



Snake River Valley Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018
Submitted by Lisa Stir
Approved at the February 15, 2018 Meeting

Early Bird: Danielle Stimpson demonstrated making Burrito pillow cases.

Call to Order: Guild president, Connie Rafferty, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. She brought a bag of small pieces of fabric and Kimberly Howard won the bag.

Visitors and New Members: Visitors tonight were Linda Gardener, Candy Raffaella, Mona Donihoo, Deborah Poole, Susan Ovard and Susan (almost) Blakely. New members are Gail Zirtzlaff, Linda Borba, and Martie Sandell.

Minutes: A motion was made by Linda Hughes to approve the November 16, 2017 minutes. It was seconded by Kat Blakely and approved by the membership.

Business: Connie reported the good turnout to the Jan. 2 Board meeting. West Piney was secured for Oct. 10-14, 2018 for Retreat so save the date. Your reservation is confirmed when you pay.

Marie Janz's husband passed away. She worked for several fabric stores and used to be a member. Connie is going to the funeral this weekend and has a card for people to sign.

The tickets for last year's raffle quilt said a portion of the profits would go to charity but a charity was not chosen and an earlier vote OK'ed a portion to be determined. A portion by default goes to the Quilt Heritage Museum. Our profits were \$1981, and we usually donate ½ to charity. A vote was taken to give the QHM 50% (20 votes) or \$500 (23 votes) so \$500 goes to the QHM.

- **Honored Members:** This month Julie Finnigan and Jill Jenson are honored for years of exceptional service with a smile and cheerfully doing difficult tasks.
- **Retreat:** Oct. 10-14, 2018 at West Piney.
- **Quote:** Mary Lou Retton gave this quote so members who knew the quote and all guests are to take a Fat Quarter from the basket. Sariah is our trusty runner for the night.
- **Courtesy/Sunshine:** Susan Collins explained her role and asked members to let her know of anyone being ill, in the hospital, or in need of comfort and she will send cards. See her at the meeting or email her.
- **Sew ins:** Emily Fogg said the Blooming 9 patch class is Jan. 27 at the church at 10 AM to talk about fabric, then go to Daydreams and Class 2 on Feb. 17 at 9:30 AM at the church to sew. Get "Tradition with a Twist" by Blanche Young. Classes are \$10 each.

- Tiffany Lamb is doing a raffle quilt for figure skating and is looking for someone to quilt it. It is a large lap quilt.
- **Workshops:** Lynne Saul got in touch with local national instructor Deborah Poole about the classes she teaches. Deborah came tonight and explained classes she is doing in SLC for the UQSM Show in May. She explained that most of her classes are lecture-demonstration and apply to domestic and long arm quilters. She is known for her feathers and uses drawing to show people how to make no backtrack feathers and other motifs. She teaches more technique such as how to find a continuous thread path, use several styles of continuous curves that have 1 start and 1 stop and no tying off. Kim Diehl hired her for her feather work. A hands-on class is Let's get Registered which is more long-arm based showing how to stretch patterns, so the borders look uniform. 7 Deadly Sins discusses what to look for when hiring a long-armed and what the long-armed is probably thinking. Her lectures are 2 hours and her hands-on classes are 4 hours. She could do a lecture series for us spread out over 2018. Membership voted for her lectures in 2018.

Pam Holland, an Australian photographer and artist does thread painting classes using photographs. Connie took a class from her and said she is fun and an excellent instructor. She shows how to bring an image to life. She's booking in 2020 and we might be able to book her when she is already here in the states.

