



MAY 2015

St. Cloud Heritage Quilters

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Next Meeting: May 7, 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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calendar on page 7.**

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Karen Cyson

I was delighted by our April speaker, Pam Dinndorf, when she mentioned that quilting was helpful to her as it helped keep her from punching people in the face. Such a kind and gentle attitude! I have a pin on my binding kit that reads, "I quilt so I don't kill people." There's a message behind this madness, and I believe we all know it to be true: *Quilting is therapy*. It's calming (most of the time), it's meditative (for me, binding is like meditation), it's creative, and the finished product is useful. Painting is fine, but you can't put a pile of beautiful paintings on a sick person to help them feel better and keep them warm. So keep on quilting. It's good for you. And if anyone makes a snarky remark about how much fabric you have, here's a response you're welcome to use: "Would you tell Picasso he has too much paint?"

Following our April meeting I sent out a list of local quilt shows. I hope you can attend some of them. It's important to support other quilters and you'll get ideas and inspiration. I plan to update the list every few months in case you have an urgent need to get out of town for a day.

Speaking of quilt shows, there are two announcements regarding our upcoming show:

1) If you have quilt magazines you no longer need/want, please bring them to guild meetings. They will be collected and used at the show.

2) Members of SCHQ who are longarm quilters are welcome to place their brochures, samples, and business cards on a table at the May meeting and visit with you before the meeting and during our break. Let's get those quilts finished for the show!

A special Thank You to Susan from Glad Creations Quilt Shop in Minneapolis for donating a huge bag of her class sample blocks for our use in Quilts of Valor quilts. See Cindy Kleve if you are interested in turning a batch of these blocks into a quilt. Most of the work is already done!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, Cont.

Join us in May for the presentation "You've Got a Friend Named Elmer." If matching seams and perfect points are eluding you, you'll be amazed at the tricks you'll learn.

I'll have a new "It's all about Me" pattern for you in May. It's the perfect project to use up holiday theme scraps or any personal favorite fabrics that you have "just a few strips" left of from a larger project. I still have a few copies of the Feb., March, & April project patterns and pencils to go with the April needlebook. See me at the May meeting if you need any of these.

As I'm writing this we have **Six Months** left until our Quilt Show. Keep on quilting and let's get all of your projects finished and ready for the show. We all want to see your amazing & useful ART.

Contact Karen Cyson karencyson@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP

Fawn Wright

Congratulations to the guild - we have taken another leap in growth! We now have **136** paid members, including some brand new and some rejoining from last year. I hope that you will all take the opportunity to welcome these new quilters and show them that we are a very friendly, fun-loving, talented group of quilters. If you have a friend who would like to join, bring them to the next meeting.

Welcome to our new & returning members! They are **Janice Nohner, Ann Hiltner, Kathy Bagley, Karen Young, Joanne Dorsher, Mary Brunberg, Tarryl Clark, Pat Pfannenstien, Judy Wensmann.**

We also had one guest at our April meeting.

Contact Fawn Wright fawnmwright@gmail.com

KUDOS TO . . .

Thank you to the holder and folder at the April meeting:

Darlene Felling

Your help is appreciated!

SCHQ BOARD MINUTES**Ann Chmielewski**

The April 2, 2015, SCHQ Board meeting was called to order by President Karen Cyson at 5:45 p.m. at Love of Christ Lutheran Church.

Present: Audrey Abraham, Marlyn Anderson, Ann Chmielewski, Karen Cyson, Cindy Kleve, Brooke Strassburg, Sandra Williams, Fawn Wright

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Audrey to approve the March 2015 minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

BOARD REPORTS:

President (Karen Cyson): Glad Creations donated demonstration sample blocks for our service projects. The blocks will be available at the meeting for members to pick up and sew into quilt tops.

Treasurer (Brooke Strassburg): No report.

Membership (Fawn Wright): Currently, there are 127 paid members for 2015.

Programs (Marlyn Anderson and Teri Olson): Marlyn announced that speakers and programs have been arranged for most of the meetings in 2015. August is still open and February and March in 2016. Board members suggested contacting Heather Mulder Peterson, Anka's Treasures, to see if she's interested in speaking at a Guild meeting. Members with ideas and/or recommendations for speakers or programs are welcome to send their suggestions to Marlyn and/or Teri.

Service Projects (Cindy Kleve):

Cindy delivered pillowcases to the Independence Center and patient tote bags to the Coborn Cancer Center. She spoke to a couple of employees at the Cancer Center to get clarification on who are given bags and when they are distributed. The bags are offered to all cancer patients when they are first diagnosed. Occasionally, an additional bag may be given out to a patient who receives several items during an appointment (wig, hat, etc.) and needs a bag to carry the items home. The bags are very much appreciated by the staff and patients. Two Guild members volunteered to help cut tote bags from the donated upholstery-weight 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.

Small Groups (Audrey Abraham): Audrey announced that 47 scrappy blocks were donated by members at the March meeting. There will be a drawing every month for members who turn in blocks. Information about this project (including patterns) appeared in the March newsletter.

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

SCHQ BOARD MINUTES, Cont.

