

Laurel Manor Quilters minutes 3-20-12

During a brief meeting, President Jeannie discussed the distribution of raffle tickets for the 2013 Quilt show. Along with other changes, this process is being done differently this year. Each of our members will be expected to sell (or buy for themselves) 2 books of 5 tickets. Sales in usual Village locations will not be taking place, so this process is more important than it has been in the past. Diana will be attending a meeting next week to gather more information for us.

TAKING CARE OF OUR TROOP: Kristen was able to pack up and send 60 bone-shaped pillows, and 31 pillow cases to Katy's troop. Nice job, sewers. We voted to have the cost of shipping be taken from our treasury. Our "Quilt of Valor" is still in process; 12-1/2" patriotic themed blocks.

CLOSING STORE: We were all so sorry to hear that the Patchwork Pig, in Lakeland, is closing. This was a particularly charming shop we visited 2 years ago. The imaginative displays and quality of materials made this a better than average shop. Sales are going on now.

BUS TRIP SATURDAY: All is in ready for the Amish bus trip. A full complement of quilters will enjoy a nice ride, unique shopping, very nice lunch and return. Donna wants everyone to know that the bus will leave promptly at 8:00 from the Walmart lot. Please arrive by 7:45 for boarding.

AUCTION:

Well, this was the big day! And, as surprised as we were when we topped over \$800 with the first auction, we were even more surprised to have topped over \$1,000 with this one. Jeannie will have the exact figure for us next week. There was a preliminary count to check out the distribution of items against the collected funds at the time, but it will be verified before we'll announce the amount.

It was truly amazing. Again, the items donated were not predictable. There were finished quilts, partly finished quilts, a commercial iron, lots and lots of fabric bundles and scrap batches, and fat quarters, and pre cut squares and strips and patterns, and full kits, and trims and ribbons and rulers and tools and magazines and books and wall hangings and table runners and quilt hangers and bags and pin cushions and photo pictures and I'm sure I've forgotten something ... Just wonderful. All items went for very reasonable prices – everyone got a "buy" and our treasury benefited.

Thank you everyone, for your donations, and your bids. The snacks were wonderful, our Auctioneer Pat, the best and we will enjoy doing this again.

NEXT WEEK: Don't miss this one! Pat Chapin will be demonstrating the construction of her covered rope bag. This is a wonderful and different process that she promises is easy to do.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

March 24 - Bus trip

March 27 - Covered Rope bag

April 3 - Open meeting

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April 17 - Ruching technique

April 24 - Cart Caravan