

## **PIECE BY PIECE QUILT GUILD**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**MARCH 16, 2023**

**WELCOME:** General meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Grace Hill Church meeting room by President Betty Colombo. She opened the meeting with a “Welcome to our Happy Place” where we enjoy our quilting and our friends.

There were #6 new members present and introduced as: Sharon H and her daughter, Lynn, Jan A., Janet D. and Sandy A. A warm welcome was extended to them by the membership and the president.

#### **EVENING PROGRAM:**

Cheri Stempel of the program committee announced a change in the speaker this evening. She introduced the “new “speaker, Geri Patterson-Kutras who had also offered a workshop earlier in the day on Boro, teaching a sashiko technique. This evening’s presentation was about her love of architecture and history, and how she portrays it in her unique quilting artform. Her works are “structural” to the eye, but there are many surprises of whimsy and unexpected forms and color in her creations. She is a Morgan Hill resident and was very warmly received by the membership. She presented about a 50-minute trunk show and took questions about her techniques.

**\*Guild Break from 8:05-8:15pm**

#### **BEGIN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TREASURER’S REPORT: Margaret Sullivan – no report requested by president.**

#### **PROGRAMS : Marilee, Leslie, Cheri and Susan**

The April speaker will be a physical therapist, Ron Conlon. He will talk about ergonomics while sewing and many tips on improving our body alignment, reducing pain and stress on our bodies.

The workshop on May 18<sup>th</sup> is entitled “Everything but Cotton” by Julia McCloud and she will also be the presenter for the evening guild program entitled “Smithereens”. The workshop will require dress shirts (shirting material) and neckties, some of which will be available during the class. The class is \$40 to register. A sign-up sheet is available at the back table for the workshop and payment.

There was a brief mention by Cheri that another program member was being sought to assist during the meetings to manage lists, collection of money for classes and welcoming/setting up the speakers to mention a few jobs falling to the programs committee.

**STANDING COMMITTEE: Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens (both absent) Cheri S. gave the report for them**

**Sign-ups for BOM 2023** – Block of the month sign-ups are still needed for next year, specifically for June, August, September and January 2024. There was a reminder of being aware of copyright laws in presenting BOM blocks. There was a brief discussion of these laws presented by KellyAnn Brown and if there is a question, it is best to contact the original designer of the block to seek approval for use.

**Block of Month** – The April block will be **Spring Blossom** and a description can be found in the newsletter along with instructions for completing the block, submitted by Judy Gillingham.

The **winner** of the Drawing for the **MARCH BOM- #24** “Orange You Glad “blocks was won by Michael Sue Korbel.

Sew days will be starting in April and hostesses will be Margaret S. and Christine W. for the quilt tying day. More volunteers will be needed for future Sew days. March and May will be taken with workshops.

Sign-ups for philanthropy baskets are now only needed for November this year.

**MEMBERSHIP: Kelly Ann Brown** – Kelly Ann reported our membership enrollment this evening was over the #100-member mark! We had #6 new members join and they stood to be introduced and acknowledged.

Members new and old were encouraged to check out our website and look around for all types of information contained there. She invited new members to ask questions and contact her via email.

**MEMBERS AT LARGE: Linda Rubio/Susan Jackson** - Nothing to report.

**PHILANTHROPY: June Okano/ Linda Boman/Carol Ikemoto**

The quilt tops from the storage unit that have been donated to the guild over the years will be tied and bindings sewn at our **first** post COVID Sew Day on April 20. The committee has already matched approx. 40 quilt tops with backs to get us

started. Sew Day will begin at 9:30 am for set-up and will start at 10 am. Clean-up will end at 4pm. Please bring your own lunch and if you want to come to do your own work, you are welcome to do that as well. Supplies for tying will be provided but bring your own scissors and thimble. Extra crochet cotton size #10 will be gladly accepted for donation. Batting is provided. A sewing machine will be helpful for doing envelope turns on quilts, bindings and piecing backings if necessary. A full day is planned.

Linda reminded the membership that June is the month we vote on where we want to donate our philanthropy quilts for year 2023. Suggestions for new or repeat recipient organizations are welcome to be put forward to be considered to receive the quilts (contact Linda Boman). Some organizations are only able to take a small number of quilts so multiple organizations will be selected for our quilt distribution. Last year we donated to Jewish Family Services, Community Solutions, Older Adult Care and Grace Arts and Wellness.

This month's Philanthropy basket winner is Dawn R. and was donated by Beth and Elaine.

Kits for QAYG Baby Quilts are on the back table. Batting and labels can be obtained from June Okano.

#### **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: Kelly Ann Brown**

Kelly continues to improve and expand the Website and is focusing on various aspects of its representation of our guild. She also continues to produce a great newsletter every month. Please let Kelly know if your newsletter is not arriving in your email. Also noted were our Facebook pages which serves as another source of connection with members during the month between meetings.

**SUNSHINE: Diane Kirkpatrick** – Diane did not need to send any cards this month.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Zoom Sew Day –Chris Bradshaw** - Next zoom meeting will be April 12 from 10-1pm

**UFO Lists – Melinda McGlashan**

Melinda announced the **year 2022 winner of the UFO contest** and it was Christine Widman. A \$15 Gift Certificate to Quilts and Things was presented.

For Year 2023 – A list of your **projected** UFO FINISHES needs to be handed in to Melinda by March 2023. These are quilts started before Jan 2023 and finished before January 2024. The Prize will be awarded in MARCH of 2024.

### **Fun Day Report- Marilee Kline**

April 15, 2023, from 8 am-4pm at Electricians Union Hall in San Jose. \$40 with optional \$16 Erik's Deli lunch. Please fill out registration forms available at the back table and pay by April 1<sup>st</sup> (mail in or drop off at Quilt shop). There will be breakfast, games, raffles, free sewing, and a mystery pattern for \$5.00. A video of a previous Funday is available to see on our website.

**Quilt Show – September 2023** Cheri StrempeI invited members to sign up to help the Quilt Show Committee if they are interested. They are working on a theme and a challenge for the show. There will be more information forthcoming.

**Name Tag Drawing – #4 winners-** Jean S, Paulette, Melissa and Bev W.

**Reach Out Donation Drawing** –Lydia Palmer.

**Fat Quarter Drawing** – “Green” was the color of the fat quarters this month and they were won by Laurel B. and Karen T.

**Show and Tell -\*\*see photos taken by Kelly posted on the website.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Letter to guild about PIQF (Pacific International Quilt Festival)**

A letter was sent to our guild regarding the following situation: PIQF has been unable to negotiate a contract with the Santa Clara Convention Center after 29+ years of patronage and holding this huge event for quilters all around the bay area and beyond. The letter spells out the difficulties and asks that guild members contact various persons involved in this upsetting situation. The letter will be available on the website to review and respond to if you feel strongly about this issue.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:587pm by President Betty Colombo.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary