

## January 7, 2014 Showcase Meeting Minutes

All chapters had a representative at the meeting.

Sharon reviewed the Coordinator responsibilities that were provided on the agenda.

Representatives from Big Cypress were welcomed to the group. They will be responsible for Parking during the Showcase, and they will also be making the extra black drapes and end caps needed for the show. The committee will be purchasing the black fabric and will provide measurements for these pieces to the chapter.

Big Cypress and Bradenton, our two newest chapters, will need to make chapter end caps for use at the show. Cathy Barlow will review the CD from the last Showcase to see if there are pictures of what has been done in the past so that they can see what is needed.

Sharon asked the group to consider being a shadow for the 2017 show. We don't have anyone shadowing the current committee, and the experience gained in this process is invaluable for those who will organize the next show.

In order to give more members the opportunity to help during the judging process, Sharon explained that each chapter has the opportunity to have one of their members be a volunteer during this process. This is strictly optional, and a chapter doesn't have to participate. Volunteers for this role need to be able to attend a training session on Jan. 7, 2015, stand for at least a 2-hour shift, and handle heavy quilts (bagging and/or unbagging, holding them for judges, etc.) If they have someone who wants to be a volunteer for judging, chapter presidents should send the name and contact information to Cathy Barlow.

During the discussion of judging, Cathy explained that more details about participating as a scribe will be shared at a future meeting.

Sharon explained that the categories were revised based on the feedback from the October Coordinator meeting. The category list that was distributed at that meeting should be destroyed and a revised copy should be obtained from the website ([www.qgotv.org](http://www.qgotv.org)). We will also have hard copies available at the guild meetings beginning in February.

Quilt entry deadline is October 1, 2014.

Jeanne Markle of Captiva needs the Showcase times for January 23-24, 2015, along with ticket prices, so that they can print posters as part of our ad campaign. Sharon will provide this information to her as soon as possible.

Kris Loffler of Chatham asked anyone with an antique quilt they would like to share at Showcase to contact her. Generally, a quilt that is 50-100 years old is considered vintage,

and anything over 100 years old is considered antique. Kris welcomes quilts in either of these categories that have interesting stories that go with them.

Sally and Mary Ann from Friendship Star showed examples of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and Honorable Mention ribbons that their chapter is making for the show. They have a fussy-cut center from bird of paradise fabric and follow the color scheme for past ribbons. Everyone agreed the ribbons were beautiful!

Bev Jahn of Lake Miona sought approval for their chapter to make new sashes for the Chinese Auction ticket jars. The new sashes follow the Quilting in Paradise theme.

Jackie Perez indicated that Laurel Manor is currently working on the rules for boutique items. It would help them to know how much space they'll have as they finalize the rules, which need to be published soon to guild members who will be making things to sell in the boutique.

Carol Knoll of Mulberry shared that she has sent out 32 emails to vendors and has received 20 positive responses. She has 11 contracts back with the deposit money to follow. There will be room for 18 vendors at the show, and each vendor will have the same size booth. Carol mentioned that she has 4 requests for ads for the Showcase book, and 5 vendors have agreed to do demos during the show.

Barb Holtermann indicated that SeaBreeze would begin selling packets for the challenge quilt at the guild meeting this evening. Cost of the packet is \$5, and this money is returned to the quilter when they turn in their entry.

Judy Short had a couple of questions about the check-in/check-out tickets used at the last showcase, and Cathy Barlow will be working with her later in the year to share the files used last time. It should be a simple matter of editing the dates and printing the number that will be needed.

Pat Reed of Sunset Point indicated that they are just getting started with organizing the silent auction. There was a brief discussion regarding the types of things to be decided (i.e., types of items to be accepted, items that have sold well in the past, etc.). It would be helpful for them to know how much space they'll be working with in order to know how many items they'd like each chapter to provide. The group mentioned that Laurel Manor has handled this function in the past and seemed to have a good process in place. It was suggested that Pat (and perhaps others from Sunset Point) talk to Laurel Manor to gather ideas and find out what worked well for them.

Sunset Point revealed the opportunity quilt that their chapter made. It will be shared at tonight's guild meeting and displayed later this month at Marketplace, where they will begin selling tickets. It was a beautiful queen size quilt that is pieced with an appliqué border. Lovely!

The next Coordinator meeting will be on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 6 p.m. at Laurel Manor.