

**FRIENDSHIP KNOT QUILTERS' GUILD
MEMBERS MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2019**

Cathy Lane, President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. at the Bahia Vista Community Church. Cathy welcomed members to the 2019 Holiday Party—"Out with the Old, In with the New". Susan Arndt, member of the Fantasy Quilters cottage group, did an amazing job with the outstanding decorations and goodie bags. She even had a "Mixer" game, which was a fun way to get to know those members who we hadn't met or didn't know well. The rest of the Fantasy Quilters cottage group assisted her, all dressed in waiter uniforms, including black bowties! The Fantasy Quilters made all the quilts hanging around the room over the years as group challenges and projects. One of the quilts, made by Delores Simpson in 2005, featured 12 "portraits" of the members of the Fantasy Quilters. Very clever!

Before the meeting raffle tickets were purchased for a chance to win quilt fabrics, notions, and books. The local All Faiths Food Bank will receive approximately \$800 contributed for the raffle.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. The November meeting minutes have been posted online. There was no discussion; therefore they are approved as presented. The upcoming budgets have also been posted online.

A new class registrar is needed. It is important for this person to have Excel skills and be able to attend the guild meetings. Please access the registration forms online and mail them to Joy Abbott until this position is filled.

First Vice-President, Jann Warfield encouraged people to sign up for the 2020 classes. There will be an excellent variety of classes and all the classes and descriptions as well as supply lists are posted on the website.

Second Vice-President, Ellen Simon: Remember to bring library books checked out in November to the January meeting.

Newsletter: Don't forget to read our incredibly well done newsletter each month! Please get your newsletter information to Jane Sanks no later than the 25th of each month.

Website and Facebook: Ruth Baggs was thanked for her dedication to these important sources of information.

Charity Initiative: Please look for ideas and meeting times in the newsletter and website to contribute to our charity projects: KidzQuilts and Fidget Quilts (Dayle Gruder is leading a Fidget making afternoon at Hobby Lobby on Jan. 13, from 11-2).

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Spring Retreat: Cass Bowen reported there are still some openings at the March retreat at DaySprings in Ellenton. See the newsletter for information and the registration form.

2021 Quilt Show: Katie Metheny reported everything is moving in the right direction in preparation for the quilt show!

Membership: Linda Starkey reported 83 members attended the Holiday Party tonight!

The next **board meeting** will be at Cathy Lane's house on January 3, at 2:00 P.M. All are welcome; let Cathy know if you plan to attend.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM:

Installation of officers for 2020 == 2021: Joy Abbott, Treasurer and Gerda Hansen First Vice-President.

Cathy thanked officers, chairs, coordinators and leaders and gave each a PaperWhite bulb in a vase, which no doubt will be beautiful when they bloom!

Member of the Year – Katie Metheny announced our new Member of the Year. She is **JANN WARFIELD!!!** She is so deserving of this honor, for all she does and has done over the years for the guild. Jann will receive a new name tag with her Member of the Year date on it, a free class, and free dues for 2020.

Drawings for the raffle ticket auction were held and the winners of the P Buckley Moss prints were announced. Congratulations to those winners and the winners of the Fat quarter drawing. There was also a drawing for gift certificates to 5 local quilt shops: Deborah's Quilt Basket, Alma Sue's Quilt Shop, Cotton Patch, Modern Sewist and Sew Worth It and a drawing for the beautiful orchid centerpieces on each table.

Thanks again to the Fantasy Quilters Cottage Group for making our holiday party a joyful evening!

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum
Co-Secretary

