

# Minot Prairie Quilt Guild NEWSLETTER



## FEBRUARY 2020

### Susan's Scoop - President's Message

Greetings Members,

February is an exciting month, almost as exciting as March. Many of us are working on Festival and thinking up problems before they happen. This is a very stimulating time to be involved with the Festival portion of the guild. I hope all of you are making time to volunteer for many different types of jobs that will need attention from all of us during these days next month. Another thing that needs doing is getting our information about this Festival out to the public. If you are going someplace please take bookmarks or catalogs with you.

This month is our month to shine at the Minot Library. Please remember to bring quilts to hang, with your name on some type of label on the back. The display will be put up on February 1st this year. See more information elsewhere in the newsletter. We can also use small items for the display cases. Some items might be patterns, pin cushions, mug rugs, pot holders, scarves, thread, needles or your favorite band aids.

Something we are going to try this year is choosing our Raffle quilt pattern for two years this February. We are going to try to move the schedule up so our completion dates are earlier in the year. If you have a pattern or two that you think would be worth consideration, please bring it to the guild meeting February 6th. The entire membership at that meeting will be picking the two patterns this time. It's your guild, your pattern and your raffle quilt. You decide this time.

The February meeting should be very interesting. We will have a special speaker this month from Quilts of Valor. Kay Barrish, our Community Service chair, has been approached by this organization. This might be something some of you would like to see the guild participate in as part of our Community Service program. Please listen to the speaker, ask questions and let the Board know your feelings about this project.

I'm sorry I can't be at the February meeting but your Vice President will be doing a great job of taking my place. Make sure to ask her all the hard questions. You know the ones I don't have answers for and give you my deer in the headlights look. Remember you can always come early to our meetings to visit with friends. On that note please remember our new members and make them feel comfortable if you have the opportunity.

Happy Valentine's Day, Susan

### February Meetings

#### Guild Meeting:

February 6th, 2020

Social at 6:30 PM

Refreshments at 6:45 PM

Meeting at 7:00 PM

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

#### Guild Board Meeting:

February 20th at 6:00 PM  
at the church

#### Festival Board Meeting:

February 20th at 7:00 PM  
at the church

### February Meeting Servers

Servers for February are Marsha Yoder, Jackie Case, Deb Ledoux, Jacque Hurst, Bev Cushing, Linda Glueckert, and Stacy Walz.



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## Programs & Education



### Quilts of Valor

February Education will feature a presentation on the Quilts of Valor program. There are currently four or five veterans in the Minot area requesting a quilt, and the guild would like to explore the possibility of guild members participating in Quilts of Valor.

### Brown Bag Challenge 2020 Guidelines

What is your favorite color? We are playing with COLOR VALUE this year. Search out 4 fat quarters of that color for your brown bag. For instance, if you want to choose white-to-black for this challenge, you would pick up white, light gray, dark gray, and black FQs. Teal? A pastel teal FQ that is barely off white, working up to a deep, intense teal. Red? The palest pink to a deep cranberry... Yum!



Your FQs do not need to be solids, but they can be. If you like to use prints, there are frequently little touches of other colors in there. That's great! Just be sure that the FQ "reads" as your chosen color and value.

Brown bags will be available at the February meeting. Place your 4 fat quarters in the brown bag. Remember, do not put your name on the bag! We will exchange bags at the MARCH meeting.

You may make anything quilted from these fat quarters, but you must use some of each fabric. You may add as much or as little extra fabric from your stash to complete your project as you like. But your added fabric CANNOT be from the SAME color way! Add some fabric that will either add some pop, complement, or tone those FQs down.

Again, the finished size of your project should reflect the full yard of fabric that you will be working on. You could make place mats, a table runner, a tote bag, a pillow, an apron, etc, but there must be QUILTING somewhere on your project.

As much as we all love the December Christmas parties, they have been becoming a little too long and busy. Therefore, we will trade our project bags back at the NOVEMBER meeting. BE CREATIVE!

## Community Service

Great news quilters! We've been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the St Joseph's Community Health Foundation to be used in 2020 for the materials and tools required to make and donate quilts to local organizations such as nursing homes, hospice patients, Salvation Army, Hope Clinic, Men's Winter Shelter, and many others. Our goal is 100 quilts in 2020!

During the January meeting, I shared a little bit about Quilts of Valor. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Rhonda Albrecht, the ND Quilts of Valor coordinator, will be a guest speaker at the February guild meeting and will provide information about QOV in ND as well as opportunities for MPQG to participate. Individuals are always welcome to make quilts to donate to QOV and MPQG is still determining the appropriate level of participation for our organization as a whole. Procedures for making Quilts of Valor will be available during the February guild meeting, and can also be found on the Quilts of Valor website at [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org).

