fawn commented that she purchased 72 yards of fabric for the cancer bags and will be happy to schedule a cutting day to make the parts for the bags. She also has 216 bags that are cut out and ready to be sewn. She would like to have another sewing day to assemble the bags. Cindy will also be starting a project called Gift of Giving. This project will make small items to be given to kids as well as low income seniors. The items will include toys, panels, small fleece blankets, table runners, wall hangings and other types of small items. She will also include Toys for Tots and members will be able to make items that can be used for younger kids and teenagers. She reported that 302 Quilt of Valor were done in 2015 in the Brainerd area.

Treasurer (Brooke Strassburg): Brooke presented a preliminary report to the board. No approval was needed since the report was not final.

President (Marlyn Anderson): Marlyn commented that there is still no one to fill the position of historian. Discussion suggested that this position should be changed to reflect that it would be better to just find someone to take photos of the show-and-tell items to digitally upload them to the Facebook page. Marlyn noted that there has been a problem getting people to sign up for being holders and folders for each meeting. It was decided to draw names from the door prize sign-up sheet to make it random and fair to everyone. Anyone chosen who is physically unable to do this will be excused and another name drawn. This method was approved. The open Sunshine position was discussed but privacy concerns were noted. Handling of the birthday boxes will be turned over to small groups rather than the set-up people. Kathy requested permission to keep a list of printing expenses to submit for payment than the more expensive option of having them done at Kinko's. This was agreed to. The next board meeting will begin at 5:45.

Adjournment: Motion by Brooke Stassburg. Second by Cindy Kleve to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by majority vote of all members present. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Notes by Marilyn Bujalski mjb33@frontier.com

Small Groups

Kathleen Crabtree and Mary Plas

We have a variety of small groups that meet during the month. Some groups have full membership but many others are still open and are available for you to join. Consider joining one or more of these small groups or getting a new group started. Sign-up sheets are available at every meeting.

Color group has several groups going and are full. Color groups generally meet monthly. Members organize their meeting place, time, book guide and projects. New groups can be started.

Row Robin will generally have 8 members and last for a set period of time. When the group is full the fun will begin. The first row is sewn by the owner of the quilt and it is put into a bag. The bag will be passed around to each member to make another row. You can suggest what color or theme you desire your finished quilt to be. You can add fabric if you want or just make the first row. BUT you will not see it until the last row is completed. The rows will be left as single rows in the bag and you can combine the quilt rows as you desire.

Brown Bag will generally have about 6 members and last for a set period of time. The owner of the quilt makes the first part of the wall hanging and it is put into a bag. This can be a block or combinations of blocks, small or large, in whatever shape you like. You can request a color idea or a theme for your wall hanging. You can supply some or all of the fabric or just the first section of the quilt. As the bag is passed from one member to the next, something is added to the quilt. The guild will see the project as it progresses each month— but the members will not see their project until the bag has moved to all members in the group.

Featherweight Club is open to new members (you must own a Featherweight machine). Contact: Shirlee Haraldson S_haraldson@charter.net

Art Group To learn new techniques and use rulers, tools, and patterns that we haven't tried.
Meeting Info: VFW #428 9 – 18th Ave N, St Cloud (by Wendy's on Division) Downstairs
(front door-elevator, back door-stairs)
Time: 7-9pm Date: The 3rd Tuesday of each month
For questions contact Marilyn Bujalski

Miniature BOM (paper piecing) Make blocks for yourself. Sign up is necessary so that a pattern will be available for you each month.

BOM drawing – February – Make 1 or more blocks, 12 ½” unfinished, of any pattern you choose. The block must contain pink and red fabric. For each block you hand in you have that many chances to win. We will draw for the winner at the February meeting.

Birthday Fabric – Each month members who have birthdays during the meeting month bring something to put into baskets so members can purchase tickets at 25 cents each. You can bring fabric, notions, candy, books, crafts, etc. It's always fun to win and it brings in some extra money for speakers, etc. Please make sure to put a tag in your item with your name and birthday date.

Kathleen Crabtree quiltingbykc1@charter.net or **Mary Plas** maryplas@hotmail.com

Service Projects

Cindy Kleve

I am so excited for 2016. We have so many exciting project ideas in the works!

Gifts of Giving:

Toys for Tots - we will be making handmade gifts - crocheted, knitted, and quilted items. Some ideas could be Disney panels quilted into small quilts, zipped totes, handbags, quillows, and pillow cases - ages for this could be any but there is an extra need for ages 10 - 17 years. If you have any ideas we would love for you to share with us!!

Low-Income Senior Living - small table runners, small wall hangings for outside senior apartment doors (space is 23" x 33" so don't make them any bigger than 22" x 31"), inside apartment wall hangings, and lap quilts

Project Linus-Blanket Sizes and Types

Please note that there is no specific size of blanket that we need. Below is a guideline for you, but do your own thing. We can use any size.

