



## 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.  
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## September 2014



### A SEWING ROOM CHAT WITH THE PRESIDENT

### SCRAPS!

Most quilters would agree that quilting is a sanity saver. On the other end of the spectrum, the same group would agree that scraps -- those pieces of fabric smaller than a fat quarter that seem to mysteriously accumulate at an astonishing rate -- have the power to un-hinge even the most efficient quilter. In spite of this quilters can't help but accumulate scraps. Every project generates more, and we can't bear to get rid of them because -- hey -- at ten dollars or more a yard we can't afford to! Yet, what does one do with all those scraps????? Will they actually end up in quilts some day?

Scraps take up valuable space in our sewing rooms, yet we can't resist that bag of fabric scraps at a yard sale, the basket of scraps at Stash-4-Cash, charm squares from show-and-tell, width-of-strip exchanges, scraps bestowed upon us by well-meaning quilting friends. We try to fool ourselves by calling scraps "*charm squares*" (now available in 2 1/2 inch as well as 5 inch squares), a "kit" of "coordinated" 2 1/2 inch strips" (aka Bali Pops), "fat eighths" (Goodness no! Those aren't scraps, those are *fat eighths!*), that box of 1 inch squares ("Heavens no! I don't sew anything that small...I'm saving them for a friend who does *miniature quilts*" Yeah, right!) This kind of denial is fairly common, and is no doubt the source of the theory that four out of five quilters hesitate to sort through their sewing rooms for fear of finding yet more scraps. Let's face it; every quilter has scraps, and any quilter who claims otherwise is fibbing, Big Time! "Scrapless" existence may be true for the moment, but we all know that the seeds of the next garbage bag full of scraps is as close as the next project.

So, What can we do about this dilemma? Well, some quilters recommend that keeping all of your scraps in one place can be helpful. Others like to sort their scraps by color groups and store them in clear plastic containers (aka Ziplock bags). A few get really fancy and organize their scraps in those stackable plastic drawer units. Perhaps you are familiar with Bonnie Hunter and her website:

[www.quiltville.com](http://www.quiltville.com). Bonnie has some excellent ideas for dealing with scraps, and the Guild is fortunate to have her booked for a trunk show and workshop in November, 2016. Hang on to those scraps because the truth is that it is possible to make some absolutely stunning quilts from them, and fabric isn't getting any less expensive.

The next time you are in your sewing room take some time to gather all of your scraps and get reacquainted. Sort your scraps, organize them, get inspired by them. Chances are you will find many "melodies" that will keep you singing.

See you at Guild!

Connie Rafferty

P.S. Our September meeting is jam-packed with activities and presentations including a **Trunk Show** by Kandy Hinrichs, **Early Bird** by Eula Baldwin ("Designing Quilts"), and our **Annual Elections**. If you signed up for **5 inch Strip Exchange** remember to bring 7 strips (5 inches wide, cut width-of-fabric) of batik in yellows or golds or browns or burgundies. If you would like to participate in the **Pincushion Exchange** bring a quilt-themed pincushion, preferably hand made.

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## Minutes for August 2, 2014

Missed the August Meeting? Here's what happened:

### **ANNUAL GUILD PICNIC:**

About 35 members braved the possibility of more rain and met at Tautphaus Park for the annual guild picnic. The guild provided meats from Dickey's BBQ to go along with many wonderful side dishes and desserts brought by our members. After we tackled the food the meeting was called to order by Connie Rafferty.

Charlotte Shirts had to step down from the secretary position unexpectedly. Margo Fisher volunteered to step in until the September election of new officers.

There were no new members or visitors tonight.

Elections will be next month at the September meeting. There are several board positions that still need to be filled: Equipment chairperson, Treasurer, and Membership remain open.

Margo Fisher volunteered to take over Membership and will transition with Tiffany Lamb and get all the records. Charlene Albano will step in as Treasurer. Contact Kat Blakely or Andrea Fryzowski if interested in remaining positions.

Workshops – Lynne Saul told us she is still looking for a national-level teacher for 2015. Our selection will be dependent on our budget.

Kat Blakely reported that everyone should be sure to take the next Crazy Quilt installment tonight. Next month will be the Pin Cushion Exchange – we are hoping that even if you didn't sign up for this activity that you will bring a pin cushion to show. The Batik Fabric Exchange for next month will be gold to brown. And finally, Kat indicated that Andrea Fryzowski will be stepping down from Activities position but that Bessie Bradshaw will be joining Kat for the coming year.

Dianne Cresap reminded everyone that this year's retreat will be at the West Piney Girls Camp October 22-26<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to get to know other guild members, get a lot of sewing done without the interruptions from phones (no cell phone service there), and enjoy beautiful autumn surroundings. It's not a fancy place but it has lots of room for us and a newly remodeled kitchen. This will be a "do-your-own-thing" retreat; there are no plans to do a mystery quilt or other major activities. If we want to go to a quilt shop we'll go over to Jackson sometime during the retreat. The cost will be approximately \$75 if we get 25 participants; the facility can accommodate 35 of us. Our guild is required to take out a \$1 million indemnity policy while using the place which will cost us \$300. We'll also be paying someone to clean the facility at the end of our use. Actual price per person will be announced at the September meeting. Sign-ups start tonight.

