



GUILD NEWS

The official newsletter of the Prairie Quilters

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GUILD MEETING

February 6, 2025
Social at 6:30 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM

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

GUILD BOARD

February 20th at 6:00 PM
Vincent United Methodist Church
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FESTIVAL BOARD

February 20th at 7:00 PM
Vincent United Methodist Church
1024 2nd St SE Minot, ND

MEETING SERVERS

Sharleen Larson, Michelle Myers,
Callie Randall, Connie Busch, Bev
Cushing, and Shelly Opland



President's Message

by Michelle Myers

It's hard to believe that January has flown by so fast. I hope that everyone has been warm and toasty during these cold days. I keep telling myself that spring is right around the corner with warmer temperatures coming.

We were able to get the 2025 budget set and approved for both the Guild and Festival at the January 16, 2025, board meeting.

We have come up with New Prizes for the monthly guild meeting Hospitality Winners. Since there are no classes for the 2025 Festival and as of today, we don't know what the 2026 Festival agenda will be, we decided to discontinue issuing the credit toward Festival classes and instead award the monthly drawing winner 5 tickets towards Winning the 2025 Raffle Quilt. Those members from the May through December guild meetings who won the monthly hospitality drawing will have their choice of either using the \$10 coupon for door entry, or they may exchange the coupon for 5 Raffle Tickets. The coupon must be turned in if you take the Raffle Quilt option to receive your raffle tickets. Previous winners of the \$10 coupon should bring that to the next meeting if you would like to exchange it for 5 raffle tickets for the 2025 Raffle Quilt. Going forward, whoever wins the monthly Hospitality server drawing will receive 5 raffle tickets.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

It was decided by the board at the January 16th meeting that going forward all membership renewals are due and need to be paid in full by January 31 of each year. This year there will be a "grace period for membership renewals which will be due no later than February 15th" The grace period is due to this announcement coming out in the February Guild Newsletter.

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It saddens me to announce that our guild member Janice Talley passed away on Sunday, January 19th, joining her husband Curtis in heaven. I would like everyone to keep the family of Janice Talley in their prayers. I would also like everyone to keep Judi Green and her family in your prayers as Judi's mom, Doris passed away January 16th. I would also like everyone to keep Lexie Huff and her family in your prayers as Lexie's brother, Jerry passed away on December 27th.

Information for Janice Talley's services:

Funeral: 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 27, 2025, at Trinity United Parish, Lansford, with lunch to follow at the Lansford Community Center.

Sharing of Memories Service (Open to the Public): 5:00 p.m., Sunday, January 26, 2025, at the church, with supper to follow at the Lansford Community Center.

Visitation: 3:00 pm. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, at the church in Lansford. Friends may also sign the online guestbook at brosefuneralhome.com.

Education

by Connie Busch

Round Robin Quilt project: Members can still sign up and bring their starter block and other supplies to the February meeting. I would need them to contact me before the meeting so I know the number of people participating and can plan out the swaps. Call or text me at 701-720-7131.

Make your own pressing solution

(Best Press or Flatter imitation)

Supplies needed:

Distilled water

Cheap Vodka (potato or corn based work the best due to their starch content)

Potato: Luksusowa or Monopolowa

Corn: Kirkland, New Amsterdam, Deep Eddy

Mixing/storage container such as an empty plastic milk or juice jug

Measuring cup

Essential oil (optional)

Directions: Mix equal parts Vodka and water, add a drop or two of essential oil if desired.

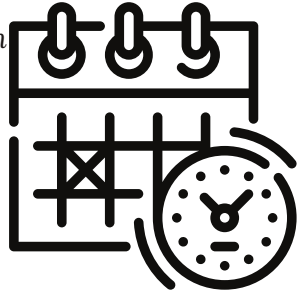
Once mixed transfer to a misting or spray bottle. This will not spoil and is much cheaper than commercially sold pressing solutions. If you want just a bit more crispness in your fabric you could mix the solution one part water to two parts vodka. I have used this solution for several years and have had very good success with it. It doesn't work maybe quite as well as commercial solutions in my opinion but is a good alternative.



Membership

by Sue Brown & Donna Nason

At our January meeting the board voted to change our registration deadline to January 31st with a grace period of February 15th.



