

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild
Holiday Luncheon Minutes
December 4, 2014

President Vicki David called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and welcomed everyone to SRQG's annual Holiday Party.

Vicki thanked Carol Jarvis, Linda Hooper, Norma Viglienzone, Genelle Voorhees, and Pam Brown for organizing the party and making the decorations, favors, and door prizes.

Introductions

New Affiliate Sponsor Ann Nolen was introduced and welcomed.

Treasurers Report:

No Treasurer's Report was given.

Quilt Related Announcements

Vicki congratulated Fran Threewit on her upcoming 80th birthday.

Vicki reminded members about the Welfare League Luncheon on Saturday.

Vicki introduced John from the Cherkassy Women's Center. John gave a brief talk on the impact of the war with Russia on the Ukrainian people, and the women's efforts to help the cause.

Old Business

No Old Business was addressed.

Committee Reports

Programs and Workshops: Rhonda Denny reminded members about the February Program and Workshop, Merrill-Lee West, and her Bargello Heart quilt. Rhonda suggested that members check out Merrill-Lee's website to see more of her quilts. As the workshop requires "homework," Rhonda suggested that members sign up soon. She also noted that Merrill-Lee is happy to offer advice on color selection prior to her visit and may be contacted via her website. Color consultation will also be available the day of the program. Rhonda has patterns for the New Yorker Bag that will be featured at the March Workshop available now. Phyllis Gallaway noted that the April Workshop will feature using Electric Quilt 7 and Photoshop Elements for quilt design. Both programs are offer trial downloads (free), but a laptop is needed for class.

Friendship Blocks: Phyllis Gallaway has a new block kit for Community Quilts. Directions will be on the website in a few days. Phyllis noted that Carroll Hirsch's block still has openings.

September Retreat: Phyllis announced that the dates for the September Retreat have been established as Sunday, August 30th, through Friday, September fourth, and noted that deposits are due by December 31st.

Block of the Month: Jim Jensen and Marlene Sullivan presented the 14 blocks to Carol Behlke and introduced Sue Gragg, who presented the January 2015 block to members. Sue plans to make blocks using 2 ½ inch strips.

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Citrus Fair: Pam McVey announced that the Cloverdale Citrus Fair will be held February 13 – 16, 2015, and the theme is “Up, Up, and Away.” Exhibit books are online now, and will be mailed to those who entered quilts last year. Quilts are due at the Quiltathon on February fifth, and Carolle LeMonnier and Georgiann Morrissey have offered to transport quilts for members.

Community Quilts: Anne Dondero thanked all members who participated in the program this year. Doll quilts will be delivered to Salvation Army and the Welfare League on Monday. She noted that Lavella and her group have donated 500 quilts to various veterans’ groups this year. Total donations for 2014 will be posted at a later date. Nancy Stedman and Laura Barrett will be overseeing the Quiltathons and Fifth Thursdays this year, and Anne noted that January 29th is the first Fifth Thursday Retreat, followed by the first Quiltathon on February fifth.

TSW: Diana Roberts and Janice Rodgers will organize TSWs in 2015, and Diana will present the January 15th TSW on using wool in applique projects.

Community Outreach: Mirna Estes reported that many hats and scarves have been donated to date, and the various groups are appreciative.

Craft Fair: Phyllis polled members regarding interest in a Craft Fair, as she had only two sign people signed up. Two more people expressed interest.

Opportunity Quilt: Glenda Ross reminded members to buy Opportunity Quilt tickets.

Library: Sharon Fry presented several new books and magazines. She also displayed two quilts made by Dotty Zagar that will be auctioned. A third, a Friendship Block quilt by Dotty, will be given away at 12:30 p.m., from the names of those members whose blocks are in the quilt. Winner must be present and wearing a name tag to win.

Sew-a-Row: Debby Bainbridge and Laura Barrett conducted the Sew-a-Row lottery for 2014. Debbie reminded members to make starter rows or blocks to turn in at the January 15th meeting. Debbie also gave an overview of the Sew-a-Row procedure.

Boutique: Betty Upchurch noted that the Boutique and Raffle brought in over \$4500.00 in 2014, and that sales at today’s meeting are brisk.

Name Tag Drawing

144 members signed in today. Name tag drawing winners were Helle Thoman and Laura Barrett.

Show And Tell

Final Announcements

Pat Kearns displayed several fleece hats for sale. Proceeds will benefit Community Quilts.

Vicki thanked members for their generosity with donations for Redwood Empire Food Bank and the D.A.A.C. perinatal program

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Lavella Cassinelli announced that her group donated 500 quilts to veterans' causes this year. She thanked everyone who donated fabric, blocks, and tops. Pam Brown told a story, "Cobweb Christmas," and announced that her origami group will be holding a workshop at Rincon Valley Library on Saturday, December 6th.

Vicki reminded everyone to sign in to be eligible for door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Andrews
Recording Secretary