

The Quilters of the Nature Coast Inc.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 10th 2011

Call to Order to order at 9:40 a.m.

Quorum verified. All officers were present and 30 members signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of New Members and Guests

Six new Members: Dianne Cass; Janice Radziejewski; Joyce Griffith; Colleen Beckett; Carol Thibert and Pearl King
No guest

Birthday announcements: Lynn Squires and Dorothy Abraham, Charles Meinhardt, Dianne Hysell

Special Announcements and Programs

New Members: Our President Barbara Ogden presented our new members, Barbara Simmons, and Dorothy Mishley, with their membership cards and QNC name badges.

Thank You: Our President gave thanks to;

- Sandy for heading up the Lebonite Quilt project
- Nina and Dianne for offering free quilting services for charity quilts
- Marion Weeden for volunteering to help at classes
- Janet Leadbetter for today's door Prize donation
- Marion Dorman for field trip to Dunedin Fine Arts Center for "Sunflower" Quilt Exhibit

Fat Quarter for September will be Orange

Country Register: Next meeting (September) the Guild will have 50 copies of the "Country Register" available for members to pick up.

Christmas Party is scheduled for the 14th of December at this location, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The general menu was mentioned with the need of the membership selecting which two main items for the Christmas Party. Next meeting membership will select menu choices. We need volunteers (who can keep a secret) to make favors for the Christmas Party. Please contact Nina Ridgeway to plan for this special project.

National Quilt Museum Trip; President Barbara Ogden suggested that membership think about making a group trip to Paducah, KY to the National Quilt Museum sometime in the future. Members discussed the need to reserve well in advance and of the many things to do in the town itself, in addition to the Museum. Future discussion tabled until Barbara gets more information.

Incorporation of Guild: The Guild received its approval for Incorporation from the State of Florida. The next step is to obtain 501(c)3 non-profit status (pertaining to income taxes) from the IRS. This will cost the guild \$400.00 Once that is received we will apply for Florida tax-exempt status. This pertains to the payment of state sales tax. There is no fee for this.

Possible Field Trips: There are three flyers/sign-up sheets on the entrance table to sign up for future trips to:

- West Pasco Exhibit at Progress Energy Art Gallery in NPR through Aug. 27th
- Quilt Fest of Jacksonville “The Sky’s the Limit” - September 22-24th
- Fall Festival at Solivita (Kissimmee) Oct 22nd. This is not strictly a quilt event but rather an Arts and Craft festival.
- Suwannee Quilt Shoppe in Trenton was suggested by Joyce Griffith, as a future group field trip.

Recommendations were made for *Fabrics.com* which offers good discounts. *Hittle.com* web site, when ordering in groups offers excellent discounts.

Links are on the website for QNNTV.com and QUILTERSTV.com. A Large assortment of videos can be selected from these sites.

Randy Kasberg of Sew ‘n’ Save gave a presentation on the care of the sewing machine and the serger. He informed the membership 10% discount on machine repair and maintenance. He offers scissors sharpening and various supplies comparably less expensive than some websites.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 29th meeting were read by Secretary Belinda Boncaro. No corrections were made and the minutes were accepted as read.

Reports of Officer and Standing Committees:

- **Vice President’s Report**
Nina Ridgeway spoke about block of the month requirements for continuity but there will be months when continuity is not necessary. All members voted in favor for block restrictions
- **Secretary’s Report**
Negative report..
- **Treasurer’s Report**
Sandy Godsy - current balance \$516.41. see Treasurer’s report for details of income and expenses.
- **Membership Committee**
New Chair is Peggy Macedo; 41 current membership, 30 present
- **Ways & Means Committee**
Still Need a volunteer to Chair
- **Programs Committee**
Marion Dorman reported on the Trip to Dunedin’s Fine Arts Center, this past week, with 11 members. Lots of fun, Good eats at the “Lucky Dill” deli and shopping at Rainbow’s end.
- **Newsletter Editor**