After February 15th you will no longer receive the newsletter or have access to the Members only Facebook page. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, the dues are \$20. If you would like them mailed, the dues are \$30. You can mail your dues to MPQG Membership, PO 306, Minot, ND 58702. Please make your check payable to Minot Prairie Quilt Guild.

2025 Raffle Quilt

Our 2025 Raffle Quilt is from the pattern "Alaska Rainbow" was designed by Edyta Sitar/Laundry Basket Quilts. Gladys Lowell, Minot, pieced our quilt. Thank You! It was quilted by Megan Harper/Harper Long Arm Quilting, Virden, Manitoba. The was bound by Carolyn Rousey, Minot and Connie Busch, Minot designed the label. This Queen-sized quilt is 72" square.

An early bird prize drawing is April 5, 2025. The drawing for the 2025 Raffle Quilt will be December 4, 2025!



The Old Made New

2025 Challenge Quilt

Make a quilt incorporating the first letter of your first or last name with a minimum of one quilt block that also starts with that letter. For example, if using "J" you could use "Jacob's Ladder" and "Joseph's Coat" and incorporate a "J" into the quilt. If using a "T", you could make trailing geese in "T" formation, tumbling blocks and tumblers. There must be 3 layers (top, batting, and backing) held together with quilting and the perimeter should measure 250" or less. The fee for entering a quilt in the challenge category will be waived for 2025.

A quick internet search for alphabetical quilt block lists yields many results. Here are some websites with lists of quilt blocks:

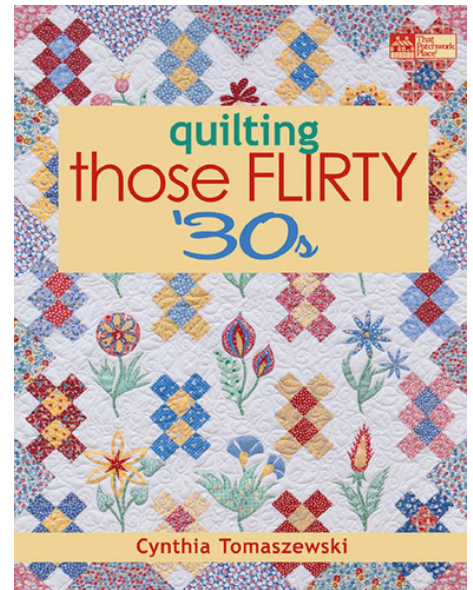
- <https://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html>
- https://www.blockcrazy.com/blocks_history/blocks_history.htm
- <https://www.freequilt.com/quilt-blocks.html>
- <https://scissortailquilting.com/quilt-block-library/>
- <https://phoebemoon.com/quilt-block-patterns-a/>
- <https://www.patchworksquare.com/>

Library

by Debby Brothers

A Book Review: Quilting Those Flirty '30s by Cynthia Tomaszewski (#1216)

The eleven quilt projects in this book use 1930s reproduction fabrics, skills and styles, "but the designs are distinctive, open, and carefree to fit comfortably with your sense of today." (p. 11) In this book Cynthia gives a brief history of her mother's family, based on the recollections of her great-aunt Christie. From her she received a love for 1930s quilts, and from her grandmother (Christie's sister) many Sunbonnet Sue blocks which she turned in to a "Generation to Generation" quilt. After this history there is an introduction to the creation of the quilts, and her philosophy in the use of reproduction fabrics, and a few additional fabrics to inject her own "interpretation of the times into" her quilts. The quilts have quaint names like "From the Heart" and "Forever Summer," and are constructed with piecing and applique techniques. Included with the quilt patterns are cookie recipes, some from her grandmother and mother. Most are common cookies, but some were new to me, like Banana Drop Cookies and Glazed Fresh-Apple Cookies.



The library will be open for browsing and checking books out before the February 6 guild meeting at 6pm.



Minot Quilt Guild - "Prairie Quilters"

Guild Meeting

Vincent United Methodist Church

January 2, 2025

This meeting was called to order by President Michelle Myers at 7:02 p.m.

President Michelle welcomed all members and guests. Our guest this month was Dana Cluever.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary. Susan Melgaard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the December 5, 2024, meeting. There being no corrections, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bev Cushing and seconded by Carla Preston. Voice vote carried.