- **Premie and Newborn Baby Blankets** - A very small blanket (18" x 18") can easily wrap a premature baby, but in many hospitals they prefer a (30" x 30") or (36" x 36") blanket used to cover the entire bassinet. Crochet/Knit patterns will require approx. 24-32 oz. of yarn depending on the pattern and size of hooks/needles.
- **Toddler Blankets** - An average sized blanket is (40" x 60"). A cut of fabric is usually 40-42 inches wide -- so 1 2/3 yards of a 40-42 wide fabric is perfect size for a toddler blanket. Crochet/Knit patterns will require approx. 48-64 oz. of yarn depending on the pattern and size of hooks/needles.
- **Teen Blankets** - In order for a blanket to be comfortable for a teenager, it needs to be at least two yards in length. Since polar fleece is 50" wide, a 2-yard piece of fleece makes a nice blanket for a teenager. Crochet/Knit patterns will require approx. 64-120 oz. of yarn depending on the pattern and size of hooks/needles.
- **Fleece Blankets** - Pieces of polar fleece may be purchased and it takes very little work to create a blanket. Serging or hemming, or cutting a fringed edge, which takes no sewing at all, may finish off the edge. This material can be used for any size blanket.
- See the [Pattern & Website Links](#) page for easy patterns and sources of fabric.

We will continue doing the Quilts of Valor - there is still a huge need for this. The quilts that we gave last year were so appreciated by not only the vets but their families as well. What a great way for us to say our sincere thank you to our Veterans!

If anyone is interested in getting together to help cut out some kits for the Quilts of Valor we will be getting together on **Saturday Jan 23, 2016 at 9:00 AM** at the St. Augusta Legion, 1894 247th St, St. Augusta MN. If you have extra scraps at home we would love to incorporate them into these quilts so bring them along as well. If you want more information, please contact me.

Thank you everyone - I am looking forward to another successful year working with so many wonderful quilter friends!

Cindy Kleve cindysmq@mail.com

THANK YOU FROM THE QUILTS OF VALOR PROJECT

The guild received the following communication from Marcia Stevens with the Brainerd Area QOV. This is the group that received donations from members of the St. Cloud Heritage Quilters Guild.

It was a fantastic year for the Brainerd Area QOV. Thanks to all of you. Many, many thanks for continuing to volunteer your time and materials toward this extremely worthy cause. We brightened the lives of many veterans. The following is our list of distribution points for 2015. 302 quilts is excellent!

Eagles Healing Nest	77	
St. Cloud VA Hospital	54	
Brainerd Outpatient Clinic	20	
Duluth Veteran Service Office	12	
St. Cloud Area Needy Veterans	40	(Distributed by Nick Johnston with their Thanksgiving Meal)
Little Falls Veteran Service Office	28	
Northern Pines Mental Health Clinic	6	
Central Lakes College Vets Program	5	
St. Croix Hospice	6	
Project New Hope	5	
Crosslake Veterans	18	
Individual Distributions	31	(These distributions were presented by local volunteers or were individual requests made through the QOV website)
2015 TOTAL	302	

SUNSHINE

Rosie Reither

If you know of a guild member who has had an illness, surgery, or loss of a family member, please contact me with their name and address so I can send a card to let them know our guild group is thinking about them. You can call me (see my number in the mailing page attachment), or email me at brsnowbound@gmail.com.

Contact Rosie Reither brsnowbound@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER

Marie Zaczkowski

Anyone is welcome to put an article in the newsletter. The deadline for receipt of articles to appear in the March newsletter is **February 12th**. Articles should be sent to me at marie.zaczkowski@gmail.com. Thanks!

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.

- Feb. 4 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Teri Bahn**. Terri will be doing a hands-on activity with everyone, and all you need to do is come to the meeting! She will be giving you everything you need to create a fun 8-inch block.
- March 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Katie Hennagir** from Bay Window Quilt Shop. Katie will present a trunk show. She's a pattern designer and also designs fabric for Andover Fabrics.
- April 7 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **JoAnn Hillestad**, the "Fat Quarter Gypsy"
- May 5 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Bonny Hartung** from Quilt Haven on Main. Bonny will present a trunk show.
- June 2 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- July 7 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Aug. 4 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Sept. 1 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Oct. 6 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Nov. 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00
- Dec. 1 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00

Special Quilt Exhibit

On **February 6 and 7**, the Sherburne County History Center is sponsoring an exhibit of the quilts made by **Marilyn Bujalski**. The works on display will be the entire collection of her cross stitch quilts (those made with the ½ inch finished squares). The exhibit will be held at Carousell Works located at 160 Lake Street NE in Big Lake, MN and will run on Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th from 10:00am until 4:00pm. The building is a large brick building on Highway 10. There is free admission to the event and those attending may make a donation to the History Center if they would like to. This is the first time all of these large quilts will be gathered in one display.