

## Laurel Manor quilters minutes 2-21-12

The cruisers were back, and much of the early discussion came from them sharing little tid-bits of the experience (even though we vowed that “what happened on the cruise - stayed on the cruise”). Briefly, it was an extraordinary experience we are all so grateful to have had, the value was excellent, with all of us bringing back far more than we expected, and Judy Hansen, and her cruise coordinator, Bunny of Quilters Corners, did an amazing job, very first-class and smooth. We would highly recommend this to anyone in the future.

**LAST WEEK:** A thank you to Joyce for having guided the group through a quilt as you go process. We got great reviews on this, and have asked her to repeat it later in the year.

**BUS TRIP IN MARCH:** Donna is away, enjoying a new grandson, but has kept us informed that the trip on the 24th. is very much alive and well. Next week we will try to verify those who are signed up, as we have to make a decision on the size bus to use, which will impact the cost. So, more to follow...

**SECRET SISTERS:** The new year for the Sisters is now underway. All names have been received, except for Mackie, which we hope to take care of by next week. Items are already showing up in the Sister box, and the group appears to be even more creative than last year, if that's possible.

**PATRIOTIC QUILT PROJECT:** Our blocks are coming in - remember 12 1/2” unfinished. Kristen's daughter Katy, has informed us of the new destination for she and her troop, to Afghanistan for 10 months, and we have an address for items to be sent to her and/or her troop members: *SSG Katy Werginz, 1157 Trans. Co. (27th. IBCT), 2490 26th. St. , Camp Shelby, MS. 39407-5500.* The troop could use the following items: Chex mix (garlic is fine), a snack called “puppy chow” (not an animal snack), gum, jolly rancher type candies, travel pillows (Walgreens, 11” x 15” are \$5.00) and pillowcases for them (should be a bit bigger), also neck roll pillows. We'll be collecting any items you'd like to contribute, for a box to send out. You can also ask for a name to do an adopt-a-soldier project if you'd like to do more one on one.

**NEXT WEEK:** We'll move right into our patriotic support project by having members bring their machines, fabrics, poly fill, etc. to make some small rectangular and neck roll pillows and cases to include in our first package. A couple of members are bringing patterns in, or a simple rectangle makes up very well.

**RETREAT OCT. 2012:** Discussion indicated that the majority of members attending would prefer just bringing their own UFO's or new projects to work on, rather than brining in project teachers. The cruisers had an excellent experience with specialty quilter, Joan Shay who has developed a fusing and application process for doing 3 dimensional interest, who is willing, for a reasonable fee, to do a project class. Jeanette also informed us that Beth Bender, much loved local teacher, would be available. There will be more discussion, and estimates of cost will be forthcoming. Approximate cost may be around the \$160 amount.

**GUILD CLASSES:** Don't forget the great opportunities the guild classes offer: March 6&7 there is a quilt as you go workshop with Marie Anderson; April 4th an "Instant Art Quilt" workshop, May 8th a Jelly Roll Magic workshop, just to mention a few. Signups are at the monthly Guild Meetings, or through Joy Niles in our chapter.

**ONE MORE THING:** In keeping with the unusual pattern of this year, I am once again going to be gone for the next meeting, this time due to a death in my family. Then in a few weeks I'm flying out to run a baby shower, after that I'll be at Disney with my 5 yr. old grandson on a Tuesday - - - THEN - - - I'll be readying to leave for my granddaughter's birth and time away helping my daughter out. In case you don't get the drift - - I'm going to be away far more than I expected or would like, and could really use a backup Minutes writer. I don't expect anyone to do what I do - it's a personal thing, so whatever is comfortable for another person is fine. So my question is: is there a member who could help out until Fall so we can keep our membership informed? Thanks. C.

**CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:**

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - Troop Support Project

Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - Guild Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - Silent Auction

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - Sarasota bus trip