Please join us for February Saturday Sewing! We will be meeting at the Minot Public Library South meeting room on Feb 22 from 10:30-4:30 for a fun day of Community Service sewing string quilts. This is a very easy block to make and you'll have an opportunity to socialize with your fellow quilters while creating string blocks! Bring your machine and an extension cord. Fabric, thread, iron and ironing board will be available. Come for a couple of hours or stay all day! A small refrigerator is available but no microwave. Fortunately Jimmy Johns delivers! Community Service kits will also be available to take home.

Our current inventory of Community Service Kits is as follows:

- Finished quilts ready to donate: 3
- Quilts ready for binding: 6
- Quilt tops ready for quilting: 9
- Quilt kits ready for piecing: 39
- Quilt kits still with members for piecing: 19

Our theme for this year is UFOs! So, those of you that checked out piecing kits over the last year (or two) are encouraged to take this opportunity to finish those UFOs and turn them in! Additionally, we have a small stash of orphan blocks that will be highlighted during the monthly meeting for a fast and easy Community Service quilt top project. Help us to meet our goal of 100 quilts in 2020!

Feel free to contact me with questions or Community Service ideas!  
[kathleen.barrish@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.barrish@gmail.com) or 719-510-3778

Many hands make light work! - Kay, Lisa, Alicia, and Kyle



## Pet Beds

Good news! The Guild will be able to continue the pet beds project! Debby Brothers has stepped up to handle the spread sheet. Becky Spies will continue to deliver the completed beds. Bev Cushing and Jacque Younger have both volunteered to sew the empty cases.

There will be empty pillow cases on the table by the door. Please take them home and stuff them with your scraps. Remember not to stuff them too full and add batting scraps so that they don't get too heavy to launder. Bring back full beds to a future meeting or drop them off at the animal shelter yourself, but please get the measurements to Debby for our community service records. Thank you! Debby, Becky, Bev & Jacque



## Saturday Sewing

**February 22:** Community Service  
**March:** Festival - No Saturday Sewing

## Block of the Month

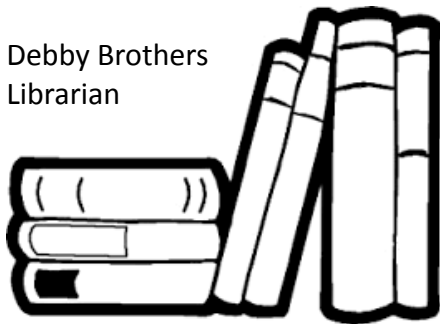
Due for February: one of the star blocks or the Christmas tree AND 2 of the off center flying geese.



## 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



## The Guild Wants You



It is not too early to be thinking about the Guild elections. How can you help the guild? Remember we are a volunteer organization and if you don't volunteer, the Guild can fail. Page 2 in the newsletter has a list of the different jobs available. Think about them and what you may like to do. Let Susan or Becky know and you can shadow the person already in the job to see if it is a good fit for you. The Guild is counting on YOU!

## 2021 Raffle Quilt

The board would like to enlist everyone's help in deciding the next raffle quilt. If you have a quilt pattern that you love, please bring it to the February general membership meeting. We will spread the patterns out at the back of the room and take a vote. The most popular pattern will be our next raffle quilt.



## Flea Market

There is still plenty of time to get your inventory sheets started. Deadline for items will be March 20th. I will arrive early and stay late for the February and March general membership meetings for anyone that would like assistance filling out the inventory sheet. -Carolyn



## Weather 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.

## AccuQuilt - Go! Crazy Quilt Stained Glass Table Runner



The Crazy Quilt die is a great stash buster! Use a wide variety of scrap fabrics to create unique and inspiring quilt projects. Die includes seam allowances, dog-eared corners and screen printed letters on die for easy and accurate piecing. The GO! Big Crazy Quilt die makes a 10" finished quilt block. GO! Crazy with colors and patterns and make quick work of whittling your fabric stash by making the GO! Let's Go Crazy Quilt – 10" Finished Block on Board die with the Guild's GO! Fabric cutter.

AccuQuilt Dies recently added to the Guild's inventory include: 55861 – Big Crazy Quilt 10" finished; 55367 – Train; 55042 – Funky Flowers Die; 55446 – Flower Die; 55063 – Half Square Triangle 2" Finished Square (Multiples); 55490 – Cleopatra's Fan 12" finished. Specific dies can be viewed at [AccuQuilt.com](http://AccuQuilt.com). If you would like to rent the AccuQuilt machine, contact Lynn Heald at [dlheald1@hotmail.com](mailto:dlheald1@hotmail.com) or leave a message at 701-340-4870.

