



GUILD NEWS

The official newsletter of the Minot Prairie Quilters

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GUILD MEETING

May 2, 2024
Social at 6:30 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM

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

GUILD BOARD

May 16th at 6:00 PM
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FESTIVAL BOARD

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MEETING SERVERS

Contact Nancy Fry with any questions.

President's Message

by Celeste Hauser

I hope everyone was able to attend Festival! Wow...what a fun event!! The energy that Andrew Lee and Mark Darrell brought was incredible! I want to thank everyone involved in making Festival a success including everyone on the board who worked hard to organize the event and all the volunteers. I especially want to thank the husbands and other family members who jumped in to help! Also, a huge thank you to Lynn Heald, Peace and Honor Quilts of Valor, and all the volunteers who made the QOV presentation ceremony at the banquet so moving and special...I don't think there was a dry eye in the room!

As with every large event like this there were some glitches. While we can't anticipate everything that could possibly become a glitch, the Festival board and the guild board are committed to reviewing contracts, processes, and protocols to improve the experience for everyone. If you have suggestions or ideas, we would love to hear them!

I know in the past new members received a welcome packet. This activity ended before I joined the guild so I can't speak to what was in it, but I am committed to creating a welcome packet that can be emailed to new members as well as put on the members-only section of the website and the members-only Facebook page. I envision this packet containing information such as the guild's mission, history, general calendar of events, ways to get involved, committee information, brief descriptions of what the board does and what each position does, as well as how to find documents in the members-only section of the website and Facebook. I am open to suggestions of what you would have liked to have known when you first joined, so please reach out to me if you have ideas.

With that said, included in this newsletter are some suggestions on how to be a good guild member that will be included with the new member packet. I was asked to send it out to all members as it is good information for all of us. As you read it, PLEASE remember these are just suggestions on how we can all make the guild a fun place for everyone...including you! Happy quilting! -Celeste



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Raffle Quilt Tickets

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Pet Beds

VACANT

Education

by Sue Brown

Carmen from Prairie Rose Quilt Shop will be our featured guest at the May meeting. Keep those tips and tricks coming!



- You can tell the right side of fleece and knits by stretching slightly. It will roll to the right side. From Gerry Burns
- From Judi Green, use old sewing machine needles to hang quilts. You can use a hammer and the hole is smaller than when you use a pushpin.

May Baskets

by Celeste Hauser

Please join in the fun of exchanging a May Basket with your fellow guild members at the May meeting. May Baskets are traditionally a way to celebrate the coming of warmer months. While there are no hard rules as to what you can put in the May Basket you bring to exchange, plan on a basket value between \$10 - \$20. Some favorite items to exchange are flowering bedding plants, candy/chocolates, teas, mugs, baked goods, jellies/jams, gift cards, neutral fat quarters, your favorite quilt pattern, etc. Please keep in mind that as quilters we all have seam rippers, thread, pin cushions, our own ugly fabrics, etc. A good rule of thumb is to make it something fun that you would like to receive.



Web Liasion

by Michelle Myers

Spring is finally here and it's time to change the password for the MPQG members only page of our website. The password will change on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

The new password is: **1/4Seamallowance**

Just a note that the password will be changed every year after Festival. Thank you, Carla Preston, for the great password suggestion.

Community Service

by Judi Green

Thanks again to all who contributed their time and talents to make pet beds at the March Saturday Sewing session. We will have empty pet beds at the May meeting for members to take home, fill, stitch shut and return. Beds should be filled with small, 1"-2" pieces of batting and scraps (50-50 mix).

The quilts we've donated to the Red Cross are reaching the community! One was given to a family from Mandan and three were given to children from Belcourt. We will have kits available to sign out at the May meeting. Thanks to all who have done so much to fill this need. Your efforts are making a difference.



Raffle Quilt Tickets

by Janet Sabol

A thousand tickets were sold during the Quilt Festival! Thank you to all the volunteers who sat at the quilt raffle selling tickets! Of the 1000 tickets sold, 290 were



purchased by our Guild members. The Early Bird basket of quilting goodness went to Michelle Myers! The Alaska quilt kit, Alaska ruler, Karen Kay Buckley scissors, GEasy ruler stickers, GEasy point trimmers, and other notions were purchased at Bernina Plus. Congratulations, Michelle! Currently, \$2360 has been raised. Keep selling your tickets! If you need more, contact Janet at 701-340-4562.

