

LAUREL MANOR QUILTERS minutes 4-24-12

President Jeannie started off today's meeting by sharing how delightful last week's Pat Knoechel Trunk Show had been. The Food Pantries benefited well by contributions that served as admission, and everyone was impressed with the wonderful work displayed, and some of the purchasing opportunities. Good meeting!

Jeannie went on to share information from Jeanette regarding the continuing changes in the 2013 Quilt Show and an alert that classes into Fall are now being made available for sign up at the next meetings. We are so fortunate to have the on-going educational opportunities made available to the membership at such reasonable cost. Be sure and check out the new ones when you go to the May meeting next week. In other business, long standing members will be recognized in the future with a pin designating their length of membership.

Note: If you're used to going to the Guild meeting early - - starting with the next meeting, only the nights workers will be allowed admittance before 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00. We have been asked to help with raffle tickets for the evening, if you'd like to volunteer, let Jeannie know at next week's meeting.

QUILT SHOW UPDATE: The latest changes in our Quilt Show are about the location of our Vendor Marketplace and the need to reduce the amount of Vendors allowed. They are looking at positioning the Vendors along walls, (possibly in the main entrance areas) to allow the use of electricity without multiple extension cords. This would reduce the amount of Vendors to only 15. The Guild Show Committee is certainly being challenged this year!

GUILD CHARITY QUILT: THE 104" x 104" Quilt has been professionally appraised at \$2,225.00! Whew! That's an impressive number! We're wondering how valuable some of the outstanding quilts our members have produced could be worth????? For those that might be more seriously interested in finding out -- there will be a professional appraiser at the show, and members can request fee appraisals. Diana offered that in the past the charge has been around \$45.

OUR SHOW BANNER: Once again, Pat Chapin came up with a fabulous design for our group. Utilizing our favored "Hot Chicks Quilt" Logo - Pat described and brought prototype appliques for an outstanding Laurel Manor design. With everyone's approval, she asked if she could proceed on this as she's sort of on a roll - and is ready and willing. BUT - if anyone would like to work along with her, be sure and let her know.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mackie is presently in the Villages Hospital, once again fighting her cancer battle. Joyce Brace told us that she now is struggling with pneumonia. If she manages to overcome this, her daughter Beth will be taking her back to Tulsa to stay with family there. She has our prayers and well wishes. Anyone wishing to, may check with the hospital and visit her.

HOSPICE BAZAAR:

Sat., the 28th, Hospice will be having a fund raising Bazaar at Colony Cottage Rec. Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you'd like to donate to this wonderful cause, you may still do so, and drop off your items between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday evening.

SNOW BIRDS ?

We have two challenges for our "away" members this season (myself, included). First, we'd like to make up a chart of who is where for how long. Did you get that? Please email me or Jeannie with your projected schedule. If we can see when the majority is returning, we can better plan programs that everyone would enjoy, and not want to miss. I'll kick off the listing: this year I'll be gone the first of May till mid Sept. But I'll be busy with you all anyway, because of Challenge 2:

How about a "*Here and Away*" project! Now, pay attention - I'm going to speak slowly: You don't have to be in The Villages to do this. But complete it while away, and when we have a majority back, we'll have a special Show and Share party, and see what everyone did while we were separated!

Here are the instructions:

1. Identify your 3 name initials (if you have more, too bad - we only want 3) i.e.: **C-A-H**.
2. Go to your favorite paint seller (Hobby Lobby, Glidden, Ace Hardware, etc.) and find a paint color chip whose name begins with each of your initials, i.e.: Celery Green - Angel Wing White -**Heavenly** Blue. (See, it can be most any color, but the descriptive first word of the name of the color has to have your initial). I hope that is Crystal Clear!
3. Take each of those chips, and match them to a fabric - solid, patterned, whatever, but basically as close to the **COLOR OF EACH CHIP** as you can get. 3 only!
4. GET CREATIVE! Design an approximately 24" x 24" wall hanging using ONLY those 3 colors. You may vary the size some, but they all should be about the same overall volume of size (18" x 30" or similar). It can be blocks, appliqués, scenic, dimensional, etc. You must be sure and bring the color chips with your project.

That's it! Donna Burner and Pat Chapin are suggesting this project - so we'll let them field any questions you may come up with.

COPIES OF PATTERNS:

From now on - we will be collecting \$1 for each pattern copy we produce for members. We have been doing too many copies that people then don't take, and the waste is not efficient. When you ask for a copy, we'll ask for the dollar paid up front; then you'll go on a list to deliver it to.

AN INVITATION!

New member, Mary Gorman has certainly brightened our group, and will be missed while she returns to Nova Scotia for a beautiful spring and summer.... and.... she is going back to the excitement of a National Quilt show coming there in May. If anyone is just searching for a great little trip the end of May - you may want to check this out. The Canadian National Quilt Show - May 24th weekend. And Mary says, you can stay with her! Well, maybe that's expecting a bit -

but, she graciously gave me her personal information to share in case someone takes her up on the invitation: Mary Gorman, 405-77 Russell Lake Dr. , Dartmouth, N. S. B2W6R8. 902-434-3979. Email: M.Gorman@ns.sympatico.ca

also note: Mary shared her success using “Collagen 2000” supplement to eliminate the stiffness and pain of her arthritic hands. She said we’d find it available on line.

SHOW AND TELL: Well, there was soooooo much! Cathy Stone and her group finished the hand quilting of Pat Padala’s yellow and blue quilt, Jacke finished the Applique Quilt project started in January, Linda and Christi finished Katy’s patriotic quilt and it’s case, and more and more. My “swing jacket” came out great, and several asked about the pattern. I will be doing a class on both this jacket and the bowls I’ve become addicted to making, next fall - but in the mean time, if you wish to get the jacket pattern, it is called “A Little Somethin’ Jacket”. I purchased it at the Quilt Shop of Deland, but it is available through CNT Pattern Co. 970-925-2267. www.cntpattern.com .

NEXT WEEK:

The “Ruching” Technique class. Here are the supply requirements:

Cut an inch wide piece of quilt fabric either lengthwise or width wise, about 22” long. NOT BIAS. (Do this at home to save time.) For this first one, please use a plain color. A plain background square to mount the “flower” on. Could be any size from 12”

Press each edge toward the middle of the strip to form a ½ inch wide strip. (Do this at home to save time.)

Bring a piece of template plastic about 2” wide and 10 inches long.

You will need craft scissors to cut the plastic as we will make our own tool. There are commercial ones but I prefer to make my own.

Bring a sharp lead pencil (I use General’s Wash Out but a fine lead pencil will work as most marks are covered.

Sand paper to hold material when marking. (Optional but nice)

Sewing thread to match material and sewing needle.

NEXT WEEK: Quilt Guild Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Laurel Manor.