

Niles Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

Date: November 25, 2024

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

Sally opened the meeting by asking that people turn their cell phones off, and introduced herself and the guild officers. She asked for visitors to stand, but there were none.

Reports

The minutes from the last meeting were passed, along with the Treasurer's Report of \$7,438.77 in our account.

Committee Reports

Charity Quilts

Annette Blaschuk asked people to take quilt kits home to work on between now and the January meeting. Nancy Dunning took 5 quilts to the Breast Care Center, 1 was given to the Infusion Center, and 2 were given to LifePlan.

Sit 'n' Sew

Sue Counts reported 45 port pillows were finished at the November Sit 'n' Sew. 106 large port pillows in total have been made since introduced to us, and the total of port pillows made by the guild (large and small pillows) is 936.

Care & Compassion

Virigina Kraft reported that she has sent out 3 cards since the last meeting.

Website

Deb Brechtel is getting the site up-to-date. Our longarm quilters need to give their info to her to add to the site.

Facebook

Beth has been able to get to the page and update the necessary information.

Secret Pals

Pam and Nancy asked people to keep the amount of gifts they give to their secret pals each month under \$10.

Sit 'n' Sews

There are none in December or January.

February – Beth Raker will host

March – No Sit 'n' Sew because of the retreat

April – Jody Crandall and Glenda Lamont will host this Sit 'n' Sew on how to use your selvages.

Quilt Retreat

There are currently 24 people signed up. All money and registration forms for the retreat are due at the January meeting. The cost is determined by the number of nights each person stays, the number of people in the room, and the number of meals eaten at the center. More information will be available in the January newsletter.

Quilt Show

The dates for the 2025 Quilt Show are October 10 and 11, and these dates have been confirmed. It appears that we will be at the Edwardsburg Fire Station, although this could change. The committees for the show have been confirmed. The bookmarks and flyers will be ready by the meeting in January.

Quiltworx

Tammy Gardner still has dates available for those who want to learn how to do paper piecing.

Meeting Programs

January – Sandy Hodgman will bring her 1930's quilts

February – Julie Koch

March – to be determined

April – to be determined

May – Dana Altman with Legit Kits will present the program. If you need to purchase a kit, it needs to be ordered by April 28.

Lamp

Nancy Nimitz created a lamp and either buy it outright or—the board will figure out a way to find a home for it.

Member Concerns

None

Door Prizes

Pat Turner

Lista Duren

Katie Hughes

There are 41 people in attendance at this evening's meeting.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 27, 2025.

Charity Quilts

Patti Vollmer

Jenny Chapla

Stephanie Savona

Beth Raker

Annette Blaschuk

Gloria Britton

Show & Tell

Betty Greene

Lista Duren

Eleonore Langheinrich

Carolyn Ernsberger

Patti Vollmer

Sally Hanson

Glendan Lamont

Beth Raker

Linda Bogue

Julie Koch

Program

Andrea Kirkpatrick from Stone Soup Batiks presented this evening's program. She shared her story on how she came to own fabric shop. During the COVID pandemic, she lost her job, so she started doing crafts and sewing masks, stuffed animals, etc., and got requests from friends for her masks. This began her foray into sewing and quilting. Her sister soon joined her and they began an online business, calling themselves 2 Nerdy Sisters. Then she found Stone Soup Batiks, and the owner was going to sell the business. She shared her desire to purchase the business, and got "No's"! From her sister and her husband initially, but after a short amount of time, her sister and brother-in-law moved into the area and they bought Stone Soup Batiks. Shortly after buying the business, they discovered that they were going to have to move. Diane from Thyme to Sew contacted them and offered them her space, since she was moving with her husband to southern Indiana. Andrea has no regrets and loves what she is doing now. She has class schedules for her shop available tonight. She also offers a Block-of-the-Month class for anyone who is interested. The cost for the BOM class is \$35. You can call the shop for more information. There was a short Q & A session to close out the night.