2024 Quilt Festival

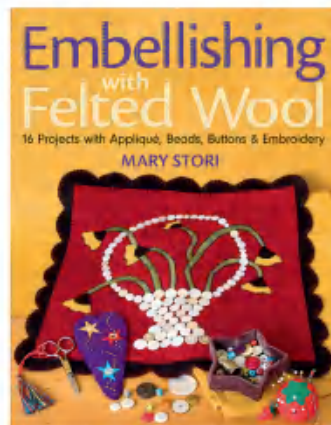
by Bev Cushing

Red, White, Boom 2024 Minot Prairie Quilt Festival is now in the books. I want to thank everyone who did anything to help with the Festival in any way. It takes a lot of people a lot of work to have successful Festival. The evaluations came in very positive overall and many are looking forward to next year. Andrew and Mark were a hit with everyone and they want to come back to Minot. The Banquet was beautiful because of all the red, white, and blue decorations. The frosting on the cake was the Quilts of Valor presentations. It was very moving. I want to thank Lynn Heald and her sewers for all the work her group did to have a quilt to present to 9 VETERANS. The Quilt of Valor Booth in the Vendor/Quilt Hall was outstanding. Thank you to the volunteers that manned the booth. Jana Frederick will be the Chair for next year, but she does need a Co-Chair. There are quite a few openings for her Board, so please consider helping her out by volunteering.

APRIL SHOWERS
Bring
MAY FLOWERS

Library

by Debby Brothers



Two books have been donated to the library. The first is Butternut & Blue: Threads of the Civil War by Barbara Brackman & Karla Menaugh. A quote from the back of the book describes it as: "Stitch historic quilts and projects inspired by the palette of butternut and blue, the uniforms of the Civil War on the western borders. And while you sew, read true war-tie tales of spies and prisoners, escaped slave and guerrilla fighters..." The second is Embellishing with Felted Wool by Mary Stori. There are 16 projects in this book of decorating on wool using wool applique, buttons, beads and embroidery. The library will be open by 6:00 pm on the evening of the meeting.

Festival of Trees

by Sue Brown

Dakota Hope is having vendors at their Festival of Trees event this year. We will be having a booth where you can sell your handcrafted items. There is no charge to members for this opportunity. We will also be selling raffle quilt tickets.

Please plan to spend some time volunteering in the booth. Dates are November 22 (set up at 10 am) with the booth open from 12 until 8pm and November 23, 9am until 3pm.



2025 Quilt Festival

by Jana Frederick

Well, I'm not sure how to follow in the footsteps of the wonderful time we had at "Red, White, and Boom", but I'm going to do my best! Planning is already underway for the 2025 quilt festival, but we need YOU! No experience is necessary and we are willing to train. Here are the positions we need to fill:

Festival Co-Chair

Gift Baskets

Teacher Coordinator

Corporate Sponsors/Door Prizes

Judging Co-Chair

Registration

Secretary

Vendor Coordinator

Tea Room

Volunteers



Unless otherwise noted, we need a chair and co-chair for the positions listed. Are you willing to step up and ensure the Minot Prairie Quilt Festival continues? Job descriptions are available to read through and will soon be available on the members section of the website and Facebook. Great things are in store; come and be a part of it!

2024 Festival Tea Room

by Sheilla Anderson

Sheilla Anderson and Callie Randall would like to thank all the volunteers and participants of this years Tea Room. Special thank you for the ladies that entrusted us with their quilt pieces for decorating. This room was a hit with many a festival goer.



How to Be a Good Guild Member

by Celeste Hauser



- 1** If you are capable, please volunteer!! The guild needs your help to run its activities! Without members who volunteer their time and skills, the guild will flounder. Decide if the guild is worth it to you and when an opportunity to volunteer for a position or to help with an activity comes up, stick your hand in the air. Volunteering for a position is a great way to give back to other guild members while possibly learning a new skill. Most opportunities do not consume a lot of time. If you are unsure what is involved in volunteering...ask and ask again and again! Seek out 2 or 3 members you know who have volunteered for an opportunity you are interested in. Don't rely on what you think you know or the opinion of one person.
- 2** Do not over volunteer. The temptation to help out can end up overwhelming you. Over volunteering will burn you out and may end up making you not volunteer or worse, you may completely leave the guild. Please volunteer...the guild needs you, but know your limits.
- 3** Be nice to those who are volunteering. Nothing kills the volunteerism of the guild faster than under-appreciated volunteers. Volunteers in the guild typically are not professionals at what they have volunteered to do. Be kind...volunteers are here to help the guild, which in turn helps you. If someone steps down from a volunteer position, please don't judge their decision. Making that kind of a decision is hard enough.
- 4** At the meeting, ask what you can do to help. This should be a "no-brainer", but you may be surprised how few people think of helping with even the simplest tasks. Holding up quilts for show and tell, or helping pass out items are really important jobs and the help is greatly appreciated.
- 5** Talk to people. Isn't this why you are here? If you meet someone new, you may learn a new technique, or find a new friend. But...
- 6** Respect the meeting. Meetings are great if you haven't seen your quilting buddies in a month and you need to catch up. But please respect what the President or other members are saying when they are presenting information during the "business" portion of the meeting. Someone next to you may not hear something that is important to them or a volunteer opportunity. Get there early to gab, talk during refreshments or stay after the meeting.
- 7** If the guild doesn't offer you what you want, ask for it. Wish the guild would bring in your favorite author, or teacher? Ask! How else will we know? But....
- 8** If you ask for something, be prepared to help out with it. At the very least, be prepared to offer your suggestions on how you think what you are asking for can help other members and ways you think your idea can be implemented. However, do not be offended if your suggestion is not implemented.

