

Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild Meeting December 13, 2021

President Cathy Lane welcomed members to the End of the Year Holiday Party beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sarasota Community Church.

Our meeting room was more like a Wonderland (instead of a meeting room) with beautiful purple, blue, and green décor on all the round tables. Thank you so much to Susan Arndt for making it so special!

The business part of the meeting began with approval of the November 2021 Guild Meeting minutes.

The 2021 Year End Treasurers' Report is being prepared by Treasurer Joy Abbott and will be completed soon.

Library: Ellen Simon, Second Vice President, gave a summary of several new books about Hand Stitching that are now in our library.

Winter classes: Members may sign up for classes tonight or online. Details are on the website. The January class has been cancelled. The February class which will be taught by Joyce Grande was presented by Katie Metheny and the March class which will be taught by Jann Warfield was presented by Jann, and she had samples of what she will be teaching. The classes will be held in a room across the hall from the room we have been using. It is a little bigger and well lit.

The **Newsletter** deadline is the 25th of each month. Please get your information to Jane Sanks by that date.

Class Registrar: Diana Starling is a new member of the guild, and she has volunteered to be our new Class Registrar. Thank you, Diana!

Friendship Chair: Bev Wiberg, who has been our Friendship Chair for many years, has stepped down. Cathy asked for someone to take over the job and Kathy Porteous volunteered. Thank you, Kathy!

Officer Installation: President Cathy Lane thanked Joy Abbott for the many years she has served as Treasurer and Joy has agreed to serve another two-year term. Joy was sworn in by Cathy.

2021 Member of the Year: Jane Sanks is our new Member of the Year! Comments on ballots nominating her included: "She is an unsung hero," and "a fly on the wall behind the scenes." Jane leads us in stretches, is the Newsletter Editor and Pet Beds organizer. Congratulations to Jane!

The First Great UFO Challenge: This challenge motivated and inspired members to complete their unfinished quilt objects, otherwise known as “UFO’s.” This challenge started in early 2020 by Suzi Weinbach and the one-year challenge extended to two years due to Covid. 49 people participated and were rewarded with prizes for their accomplishments! A show of hands confirmed the beginning of the Second Great UFO Challenge will begin in the new year.

Charity Initiatives: Elva Farrell managed the 2021 Charity and was extremely pleased with the wonderful results of the Placemat Charity. These placemats made for recipients of Meals on Wheels (Sarasota, Venice and Bradenton programs) and Second Heart Homes were welcomed and appreciated. Elva collected the beautiful placemats and delivered over 1000 to the charities.

The Charity that has been selected for 2022 is Quilts for Tidewell Hospice. This was Janet Krail’s suggestion. Cass Bowen and Suzi Weinbach will collect and deliver the quilts to Tidewell. More information about the sizes of the quilts will be in the newsletter and on the website.

Quilt Show 2023: Two more committee chair positions have been filled: Kathy Shanley will oversee “Take-Down” and Frieda Anderson will chair “Judging.” Four more positions remain unfilled, including Quilt Show Chairperson.

Sister Guilds: Our sister guilds classes are listed on the website.

Membership: Kathy Shanley reported 58 members were present at tonight’s meeting and we have 220 total members and there were 22 renewals tonight.

Free Table: If your donations are still on the table at the end of the meeting, these should be taken home with you.

Next Board meeting: Friday, January 7, at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom.

Next Guild meeting: Monday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Sarasota Community Church. Lecture by Beverly Fine.

Stretches with Jane Sanks followed, (while pie was being cut!).

Show and Tell and enjoyment of pie concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Slocum
Co-Secretary