

## Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild January 19, 2015

President Karen Clark at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church called the January meeting of the FKQG to order at 7:00 P.M. Karen welcomed new members and guests and thanked the volunteer hostesses. Everyone was reminded to check the tables in the entry hall for news of quilt related events and activities. Karen also thanked everyone who helped Kathy and Bruce McNeil enjoy the local wildlife over the weekend. (Kathy is our presenter tonight.)

The Minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved as published.

**2015 Budget:** Karen asked for questions or comments regarding this year's budget. There were none, and Donna Bowdoin moved the budget be approved, and Mary Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Winter Retreat:** The winter retreat will be held March 19-20 at Dayspring. Get your reservation in as soon as possible as the dates are coming up quickly.

**Quilts for Cruisers:** Cass will be accepting the quilts for cruisers as they are made.

**Library:** Open tonight. Please pay any fines if necessary.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Still accepting table runners.

**Historian:** Donna is taking pictures; old photos are being scanned and then will be available to anyone who would like the old photos, and the remainder will be destroyed.

**Dog Beds:** Jane reported that our guild made 449 dog and cat beds last year. She thanked everyone for the good work and said they meet at the American Red Cross on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month for those who would like to join in.

**Membership:** Linda Swanson is still taking new member forms until February 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get the 2015 Roster ready by the February meeting. You may mail them to her if not yet turned in. 180 people were at the meeting tonight, 9 people joined the guild tonight and there were 23 guests!

**Quilt Show:** Ann Green noted there was an error in the newsletter regarding the quilt show hours. The correct hours the quilt show will be open to the public are: Friday, March 6: 9:00 – 6:00, and Saturday, March 7: 9:00-4:00.

Ann asked that everyone pitch in and volunteer for **OUR** quilt show! The sign up sheets for the various jobs are on the tables tonight and will be at next month's meeting as well. If you don't have a strong preference for what you would like to do, please sign up on the "Floater" sheet and you will be asked to work in an area that has the greatest need at the time.

Karla had a beautiful **Boutique Raffle** basket on display made by the Sun City cottage group

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and also a slide show with photos of all of the baskets that are ready—quite an amazing looking selection. One basket that has not yet been completed is the Ultimate Chocolate Basket! Please bring any chocolate items in that you wish to donate for this basket next month!

Sue Balazs is collecting **Door Prizes** and will be collecting them next month as well. Any new or nearly new quilt related items that would be good for this are appreciated.

**Mini-Quilt Silent Auction:** Cass announced she has received 84 quilts so far and would love to have 14 more. They may be brought to the meeting next month or brought to the show on the day of set-up.

The **Challenge Quilt** participants should bring their quilts to the February meeting at which time the members will be judging them. If the participants would like to enter them in the show they need to fill out the 2 insurance forms and have 2 photos attached as well as their entry fee of \$8.00. If they wish to enter the quilt but not have it judged, form should be filled out but do not pay \$8.00.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bylaw Review Committee:** Need volunteers for this committee.

**Audit Committee:** Need volunteers for this committee.

**Multi-Guild Group Challenge:** Rose Ryan announced that 3 guilds, FKQG, Manatee Patchworkers Guild and the Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild have come up with a challenge inviting groups of 2 or more people to make a small quilt – 100” perimeter or less –that will be displayed at the Manatee Patchworkers February 2016 Quilt Show. 2 crayons will be “drawn” to “challenge” the participants to use those 2 colors in a significant way. Please see Rose or Karla Lynch for more information.

**Member of the Year:** For those who did not attend the Holiday Party last month, Karen again announced that our Member of the Year was Ann Green! Congratulations to her and thanks for all you have done and are doing for the Guild!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25. Elva Farrell introduced the dynamic quilter and speaker, Kathy McNeil. She brought a selection of her incredible work in animal and landscape quilts. Karen was thanked for hosting Kathy and her husband in her home and was given a certificate good for taking an upcoming class of her choice.

Show and Tell followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum,  
Secretary