Some ideas may not be feasible due to time or budget constraints, or may not have enough volunteers to make it happen.

- 9** Everything has a time and place. Everyone has an opinion about how the guild operates, and eventually something may tick you off. However, during the meeting is not the time to publicly voice your gripes, especially if we have guests that night. Griping to your friends will not solve the issue. Bring the issue to a board member after the meeting and let them know you would like to attend the next board meeting to address it. The board can then decide to discuss it during a guild meeting if the situation warrants it. Griping during a meeting in front of guests only embarrasses you and makes them question if attending is right for them. Please don't let your feelings influence others.
- 10** If you are not having fun please don't ruin everyone else's good time. A negative attitude can spread very quickly. Try to stay positive.
- 11** Don't be "clique-ish". We all have a tendency to be this way by saving seats for our friends, openly discussing "private" sewing groups that meet at a member's home, etc. Members have and will leave the guild over the clique-ish-ness. Don't turn someone away if they ask "is this seat taken." You may make a new friend.
- 12** Leave your ego at home. In a guild with over 100 people, there are a lot of skill levels. Show and tell is for everyone to brag. If you have a show and tell, be brief and keep your bragging humble. Clap for and ooh and ahh for every quilt that is shown. Remember, you were once a beginner so appreciate every skill level in our guild.
- 13** Edit your comments. Inevitably, there will be a meeting whose subject or lecture is not to your particular taste. This is not the time to announce loudly to your seatmates that you "could do better than that", or tell everyone how boring this talk is or that you don't agree with the information being presented. A lot of work goes into presentations and others may have a view that is different than yours. If you don't like the speakers the guild brings in, see items #1, #6, and #7. And remember, this also goes for show and tell.
- 14** If you have an issue with someone, please work it out with them. DO NOT gossip behind their back. This only hurts them and makes you look bad.
- 15** Have fun, learn new skills, and make friends!

This list is by no means complete, nor is it "the law of the guild". These suggestions are simply a reminder that it is up to each of us to pitch in and help make the guild a fun and welcoming place for everyone who wants to be a part of our quilting community. You will have more fun going in with these suggestions in mind, and the guild will be better for it.

Happy quilting!

MPQG Equipment

by Michelle Myers

Now that Festival is over, Debby Brothers and I will be doing a complete inventory of the north storage unit and church's storage area. We will need a list of any MPQG equipment that you have stored at your homes to add to the inventory lists. Our Inventory list needs to state where all the equipment owned by the guild is located.

We also need this information in order to know exactly what is owned by the guild and what the values are. This information will be given to the treasurer (Corrina Lemer) for accurate tax representation.

We have also changed out the lock on the north storage unit. If you need any equipment from the storage, please contact one of the following people who have the keys to meet you there: President (Celeste Hauser), Festival Chair (Jana Frederick), and Equipment Chair (Michelle Myers).



Minot Prairie Quilt Guild Board Meeting - Draft Minutes Until Approved Vincent United Methodist Church April 18, 2024

President Celeste Hauser called the meeting to order at 6pm. There were 7 members present thus not constituting a quorum. Celeste Houser, Michelle Myers, Sue Brown, Susan Melgaard, Judi Green with co-chair Sharleen Larson, Debby Brothers and Jana Frederick.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretaries Report: No quorum. No vote.

Treasurer's Report: No quorum. No vote.

Community Service: Judi Green reported the Red Cross gave out four quilts. Three quilts to a family in Belcourt and one quilt to a person in Mandan. The Saturday Sewing held March 23rd was used by Community Service to make 60 unfilled pet bed covers for the guild to fill and finish by members, and 38 pet bed covers sewn and filled and ready to give away.

Education & Programs: Sue Brown stated Carmen Haugen of Prairie Rose Quilt Shop would do a program for us at the May meeting. Board decided to do May baskets at the May general meeting.

Festival: Bev Cushing sent a report. She stated a few problems. A very good reception for our national teachers. The QOV presentations were a great finish. See full report printed in the newsletter.

