

St. Croix International Quilt Guild
Business meeting April 15, 2015

The March, 2015 meeting was cancelled due to weather.

President Sue McIver called the meeting to order at 6:02. Including guests there were about 40 people present.

Mary Louise Peters began the meeting by introducing Susan Leonard who is teaching a workshop on May 2 on dyeing techniques. Susan gave an overview of what will be covered in the workshop. The fee for the class is \$25 and the money is due tonight.

President Sue McIver welcomed guests Sharon Robinson, Alane Gayton and Ruth Curtis's granddaughters, Emily and Kristen.

For roll call, members identified themselves and, using a sheet supplied by President McIver and letters of the member's name, came up with a quilting name.

The assemblage sang Happy Birthday to Sandra Hill who was celebrating her 80th birthday.

Secretary Jane Eaton read the minutes of the February meeting which were approved as read.

Sue McIver read a letter from the state guild informing us that we had been granted \$90 to use for hospice quilts. This was less than requested but nonetheless welcome.

Treasurer Mary Ann O'Brien reported a balance at the end of March of \$1889.90 in the general account and \$921.16 in the hospice account for a total of \$2811.06.

Mary Louise Peters and Liz Trouant summarized upcoming Saturday and Wednesday workshops. These workshops are described on the website.

Joline Cook reminded the members that this September we will be having another studio tour and she is looking for volunteers who will open up their "studio" or sewing room for others to see. Joline has a sheet of tips for hostesses. The Studio Tour is held the second weekend in September.

Wanda Pollock plans to have another presentation in May of a good many of the hospice quilts and asked that members make an effort to get their hospice quilts done before that meeting so they can be presented.

Nicky Lindsay spoke on behalf of the Ganong Nature Park who has invited guild members to participate in a Fall Fair at the park. They would like to have quilt demonstrations or activities for children. Speak to Lindsay if you are interested.

Mary Ann O'Brien is heading up the Nominating Committee for the next slate of officers. Let Mary Ann know if you are interested in being president or second vice president.

Mardens is offering a 10% discount to guild members on all fabrics except remnants. You must show your Pine Tree Guild membership card.

Liz Trouant spoke of a new quilt shop in Norway, ME called Sew Orchid Design.

Mary Ann O'Brien is handling the raffle tickets for the quilt at the state show in July. Each member is asked to sell a book of tickets.

Beverli McAdams's 2-minute tip was on organizing thread, zippers and other quilting supplies. Beverli finds that storing her thread, sorted by color, in zip lock bags protects the thread and makes it easy to find. She also stores zippers, sorted by length and type, in zip lock bags. Some discussion ensued about whether it is good to use thread that is on wooden spools. Is it likely deteriorated so as to compromise the quality of the sewing? Pat Wyeth suggested using it for basting.

Anita Johnson did a program on making washcloths for babies by sewing together a scrap of flannel with a purchased washcloth.

Sher Acheson and Ruth Curtis won the fabric draws. (There was one for the March green fabric and a second for the April pastel fabric.)

Twenty-two people showed their handiwork at Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Eaton