

# Minot Prairie Quilt Guild NEWSLETTER



**JANUARY 2020**

## Susan's Scoop - President's Message

Greetings Members,

This is my first message as your new President. Writing a message before things happen is kind of a funny feeling. I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season. Mine will be different this year. I will be spending Christmas with my California family. Not sure I feel right about Christmas without snow.

I'm hoping you are looking forward to this New Year. There will be some changes taking place in the Guild and the Board and I hope you will enjoy them. Things are not finalized yet, part of that is because we need to see our budget and go over last year's expenses. Some new ideas have been presented to us and they need percolating time. Of course if you have anything you would like us to consider please let us know. All of you have good ideas so share them.

Something serious to consider is the Pet Bed subcommittee. Becky Spies is willing to help but Becky cannot carry up and down stairs. She needs someone to help her or this program will have to come to an end. I think we have all found times when this was a wonderful way to get rid of our scraps. Please think hard about helping with this project.

Right now it looks like we will be ending the UFOs for a year or two. (Gotta give you all time to get behind – again.) Looks like you are enjoying the Brown Bag Challenge so that will be continued. What wonderful items were in those bags! I'm always impressed with the many ideas you come up with.

Talk to me any time you don't need ideas to start a conversation. Keep stitching, Susan



## January Meetings

### Guild Meeting:

January 16, 2020  
Refreshments at 6:45 PM  
Meeting at 7:00 PM

Vincent United Methodist Church  
1024 2nd St SE, Minot ND

### Guild Board Meeting:

January 16th at 6:00 PM  
at the church

### Festival Board Meeting:

January 16th at 7:00 PM  
at the church

## January Meeting Servers

Servers for January are Janice Talley, Irva Undlin, Lynn Heald, Kim Block, Nancy Fry, Meredith Lester, & Alicia Cross. Bring anything you want, enough to serve 10 to 12 people.  
Thanks, Pam and Sue

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## Programs & Education

### UFO Challenge Completed

A big thanks to all who participated in the 2019 UFO Challenge. We really enjoyed seeing your projects and hearing their stories of time spent in the closet. The challenge was won by Luanne Duchsherer with a total of seven UFOs completed in 2019. Because of the overall lower number of UFOs completed this year we've decided to put the challenge on hiatus for a year or two. It seems that we're getting more projects finished in a timely manner! Good for us!

### See You In January

Speaking of getting projects completed, we're starting the new year off with a discussion on "How to Find More Time to Quilt". If you've found some creative ways to get more stitching time in, please share those ways with us!

### Coming Up In The New Year

Linda Glueckert will be teaching a class on Machine Quilting with Your Walking Foot on Saturday, January 25th. Sign-ups started at the December meeting and there are limited spaces left. The cost is a modest \$25.



## Thank You

Thank you so very much for the quilt I won for just doing what I should have done. The Community Service ladies, Britni and Luanne, really went way overboard with the 2019 projects. These two gals spent so many hours of talent and hard work to make it all work so the rest of us could help. The entire project was mind boggling when you think of all the behind the scenes things they did to make it come true. It was not me who deserved to win that cute quilt, but I will cherish it forever. - Susan

## Weather Info

This is something we need to pay attention to especially now that winter has settled in for months. You may wish to save this

information someplace special. It would be good to double check with other members to be sure everyone knows this info.

***If inclement weather is arriving, the president or V.P. will communicate with the primary officers and make a decision as to whether or not to hold the guild or board meeting no later than 3:00 PM. If the meeting is canceled, the newsletter editor is to send out an email to the membership before 4:30 PM and notify the webmaster to have it put on the website. The president or V.P. will contact Clear Channel stations for announcements on TV. Announcements will be on KCJB, KXMC, and KMOT.***

