

**Santa Rosa Quilt Guild
General Meeting
April 5, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Jim Jensen

Welcome Committee: Rhonda Denny introduced 2 new members and 1 guest.
New members: Betty Strazzo and Pam Jones.

Quilt Related Announcements:

- The Fire Donation thank you list has grown to 907. Chris Nolen, Ann Nolen, and Justine Lott enlisted the help of the membership to assemble the thank you notes and envelopes for mailing.
- The membership voted to provide up to \$500 for the Fire Donation thank you letter postage.
- The Moonlight Quilters asked for volunteers to help with their Quilt Show as well as sign-ups for the pot luck luncheon.
- 37 blocks were donated for the Quilts of Valor. This is the second collection. The blocks are due at the April 21 meeting. The pattern for the Quilt of Valor block can be found on the Quilts of Valor website. Contact Norma Viglienzzone for more information.
- Pam McVey introduced Brianna Downey from Valley of the Moon Children's Home. Brianna accepted donated quilts for the Children's Home. Linda Hooper video-taped the Valley of the Moon quilt parade.
- Lavella Cassinelli reported that she and her small group quilters have donated approximately 500 quilts to the veterans.

Treasurers Report: none

Committee Reports

Block-of-Month: Cathy Conover held the drawing for the March *Mimi's Choice* block. 74 blocks were entered in the drawing and 3 names were drawn. The winners are: Leslie Kruse, Justine Lott, and Marguerite Li.

The April block will be *A is for Axis*. Directions are posted on the BOM page of the SRQG website.

A partially completed Christmas table runner of Gail Alford was adopted by Jan Westerman.

Boutique: Betty Upchurch reported that over \$1000 was collected from the Healdsburg Quilt show. Betty thanked her volunteers.

Challenge: The theme of this year's Challenge Quilt is *Sonoma Strong: Wildfire Resilience and Recovery*. The finished quilt is due August 2, 2018. Contact Elizabeth Marrs for more information.

Bus Trip: Marsha McAlpin will chair this year's SRQG bus trip. Reservations are being accepted.

Friendship Block: A new Friendship Block request from Nicki Hinch will be introduced at the 4/19 meeting.

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Fire Survivor Quilts: Mary Wood is asking for volunteers to quilt the tops that have been donated to the Fire Survivors. If you have received a donated quilt, please let Mary know so she can update her records.

There is still a need for Fire Survivor quilts. Mary is asking for lap size quilts approximately 50"x70".

Library: Sharon Fry introduced new books.

Program: Rhonda Denny showed samples and talked about the next scheduled Program Speakers and workshops. Lorraine Olsen will teach Mini Quilts at the 4/20 workshop. Maggie Ball will teach Op Art Kaleidoscopes at the 5/18 workshop. Mel Beach will teach free motion Mandala Quilting at the 6/22 workshop. Seats are available at each workshop.

Program Elect: *Flat Janice* was introduced as a stand-in for our new Program Chair-Elect Janice Rodgers. Mary Wood and Wendy Feist asked the membership for their quilting preferences to help advise Janice in selecting speakers for 2019.

Sew-a-Row: Genelle Voorhees showed the latest Sew-a-Row entries.

TSW: Jan Nilsen reported that Linda Hooper will teach how to make gift bags at the 4/19 meeting.

Genelle Voorhees will show her method for making placemats at the 5/17 TSW. Kits will be available for those who wish to make donation placemats for Meals-on-Wheels.

Show and Tell

Final Announcements:

2018 Opportunity Quilt Raffle. *A Plentitude of Poppies* was won by our very own Carolle LeMonnier.

The 2019 Opportunity Quilt was unveiled. Genelle Voorhees and Lori Platt created this beautiful quilt named *Our Town, New Growth, Resilience!*

Diana Watson will take over the Opportunity Quilt Ticket sales.

Name Tag Drawing: This month's winners were Mary Wood and Joyce Wood.

There were 117 members and guests in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by Janice Juul Secretary