## 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)



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*Minot Prairie Quilt Guild  
Vincent United Methodist Church  
January 2, 2020*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. There were 59 members present. Welcome to 2 guests: Amanda Hauser and Terry Hillman. Cheryl Opp became a member for 2020.

**Secretary Minutes:** Flint Forsberg moved to accept the December 5 Guild minutes as printed in the newsletter. Jacque' Younger seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Heald reported on the treasury. The report is accepted pending the annual audit. The 2019 books will be audited January 10.

**Name Tag Winner:** This month's winner was Kayleen Reddig.

**Server Winner:** Kim Block won the \$10 certificate for the 2020 Festival.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes were received from Edgewood Vista, PATH, Trinity Health & Dakota Hope Clinic. Two door prizes from Edgewood Vista (a free meal & beverages for 2) went to Sandy Duchscherer and Gerry Burns.

**Quilting Dilemmas:** None

**Honorary Member Nominations:** Forms are available at the member desk. Nominations are due at the January Board meeting.

**2020 Raffle Quilt:** Flint Forsberg stated that the new raffle quilt will be ready for the February meeting. Jennifer Feller will have tickets to distribute in February.

**AccuQuilt:** Lynn Heald showed some new dies: heart, 10" crazy quilt, flowers, train, cleopatra, and 2" finished squares.

**Community Service:** Kay Barrish gave a report of 2019 accomplishments: 55 weighted blankets, 68 weighted lap pads and 100 fidget blankets were made; 63 quilts were finished with the last 9 going to the YWCA and one to the Men's Winter Refuge. The value of the 63 quilts were \$27,682.68. 158 pet beds were completed with a value of \$4500. \*\*Kits are available and there'll be more with borders and backings at the February meeting. Strip quilting will be done during the Saturday Sewing time February 22. \*\*Becky Spies is willing to take pet beds for donations while empty cases are available. Debby Brothers volunteered to do the recording of pet bed information.

**Going Green & Elections:** Becky Spies encouraged members to Go Green by bringing their own cup & plate, silverware, and napkins. The less we spend on paper products, the more money we have for other things. Becky also stated "It's never too early to campaign," for offices for 2021. Let her know if you're interested in an office.

**February Library Display:** Katrina Schoelberl stated that set-up will be 10:30 am on Saturday, February 1 and take-down is Saturday, February 29. Please bring items for display including small items and books.

**Education/Program:** \*\*Travel Challenge—Sheilla Anderson had 3 pieces from Bernina Plus, Good Vibrations & 4 Seasons of Yankton, SD.

**Saturday Sewing:** Jacque' Younger announced that the next Saturday Sewing January 25 with Linda Glueckert teaching "Machine Quilting with Your Walking Foot" is full.

**2020 Festival:** Chelce Detert stated that Guild members can register tonight with the public registering January 15 or later. Volunteers are needed—see Michelle Senger. Quilt Show registrations go to Judi Green. Class samples were shown and on display. Note: the banquet will be starting at 6:30 pm.

**BOM:** Carolyn Rousey showed the block options for February.

**Hospitality:** Sue Brown announced that there are enough servers for February.

**Library:** Debby Brothers had no report.

**Membership:** 2019 rosters are available for pick up at the table. Please pay your dues for 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Show & Tell:**

- 1) Becky Spies—2019 BOM Christmas runner
- 2) Leone' Nera—Flash & Dash, Wine bags
- 3) Nancy Fry—Embroidered baby blankets & towels
- 4) Sue Brown—Red Star quilt
- 5) Shelley Opland—Roses quilt
- 6) Deb Ledoux—Two quilts
- 7) Patty Bretheim—Daughter's Christmas present
- 8) Karlee Rauschenberger—Woodland quilt
- 9) Amand Bahrij—Table runner

**Announcements:** \*\*A special class will be held on Sunday, September 20 with Karen McTavish teaching "Quilting on Your Domestic Machine the McTavish Way."

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

*Irene Ost, Acting Secretary*

Minot Prairie Quilt Guild Board Minutes

Vincent United Methodist Church

January 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Susan Melgaard.

