



A SEWING ROOM CHAT WITH THE PRESIDENT

“THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP”

It is almost impossible to make friends if one has no interests and doesn't get out of the house much. Therefore I owe a debt of gratitude to quilting because it has caused in my life an explosion of color, texture, creativity and, most of all, friendships. Admittedly, at first, back in the 80's and 90's I resisted attempts on the part of my sister, Judy, and my dear friend, Laurie, to get me to jump into the quilting scene with both feet.

Then it happened...the quilt bug bit, and did it bite hard! It was on a road trip to Missoula that I purchased several batik fat quarters, the beginnings of my stash. Next Laurie talked me into taking a quilting class from Bev Hindman through Community Education. After that Laurie dragged me to several SRVQG meetings, and I ultimately joined the Guild. It was at the point where I started participating in Guild activities and serving on the Board that my friendships increased exponentially. Since those early days I have met so many people (all remarkable!), made countless friends (including you), learned volumes about quilting, and have had innumerable opportunities to work as part of a group. Most of my closest friends are quilters; the rest are quilt “appreciators”. None of this would have been possible without an interest in quilting.

When one has friends life becomes vibrant and we bloom. We connect on a creative level (at the very least) and whenever friends meet those bonds are strengthened. What would we do without friends to quilt with? Friends who encourage us to buy both fabrics when we can't decide? Friends who attend retreats with us and laugh with us until we can't stand up? Friends are the people who are there in sunshine and in rain; in times of celebration and when life falls to pieces at our feet. Friends are there to give support and to help put it all back together; to lend a sympathetic ear and to stand guard until strength and courage return. It is in such difficult times that the power of friendship is most evident.

Honor your friendships; each one is precious. Be a true friend to your friends. Thank quilting for the opportunity.

I can hear you singing!

Connie Rafferty

President SRVQG

aka “Genghis Kahnnie”

P.S. We still need to fill positions for the Newsletter, Historian, and Publicity. Job descriptions will be available at the October meeting.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“There is a magnet in your heart that will attract true friends. That magnet is unselfishness, thinking of others first...when you learn to live for others, they will live for you.”

Meeting Agenda:

6:00 Early Bird: Reversible Quilting Technique with Sandra Brow

6:30 Set-up and Social Time

7:00 Welcome and Announcements

7:25 UFO Challenge Results

7:35 Show and Tell

7:55 Break

8:10 Education Segment: Interview with a Beginning Quilter

8:50 Raffle

9:00 Adjourn

Snake River Valley Quilt Guild General Minutes.

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The Early Bird topic was making bias strips given by Emily Fogg.

Connie opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors, Judy McCubbin, Laurel Cahoor, Rose McClure, and Trudy Warrick. Rose also became a new member.

Joyce Eisenmenger moved that the minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and carried.

Colleen Ricks and Darryl Tabor have passed away. Condolences have been sent to the families.

Ricky Tims send prizes for announcing that he will be giving a seminar at Salt Lake in November.

Important positions that still need to be filled are Historian, Newsletter, and Publicity. If you can volunteer for any one of these positions or all three, please let Connie know immediately.

Quote of the month was from Clint Eastwood.

All raffle quilt blocks need to be in by the October Meeting so that construction can begin.

The UFO challenge is due in October. Bring your completed project in for a prize. If you didn't get it completed, bring your project in to show.

The guild retreat is November 4-8. Your payment is due now and participants need to bring 21 6" black and white or grey squares to trade at the meeting.

Pick up Crackerjack Bags, Cut the fabrics inside according to the directions and return the squares to Linda Hunt and keep the prize inside.

Doll Quilts and Christmas Stockings are due at the November Meeting.

The Theme for the 2017 quilt show is Quilted With Love. The member who submitted the winning entry was Kat Blakely who received a fat quarter bundle. There were many wonderful entries. Thanks to all who participated.

Wendy Schoonmaker has volunteered to help Margo with membership.

Bridgette Moulton volunteered to make a cover for the library cart.

The following members participated in Show and Tell:

Marilyn Dedman, Emily Fogg, Aubrey Long, Karen Price, Kat Blakely, Linda Hunt, Susan Ovard, Lee Suski, Rose McClure, Barbara Bradley, Coy Golden, and Hildee Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Price.



2015 Guild Activities

October UFO Challenge is due! Bring your finished UFO to the October meeting for Show & Tell and receive a prize. Bring the UFO you were working on even if you didn't quite finish it.

Be prepared to fill out a short survey at the October meeting. We want your opinion on the challenges you are interested in for 2016. We will hand it out during the first half of the meeting and ask that you hand it in at the Activities table during break. Thanks!

Remember that the ugly fabric challenge is due at the November meeting.

Our ornament exchange will be held at our November meeting! Finish those (or get started on them) and bring them next month.

Keep working on your Mystery Quilt. The finished quilt TOP is due in November. The prize is FANTASTIC!?

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Bring your quilt top using the BOM's we've been working on this year as soon as you get them done for a prize.

Remember your Secret Sister. I will pass out forms for next year's Secret Sisters. I encourage you to sign up.

