



AUGUST 2015

St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

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Next Meeting: August 6, 2015

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

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7:00 P.M



Karen Cyson, President
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**See the Quilt Guild
calendar on page 7.**

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Karen Cyson

Have you heard? **Vonetta Kennedy** and 35 other hardworking SCHQ members ran a garage sale last month, mainly the quilting estate of Vivian Bergstrom, and raised over \$1300 for our guild.

I can't give a loud enough 'shout-out' to these dedicated members and we're thrilled with the opportunities this gives the guild.

This 'bonus' money, above and beyond our usual guild budget, will allow us to consult with MAP for Non-Profits, a group that aides clubs just like ours to plan for growth and to apply for our official non-profit status with the federal government. This is the perfect opportunity for us to gain this status and expand on our ability to accept donations and continue our service projects with the 'correct' documentation.

The board of the SCHQ has voted to dedicate a portion of these monies to this effort and to reward the work of the members who participated with priority registration for several 2016 Special Events.

THANK YOU to everyone who was involved!

Work continues apace on our 2015 quilt show. See the show article in this newsletter for information on quilt registration, raffle ticket sales, and more. Keep working on your quilts, yes YOUR quilts. We want to see your quilt in the show! Please enter your quilt -- newbie to expert -- everyone in the guild can enter quilts and we want to see yours. I don't want to hear any of that "but mine's not good enough" self-deprecation. If it's yours and it's a quilt we want to see it in the show. Really!

Yes, I realize that we're all going to be busy volunteering for the quilt show over the next few months, but please (pretty please with sugar on top) keep in mind that we'll need volunteers for the 2016 board soon also. Our guild runs on volunteers and we'll need to fill several key positions for the 2016 term of office. Please consider volunteering, even if "I'm new and don't know anyone or what to do." Serving on the board is a *great* way to meet members AND each position comes with a handy notebook with a complete position description, plus we all promise to help you.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, Cont.

Our by-laws dictate that no person can serve in any position longer than two years, so some of us can't continue even if we wanted to. This is your opportunity to help the guild, meet people, and make a difference. Please consider volunteering. Contact me (see mailing page of the newsletter) if you have any questions.

Contact Karen Cyson karencyson@aol.com

RAFFLE TICKETS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**Beth Probasco**

Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at **Gruber's Courtyard** on:

Friday, July 31
Saturday, August 1
Friday, August 7
Saturday, August 8

We also need volunteers during the **St. Cloud Art Crawl** on:

Friday, August 14 from 3 - 9 .m.

Please call me to schedule for these events; my phone number is in the 2015 Quilt Show Committee attachment to this newsletter.

Thank you!

Contact Beth Probasco creativeb@jetup.net

MEMBERSHIP**Fawn Wright**

Our guild now has **146** members for 2015.

Remember about the membership campaign that we have going on for the next 2 months -- through the August & September meetings. You will receive a \$5.00 coupon that you can use on your own 2016 membership. You can earn one coupon for each new member you bring in. A new member is someone who has never been a member of SCHQ. You will then be their sponsor and friend at the meetings. This will be a great way to share the love of quilting with friends.

I'd like to welcome the 3 new members who joined at the July meeting. They are: **Joann Fischer, Jan Luthens, & Margaret White**. We are glad that you joined us!

Contact Fawn Wright fawnmwright@gmail.com

SCHQ BOARD MINUTES**Ann Chmielewski**

The July 9, 2015, SCHQ Board meeting was called to order by President Karen Cyson at 6 p.m. at Love of Christ Lutheran Church.

Present: Marlyn Anderson, Ann Chmielewski, Karen Cyson, Brooke Strassburg, Sandra Williams, Fawn Wright

BOARD REPORTS:

President (Karen Cyson): Karen checked into the application process for the guild to become a tax exempt nonprofit. [Note for members who may not know this: St. Cloud Heritage Quilters is a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (incorporated in 1992) so that part of the process was done years ago.] The next step is to apply for federal tax exemption status as a 501(c)(3) Qualified Charity. This status will exempt the Guild from paying taxes on profits from fundraisers (e.g., quilt show) and will make it possible to receive donations that are tax deductible. The tax-exempt status will, potentially, increase our programming opportunities because speakers/workshop teachers may elect to donate their services and/or materials and use the donation as a tax deduction. MAP for Nonprofits, a nonprofit organization that provides resources and assistance to non-profit groups, will prepare the necessary application paperwork for a nominal fee. Karen suggested using some of the proceeds from the Bergstrom Quilt and Craft Estate Sale to pay for the tax-exempt status application fees and using the remaining amount for next year's special events/workshops. A motion was made by Fawn and seconded by Brooke to designate some of the garage sale funds to pay for the tax-exempt status application fees. Motion passed. There were approximately 35 Guild members who volunteered their time to help with the Bergstrom estate sale. In recognition of their time, Karen thought it would be nice to give each of them priority registration for one of the workshops next year. A motion was made by Sandra and seconded by Brooke to give each member who volunteered their time to help with the estate-sale a certificate for priority registration for one special event/workshop in 2016. Motion passed.

