



Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

Meetings on third Thursday Jan.-Nov.
at Calvary Baptist Church
785 First Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

www.ifquiltguild.citymax.com



A SEWING ROOM CHAT WITH THE PRESIDENT

"ANOTHER COOL THING ABOUT QUILTING!"

It didn't occur to me until after the project was finished, but I really had to owe the success of the finished bathrobe to the many ideas, techniques, and points of information I learned from quilting. This adventure started when our knitting/quilting group learned that one of our ranks, Kate, was to have surgery, and we wanted to give her a gift to aid in her recuperation. Kate likes sheep (she spins wool), so originally we thought a pair of cozy sheep-print PJ's would be perfect. Unfortunately at this time of year the only sheep-print flannel PJ's to be had are leftover from the holidays and available only in oddball sizes, none of which worked for this gift. On to "Plan B" -- we would *make* the PJ's! Now if I could only find some sheep-print flannel yardage...Research on the computer yielded two perfect candidates, both depicting *knitting sheep* (how cool is that!), one on a light blue background and the other on a black background. It couldn't get much better than that, so the print with the light blue background was rush ordered.

When the fabric arrived the first of several roadblocks was encountered: the fabric wasn't flannel, it was regular cotton. Thought regular cotton is a better choice for summer wear, it doesn't carry the same note of "coziness" as flannel, which was what we really wanted. To solve this problem I decided to make a "knitting/lounging" jacket (aka: bathrobe) instead. GREAT! Problem Solved! Not Quite. Those rows and rows of cute-as-can-be knitting sheep, instead of being lined up selvaige like most directional prints, were (for reasons known only to the designer and the manufacturer) aligned along the *warp* of the fabric. This necessitated rotating the orientation of the pattern pieces by 90 degrees in order for all of the sheep to be standing upright on the finished product. Hmm. Now I needed to slightly shorten the longer pattern pieces so they would fit between the selvages. Though, proportionally, this would probably work out well for Kate, having made so many adjustments before sewing any of the pieces together made me more than a little apprehensive. I need not have worried; everything went together smoothly, at least until I got to the band that runs from the hem to the back of the neck, and back to the hem. It had some slight curves in it, and though the attachment of one edge with the sewing machine went fairly well, several menacing puckers and twists appeared during the two or so *miles* of the hand sewn finish work required to attach the other edge of the band. On the verge of tears I took the robe to the ironing board

and began to press. To my utter amazement *it pressed out perfectly flat!!!* To add to my amazement it occurred to me that I hadn't sewn clothing in over 20 years. Being so out of practice, how did I get such excellent results? QUILTING, of course! If you think about it, what we learn from quilting translates to many other areas of life, not just sewing. It's like the question Math teachers sometimes get from students: "When am I ever going to use this knowledge?" The answer is -- the opportunity for application will often be found in surprising places. And sew it is with quilting.

Summer weather is here, and whether you are enjoying it with sunscreen or putting finishing touches on your ark, remember to put Guild meetings on your summer calendar as there is great entertainment in store: in June we have a trunk show by our Vice President, Emily Fogg; in July there will be a presentation by Kathi Carter, our Judy Niemeier workshop instructor; and in August we will have our Annual Guild Picnic at Tautphaus Park.

Until we meet again, keep singing!

*Connie Rafferty,
aka "Genghis Khannie"
President SRVQG*



P.S. Kate loves the knitting jacket!
P.P.S. If you made a Bear-Paw farewell block for Gloria Gordon you can still turn it in at the June meeting.

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Minutes for May 21, 2015

Missed the May Meeting? Here's what happened:

Early Bird:

The Early Bird Demonstration was on the Accu-Quilt Machine. Kat Blakely demonstrated and brought all her dies.

Opening:

Connie opened the meeting and thanked Kat for the demonstration. She also welcomed guests Susan Obard, Julie Finnegan, and Joyce Smith.

Announcements:

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Connie announced that long-time member ZZ

Gilmore had passed away late in 2014 and condolences will be sent to the family.

Quote of the month was by Oliver Wendell Holmes. Members were asked to wear name tags to meetings. Stitch and Giggles has openings in June retreat.

Contact Jenny Callison if interested.

Bitterroot Quilt Guild Show "When Life Gives You Scraps" will be held June 27th and 28th in Hamilton, Montana.

Members were invited to vote on Raffle Quilt Designs during the break.

Calculations for the Half Square Triangles were out on the guild website by Margo Fisher.

Crazy Quilters were to pick up a book at the break if they have not done so. Crazy Quilts group members are to bring their quilts to the meeting in August. It doesn't matter if it is finished.