## Community Service

2019 Recap: What a year! Not our typical quilt donation year, but it was still a success for our Community Service efforts! Due to the specifications of the grant we received, our efforts were focused on the weighted and fidget blankets this year. We were able to make and donate 55 weighted blankets and 68 weighted lap pads that totaled 780 pounds!! We were also able to construct and donate 100 fidget blankets for patients with Alzheimer's and Dementia in the Minot community. These were donated to The Wellington, Mapleview Memory Care, Edgewood Vista, Unsong Assisted Living, Visiting Angels, Trinity Homes and Minot Health & Rehab. Our guild members donated over 712 hours of their time to make this possible!!! This month we donated the last of the finished quilts for the year with 9 going to the YWCA and 1 going to the Men's Winter Refuge. Although our efforts were focused elsewhere, we were still able to donate 63 quilts this year worth \$27,682.68. We would call that a success, and it wouldn't have been possible without all of your help! Thank you!! ~Britni & Luanne

In 2020 we will be making more quilts to donate! February's Saturday Sewing at the library is Community Service-so join us Feb 22 from 10:30-4:30 to make some quick and easy string quilts. Stay a couple of hours or all day! Kits will also be available for you to take home. Looking forward to working with you this year to use up some of the guild's fabric stash!  
- Kay, Lisa, Alicia, and Kyle

## Flea Market

I have started to receive some of your consignment items. Thank you for planning ahead and keep them coming. I will be training Amanda Bahrij and Gerry Burns to assist with Flea Market this year and take over for next year. For those others that have volunteered to help in the Flea Market we will have training in early March. Thank you everyone. -Carolyn



## Block of the Month

BOM is under way. For January you can do one of the star blocks (green and yellow in picture) Whichever you prefer or you can do the watermill (ornament) as well as 2 of the bows (Off side flying geese). To get enough of the bows done we will be doing two almost every month in addition to a themed or star block. Can't wait to see what everyone has come up with.



## Pet Beds

Some of you must have had a very productive quilting year generating lots of scraps, because you filled 158 pet beds this year! Beds were donated to Souris Valley Animal Shelter, Hairball Haven & For Belle's Sake Rescue and were assigned a total value of \$4,490.78. That's \$4500 that those organizations could spend on more important aspects of animal care. And 158 animals that had somewhere soft to sleep while waiting to find loving homes. I'm sure they will miss our contributions! As no one has volunteered to take over this project it looks like it will be ending! If you would like to volunteer please contact me. -Britni





## 2020 Library Display

The Guild will provide the display for the Minot Public Library February 2020. We will be hanging quilts and small quilt items (wall hanging, placemats, etc.) on Saturday, February 1st at 10:30. If you would like to have one or more of your items displayed, please bring it to the January Guild Meeting or the library on Feb 1st. I will have labels to both identify your item(s) and to make sure they get back to you. The front label has the name of the quilt or quilt item, the name of the piecer, the name of the quilter, and the pattern source. This front label is optional in case you do not want your information displayed. The back label will have your name and phone number and is mandatory so I can get your treasure back to the right home. I will make sure your information on the back label is pinned in a place that strangers cannot see it while on display. Quilts will come down on Saturday, Feb 29th at 10:30 and can be picked up then or I will bring the remaining items to the March Quilt Guild meeting. If there are any quilts left after that time I will coordinate a meeting with the owner to get it back. If you have any questions please contact me. 907-360-8421 or [katrina.schoeberl@gmail.com](mailto:katrina.schoeberl@gmail.com)

## Honorary Member Nominations

Our Guild currently has 6 Lifetime Members who are honored by not having to pay dues to the Guild. One of the changes made in the Honorary Member Guidelines is that those selected as Honorary Members will receive recognition at the Guild meeting with a plaque and one year's dues paid. Please see the separate attachments for the rest of the Guidelines and a Nomination form. Nominations for active Guild members are due before the January 16th Board meeting.



## Membership

Just a reminder that 2020 Membership renewals are due January 1, 2020. The fee is \$20. if you receive your newsletter by email or \$25. if you want the newsletter mailed out. You can also pay your dues through PayPal online or Square at the guild meeting, but we have to charge an additional \$1. for the processing fee. We will be changing the password to the "Members Only" section on our website [minotquilters.com](http://minotquilters.com) on January 2, 2020. You will receive this new password when you pay your renewal at the January 2, 2020 guild meeting. If you have already paid your dues for 2020, please stop by the membership table with your Membership Card and we will give you a label with the new password.