Membership (Fawn Wright): Currently, there are 143 paid members for 2015.

Programs (Marlyn Anderson and Teri Olson): One of the upcoming speakers had a schedule conflict and cancelled out. Marlyn was able to fill the slot with another speaker. A list of the upcoming speakers and dates will be published in the newsletter.

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

Treasurer (Brooke Strassburg): Bank records have been revised to add Mary Proell as a Co-Treasurer. Brooke will get the necessary signatures and finalize that process. A draft of the Treasurer's report for June/July was reviewed. A few months ago, the bank started charging a service fee for printed statements. Brooke switched to online banking thinking that was sufficient to avoid the service fees. When balancing the account, she noticed that the Guild's Checking account was still being charged a service fee for printed statements. She contacted the bank and was told that a form had to be submitted to stop the service fee. That was done and the bank refunded one month's worth of fees. Brooke donated \$25 to cover the cost of the remaining service fees. Brooke provided the preliminary report so that Board members would be aware of the service fee entries and will submit a combined June/July report at the next meeting when all of the service fee transactions have cleared the bank. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Fawn to accept the preliminary June/July 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

SCHQ BOARD MINUTES, Cont.

Service Projects (Cindy Kleve): Fawn said 250 cancer patient tote bags were cut from the donated fabric and are ready for sewing at Project Linus. She will work with Cindy to identify a date when Guild members can get together to sew the bags.

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

Notes by **Ann Chmielewski** annchmielewski@gmail.com

PROGRAMS

Marlyn Anderson and Teri Olson

Heather Mulder Peterson from Anka's Treasures will give a lecture/trunk show. Come learn the story behind the quilts! Heather will share the inspiration behind her designs. Come ready to see lots of quilts and learn many cheater techniques used to make the designs. There will be something for everyone, so come and enjoy!

See Heather's very fun blog at <https://ankastreasures.wordpress.com/>

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

SERVICE PROJECTS

Cindy Kleve

A refresher of all of our Service Projects:

Quilts of Valor: I have several pre-cut kits available if you are interested in quilting one for a veteran to show them our appreciation for all that they have done for us.

OR

If you would rather cut and piece a top of your choice, that would be awesome as well.

If you have a long arm you can quilt it up in any pattern you wish. The best part is that you don't have to trim or bind -- unless of course you really want to. Marcia, our Minnesota State Coordinator, has been thrilled and impressed by our group's generosity!

Anna Marie Shelter:

Love of Christ Church has been gracious enough to let us use their facility for free, so we agreed to create and donate some quilts to the Anna Marie Shelter. These quilts can be twin size in any color and in any pattern. They can be adult or children themed quilts.

Again, thanks for all your support and it is so much fun seeing all of the quilts and bags for the Coborn Cancer Center you are bringing in!!

Contact Cindy Kleve cindysmq@mail.com

QUILT SHOW REPORT

Marjorie LaTour

Silver Threads and Golden Needles

Thank you to everyone who 'liked' and/or shared our **Quilt Show Facebook** page. Your efforts will help promote our show to all your FB friends, who will hopefully also share it with their friends. Word-of-mouth is always the best advertising, and it's FREE.

The committee needs your help **selling raffle tickets** at Gruber's Quilt Shop on the first two weekends of the Shop Hop. If you are able to help, please contact Beth Probasco and volunteer a couple hours of your time to help. It's a great way to meet people and talk about our quilt guild.

Do you have some fabric, a table runner, or small wall hanging that you would be willing to donate for our **raffle baskets** for the show? Remember that you don't need to donate the entire basket – we will create the baskets from your donations. Just let us know what you have. A donation form was recently emailed to you.