Kat will only bring the Accu-Quilt Machines by request to the guild meetings from this point on.

Margo is looking for volunteers to assist with the finalization of the design, purchase and distribution of materials for the raffle quilt. This does not mean that you need to sew it. Just help organize. Call Margo if interested.

A check for \$400 was donated to the Quilt Heritage Museum along with two quilts donated by Sandra Brow for online purchase. The Quilt Heritage Museum will be raffling a quilt at the Eastern Idaho State Fair. The quilt done in applique and is quite beautiful. Volunteers are needed to work three hour shifts in pairs to sell raffle tickets during the Fair. Contact Karen Price (479) 601-1621 to sign up.

The Judy Niemeyer method workshop is full. You can put your name on the waiting list Lynne Saul has the class sample.

If you are working on the mystery quilt, pick up your book at the break.

Kat is passing around a sheet to sign up for the UFO Challenge Sheet.

BOM participants will be shown at the end of the business meeting. They must pick up their prize during the break.

If you made a stash reduction quilt, please show it during Show and Tell.

All members who are participating in one of the scrap challenges are encouraged to start a three-ring binder. Sign up at the Intra-Guild table if you are interested in participating.

Retreat: Sign up starts tonight. Quilt Retreat is November 4-8, 2015 at West Piney Camp. Cost is \$80 and your registration is not considered valid until you pay the fee. Sign up with Kat Blakely.

If you are interested in serving on the Guild's Board in any of the following capacities: President, Secretary, Quilt Show Chair(s), or Activities please let a board member know.

Community Support: The SRVOG is partnering with the Utah Quilt Guild in the Domestic Violence Shelter Project. Linda Hunt has arranged two Sew-Ins at the Church of Christ, 2650 Plommon Street, Idaho Falls on Saturday June 6th and on Saturday July 11. Both sessions are from 9 AM to 3 PM in the fellowship hall. Community Support will supply materials, backing and batts. There are plenty of outlets and tables. Donations of fabric are still needed. Please bring your sewing machines and basic sewing kits. They could use two more ironing boards and irons. Quilts will be donated to local shelters.

Is there anyone in the guild who has a queen sized top they would be willing to donate to be made into a raffle quilt for a woman who has recently been diagnosed with a rapidly progressing form of breast cancer? Contact Sandra Brow immediately so it can be quilted and bound in time for the raffle in July.

June BOM is the Dresden Plate. BOM for July is recognizable paper-pieced shape.

There will be a workshop for 6 people to learn quilting on your home machine at Emily Fogg's home. If there is more interest another date will be scheduled. Call Emily Fogg if interested.

The 2017 Raffle Quilt Design that won is #1!

Show & Tell:

Show and Tell participants were Bessie Bradshaw, Anita Litteer, Marsha Nipper, Susan Obard, Elaine Cary, Karen Price, Kathie Phoenix, Kimberly Howard, Crystal Foster and Charlene Albano.

Education Segment:

The Education Segment was a station rotation on dimensional flowers.

Raffle Ticket Draw:

The raffle was held with many great prizes won. The meeting was adjourned a little after 9 PM.

Submitted By Karen Price, Secretary



Meeting Agenda:

6:00 - Early Bird: Embellishing with Paint Sticks with Bessie Bradshaw

6:30 - Set-Up and Social Time

7:00 - Welcome and Announcements

7:30 - Show and Tell

7:50 - Break

8:10 - Education Segment: Trunk Show with Emily Fogg

8:50 - Raffle

9:00 - Adjourn





Treasurer's Report



SRVQG Treasurer's Report May 27, 2015

This report reflects the activity that took place 4/27/15 through 5/27/15.

Income:		Expenses:	
Community	\$0.00	Community Support	\$0.00
Education	\$0.00	Education	\$109.43
Equipment	\$0.00	Equipment	\$0.00
Intraguilid	\$0.00	Historian	\$0.00
Library	\$163.50	Intraguilid	\$7.32
Quilt Show	\$0.00	Library	\$0.00
Retreat	\$160.00	Membership Supplies	\$0.00
Sew-Ins	\$0.00	President's Fund	\$0.00
Workshop	\$0.00	Quilt Show	\$0.00
Meeting Raffle*	\$0.00	Retreat	\$0.00
Member Dues/Pins*	\$95.00	Sew-Ins	\$0.00
Newsletter Ads*	\$0.00	Workshops	\$218.87
Other Income*	\$0.00	Youth Auxilliary	\$0.00
Income Total	\$418.50	Funds Subtotal	\$335.62
		Charity*	\$50.00
		Meeting/Office*	\$62.00
		Newsletter*	\$41.48
		Rent*	\$50.00
		Stamps*	\$0.00
		Website Upkeep*	0.00
		General Fund Subtotal	\$203.48
		Expense Total	\$539.10
Net for this month:	(\$120.60)		
*General Fund			