Tiffany Lamb was the only person to bring any show & tell – she had three sizes of spiders made out of beads and wires. There were denim utility quilts on display for us to look at over the break.

Activities: members who are participating in the Crazy Quilt Challenge brought their works-in-progress. They included: Sandy Staples, Kat Blakely, Emily Fogg, Dianne Cresap, Taylor Smith, Andrea Fryzowski, and Lynne Saul.

We played quilt bingo until everyone won a fat quarter.

We did a different kind of raffle this month. Connie collected our birthday information on slips of paper. She then drew dates and gave out a variety of gifts. Everyone's date was drawn and then we adjourned.

*Submitted by Margo Fisher, Membership Chair*



## INTRA-GUILD ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED BY: KAT BLAKELY

### Crazy Quilt Add-On Challenge continues...

The Crazy Quilt Add-On Challenge began in January when the 24 guild members participating in this challenge constructed their foundation piece. Since then, the participants have been asked to include fabric manipulations, appliquéd butterflies, embellish motifs, and incorporate traditional embroidery stitches, embroidery 'fill' stitches, and dimensional embroidery stitches as part of this ongoing challenge.

The Intra-guild committee provides participation prizes and embellishment ideas and suggestions and the participants choose fabrics & embellishment materials to add-on to their crazy quilt. The challenge continues with directions to add onto the crazy quilt in September. The final product is due October 16, 2014. Remember to collect your July instructions & participation prizes from the Intra-guild activities table.

### Other Events to Remember...

#### Fabric Exchanges:

In September we will exchange 5" batik fabric strips in the yellow/gold-to-brown/burgundy color range.

#### Handmade 'Quilty' Exchanges:

In September we will exchange handmade pin-cushions and in November we have our annual exchange of handmade ornaments.

#### Sign-up for 2014 Guild Activities:

We hope everyone will sign-up to participate in at least one activity. The sign-up sheets for fabric exchanges, quilt challenges, block exchanges, and sewing circles are at the Intra-guild activities table.

If you have questions, contact Kat Blakely, chair.



*"The deepest need of the human soul is to be understood." - ?*



### Meeting Agenda:

- 6:00 PM - Early Bird: Designing Quilts
- 6:30 PM - Set Up and Social Time
- 7:00 PM - Welcome and Announcements
- 7:25 PM - Elections
- 7:35 PM - Show and Tell
- 7:55 PM - Break
- 8:05 PM - Kandy Hinrichs Trunk Show
- 8:55 PM - Raffle
- 9:00 PM - Adjourn



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## 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:** Aug. 6th, **Contact:**

For our project this year we've decided to do a Row Round Robin. Each member that wishes to participate will make a row of blocks (whatever size you wish) with a total length of between 18" and 36". We are to have these rows ready by our April meeting along with any details regarding themes, fabric choices, and background colors. We meet the **first Wednesday** of the month from 1:00-4:00; each month we



## UFO\* Bee

\*UnFinished Object.

**Next:** Aug. 20th, **Contact:** Margo Fisher

Have a lot of UnFinished Objects (UFOs)? Here's the Bee for you; We will not be having a meeting in September because a number of our members will be traveling this month and Margo will be in the hospital getting a new hip :-). We will resume in October with our meeting scheduled for the 15th. We invite any guild member to join us in this fun bee. We work on projects that have lingered in our sewing rooms for a long time. We enjoy learning the history of Unfinished Objects (UFO) and revel in each others' progress and completions. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1:00 - 4:00 at Margo Fisher's house. Call her at 520-7841 for more information or directions to her house.



## Prairie Girls Bee

**Next:** Aug. 13th , **Contact:** Trudy Stubbs

Prairie Girls meets at the Ribbon Retreat in Shelley at 10 AM on the **second Wednesday** of each month.

If interested email Trudy for a materials list: [tsdandelion@gmail.com](mailto:tsdandelion@gmail.com)



## Busy Bees -

**Next:** Aug. 28th, **Contact:** Andrea Fryzowski

This evening quilt bee meets the **fourth Thursday** of the month, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. This is a 'do your own thing' bee because we are all so busy, we need quilt time to work on projects. Contact Andrea Fryzowski at [afryquilt@yahoo.com](mailto:afryquilt@yahoo.com) for meeting location or other information.



## Quilty Pleasures

**Next:** Aug. 29th, **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. An opportunity to indulge in some "me" time as we work on some of our own projects. We may also try to throw in some other fun with exchanges, etc. I'm also looking for somebody who would like to partner with me in this endeavor. If you would like more information: 709-7668 or [christina.mayne@yahoo.com](mailto:christina.mayne@yahoo.com).