Register your beautiful creations to display at our show. The **quilt registration form** was included with the last newsletter and was also recently resent to you by email. The registration forms may be returned at the next meeting or emailed to Maggie Voigt (address on form). A few notes on how to complete the forms for those who were not at the July meeting. In the "Viewer' Choice Category" section, please indicate the category you want for viewer's choice voting. In the display grouping, indicate where the quilt should be hung -- if it is part of a group (such as Row Robin or Mystery Quilt 2014, etc.). Please measure the size of your quilt carefully as we use this measurement to determine the amount of pipe and drape needed. On the back of the form is space for the story of your quilt; people enjoy reading about your inspiration for color, pattern, etc. If you are entering a large quilt, please indicate if you want it hung on 12' drape or if you are o.k. with folding the top over.

We are looking forward to an exciting show and hope to see your quilts there!

Contact Marjorie LaTour mal2@charter.net

Here are additional items of interest from the quilt show committees:

❖ **Raffle Ticket Sales**

Please see article on p. 2 of the newsletter. Volunteers needed to sell tickets beginning on July 31! Call if you can help.

Contact Beth Probasco creativeb@jetup.net

❖ **Basket Raffle:**

We are again looking for gift basket donations. These baskets will be sold in the "silent auction" area. Members are encouraged to donate themed baskets which contain a number of items around a certain theme. Themes can be birthdays, anniversaries, the beach, holiday, etc. If you are not able to donate an entire basket, items will be accepted which can be a part of a basket. Please fill out a form which includes the items donated and an estimated cost of these items. If you have any questions please contact me (phone number on Quilt Show committee list attached to this newsletter).

Contact Cheryl Skalbeck cskalbeck@gmail.com

Quilt Show Report, Cont.

❖ **Volunteers:**

Thanks to those who flocked to the sign-up table at July's meeting, we now have 39 volunteers scheduled to help at the show! That works out to be almost 20% of the 200+ hours we need to fill, and we'll look for more eager volunteers at the next meetings.

Thanks so much for bringing the quilting magazines you no longer need to the meetings. We have quite a nice collection now, but can always use more. They will be welcomed by our visitors when they come to the show.

Contact Deb Danneman debdanneman@yahoo.com or
Sandra Williams sandraqwilliams@gmail.com

❖ **Quilt Show Committee members:**

Look for the attachment to this newsletter for names and contact information for all the committee members of the 2015 Quilt Show.

Quilters' Rummage Sale

Vonetta Kennedy

Many, many thanks to the SCHQ members and friends who volunteered at the Bergstrom Quilt and Craft Estate Sale on June 22nd to June 26th.

Thirty-one Quilt Guild members volunteered over 176 hours at the sale. The proceeds all went to charity:

- one-third to Parkinson's Research,
- one-third to Grace United Methodist Church, and
- one-third to SCHQ for classes and programming.

Our share of the earnings was \$1317.11!

I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks again.

Contact Vonetta Kennedy vkennedy821@charter.net

KUDOS TO . . .

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

Mary Proell, Teri Olson, Marlyn Anderson, and Sandra Williams

Your help is appreciated!

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.

- Aug. 6 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Heather Mulder Peterson** from Anka's Treasures; see her blog at <https://ankastreasures.wordpress.com/>
- Sept. 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Faye Hoch** from Twin Cities Quilting. *The Differences and Similarities of Traditional, Contemporary and Modern Quilts.*
- Oct. 1 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; Quilt Show Preparations/ Birthday Party for SCHQ
- Oct. 10-11 -- 25th Quilt Show; Haehn Campus Center, College of St. Benedict
Silver Threads and Golden Needles
- Nov. 5 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Karla Overland** from Cherrywood Fabrics.
- Dec. 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; Holiday Party Potluck Supper
- 2016**
- Jan. 7 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Rebecca Yaker & Trish Hoskins** from "One Yard Wonders." Rebecca and Trish will talk about their book and the quilted projects you can make from one yard of fabric.
- Feb. 4 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Sherri K. Falls.** Sherri will present a lecture/trunk show.
- 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
- 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

TREASURER'S REPORT**Brooke Strassburg**

Please see the Treasurer's report in the attachment to this newsletter.

Contact Brooke Strassburg bernst79@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 September newsletter is **August 12th**. Articles should be sent to me at sandraqwilliams@gmail.com. Thanks!

SUNSHINE**Jeanne Skaj**

No 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. I will confirm receipt of your e-mail. If you don't receive a confirmation, please call me at the number listed in the mailing page attachment.

Contact Jeanne Skaj jmskaj@gmail.com



**“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