Fund Balances:			
	27-Apr-15	27-May-15	
Community Support	\$273.64	\$273.64	
Education	\$907.52	\$798.09	
Equipment	\$254.00	\$254.00	
Historian	\$80.14	\$80.14	
Intraguilid	\$463.47	\$456.15	
Library	\$400.00	\$563.50	
Membership Supplies	\$109.00	\$109.00	
President's Fund	\$57.97	\$57.97	
Retreat	\$73.47	\$233.47	
Sew-Ins	\$208.00	\$208.00	
Workshop	\$2,100.00	\$1,881.13	
Youth Auxilliary	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Subtotal	\$4,977.21	Subtotal	\$4,965.09
General Fund	\$2,819.73	General Fund	\$2,711.25
Account Total	\$7,796.94	Account Total	\$7,676.34
Cash on hand	\$50.00	Cash on hand	\$50.00
Ending Balance	\$7,846.94	Ending Balance	\$7,726.34



QUILTIN

Guild Quilting Bees are small subsets of the guild that typically meet in members' homes to socialize and quilt together. Some Bees meet monthly, some weekly, some in the daytime or evenings. Usually their membership is limited by the size of the room in which they meet. Call ahead to see if a particular bee is open to new members, or is full for now.



Q-Bees

Next: June 3rd, **Contact:** Kat Blakely

We meet the **first Wednesday** of the month from 1:00-4:00; each month we meet at a different person's house. Contact katblakely@juno.com more information.



Quilty Pleasures

Next: May 22nd, **Contact:** Christina Mayne

This bee will meet the **fourth Friday** of the month from 5:00 – 8:00 at St. John Lutheran church located at 290 7th Street. We will be doing machine fusible appliqué, working from Kim Schaefer's Calendar Quilts and Calendar Runners. These are quick projects to put together and offer plenty of variety to pick the patterns that suit you, or bring your own project and join us! I do have a couple of copies available at a discount on a first come basis. If you would like more information: 208-709-7668 or christina.mayne@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING 2016 BOARD VOLUNTEER LIST:

President: ?

Vice President: ?

Secretary: Becky Harvey

Intra-Guild: Penny McClure & Julie Finnigan

Quilt Show Chair: Karen Price

Sew-Ins: Emily Fogg

Treasurer: Charlene Albano

Youth: Kim Jockusch

Historian: ?

Equipment: Lori Wickham

Community Support: Linda Hunt & Kat Blakely

Newsletter/Website/Publicity: Crystal Foster

Secret Sister: Taylor Smith

Membership: Margo Fisher

Library: Margaret Hanson

Workshops: Lynne Saul



UFO* Bee

*UnFinished Object.

Next: May 20th, **Contact:** Sandra Brow

Have a lot of UnFinished Objects (UFOs)? Here's the Bee for you; This Bee meets the **third Wednesday** of each month at Sandra Brow's house from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join the UFO Bee at any time. Our main purpose is to encourage ourselves to work on our own stalled projects to get them finished. At the bee, we have good light for handwork, and tables and connections for sewing machines, and even a couple of machines you can use for the afternoon. Join us! By committing to keep a project going, little by little we get our quilts done.

We have a good time working and talking together at the bee, and it's a real thrill to enter a piece in local shows or the State Fair that you never thought you would finish, and maybe even win a ribbon — it has happened!

Call Sandra Brow for information and directions at 208-524-6230.

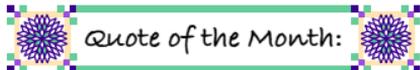


Prairie Girls Bee

Next: May 13th, **Contact:** Trudy Stubbs

Prairie Girls meets at the Day Dreams in Idaho Falls at 10 AM on the **second Wednesday** of each month.

If interested email Trudy for a materials list: tsdandelion@gmail.com



Quote of the Month:

"Flops are part of life's menu, and I've never been a girl to miss out on any of the courses." - ?



INTRA-GUILD ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED BY: KAT BLAKELY

Crazy Quilt Add-On Challenge continues...

Bring your Crazy Quilt to the Picnic in August, finished OR NOT. If you made 2, bring BOTH.

