

PIECE BY PIECE QUILT GUILD

ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

May 19, 2022

WELCOME: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Cheri Stempel. 32 people were able to access the Zoom meeting. The president turned over the meeting to Susan Oakes of the program committee and the evening's program was introduced immediately.

PROGRAM: Susan Oakes introduced the speaker Denise Miller at 7:03 pm who brought us a presentation entitled:

Painting with my Scissors

Denise Miller expresses her love of nature/landscapes, colors, textures and shapes through a vast repertoire of art materials, never timid about experimenting with new ways, techniques and mediums to bring her ideas to her canvas. She shed light on her creative process and inspirations, introducing us to her unique uses of paints, paper, Pellon and pieces, possibly all incorporated into the same work! She truly has broadened the meaning of the term "art quilt". She shared some of her more technical construction techniques specifically with broken color and her use of tulle for "holding together" her pointillist impressionistic creations and willingly answered many questions that were submitted via chat. Denise Miller was an incredible inspiration to our members and has current and future exhibits that can be seen locally in Walnut Creek at Valley Art Gallery, and in Oakhurst, Ca at the Gallery 5 (Aug 5-Sept 20) in an exhibit called "Textures". More information about her exhibits will be published to our members and how to contact Denise directly. Very positive, quick reviews via chat were noted at the end of the program.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Margaret Sullivan – No report requested as part of the general meeting agenda. This was questioned by the co-secretary as a point of clarification. A discussion/explanation by Melinda McGlashan about the treasurer's report not being officially a part of the general meeting agenda was explained as follows: The treasurer's report is confined to the board meeting with complete details every month. Anyone wishing to know the information may request it from the treasurer and is an open book to those who are interested and ask. The guild bylaws stipulate that the general members are presented a budget in September and thereafter the board monitors and makes monetary decisions throughout the year on behalf of the members, based on the budget and monthly reports by the treasurer. The discussion further clarified to the members that the laws governing 501c3 status needed to be adhered to and the question of how much money is "too much" to maintain our status was addressed briefly.

MEMBERSHIP: Kelly Ann Brown – She reports sending out completed packets to all members via mail with only a very tiny number of corrections necessary. A few more new members were welcomed (2-3) and new rosters with updates were in the planning stages once again for distribution to everyone.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Susan Jackson and Linda Rubio – no report given

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Diane Tainter and Melanie Martens

Block of Month – Diane Tainter Diane conducted the drawing for the 15" Tennessee block this month. They were won by Melinda McGlashan, to be collected at Quilts and Things numbering about 12.

Next raffle will be for “The Little Houses” presented by Marilee Kline at a Sew Day. There was clarification about when they are due, Wed before the general meeting every month.

Diane confirmed sign-ups for all future blocks has been accomplished with Barb Christie providing a bird block with permission from the source for the Nov 2022-Jan 2023 raffle.

Social Events- Melanie Martens Melanie reports she is making and will have available numerous sign-up sheets for soliciting help with future in-person social days, including the Ice Cream Social, refreshments, Fun day and the Christmas party. She mentioned a “new” fun block type activity to be announced in Oct for the Christmas Party.

Cheri added that the first In-Person social event will be the Ice Cream Social in July with Ice Cream cake served and a sales table and other informational tables.

PHILANTHROPY: Linda Boman

Linda continues to assemble the last of the Quilt As You Go (QAYG) Strip Quilts, making 10-12 more kits. Kits will be available from Quilts and Things and from Linda Boman. June Okano has batting and quilt labels if they are needed for completion of other donation quilts by the membership. Barb Christie asked and was clarified by Linda that donations are due at the October meeting.

Linda is gathering a list of organizations to receive our donations and the names will be presented for voting at the June general meeting. Carol Frazer reported that while Jewish Family Services was not yet ready to receive donated sewing machines and fabric/tools, they could use quilts for both Afghani and Ukrainian refugees. Linda will check further about this suggestion.

NEWSLETTER: Kelly Ann Brown

Kelly Ann noted the recently added sections of Chit Chat Corner and Connections and encouraged us to make use of them. Chris Bradshaw has been presenting “chit chat” in the last couple of issues and asked members to share their ideas with her for the column.

Kelly Ann asked that we help her with the newsletter theme next month “Taking it on the Road”. She is asking for packing lists, something you always forget to pack, tips and tricks learned for packing and travel experiences. She plans to compile a complete and enviable packing list for us!

Attention was called to the upcoming 45th Anniversary of the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles community event on Sat. May 21 and Kelly will send out a quick reminder to membership.

SUNSHINE: Diane Kirkpatrick – no report given

PROGRAMS: Susan Oakes/Marilee Kline

Marilee reported that many of the speakers this year received excellent reviews. Next month will be Lilo Bowman talking to us via zoom about creating a better sewing space, giving tricks and tips on enhancing our studios.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Reminder- President Cheri reported NO responses to the specific request made for those willing to help with the Quilt Show on the last full week-end of September, sponsored by SVQA. Volunteers are needed to take on all types of jobs and Carol Frazer outlined many jobs including, scribes for the judges,

set up of quilts on Thursday of both wall and church pew quilts, take down after the show, and recruiting judges (Laurie Perez does this job) to name a few. Carol will have a complete list of jobs at the June general meeting. Please let Cheri know if you are willing to volunteer. When asked, Carol said that antique quilts along with a short story were welcome for exhibit in the show.

Cheri reminded us that the board meetings in the future will not be available on zoom.

Next Zoom Sew Day – Chris Bradshaw announced the next 3 ZOOM Sew Days are scheduled for June 8, July 6 and August 10. The next sew day will be a discussion about favorite tools.

NEW BUSINESS:

The idea of a buddy system for new members joining being paired with an older member was brought up for discussion. Chris, a new member shared feelings of being at a large meeting at another guild and feeling ignored, not one person acknowledged her or made her feel welcome. This idea will be considered at the next board meeting as we have new members and endeavor to make them feel part of the group.

A motion for adjournment was made by Melinda McGlashan and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Widman, Co-Secretary