Treasurer. Diane Cluever reported on the interest earnings and balances. This report will be kept for the end of year audit.

Community Service. Bev Cushing squared up five quilts for members to take home and bind. She invited the members to come pick other kits to sew or bind.

Education and Program. Connie Busch presented the directions for the 2025 Round Robin Quilt project. She also sent a sign-up sheet around to all the tables. If you are interested and could not sign up this evening, please give Connie a call. Her number is (701)720-7131

Festival. President Michelle spoke for Jana. A co-chair for our Festival Chairman and a co-chair for our vendor chair are still needed. Please help if you can. The membership had a discussion to address the Certificates that were given to members for use at the 2025 Festival. This will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Historian. Alexis Huff has decided to stay in this position for 2025.

Hospitality. Nancy Fry called for volunteers to serve at the February meeting. Sharleen Larson, Michelle Myers, Callie Randall, Connie Busch, Bev Cushing and Shelly Opland all volunteered. The questions this month was, 'What do you look forward to in 2025.'

Library. Debby Brothers reminded us that the library was open this evening.

Membership. Sue Brown reported 68 paid dues to date. Jennifer Feller won the Name Tag drawing.

Newsletter. The date will be January 19th.

OTHER REPORTS:

2025 Raffle Quilt/Tickets. Debby Brothers consented to take this job on for 2025. The new raffle quilt was revealed. The name of the quilt pattern is Alaska Rainbow designed by Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts. The quilt was constructed by Gladys Lowel. It was quilted by Megan Harper of Harper Long Arm Quilting, Virden, Manitoba. Binding by Carolyn Rousey. Label by Connie Busch. Ticket sales started this evening.

Saturday Sewing. Sheila Latham stated Jan 18th will be the next date. Bring whatever you wish to work on. Lunch will not be provided.

Website. Michelle Myers reported everything is good right now.

Stitching Sisters. Carla Preston told us eight people were in today's group. Many types of hand work were done while laughing LOTS.

Guild Equipment. Michelle Myers had no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of 2025 Honorary Member. President Michelle awarded Sharleen Larson her new 2025 plaque.

Recognition of 2025 Honorary Member. President Michelle awarded Lynn Heald her plaque for 2025.

Quilting Dilemmas. Kathy Burkhardt has someone who would like to give a wedding dress for use in quilts. Call Kathy for more information. Diane Stevens is looking for a Lynette Jensen pattern book intitled, 'Calendar Table Toppers'. This is a Thimbleberries book.

Show and Tell. Please see the picture of the sign-up sheet.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Susan Melgaard, Secretary

**Minot Quilt Guild - "Prairie Quilters"
Board Meeting
Vincent United Methodist Church
January 16, 2025**

This meeting was called to order by President Michelle Myers at 6:07 pm.

Those in attendance were President Michelle Myers, Vice-President Linda Glueckert, Secretary Susan Melgaard, Treasurer Diane Cluever, Community Service Bev Cushing, Education & Programs Connie Busch, Festival Chair Jana Frederick, Hospitality Nancy Fry, Library Debby Brothers, Membership Sue Brown. Non-voting member in attendance was Stacy Walz.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024, board meeting was made by Diane Cluever and seconded by Sue Brown. Voice vote carried.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary no report.

Treasurer went over the Festival budget first. Motion to approve it as shown was made by Linda Glueckert, seconded by Nancy Fry. Voice vote carried. The Guild budget was then discussed. A motion to approve this budget as shown with one correction for \$200 for hospitality was made by Bev Cushing and seconded by Sue Brown. Voice vote carried.

Community Service chair Bev Cushing and Michelle Myers discussed the new Longarm Agreement. The board agreed with this new document. It will be presented to all interested parties ASAP. Community Service gave out 16 quilts for bindings. They need to make more kits. They are planning a Discovery Center Day for 10 students eleven to eighteen in age. This will take place on either March 7 or 21, with setup after 3 pm the day before.

Education & Programs Connie Busch explained the amount of time to be taken up with the Round Robin plus classes she is interested in holding and the decision to have one Flea Market this year.

Festival Jana Fredrick told us everything was progressing.

Historian Alexis Huff no report.

Hospitality It was decided to have May Baskets this year. The value to be \$15.