Monthly Shape Cut:

To use the cutter or make a request contact Kat Blakely, at (208) 716-1273 or katblakely@juno.com, or make your requests to her during the guild meetings.

Stash Reduction Challenge:

Make a quilt top using your stash and win a 1/2 yard piece of this Topaz Gradation batik fabric. The quilt can be made of all one shape, like Apple Cores, Squares, Rectangles, Triangles, Clamshells, etc., one block or 2 different blocks.



Sew-Ins:

There will be a Sew-In on June 20th at the Department of Lands Building, we must have at least 10 people sign up. We will be teaching: How to Quilt on Your Home Machine. Sign-Up sheet is available at the Activities Table.

Quilt Retreat:

Sign up for the Quilt Retreat at the Activities table. It is November 4-8 at West Piney Lodge, 9.5 miles North of Swan Valley, the cost will be \$80.

Mystery Quilt Challenge:

If you haven't been doing the Mystery Quilt, you can start any time. Just go back to the previous newsletters (started in Feb.) and follow the instructions.

There is no assignment this month. You have a month to catch up or get started.

Projects Are Due:

June - October:	Stash Reduction
August:	Crazy Quilts
September:	UFO's
November:	Mystery Quilts & Ornament Exchange



Sign-up for 2015 Guild Activities:

We hope everyone will sign-up to participate in at least one activity.

If you have questions, contact Kat Blakely or Bessie Bradshaw, co-chairs.

GUILD BOARD MEETING INFORMATION:

Board meeting dates have been set as follows:

Tuesday, July 21st, 2015

will be held at Emily Fogg's house, 743 Randy Drive, Idaho Falls; from 6 to 8 PM.

Wednesday, June 24th, 2015

will be held at the Curtiss Wright Building, 1360 Whitewater Way, Idaho Falls; from 6 to 8 PM.

Contact Connie Rafferty at (208) 521-4942 if you have questions.

Bonneville County Fair:

August 3rd-6th, at the Fairgrounds south of Tautphaus Zoo. The Bonneville County Fair is again calling for entries for its quilt show. This is our local fair, and entries from our guild and nearby neighbors has created one of the most varied and attractive shows in the area. Plan to enter, and don't miss seeing the show! But read carefully: This year there are new classes, similar to those we used at our last quilt show. You will find the entry form under "Area Events" on the SRVQG website. Please fill out one form for each quilt you enter. For information or questions, please call Sandra Brow at (208) 524-6230.

HELP! We are trying out a new method of hanging quilts. Do you have extra skirt- or pants-hangers that you don't need? Clean out your closet and donate those extra hangers to the county fair quilt show -- Sandra Brow will accept donations at any guild meeting!

BOM (Block Of the Month) Challenge

BOM for March are due! We would like all of you to participate. Bring your block to guild each month to show and we will have a little prize for those that bring the block. You can choose the size and colors you want to make it. Contact Emily Fogg at (208) 522-3406 for more information.

MONTH	BLOCK
October	9-Patch
November	Star
January	Log Cabin
February	Appliqué
March	Flying Geese
April	Bear Paw Or Maple Leaf
May	Dresden Plate
June	Shape Out Of Piecing
July	Paper Pieced
August	Work On Finishing Quilt Top
September	Bring Quilt For Show & Tell



Check your Secret Sister's form to see when her birthday and her favorite holiday is.

Those are days we particularly want to remember our Secret Sisters. If you can't come to the meeting yourself, see if someone else can bring your gift, or you can mail it or even drop it off (secretly, of course) on her doorstep. A thoughtful surprise is the essence of Secret Sisters. For questions of help, call Sandra Brow at (208) 524-6230.

Quilt Heritage
MUSEUM

Going to a Family Picnic?

Check out our website for casserole carriers and other neat items for the kitchen!

Check out our on-line store at www.quiltheritageuseum.org today!

Contacts:
Joyce Shoemaker, Board of Directors
(208) 785-5936
Linda Echo, Board of Directors
(208) 529-2522

The graphic features a red and white checkered background with illustrations of various fruits (corn, grapes, orange slice, green grapes) and ants.

Comments, Questions, Corrections, OR Do you want to advertise in the SRVQG Newsletter?

\$2.50 for 1/4 page Ad

\$5.00 for 1/2 page Ad

\$10.00 for full page Ad

Rates are quoted are per month.

If you have questions or would like to place an ad, please contact

Crystal Foster by email:

crystalfoster1983@yahoo.com

or call (208) 360-2772

The Newsletter deadline is the last day of each Month!!!

