

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild
January 21, 2019

President Cathy Lane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Sarasota Community Church. Cathy thanked tonight's hostesses, the Shelter Bed Buddies, and the Crazy Patchers, who put on a wonderful Holiday Party at our December meeting. She also thanked Joy Abbott and Jann Warfield for making the reservations for the Fellowship Hall and classroom for our meetings and classes for the coming year. Delores Simpson was thanked and given a token of our appreciation for her service as guild president for 2017 and 2018. She expressed her appreciation to everyone who had assisted her in that job.

There will be several quilt shows in Florida in the next several weeks. Mancuso's show at the Tampa Convention Center is January 31, February 1, 2 and 3. At least one member has a quilt being shown there (Janine Ward) and the guild's opportunity quilt will be on display for the purpose of promoting ticket sales. Elva Farrell and Karla Lynch are coordinating the volunteers who will be selling tickets and also helping out on the show floor in exchange for this chance to sell tickets at this great venue. The two modern quilt guilds in the Sarasota area are having an outdoor quilt show at the Maxine Barrett Park in Venice on February 2 from 10 a.m. until 3 a.m. It is a beautiful sight to see some amazing quilts hanging from clotheslines between palm trees, blowing in the wind with a view of the Gulf of Mexico as a backdrop. (Let's hope they have perfect weather!)

The December guild meeting minutes have been posted online. Cathy asked if there were any comments or questions and there were none, therefore they are approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report for 2018 has also been posted online and there were no objections or questions and it is approved as presented.

First VP—Jann Warfield: Jann coordinates the instructors for our classes. She announced there is a need for hostesses for several of the upcoming classes in March, April May and November. This person sets the classroom up (plugging in the irons and making the coffee), assists the teacher, orders lunches from Der Dutchman and picks them up, and puts the irons etc away at the end of the class. Although she does not participate in the class, she is listening and learning and lunch is provided for her. Plus, she doesn't have to lug her sewing machine and supplies in and out!

There are still openings in several of the 2019 classes. See the class registration slip in the newsletter. It is a great way to learn new techniques, get inspired, and get to know your fellow guild members a lot better!

Second VP—Ellen Simon: Ellen shared several new books she has procured for our library. Several will give you ideas for using up scraps, one is on appliqué and one incorporates quilt as you go in modern quilts and one is a Quilting Arts book.

Membership--Linda Starkey introduced 14 guests, 4 new members and the total present tonight was 133. Members planning to enter a quilt in the March show must pay their membership dues by the end of January to be eligible to enter the show. The password for 2019 for the Members Only section of the newsletter will change on February 1st. It is on the back of your membership card.

Cottage Groups—Denise Collado will be happy to help members who are interested in joining a cottage group and you may contact her for information and questions and/or ideas about these groups. There is a flyer on the website regarding this.

Newsletter—The deadline for putting news or announcements in the monthly newsletter is the 25th of each month.

Charity Initiative—As there is such a huge need for the “Fidget Quilts” we will continue this charity and Cathy Lane will deliver them to the local Alzheimer’s Association office every time there is a total of about 20. If you need inspiration/ideas for one of these fun quilts, just “Google” it!

Retreats—Kathy Dotson and Linda Kirby gave a fun presentation (in costume!) to get everyone excited to sign up for summer retreat: “Sew Independent.” There are only a couple of openings left for the March retreat: “Sew Hung Over.” (Referencing all the work done for the quilt show....)

Quilt Show—Cass Bowen announced several important dates. January 22 is the next quilt show meeting for the committee chairs. The Quilt drop off will be at Marlene Kurtz’s house on February 23 from 9a.m. until 1p.m. Make sure the label is on the quilt and you don’t have to personally deliver the quilt. You can have a friend deliver if you wish. (Reminder: on the last day of the show, the more people that help with “take-down”, the quicker you can pick your quilt up. So, please pitch in and come early and help out if able. None of the quilts will be given out until ALL the quilts are down and items are “loaded up.” Set up of the show is Thursday, March 7. Judging of the quilts is the week before on March 1st and 2nd. Entrance fees will be written off for members who volunteer or contribute in one or more of many ways such as contributing to the block auction, selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, making a quilt basket to be auctioned off donating a quilt to the small block auction, etc. Janine Ward asked people to deliver items they would like to sell in the “consignment shop on Set Up Day, (March 7th). These should be handmade items such as quilts, tote bags, table runners, etc with a minimum price of \$25. The selling price will be split 80% to the maker and 20% to the guild. It’s a great way to make some money so you can buy more fabric! Also: Members—please wear your guild name tag to the show!

The next Executive Board meeting will be at Cathy Lane’s house on February 15 at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum
Secretary