Secretary (Ann Chmielewski): One item of business this year is to explore the possibility of becoming a Non-Profit Organization with Tax Exempt Status. Ann offered to check into the eligibility requirements and the application process. She will send information to Karen for review and presentation to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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

PROGRAMS

Marlyn Anderson and Teri Olson

Sue Heinz from Kismet Quilting LLC: ***“You’ve Got a Friend Named Elmer”***

Sue will introduce you to her friend Elmer, the best thing to come into a quilter’s life since the rotary cutter! Want to instantly improve your piecing with guaranteed seam and pattern matching? No problem! Want to have show-quality, perfect bindings without using any special gadgets, pins or clips? No problem! Want to be able to see exactly what your seam will look like, even before it’s sewn – and be able to sew without any fabric shifting? No problem! Her friend Elmer can do all this and so much more. Come see for yourself how fast, easy and addicting “Elmering” can be!

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

SUNSHINE

Jeanne Skaj

Three 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 (number on mailing page attached for members).

Contact Jeanne Skaj 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 June newsletter is **May 12th**. Articles should be sent to me at sandraquilliams@gmail.com. Thanks!

QUILT SHOW REPORT**Marjorie LaTour**

The Quilt Show Committee has been meeting monthly and plans are moving forward for our 2015 Show, "Silver Threads and Golden Needles." The raffle quilt will be on display at the May meeting and raffle tickets will be available. In addition to the quilt there are three other very nice prizes donated by the three sewing machine companies in St. Cloud. Please be sure to thank them for their donation when you are visiting their stores. We are arranging for venues where we can sell raffle tickets and will need your help in volunteering for a two-hour shift. We will have more information for you soon. The quilt has been entered in the MN Quilt Show in June at the Duluth Convention Center. Be sure to look for it when you visit the show.

If you belong to a small group, consider having your group put together a raffle basket. Several groups have already indicated they will be putting together a basket so we have a good start. Ideas for basket themes might be a birthday party, an anniversary event, kitchen, bath, kids, and of course quilting. Start thinking now about what you might do, and we will begin soliciting donations at our June meeting.

Do you have a plan for the quilts you want to display during the show? Make a list and keep it handy so that you are sure to complete everything on time. We will have some very nice ribbons for the viewer's choice voting. Our marketing boasts "hundreds of quilts" so we need your entries to make a truly spectacular show.

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

- ❖ **Raffle Tickets:** We have an awesome quilt and three wonderful prizes on the raffle ticket for this year's quilt show. We plan to provide every member with 20 tickets (two books) to sell. The tickets will be available at the guild meeting in May. If you would like to have more than 20 tickets to start with, please email me the number of tickets you would like to have.

Contact: Beth Probasco creativeb@jetup.net

- ❖ **Volunteers:** We would like to collect quilting magazines you are ready to discard so they can be put on the table by the entrance to the show. Kathy Crabtree donated lots of these last year and they were very well received, so we'll do it again. You can bring these to the meetings and we'll have a special place to put them. We've started gathering prizes for the drawing all volunteers will be a part of, and you'll want your name in the basket! Volunteer sheets will be out for the first time at the July meeting.

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

- ❖ **Raffle Quilt:** The raffle quilt will be on display at the May meeting, so if you haven't had a chance to see it yet, you'll want to come on May 7th for sure. A photo of the quilt will be included in each ticket envelope, along with interesting tidbits about it.

Contact: Chris Hoover whirligigdesign@charter.net

Quilt Show Report, Cont.**Marjorie LaTour**

- ❖ **Publicity:** You'll find a PDF attachment of this year's quilt show flyer with this newsletter. Feel free to print it and take it to work or other locations to help get the word out about our 25th anniversary show.

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Karen Berkman kberkman@arvig.net

Contact Marjorie LaTour mal2@charter.net

Treasurer's Report**Brooke Strassburg**

I apologize - I missed the March meeting because of work and wasn't able to have a report ready April 2nd for the board to vote on. I will have a two-month report ready for the next meeting.

Contact Brooke Strassburg bernst79@gmail.com

SERVICE PROJECTS**Cindy Kleve**

A Special Thank You to all who have made our projects so successful!

Quilts of Valor – We are making quilts for the veterans to thank them for their service. Our sizes are minimum 54" x 60", but as we discussed in our last meetings, a 70" x 90" would be much nicer. It's always nice to include a hand-written or typed message for the veteran. We are in need of machine quilters to finish the quilts, so please contact Cindy Kleve if you are interested. We are also collecting pillow cases for veterans who are overseas. Any color you feel like making is good.

Anna Marie Shelter – We are also making twin size quilts. These are used in the shelter and also get sent home with them for their new journey. Any color is welcome.

Coborn Cancer Bags – Last week we cut more fabric for cancer bags. We have about 200 to sew, so let's get a date set at the May meeting to do a "work / sew day." I met with the Coborn Cancer Center and they said they like to give out the bags on the first visit, but often they give out bags the day they come for wigs and make-up. They are so appreciative of these bags and want to say thanks to all who help with them.

Independence Center, Inc. – Lastly, I brought pillow cases to the Independence Center, Inc. (ICI). They gave me a tour and said we did an excellent job on the pillow cases. It was very touching to see the clients and see them use the pillow cases.

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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 28 -- EQ7 group; 6:15-8:45; St. Cloud Public Library Array Room
- May 7 Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00; **Sue Heinz** from Kismet Quilting LLC: ***“You’ve Got a Friend Named Elmer”***
- 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 -- 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
- Dec. 3 -- Board Meeting, 5:45; Guild Meeting, 7:00