Historian: No report

Hospitality: No report

Library: Debby Brothers stated the oldest books in the library are for the year 2000. She was given two used books at the March Flea Market to add to our library.

Membership: Katrina Schoeberl sent her report stating 121 members at present.

Newsletter: Jana Frederick stated the deadline this month would be April 21, 2024.

OTHER REPORTS

2024 Raffle Quilt Tickets: Janet Sabol reported 290 members tickets turned in at Festival and 610 tickets sold to the public. Michelle Myers won the Early Bird drawing.

Saturday Sewing: Sheila Latham sent a message stating sewing would be held Saturday, April 20th, bring your own lunch or order together that day. Work on whatever you wish.

Web Liaison: New password for members only part of our website will be: 1/4Seamallowance.

DISCUSSION

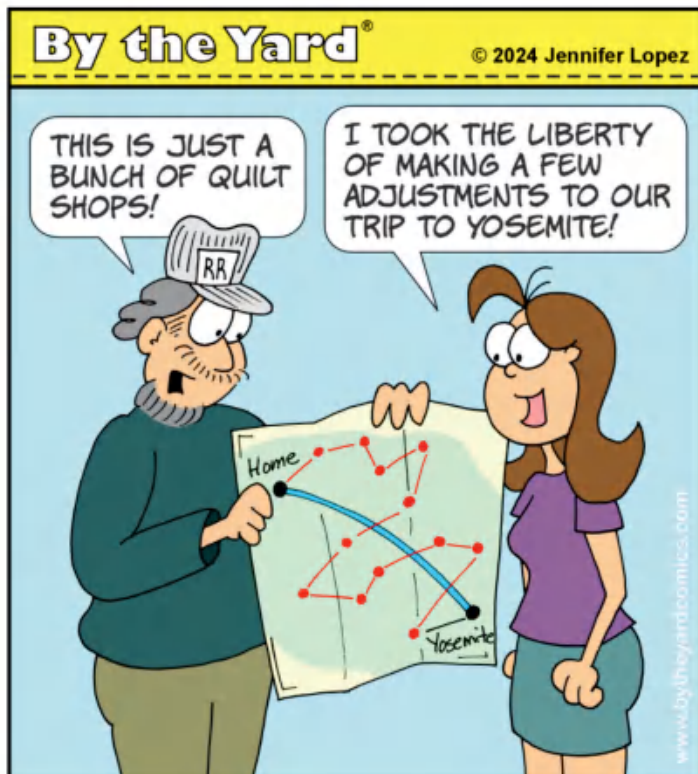
Regarding the Midsummer Festival and Festival of Trees. President Celeste will send out notices to all Board members to vote if we should continue the Midsummer Festival. A notice will also be sent out to see if you should consider the Festival of Trees.

TABLED

Guild job descriptions: Originally tabled in March will be addressed at the May Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Susan Melgaard, Secretary



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Saturday Sewing 2024 Vincent United Methodist Church 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		
April 20	May 18	June 15
September 14	October 12	November 16



Happy Birthday



Connie Dosch (1)
 Michelle Senger (1)
 Barbara Britton (6)
 Celeste Hauser (6)

Jackie Case (17)
 Lyla Kraft (25)
 Mollie Jorgensen (27)
 Shelley Opland (30)





Quilting Bee or Bee Quilting

Come join us for a relaxing few days at the end of summer to unwind with friends at the Minot Prairie Quilt Guild retreat. Once again it will be held at Metigoshe Ministries just north of Bottineau, ND on beautiful lake Metigoshe. This year we are celebrating the friendships we develop over **Quilting Bee or Bee Quilting**. The retreat officially starts on Friday, August 9th at 1:00 PM and ends at 3:00 PM on Sunday, August 11th. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$150 for overnight quilters in themed rooms (bedding and towels included) and \$100 for daytime quilters.

Meals included are Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday brunch. Continental breakfast will be served to all overnight guests. Bringing a snack to share is encouraged but not mandatory.

Nametags, cutting tables, and ironing stations will be furnished. A flea market will be available Friday and Saturday.

Payment: deposit of 50% is due at registration. Checks to be made out to MPQG and given to Jackie Case at the May guild meeting or mailed to her address: 2405 14th St NW, Minot, ND 58703. Balance is due by the August 1st guild meeting.

If you plan to arrive early, you must make your own arrangements with Maddie at Metigoshe Ministries at (701) 263-4788.

Refund Policy: Refunds are issued for family or medical emergencies only. Any other cancellation must be made two weeks prior to the retreat. Contact CeeCee Thompson at (701) 240-7316 with any changes.

REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

I'd like to room with: _____ Dietary restrictions or handicap room: _____



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