- Terry Ogden now has a link for new members to learn more about their membership in the guild
- Minutes of General Meetings are on the website
- Next “Bits ‘n’ Pieces” up-date will be for Sept/October
- A suggestion was made to include pictures of members home work areas, just to give others ideas for organization etc.
- **Parliamentarian**
Marion Weeden explained to the members the use of the gavel according to Roberts Rules
- **Charity Outreach Committee**
Dianne Hysell made suggestions for charitable organizations in need in our area. We need to set-up sewing circles for this purpose, utilizing both Libraries.
- **Quilting Academy Coordinator**
Nina Ridgeway motioned to have the beginners classes held at a different day , and not to follow the monthly general meeting, second by Terry Ogden all voted in favor.
- **Librarian**
Negative report
- **Public Relations Committee**
Meeting information was published in the “*Hernando Times*” and “*Hernando Today*” submitted by Barbara Ogden
- **Special Events Committee**
We still need a chair, meanwhile Nina Ridgeway is filling in as chairperson for the Christmas Party. We need volunteers for favors etc.
Make and take items can be made for Garage sale at Brookridge is needed and sewing circles need to be organized for this purpose. Janet will donate Christmas napkin patterns, which are quick and easy to make. Barbara said she will email the members with the time, date and location of the sewing circles.
- **Webmaster**
See Terry’s Newsletter Report for more on the status of the website. A url code is necessary to enter the “Members Only” section. Terry will email members who do not know what the code is.

Reports of Special Committees: None.

Unfinished Business:

- Visitors Fees. Visitors will not be charged a fee for a first time visit. If visitor wishes to return they must join the guild and pay the dues. Completed
- Nina made a motioned not to allow visitors to buy and participate in the 50/50 raffle 2nd by Sandy Godsy vote 20 yeas 10 neas. Motion was approved. Completed
- Framework for Show and Tell and Banner tabled. The conduit was shown again to the members and its purpose described. Completed
- Board decided to postpone discussion of January’s renewal of dues until October, but the \$400.00 payment to the IRS for tax exempt status greatly decreases our coffers. Postponed until October.
- Date and time of the Quilting Academy is to be determined after today’s meeting. Postponed until September.
- Sister Guild “Black Forest Quilters Guild is still in the works. Postponed until September.
- We need to form groups to make items for the Brookridge Bazaar (garage sale). We still have our time slots at both libraries to meet and quilt and sew i.e. “Make and Take”.

President Barbara Ogden will be contacting individual members to help with this endeavor. We have the 17th and 24th of each month to use the library facilities Completed.

- QNC Banner blocks will be 8 inches finished, include the binding. The block should be something special about yourself. Completed.
- Sponsorship Program will be a 3 month commitment. If visitor is brought in by a member, we ask that the member sponsor them. If a visitor comes alone and joins our guild, the president will assign a sponsor. Completed.
- Charity Quilt for Sandy Labonte, Sandy Godsy is heading this project and gave a brief report. She will be meeting with Mrs. Labonte, who has given her permission to cut-up, as needed, her daughters clothing. Sandy needs volunteers to help sew it together. Time and place will be posted on the website. Completed.

New Business:

- Belinda Boncaro made a motion that the guild joins the Sunshine State Quilters Ass'n (SSQA), Janet Leadbetter 2nd motion and discussion ensued. Vote, 30 members voted in favored of joining. The motion was approved. Completed.
- Joining the National Quilting Ass'n was tabled. Postponed until January.

Other Activities:

- **Show and Tell**
 - Judy George, King size bed cover "Back to Nature" was started in January and just completed Good going Judy.
 - Belinda Boncaro, Stained glass wall hanging.
 - Beverly Boyce, Table runner hand appliqué and hand quilted.
 - Barbara Simmons, Lap quilt.
 - Marie Taverna, "Tea Party" appliqué.
 - Sharon Caudy, King sized Pin wheel bed cover.
 - Joyce Griffith displayed the following items: Table topper; bird wall hanging utilizing embroidery, and appliqué; Crazy quilt block; heart wall hanging; Fussy cut wall hanging crazy quilt pillow; and Celtic block. Joyce has volunteered to teach with the Quilting Academy.
 - Sally Cosenza, a placemat and twister table topper and chicken pot holders
- **Door Prize** Katia Davis won the quilting book
- **50/50** Winner of \$56.00 was Sharron Parent
- **Fat Quarters:** 18 fat quarters, 3 groups of 6 were won by Bobbie Lemay; Anna Terry and Marie Taverna
- **Block of the Month** The winner of 20 blocks of the month was Adele Maier

Adjourned at 12 noon

Submitted by Belinda Boncaro, Secretary