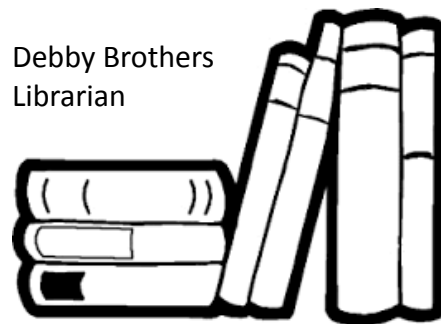
Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

Linda Hoff and Ramanda Nash

## Library

The library is open and books are available for check-out by any guild member at the monthly guild meetings. There are a wide variety of books to choose from and an inventory of the books in the library, listed alphabetically by title and numerically by inventory number. Authors are listed, as well as a category for some books, such as scrap, Christmas, appliqué, etc. Books can be checked out for one month at a time. Check out a book at a monthly meeting and return it the following month. Stop by before or after the meeting to check it out. The library will be open by 6:00 pm on the evening of the meeting for anyone who would like to browse through the books.

Debby Brothers  
Librarian



## AccuQuilt - Heart of my Heart Quilt



You know how hard it can be to make a perfect heart shape, but they make such fun quilting projects! The AccuQuilt Heart die lets you cut three sizes of hearts quickly and perfectly every single time. Now you can make this pretty heart quilt (and more) just in time for Valentine's Day. This project finishes out at 28 ½" x 28 ½" and uses the GO! Heart (#55029), Strip Cutter 1 ½" (#55024) and Strip Cutter 2 ½" (#55017).

If you would like to rent the AccuQuilt machine, contact Lynn Heald at dlheald1@hotmail.com or leave a message at 701-340-4870.

AccuQuilt inventory sheets are available at the Membership table at each meeting. If there is a particular die that you would like to see the Guild purchase, please contact Lynn so that she can place it on the list of potential purchases.

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**Minot Prairie Quilt Guild**  
**Vincent United Methodist Church**  
**December 5, 2019**

Prior to the Christmas potluck, President Jacque' Younger announced that all raffle tickets need to be turned in immediately to prepare for the drawing. Carolyn Rousey encouraged members to pick up 3 beans for the Viewer's Choice voting of completed Milky Way BOM quilts. Susan Melgaard requested that Jacque' come forward for the presentation of the President's quilt top for her year of service. A picture of the 2019 Board was taken in front of the raffle quilt. The potluck was served shortly after 6:00 pm.

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice President Susan Melgaard. There were 76 members present. One guest who became a 2020 member is Debra Sanderson. One quest was Wenona Nielsen. Welcome!

**Secretary Minutes:** Flint Forsberg moved to accept the November 7 Guild minutes as printed in the newsletter. Janice Talley seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Heald had no report.

**Name Tag Winner:** This month's winner was Joan Mahoney.

**Quilting Dilemmas:** None

**2019 Raffle Quilt Drawing:** Sheilla Anderson & Joan Mahoney were in charge of preparing ticket stubs for the drawing. 3200 tickets were sold this year. After drawing 10 tickets from the large bag, one person's name was drawn as the winner: Joe McCusker of Fargo, ND. Flint Forsberg had sold the ticket.

**Community Service:** Britni Kraft is collecting all fidget blankets tonight or no later than Tuesday next week. \*\*There are 155 memory beds in the Minot area, and 98 fidget blankets will be given. From the St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation grant monies received, \$4500 and 700 person hours were used on the two projects of weighted blankets and fidget blankets. The grant was \$4000 but an additional fundraiser was enough to cover the rest of the cost. \*\* A person is needed to record the sizes of pet beds and where donated. There are a lot of cases sewn up. Becky Spies is willing to deliver them until the cases are gone. \*\*There is a shoe-box size container full of ribbons that needs to find its owner. \*\*Also, a bag of pre-cut batting scraps of 4-5" squares were left in the storage room. Community Service doesn't have a need for them.

