

2015 Showcase Committee Meeting- February 4, 2014

Sharon Musch introduced the shadows for the 2017 Quilt Show. They are Judy Porter, Judy Short, Esther Meinhart and Joan Keltner. Nancy Myers is an additional shadow, but was not able to be at this meeting.

We now have firm dates for our judging and showcase. The judging dates are January 8 & 9 and the showcase dates are January 23(9am-5pm) & January 24(9am to 4pm).

Big Cypress has a committee ready to make the end caps and curtains. Fabric has been ordered and should be available in about 6 weeks. A sample end cap will be given to the chapter to use as a pattern when making new end caps.

Angels were asked to add watching items in the boutique, silent auction and market place to make sure no one walks off with items they have not purchased.

Captiva reported that the **publicity** is ready to go. All artwork is complete and bids from printers are in. All they needed were the dates, which we now have for them.

Friendship Star has completed all the parts to the award **ribbons** for the show. They will assemble them in the fall so they stay flat. Purple ribbon was used for best of show. Ribbons for other special categories were made from the fabric used in the center of the award.

Carol Van Noy representing **Khaki Quilters** and Joan Gaffney & Sharon Adams representing **Mamie's Quilters** the two new Chapters at Eisenhower were welcomed.

Lake Miona is using remaining tickets from the Market Place for the **Chinese Auction**. Quantities of 10,000 were ordered and 843 were used at Market Place. It was clarified that all baskets for the Quilt Show will be donated by the vendors. None will be from the chapters.

As a side note: They also wanted to thank all the chapters for the beautiful baskets that were donated for Market Place.

Laurel Manor is in charge of the **boutique**. They would like a representative from each chapter to serve on this committee. This representative will be in charge of keeping track of all items submitted from their chapter. If you could either e-mail Jackie Perez with the name and e-mail address of your chapter's representative or bring this information to the next meeting it would be appreciated. They would like to start committee meeting in April. It was suggested that people take a picture of the item they are donating. Also note 10% of price on item goes to the guild and 7% is for sales tax. This year the boutique will share the room with the Demo's. That should give the boutique a little more room than they had last year.

Mulberry is in charge of the **vendors**. They already have 13 paid contracts, with 6 additional vendors wanting spaces. Right now we only have space for 18 vendors. They will keep a waiting list in case we do not receive payments or we have cancellations. They also have a full page vendor ad for the back cover of the program and 2 half page ads.

It was mentioned that the 2013 showcase committee was able to get discounted rooms for the vendors at the local hotels and it was much appreciated. The **Steering Committee** said they'd look into doing this for the 2015 Showcase

Mulberry is also in charge of the **demos**. Demos will be given by vendors as well as Guild members. They will be 20 minutes and held every 1/2 hour, on the hour and half hour (10 minutes in between for setups).

Seabreeze have the **Challenge Quilt** kits ready. They are \$5 per kit. They will be available at the guild meetings and if chapters request they can deliver them. As in the past, anyone who turns in a completed Challenge Quilt for the Showcase will have their \$5 refunded. Rules for the challenge have been given to the webmaster, Marilyn Paluszak, to be uploaded on the guild website. Approximately 20 packs had been sold as of the meeting.

Sunset Point has requested quilted items only for the **Silent Auction**. They would like each chapter to submit 10% of their membership (e.g. 50 members, 5 items). All the income from the sales will go to charity. It was suggested that labels be put on the items. They also asked if it would be possible to have a credit card machine rented for the showcase. Some people would have bid higher on items if they could have charged the purchase. The **Steering Committee** agreed to look into this.

The charity quilt made by Sunset Point has already sold \$1,000 in tickets at the Market Place. They will be selling tickets at each guild meeting and will also have tickets available for the chapters.

We are letting one person from each chapter volunteer to work at judging. This volunteer should be able to do all the physical work (standing for 2 hour shifts, lifting heavy quilts, bagging and un-bagging quilts). All comments they hear during judging will have to be kept confidential. The president of each chapter will have to approve of the volunteer. Please submit their name and e-mail to Cathy Barlow. As a side note Molly Wadell, one of our judges will be speaking at the guild meeting this year.

Sharon handed out a master copy of the entry form and categories to each committee member. They are encouraged to have their chapter members print them off the guild website if possible. If a member does not have a computer then they will need to make a copy of the form for them. Some forms will also be available at the guild meetings.

If I have missed anything or miss-stated anything, please let me know.

Alice Fowler
(with some additions from Sharon Musch)