- **Secret Sisters:** Marsha Nipper did the secret sister reveal from 2017. There were 16 people: People who joined later were also revealed. Pam announced she has 18 people for 2018 and more who want to join.
- **Quilt Heritage Museum:** Linda Hughes greatly appreciates the donation to the Museum. Sandra Leichner workshops still have openings. Days 1 & 2 are full but there is a waitlist. Days 3 & 4 have 4 slots left. Day 5 has 7 slots left. Bookmarks are available with the class information. The Willard Art Center - Hall Gallery is having a quilt show "This is My Home Now: Narrative Textiles from Idaho Newcomers." These are quilts made by people here from war ravaged countries. The show is now through March 11. Admission is free.
- **Laura Wallis:** Days for Girls is a charity which provides non-disposable feminine hygiene products for girls around the world. These allow girls to stay in school and help pull families out of poverty. Over 1 million have been given out and each kit lasts a girl for 3 years. Local groups make the products along with cloth bags to hold them and help wash them. Scraps of 100% cotton and flannel dark fabrics are needed, nothing light colored. This help prevent embarrassment when drying. Polycotton fabric is needed for the bags. Laura provided a handout of do's and don'ts for fabric choices (cultural differences are important here) and she will put the information in the newsletter. Florals and geometrics/graphics are the best prints. A local organizer is planning a production line in April and Laura will be accepting fabric at the Feb. and Mar. meetings.
- **Charity:** Kat is accepting finished raffle quilt blocks. Cracker Jack kits available tonight so please take some. Most are made from left over 6-inch squares for crib or twin sizes. Sew together randomly, in 4 patch or another pattern. Some are orphan blocks that need sashing in between or strips to sew together. Prizes include 1 ticket to retreat worth about \$85, books, bags, and notions.

- **Danielle Stimpson:** Spoke about the Art quilt classes she teaches at the College of Eastern Idaho (former EITC). She teaches how to digitize quilt making and pixelated quilts.
- **Historian:** Jeanette Hanson said the Facebook page is finally up and running. <https://www.facebook.com/SnakeRiverValleyQuiltGuild/>
- **Intraguild Activities:** Jill and Julie showed the new Block of the Month “In From the Cold” hot cocoa mugs pattern by Kate Spain. They have copies of the pattern or you can download it from the guild website. There are 9 blocks and use any fabric you want. Sewing at Daydreams can be held the Tuesday before monthly guild meetings, so your blocks are ready to show at the meetings.
- Relay for Life participants made blocks with handprints of survivors. They asked our guild members to make the quilt. Blocks with batting and backing are available to quilt so get some. They will be signed out by number, so we know we have them all in the end. They will be quilt as you go. Also sign up for the UFO and scrappy challenges. Stash for Cash is in March so keep bringing stuff. Get a BINGO card so it can be marked off when you bring things. As you get BINGO’s, you get tickets. Tickets can also be purchased.
- **Show and Tell:** The following quilters showed quilts: Mimi Jones showed 2 Quilts of Valor and wants to start a group locally to make them. Kat Blakely, Lisa Stir, Julie Hayes, Jane Hair, Candy Raffaele, Sherry Turner, Deborah Poole (showed a prize-winning quilt), and Connie Rafferty showed a zippered pouch.

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Education: The education segment highlighted charity and fundraising activities available locally and nationally. Laura Wallis explained making weighted quilts. Families, whose children or family members have anxiety, autism and sensory issues, find these may be essential to calm the person but the quilts and blankets commercially are very expensive. Making these can be a rewarding thing to do though they are a bit different than regular quilts. Connie Rafferty spoke about Alzheimer’s quilts. They are not necessarily therapeutic, but the variety of texture’s and fabrics may help calm some patients. These can be good fundraiser projects. Kat Blakely spoke about the Cracker Jack Bags. She suggested sorting lights and darks and making 4 patches. Danielle Stimpson spoke about making quilts as service projects. Days for Girls was talked about earlier. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a Rexburg charity that makes twin beds and bunkbeds for children without a bed. They give a twin quilt or blanket with each bed. CPS keeps blankets and pillowcases, so children removed from their homes have something of their own. Aspire Home Health, group homes, animal shelters, Rare Bear, Project Linus, the 1 million pillowcase challenge and Relay for Life are other places that often need quilts or blankets. Start early to keep serving throughout the year.

Raffle and Adjournment: Connie Rafferty conducted the raffle. Sariah ran for us. Thank you. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.