Taylor Smith

Kid's Quilting

We have a small, enthusiastic and industrious group of children who are learning to sew. We meet every Friday (when Kim is in town) from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Each of the children submitted a quilt to the Eastern Idaho State Fair, and was rewarded with a ribbon. They represented our guild well, bringing home first, second and third place ribbons, as well as one best-of-show-ribbon! Congratulations to Aubrey, Rose and Hildee!! We're proud of you!

Our next meeting will be October 30, when we will be sewing Halloween bags. On November 6, we will make holiday ornaments for the guild ornament exchange. We are also looking forward to a lesson on using paint sticks and a lesson about choosing colors for our next quilt. We'll be starting our new quilts in December, and hope to have them finished by Fair time next August.

A big thank you to Emily Fogg who volunteered many hours of guidance as we worked on our quilts. Also, thank you Margaret Hanson for teaching us to make pincushions at our last class.

If you know a child who is interested in joining our group, please give me a call at 357-4410.

Kim Jockusch, Chair
Youth Auxiliary



TEN GOOD REASONS YOU SHOULD GO TO THE QUILT RETREAT NOVEMBER 4-8

1. No telephones, no cell phone access. For emergencies we go to the square ice cream store. (Some people have emergencies every day.)
2. Uninterrupted sewing time. 24/7 if you choose to do so.
3. Mystery Quilt (always fun and usually can be finished during the retreat.)
4. Charm Square Exchange.
5. You only have to be responsible for one meal during the four day retreat. All of the rest of the meals are served to you. (If you have food allergies, you can bring your own meals, if you want to.)
6. The fun and frolic only costs \$20.00 per day (\$80.00 total).
7. There is plenty of sharing: Techniques, patterns, Show and Tell, fabric swaps, the newest gadgets, and on and on.
8. New friends; this is the best way to make friends with other guild members and give other guild members a chance to get to know you.
9. Make a new name tag or a Charity block. (Or both)
10. Be sure you have a camera. There is wildlife (big and small), scenery, and crazy people to memorialize.

This is your last chance to SIGN UP at the Activities table.



QUILT HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Winner of the 2015 Quilt Heritage Raffle Quilt is Martie Nowell of American Falls, ID. Martie's first words when told she was the winner were, "You're kidding!!!" Martie told us that in all the years she's purchased raffle quilt tickets, she has never won a quilt.

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets.
We appreciate your support!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Keep up the good work! We have nearly reached our goal for the Women's Shelters project. Neither Marsha or I will be at the October guild meeting, so save any quilts you may have for us until the November meeting. Doll quilts and big Christmas stockings can be given to Kat at the October meeting and can also be brought in to the November meeting. The two lap quilts and one queen quilt that were donated by the guild to the Cancer Relay for Life, were auctioned off for \$700. There are many ways to help out with the beauty of quilts. Thanks for all your help.



Bring your finished Raffle Quilt Blocks to the guild meeting. Remember to put a check by your name on the sign up sheet so we know who turned them in.

Workshops

Our next workshop will be taught by Bonnie Hunter in November 2016. If you are interested in it, send me an email & I will put you on the list of people who have requested special notification when the workshop is opened. That also means it's time to start making arrangements to bring in our 2017 national teacher. If you have someone you'd like to see I'd love to hear from you; email me or talk to me at guild, but don't wait too long because we normally need to book two or more years in advance.

Lynne Saul lsaul@curtisswright.com



The UFO Bee has changed to meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Quilting in the Winds Quilt Show is October 16,17,&18th in Pinedale, Wyoming in the town library. If you mention Quilting in the Winds at the Hampton Inn, they will discount your room. [\(307\) 367-6700](tel:3073676700).

Nolting Longarm for sale: 12 foot metal table; 18 inch throat; automatic bobbin winder; owner's manual, zipper system to attach quilt to frame. Works beautifully, just not my thing. Asking \$6500.00 for all. Must pick up in Idaho Falls. Contact Kelly at [\(208\)521-5756](tel:2085215756).



SRVQG Treasurer's Report

September 30, 2015

This report reflects the activity that took place 8/30/15 through 9/30/15.

**In August, \$20 was spent for education, but withdrawn from Sew-ins. Totals are corrected.

INCOME:	EXPENSES:	FUND BALANCES:
Community Support \$0.00	\$107.00	-\$4.03
Education \$0.00	\$0.00	\$454.23
Equipment \$0.00	\$0.00	\$334.00
Intraguild \$0.00	\$56.00	\$286.87
Library \$0.00	\$60.12	\$403.38
Quilt Show \$0.00	\$0.00	
Retreat \$360.00	\$125.00	\$788.47
Sew-Ins \$0.00	\$0.00	\$208.00
Workshop \$0.00	\$0.00	\$932.42
Meeting Raffle \$80.00	Funds Subtotal \$348.12	Youth Auxiliary \$50.00
Member Dues/Pins \$160.00	Meeting/Office \$8.47	General Fund \$2,999.86
Newsletter Ads \$0.00	Rent \$50.00	
Other Income \$0.00	General Fund Subtotal \$58.47	
Income Total \$600.00	Expense Total \$406.59	

Net For This Month: \$193.41

Cash on hand \$50.00

Ending Balance \$6,750.31