Library Debby Brothers no report.

Membership Sue Brown no report.

Newsletter Jana Fredrick stated the deadline this month to be January 19, 2025.

OTHER REPORTS:

2025 Raffle Quilt/Tickets Debby Brothers would like to get together with Michelle for more information.

Facebook Stacy Walz discussed the interest coming from Canada for our new raffle quilt and the tickets. We may need to figure out how to get tickets up to them. All Festival information is now available on the website.

Saturday Sewing This month will be on the 18th of January. The cleaning of the floors after our event was discussed.

Website & Inventory Michelle Myers had nothing to report.

Stitching Sisters Michelle reported this would be open as usual.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership Deadline.** Motion by Bev Cushing, seconded by Diane Cluever to approve the new membership deadline to January 31st. Voice vote carried. Current members will have a grace period this year until February 15th to pay their 2025 dues.
- **President's Hospitality Prize.** Motion made by Linda Glueckert, seconded by Carol Kraft to approve giving 5 raffle quilt tickets to each Hospitality winner per month. For the 2024 hospitality winners that were given or not given a festival ticket, we know who you are. They can either use their 2025 festival ticket for festival door entry or trade them for 5 quilt raffle tickets. Tickets must be turned in right away if you chose to get the raffle quilt entries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Susan Melgaard, Secretary

**Minot Prairie Quilt Festival Board Meeting Minutes
Remembering Our Past, Shaping Our Future
Vincent United Methodist Church
January 16, 2025**



The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm. This meeting was called late due to time overrun by the Guild General Board holding their annual budget meeting.

Those in attendance were Debby Brothers, Bev Cushing, Nancy Fry, Carol Kraft, Michelle Nitengale, Stacy Walz, Sue Brown, Chelce Detert, Susan Melgaard, Diane Cluever, Jana Frederick, Michelle Myers, and Carolyn Rousey.

Secretary: The minutes of December 16, 2024, Board Meeting were approved. The motion to approve was made by Michelle Myers and seconded by Carolyn Rousey. Voice vote carried.

Treasurer Diane Cluever reported that the General Board had approved the Festival Budget for this year.

Festival Chair: It was discussed that Vacuum and Sewing would do the Viewers Choice Award. That award is to be determined later. A block of 25 rooms have been set aside for Festival at the Clarion Inn. The date for the rooms is March 20, 2025, at \$104.88 per room. Jana showed the name tags.

Committee Reports

Publicity: Stacy Walz showed mockups of catalog. Changes and corrections were made. Please double check any mockups taken home for further changes. Everything is now on the website. Canadian people will not be getting hard copies of the catalog because of the Canadian postage strike. They will have to view everything on the web. Festival will order 750 catalogs printed. A date for mailing the information will be selected later.

Community Service Sewing: Bev Cushing will give Irene Ost the number of volunteers we will need. Michelle Myers will have a couple of our sewing machines at Saturday Sewing, Jan 18, 2025, for Bev, Kay and Susan to become familiar with their operation.

Gift Baskets: Some baskets have been received. They are waiting for others from either merchants or vendors.

Equipment: no report.

Judging: Judging categories seem to be alright. North Wind Quilters Ribbons were discussed. All entries will be \$7 for each quilt.

Show Layout: Sue will see if her usual helpers will be available before giving a list for volunteers to Irene Ost.

Vendors: Nancy Fry reported ten vendors, and eight to ten demonstrations have been lined up.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Susan Melgaard, Secretary

January 2025 Show and Tell

Name	Description/Name of Quilt
1. Debby Brothers	Scrappy Table Runner
2. Spanne Ducksherr	Bali Batik Quilt
3. Connie Busch	mexican Tiles Quilt
4. Patty Brethim	wool tablemat, Xmas ornaments
5. Jennifer Feller	3 quilts

Saturday Sewing 2025 Vincent United Methodist Church 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		
January 18	February 15	March 15
April 26	May 17	June 21
July N/A	August 16	September 20
October 18	November 15	December N/A

Four people got the duckies correct! There were 9!
-Jana Frederick, newsletter editor

Happy Birthday



- Sharon Henry (10)
- Britni Kraft (15)
- Connie Busch (18)
- Sheilla Anderson (19)
- Nancy Fry (27)



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