**Voting Members Present:** Susan Melgaard, Becky Spies, Janet Sabol, Lynn Heald, Kay Barrish, Chelce Detert, Luanne Duchsherer, Sue Brown, Debby Brothers, Linda Hoff, Jacque' Younger

**Non-Voting Members:** Carolyn Rousey, Celeste Hauser, Jennifer Feller, Sheilla Anderson, Ramanda Nash

**Guild Member:** Sharleen Larson

**Secretary:** Sue moved to accept the minutes of the November 21 Board meeting with the correction of 100 fidget blankets made. Motion carried. Janet distributed the revised Membership and President job descriptions.

**Treasurer:** Lynn gave the checking account balance. The Treasurer's report was accepted pending audit. The 2019 books were audited by Sharleen Larson & Linda Glueckert on January 10. The three recommendations will be recorded in future minutes.

**Raffle Quilt Tickets:** Jennifer has ticket booklets for members to pick up.

**Raffle Quilt 2020:** Flint Forsberg confirmed via phone that no one has volunteered to put the binding on the 2020 quilt.

**Block of the Month:** Carolyn reported blocks are being turned in.

**Community Service:** Kay announced that the Guild will be receiving \$3000 from St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation in April. The grant goes towards regular community service supplies for quilts going to non-profit organizations. There are a lot of quilts that need to go from orphan blocks to finished. These will be organized and available. Rhonda Albrecht with Quilts of Valor will speak at the February Guild meeting about the program.

**Education:** Jacqué stated that Linda Glueckert's class on "Quilting with a Walking Foot", January 25, is full. Supply lists were available at the January Guild meeting.

**Festival:** Chelce reported that registration was open for the general public on January 15. Currently, the registration numbers are ahead of other years.

**Historian:** Luanne reported that the 2019 Yearbook has been sent to be printed.

**Hospitality:** Sue gave the 2019 report with the following items: announcing that everyone should serve at least once helped monthly sign-ups; Increase number of servers to 7 per month; Each server was to bring enough for 10-12 people. The average attendance was 56 with 75 members as a high.; Servers were to be present during serving, pouring drinks, etc. and to eat last.

**Library:** Debby had no report. Susan asked if she could set books out on tables during meetings to encourage members to check them out.

**Membership:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Articles are due to Jana by Friday, January 24.

**Publicity:** No report.

**Facebook:** No report.

**Website:** No report

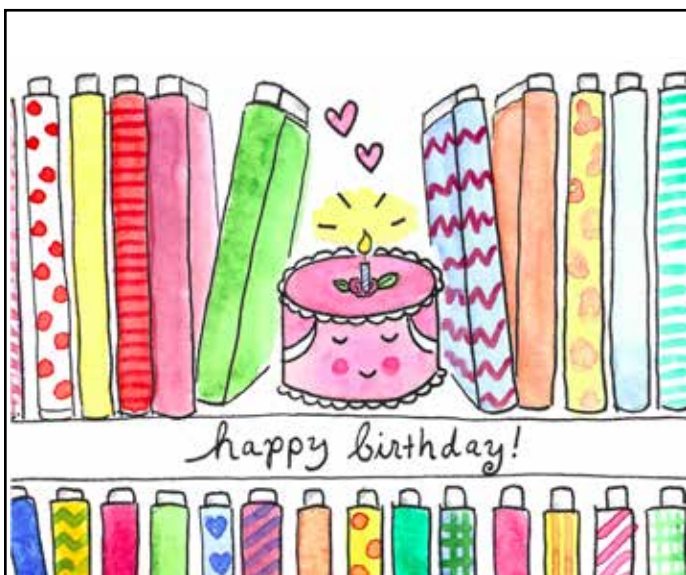
**Saturday Sewing:** Sheilla stated that the January Saturday Sewing date will be used for the "Quilting with a Walking Foot" class. February 22nd will be a Community Service day.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Jennifer Feller reported that the Memorial Quilt names and dates are being worked on and include 32 people at this time. Plans are to complete the list by February meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*\*2020 Budget—Lynn will make changes suggested and email another budget so a final vote can be taken February 20. \*\*The Board decided to leave the rental agreement as it is for the AccuQuilt whether or not the member wants the dies only or the cutter and dies. \*\*Two Honorary Member nominations were received. Voting will take place at the February Board meeting. \*\*There will be a class Sunday, September 20 with Karen McTavish. Susan appointed the Education committee as organizers of the class. \*\*The 2021 raffle quilt pattern will be chosen by the Guild. It was suggested that the timeline of piecing and quilting each year's raffle quilt be changed. The 2022 raffle quilt may be started this year, also.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

*Janet Sabol, Secretary*



## February Birthdays

Sharon Henry (10)

Britni Kraft (15)

Connie Busch (18)

Sheilla Anderson (19)

Nancy Fry (27)



*Thank God for Fat Quarters*



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