**Education/Program:** \*\*Travel Challenge—No new fabrics were brought. \*\*UFOs: Kitty Torkelson & Shelly Eide showed a project each. The prize for the most UFOs finished in 2019 went to Luanne Duchsherer. \*\*Brown Bag Exchange: Nancy Fry called off member's names to get their original brown bag. Fourteen members showed their finished items. \*\*Game: Quilt Block Pictionary was played. Those drawing and guessing all 32 blocks received prizes as well as the 2nd table with 28 blocks guessed.

**Saturday Sewing:** The next Saturday Sewing is January 25 with Linda Glueckert teaching "Machine Quilting with Your Walking Foot." Sign-ups were taken, and the class fee of \$25 is due at the January Guild meeting.

**February Library Display:** Katrina Schoelberl stated that set-up will be 10:30 am on Saturday, February 1. She encouraged members to bring small quilts or other items to the January Guild meeting if they are not able to bring to set-up.

**2020 Festival:** Chelce Detert announced that members can pick up their Festival catalog tonight. Members can register for classes January 2 and sign-up for one-hour volunteer spots at that time. There is an urgent need for a member to help chair the Flea Market by learning how to take credit card payments and help with set-up and take-down, if possible. Carolyn Rousey will need to be doing Co-Chair responsibilities at various times.

**BOM:** 17 members turned in their completed BOM quilts. Each of the winners of the Viewer's Choice received cash in the following amounts: 1st place—Sharleen Larson, \$75; 2nd place—Carolyn Rousey, \$50; and 3rd place—Carol Kraft, \$25. \*\*Carolyn Rousey handed out patterns for the 1st 2020 BOM due January 2. There are many options for the ornament block for the Christmas-themed 2020 quilt. There is no cost, and members can start at any time during the year.

**Hospitality:** Sue Brown announced that four more people are needed for January refreshments. She got the volunteers.

**Library:** Debby Brothers showed the Fall/Winter BLOCK book by Missouri Star Quilt Co. available for check out.

**Membership:** Ramanda Nash announced that members who have not picked up their 2020 member cards should stop by the table.

**2020 Raffle Quilt:** It will be displayed at the January 2 meeting. Tickets will be available to be picked up and sold.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Show & Tell:** 14 members showed quilts and other items.

- 1) Sue Brown—2 Christmas quilts: Red Truck & Snowman, Christmas runner
- 2) Kim Block—Embroidered pillowcases & soup warmers
- 3) Irva Undlin—4 Christmas quilts
- 4) Pam Abrahamson—Blossoms & Spokes, North Pole hangings
- 5) Pam Abrahamson, Alicia Cross, Sheila Latham & Kaylene Reddig—each had Hello Winter hangings
- 6) Roberta Flannigan—Throw quilts: Camping, Once Upon a Time, 2 Bee and Baby
- 7) Patty Bretheim—Buffalo Check Flannel quilt
- 8) Stacy Walz—Over & Under quilt
- 9) Janet Sabol—Throw quilts: Out of This World, Howlidays & Strip Down
- 10) Alicia Cross—Tomte, Christmas Noel, Christmas tree, Welcome Winter hangings
- 11) Jana Frederick—Christmas ornaments
- 12) Nancy Fry—Barn Quilt block
- 13) Jan Kallestad—Churn Dash mini quilt & Angel wallhanging
- 14) Kaylee Kleinsasser—Floral panel quilt

**Announcements:** \*\*Becky Spies announced that a bag of polyester batting is by the entrance. It looks like 3 people could get a bag to use for pet beds. \*\*Jana Frederick announced that newsletter articles are due to her by Monday, December 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Janet Sabol, Secretary



January Birthdays

Alice Nelson (4)	Irva Undlin (29)
Kyia Zubke (9)	Doretta Glessing (30)
Gladys Lowell (12)	
Karlee Rauschenberger (12)	
Roxanne Crawford (15)	
Janice Talley (20)	
Char Grant (28)	
Debbie Kauffman (28)	
Linda Bromley (28)	



*Thank God for Fat Quarters*



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