**Niles Piecemakers Quilt Guild**

**September 2016**

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Articles for the newsletter will be due to Julie Koch (julielkoch@att.net) by the 10th of each month.

**Our next meeting is**

 **September 26th.**

**Sew Unique by Jackie will be here to show her own quilt patterns, give us a demonstration and will also have some items for sale.**

**Don’t Forget to Bring:**

1. Money for dues $20
2. Candy for Apple Festival Parade
3. Secret Pal gifts
4. Show and Tell Items
5. Charity quilts and sani-panti items

**AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Secretary and Treasurers reports were approved as written.

Thank you to Denise Gmeiner for blessing our potluck and guild and all guild members for making the potluck a success. Thank you also to Julie Summerfield for taking on Secret Pal again for next year and for the great reveal of Secret Pals.

Reminders to start making things for our Quilt Show next year and Shop Hop date is April 22, 2017. Harriet gave a report on our Charity Quilts. We have three dates available for programs next year, if you have any suggestions or topics, please let the board know. The board will be contacting Anna Hagen, the Harpist, about doing a Christmas program in November 2017.

There will be a Veteran’s Quilt workshop on September 24th from 10-3p.m. at the Senior Center. Please sign up to participate. The Veteran’s Quilt presentation will take place on November 14th at Brentwood in Niles. More information and details to follow. If you know of a veteran you would like to have a quilt presented to, please fill out the form and give it to the board.

The Apple Festival Parade will be on Saturday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m. Looking for volunteers to help decorate the float on Friday, September 30 at Linda FunNell’s house and to help pass out candy during the parade. More information to follow. Theme is “It’s a Sweet Festival” **Please bring you bags of candy to the September 26th meeting.**

The guild voted to give the proceeds from the quilt raffle to Sew Loved. The motion was made by Suzanne Beauchamp and seconded by Ann Shuster. Motion carried. The guild will try to assist this non-profit organization more throughout the upcoming year. See the article in the South Bend Tribune on August 19, 2016 or call Diane Erdman for more information. Congratulations to Pam Conner in winning the raffle quilt.

The Projected Budget for 2017 fiscal year was distributed to all guild members. There was a discussion on one new line item for funeral memorials to guild members and their immediate family as well as the Indoor Shop Hop. Motion to accept budget for fiscal year 2017 was made by Sherri Wade and seconded by Brittany Gmeiner. Motion carried.

There is still one spot available for the bus trip to Chattanooga Quilt Show on September 15th. Contact Cathy Marsh or Sherri Wade for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. with Show and Tell to follow and door prizes.

The night ended with a crossword puzzle challenge presented by Cathy Marsh. First place – Tristen Weir; 2nd – Nancy Dunning, Christina Hinkleman and Joan Duvall; 3rd – Susan Wilson. Thank you to all who participate.

Submitted by President, Cathy Marsh

**Treasurer’s report:**

Beginning Balance $3,706.16

Deposits

 Raffle 34.00

 Dues 780.00 814.00

Checks:

 Deb Obren- Chicken 155.96

 Cathy Marsh – cake 70.37

 Harriet Lowden – batting 91.68

 Sew Loved Donation 100.00 418.01

Ending Balance 8/23/2016 $4,102.15

**Sew Loved Project**

Vickie Miles from the Sew Loved Project will be coming to our September meeting to talk for a few minutes prior to the presentation by Jackie. They are in need of cotton fabric in fat quarters and larger pieces, flannel, batting, etc. They go through 100 yards per month. For more info, see the South Bend Tribune, 8-19-16 front page.

**Member concerns**

If you know a member that is ill or has had a death in the family please let Virginia Kraft know so she can send a card from our group. You can reach Virginia at 269-683-9264 or 574-272-1692 or send it by mail to her at 31224 Worrell St. Niles, MI 49120.

The Buchanan Art Center has a quilt/fiber show from now through Oct. 15.

 **Happy October Birthdays**

 6 - Lucinda Sutt

7 - Lisa Schmidtgoessling

 17 - Sue Beauchamp

 20 - Kristie Watson

 25 - Eileen Sweeney

 Wanda Stuck

 29- Ginny Bishop

**Happy September Birthdays!**

 3- Valerie Forsey

 11- Eleonore Langheinrich

 12 -Shirley Andrews

 25- Nancy Dunning

 28- Robin English

 29- Nancy Cooper

**About Piecemaker Meetings**: The Niles Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets eleven times a year (we don’t meet in December). Our meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at the Niles Senior Center located at 1104 Bell Rd, Niles, MI. Doors open at 6pm and the meeting begins at 7pm followed by our monthly program. Please mark your calendars accordingly. If there are five Mondays in a month we will still meet on the fourth Monday.

**Upcoming Quilt Shows**

September 24th

Veteran’s Quilt Workshop

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Niles Senior Center

Oct 5-8th

AQS Quilt Show-Des Moines

Iowa Events Center

Wed-Fri 9-6 p.m. Sat. 9-4 p.m.

Des Moines , IA

Oct 14-15th

Berrien Towne & Country Quilters

Quilt Show

10-6 p.m. both days

LMC Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

November 14th

Veteran’s Quilt Presentation

Brentwood in Niles

March 11, 2017

27th Annual Gathering of Quilters

Lakeview Middle School

848 E. Smith St. Warsaw. IN 46580

Hosted by Whitley County Country Quilters

Cost is $20.00 Speaker: Mary Kerr

whitleycountycountryquilters.com

April 22, 2017

Niles Shop Hop