



Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
August 1st, 2023

The August meeting was held at the Fairfield Baptist Church and was called to order at 7:02 pm by Becky Burkett.

Becky welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. She gave a public service announcement regarding the practice of scam phone callers attempting to elicit a Yes response. This can lead to them gaining access to the user's phone apps and contact information so should be avoided.

The second 2023 Tri-County Quilt Guild Meet & Greet was successfully held on July 22nd at The Quilty Shop. There were around 20-25 attendees. Attendees were invited to attend guild meetings and participate in guild activities.

Becky reminded the group that the church must be vacated by 9:30pm so officers should make their statements brief and to the point. Members participating in Show & Tell are also asked to be brief.

Additionally, Becky asked that chatter during the meetings be kept to a minimum, as it can be distracting to others, particularly those with hearing difficulties.

2024 Quilt Show – Shari Stone

Shari shared that the quilt show chairs will be holding a meeting to provide members with the information needed to enter a quilt in the show. The meeting will be held on September 14th in the Education building at Cypress Baptist church from 6-7pm. Everyone is welcome, and an RSVP is not required. All rules and regulations will be covered, including how to determine which category to use, and how to add a label and hanging sleeve to a quilt. A second meeting will be scheduled if there is a need.

Tin Can Raffle – Donna Vandiver

Donna has received a significant amount of donations for baskets. Her group will start assembling baskets in September, with a second meeting in January. Donna notified members that they may donate individual items for baskets; they do not have to donate a completed basket.

Charity Bee – Sharon Castillo

Sharon was excited to report that 45 completed quilts were turned in by members this evening! For those able to take items home to complete today, there are several quilts that need to be long-armed, and various project kits available.

Boutique – Connie Suarez

In July the group worked on reuseable market bags. August's project will be mug and tea caddy. The August meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday at Bobbins & Threads at 10am. Connie reminds those members that are quilting fabric for the quilt carrier bags to return them at the September general meeting so the bags can be completed at the September boutique workshop.

Janet Winkler – Silent Auction

Janet showed some of the quilts that have been donated for the silent auction in next years' quilt show. She asks that anyone planning to donate a quilt for this to please add a sleeve to the quilt so that it may be displayed at the show.

Elaine Bullard – Vice President of Administration

- Elaine asks that each member take 4-5 Tri-County Quilt Guild business cards to distribute to friends and interested parties. She will be available during the break for anyone needing cards.
- Elaine reminds members that all are welcome to attend our board meetings. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant. The August board meeting will be held at Sam's Seafood & Steak restaurant on Grant Road on August 8th at 5:30pm.
- Elaine read out a thank you letter from the wife of a man who had received one of our quilts donated through Nora's Home. She stated that her husband used the quilt throughout his stay, and how much it meant to him.
- Elaine introduced Bev Volker to the group. Bev asked for volunteers to take the raffle quilt to the Brazos Bluebonnet quilt guild meeting in Bryan, Texas on September 14th.
- Bev asks that all members consider purchasing about \$25 worth of raffle tickets to sell for the guild.
- Elaine announced there will be an area Shop Hop at the end of September. Volunteers are needed to travel with the raffle quilt to the various shops.
- Additional volunteers are needed to assist with the Montgomery Quilt Walk on October 6th and 7th. She is hoping we can commit to 24hrs worth of volunteers working a 2hr shift each. Shifts are 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, or 2pm-4pm. Volunteers can assist visitors wishing to see the backs of the quilts, or they can sell tickets for our raffle quilt.
- Members are encouraged to show their quilts on the Montgomery Quilt Walk. Sign-up is online at Montgomeryquiltwalk.com.

- Elaine submits a Tips & Techniques section to their Tri-County Quilt Guild newsletter each month. Members are encouraged to submit their tips and techniques for inclusion in the newsletter.

Bobbi Miller – Membership

There are 283 total guild members. 92 members have signed in tonight, with 1418.5 volunteer hours reported. There are 5 visitors this evening, with 3 new members. Membership renewals for 2024 officially begin in October, however Bobbi is happy to take early renewals. Members may also renew online.

Char Peterson – Senior Program Chair

The speaker this evening is Tiffany Hayes. She has a variety of patterns and tools available for sale at the front of the auditorium.

The two workshops by Winnie Fleming in September are full. There are still a few openings left for October's workshop with Vasudha Govindan.

Storybook Quilts- Lisa Hart

Lisa reviewed the storybook quilts community program with the group. She showed an example of a book, *The Kindness Quilt*, which is the story of a little girl that brings her classmates together to create a quilt depicting acts of kindness. The accompanying quilt was made by Lisa Hart from drawings of acts of kindness made by children from two kindergarten classes. Each quilt and its companion quilt are stored in matching pillowcases.

Block-of-the-Month – Lisa Hart

For the remainder of 2023 members are asked to continue to make and donate the improv block inspired by the work of Terri Roland. Any two colors may be used.

For every 10 blocks submitted the creator's name will be entered into a raffle for a prize to be donated by Lisa.

Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard

The following members and visitors shared their projects with the group: Donna Vandiver, Kat Mack, Stephanie Moss, Sharon Buffington, Diana Reed, Betty Collette, Conni Grudzinski, Judy Whited, Jeanne Brown, Kim Wilcox, Laurie Loasby, Mary Ellen Adkinson, Lynna Wischnewsky, Jaine Jewell, Olivia Mireles, Sara Irwin, Victoria Brown, Elaine Bullard, and Sara Hart.

August Speaker – Char Peterson

Char introduced Tiffany Hayes. Tiffany shared many of her quilts with the group and gave a demonstration using her special tools.

Door Prizes – Becky Burkett

Becky drew the door prizes with the assistance of Donna Vandiver.

Becky Burkett adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaine Jewell
Secretary