

## LAUREL MANOR Minutes 3-6-12

**Busy times for everyone:** Many members are juggling time constraints, and still producing wonderful sewn items as shared in our show and tell time. After the business meeting, members got busy right here, sewing pillow cases for the travel pillows our military gal, Katy Werginz, informed us were needed by she and her troop. This continues the charity commitment to the 1157 Trans. Co. she is serving with. *See Quilts of Valor below.*

**BUS TRIP:** President Jeannie went over the final plans for the March 24th Bus trip to Sarasota. There will be 25 enjoying a full day of busing there and back, visiting Two shops, (one an impressive Amish shop) and having a fun luncheon together. Donna Burns has worked for weeks on coordinating this, and she and Jeannie collected payment and verified attendees. There are no openings for this trip, at this time.

**GUILD MEETING:** Several members enjoyed another excellent program at the March Guild meeting which included a presentation from an Alaskan quilter and a trunk show by the “Material Girl” store. Remember, samples of future Guild classes are on display, and sign ups take place right there.

**GUILD NEXT MONTH:** The Cruisers will be wearing their cruising clothes and sharing the finished projects they made, in addition to the presentation by Ellen Lindner, an *Adventure Quilter* in addition to an “*Adventures in Color*” *Trunk Show*.

**NEXT WEEK:** Continuing our military charity works – we’ll be working together on those pillow cases, and anyone may bring in other on-going projects they’d like to work on.

**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> AUCTION:** Bring your item to donate, bring a snack to share, bring your check book, and a good sense of humor, and be prepared to have a great time, as we turn one person’s trash to another’s treasure. Pat Chapin is our Auctioneer in Residence, and this is a total win-win event. We use the money raised with our auction to strengthen our treasury so that we can make special donations during the holidays, bring in special teachers when the opportunity arises and provide for any chapter benefit that might require funds. If you missed the first auction last fall, you have to check this out. If you attended the last one, you know that you’ll be sure to get to this one. We promise a good time, and maybe even something to take home.

**APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING:** Members will be free to attend a trunk show being held by another chapter member, at a – as yet – undetermined location. There will be details available to us before that meeting. We will begin at our meeting, then car pool to the location (unless we’re lucky enough for it to be held at Laurel Manor....) Members not interested in attending may stay back in our room.

**RETREAT DETAILS:** (October 2, 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> – 2012)

The retreat committee has decided to bring Joan Shay in for a special dimensional project during the retreat. Pat Chapin has been in touch with Joan, and brought in 2 project suggestions for us to review and choose from. She will teach one of them. We will be collecting \$10 per person teaching fee, plus the cost of the project materials (probably \$20 to \$30.) Joan will also bring

samples of her impressive work, as well as kits and specialty products used to do them, for sale. Her kits are very complete, and some steps pre-done, and generous in materials. This class will be optional, but must be signed up for prior to the retreat so she can prepare the correct amount of kits.

The total cost for the retreat has been determined at \$155 and needs to be paid in full by June 1st. Donna Burner will be collecting the fees and also tracking the registrations for the Joan Shay class.

**TORNADO HELP SUGGESTION:** Jeanette spoke to us about a connection to people who lost everything in the recent mid-west tornados. Everything means exactly that, *EVERYTHING*. If you, as a quilter lost your machine(s), stashes, patterns, supplies, and even the precious items you had created over the years – well – it’s unthinkable! Making up some quilts to send is a good idea, but what about packing up some of the extra “stuff” – even that “extra” machine that is sitting on the floor in the closet – and seeing if we can contact a quilt group down there and try to get them some things to start over with? Can we get a little committee together to see if we can make a difference for a sister sewer or two, or three??? Let’s talk.

**CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:**

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> – Pillowcases and bring your own projects

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> – Auction

Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> – Undetermined or bring your own projects