

LAUREL MANOR QUILTERS minutes 1- 22-12

Another full house, with more new visitors, and new members joining. Jeannie is verifying the numbers, but it appears we are at capacity at this time, and may have to join the ranks of others with a waiting list. Bummer. For those who recently joined us, WELCOME! We hope you'll feel part of the group soon, and we'll get to know you as you integrate into this special group. New rosters of all members are in process and will be distributed soon.

New Comers notes: **Name tags** are available, you need to call and order yours from Moore Awards at 352-343-8886. Tell them you are with the Laurel Manor Quilters chapter of the Villages Guild and need a name tag. They have the logo, and will stamp your name into it and mail it to you. You can order with a credit card. I don't recall the amount, but it is nominal.

We are currently ordering some short sleeved, rounded neckline, shaped, black **T tops** with "Laurel Manor" on the front, and a colorful "Hot Chicks Quilt" on the back. These were initially chosen by the group that is cruising in a few weeks, but extended to any members who would like to wear them, as we expect to wear them other times when we are together as a group outside of our meetings. We've had difficulty coming to agreement on the traditional polo style shirts for the whole membership, you may see some wearing older blue ones from time to time, and may revisit that item in the future, but at present these are the only logo item for our group available. You may wait to see if you like them, they can be ordered individually at any time from the logo shop in the Southern Trace plaza. They are about \$33 to \$38, depending on size.

Many members attend the monthly Guild meeting, held the first Tuesday of the month, evening, at 6:30 at Laurel manor. We try to save a bank of seats for our members and will ask how many plan to attend at the meeting that morning. The Guild holds very inexpensive classes monthly, which we inform members of at the meetings, you can contact member Joy Niles (new roster with contact info, coming soon) for specific information. There is a sample and sign up table at the monthly meeting.

Do go on our Guild Website: www.QGOTV.org, to see wonderful information about Guild happenings, classes coming up, what other chapters are doing.

OKAY, NOW EVERYONE:

FLIP FLOP FUN: Thanks Shirley for kicking us off on the flip flop project. What great fabrics everyone chose, and what fun sandals to add to our wardrobes! ***Please, everyone who make some, bring them to next weeks' meeting so we can all ooh and ahh.....***

FEB. GUILD MEETING: Our chapter will be responsible for the welcoming table, selling the 50-50 tickets and assisting with display items. The volunteers were set at the meeting.

STOP & SHOP: Reports were that this was an excellent new venue for our Guild to bring. Vendors appeared to be doing good business, and we're hopeful it was profitable for them so that it can be brought back again. There is a follow up meeting of the program committee to review the process and see what may need to be altered, or could improve it. Thank you to all our members who helped out; and from what I heard, had a great time doing it.

VALENTINES BLOCKS are coming in. Remember, these need to be 10-1/2" unfinished blocks with any valentine motif you create. All need to be in (with your name attached to the back), for a drawing on Feb. 7th. If you bring one, you're in. The lucky winner gets all the blocks to make their own special project.

QUILT OF VALOR: We're also collecting 10-1/2" patriotic themed blocks due by June 1st. to go into a quilt for our own Katy, Kristen's daughter, going to Kuwait.

CHARITY: The Guild is in the process of choosing its charity for the 2013 quilt, which we'll hear of at the next meeting, and we are proceeding with Haven House for our chapter project.

BEGINNING A NEW QUILT SHOW YEAR: Well, here we go; already into a show year. The 2013 Showcase of Quilts entry forms are already available, and this year, all quilts submitted will be judged. Specific information will be given at the Guild meeting. A new chapter banner will be required this year as they are changing the hanging equipment and each chapter is to be featured on a long rectangular format. A committee will be formed and more will be coming on this chapter project that we can get very creative with.

SECRET SISTERS: The vote was to keep it as it had been, with a specific exchange of names, instead of an open "brown bag" gift exchange format. Pat Chapin created new information sharing forms which are now available to any wishing to participate. Alice DeLaurier will again, maintain the master list.

CHAPTER HUG QUILTS: Carole Cranston has put together another quilt top for our inner chapter project, and Cathy Stone is taking it to complete and make a decision on a standard size these will be in the future. The current block design everyone may contribute to is a simple heart on an 8" background block. We will have a sample at the next meeting for those who haven't seen them.

CRUISERS: Bring in your cabin number next week so we can make up a master list for everyone.

SHIRTS: Costs as follows: s-xl \$33.17; xx \$35.31; xxx \$36.35; xxxx \$37.45. Checks made out to Kathy Guido, please and now!

RETREAT: Oct. 2, 3, 4, Still waiting for an exact cost, but signups are on-going with a \$25 deposit to Jeannie.

BUS TRIP: About a 3 1/2 - 4 hr. trip to Amish country in Sarasota, to 2 quilt shops and a highly recommended Amish restaurant on Sat. March 24th. The quilt shops are "So worth it" and "Alma Sue's". The restaurant is The Heritage. We need all those interested in signing up so we can see if there are enough to reserve the bus. It will be an all day event. Donna Burner is helping to arrange this trip.

GOLF CART PARADE OF SEWING ROOMS: Details will be forthcoming, but basically we'll golf-cart-pool to a group of member homes to share ideas of how we use our space, and what we do.... current date is March 20th, subject to confirmation. This is a really fun day. If you don't drive a cart yourself, we'll fit you in.

CHAPTER QUILT PROJECT: We are still in process of getting this off the ground. We have been notified that the Joann's patterns will be available again. If you still wish to join in to make either the appliquéd quilt project or the sampler quilt project, and need a copy of the pattern, please do. Just check with Donna Burner 751-5813 about the patterns.

SPRING AUCTION: March 6th. Bring any sewing/quilting related item, patterns, fat squares, tools, unfinished projects, finished projects, etc. etc. to donate so Pat Chapin can auction them off for funds for our treasury and charities. Remember they may not attract an amount equal to their value - we're all looking for bargains - so don't be disappointed if what you think should be worth \$10 goes for \$3. The point is to bring in the money, we're auctioning, not selling. This is a really fun morning with everyone bringing a refreshment, too. More details when we get closer.

NEXT WEEK: The cruisers will be making those pipe cleaner/yarn hair dolls with lots of extra materials for any member who would like to jump in and make them with us - otherwise bring your own project.

QUICK CALENDAR

Jan. 31 - Dolls and BYO

Feb. 7th - Valentine Block drawing

Feb. 12th - Cruise

March 6th - Spring Auction

March 20th - Golf Cart Parade of Sewing Rooms

March 24th (Saturday) - Bus Trip to Sarasota Quilt Shops

October 2, 3rd, 4th - Retreat at Lake Yale