

# The Quilters of the Nature Coast

## General Membership Meeting Agenda September 14, 2011

### **Call to Order at 9:35 a.m.**

Quorum was verified. 31 members were present.

**Officers Present:** Barbara Ogden, President; Nina Ridgeway, Vice President; Belinda Boncaro, Secretary

**Officers Not Present:** Sandy Godsy, Treasurer

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introduction of New Members:** None.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

Betty Wilson, beginner quilter

Linda Wade, treadle quilter

Angie Milot, quilting since 2000

Kathy Norris

Carla Florido, new to quilting, specialty is heirloom hand quilting.

**Birthdays in September:** Carol Thibert.

**New Committee Chairs** –President Barbara Ogden gave a heartfelt thanks to our new volunteers. These new volunteers are; Membership (Peggy Macedo), Ways and Means (Adele Maier), Programs (Beverly Boyce), Public Relations (Joyce Griffith)

**Additional Thank You:** To *all* those who have helped so much pitching in and sewing things for our initial bazaar at Brookridge next month; Janet Leadbetter, Colleen Beckett, Janis Kadziejewski, Carol King, Joyce Griffith, Diane Cass, Rose DeMato, and Carol Thibert.

### **Special Announcements and Programs**

- **Display rack** in service. The back center panel is for our 'History Blocks' and our Banner. Banner will be ready for October's meeting. Display rack will be expanded as necessary to accommodate our needs. Our 8" blocks will go on the history panel which will be the main one in the back center.
- **Monthly Art Quilt Challenge and Display** – The guild will hold a monthly art quilt challenge. Members will be able to submit quilts each month. The quilts will be on display at GM meetings. Members will vote on their favorites. Selections will be made for first, second and third place and the winners will be displayed for a month in a display case prominently mounted in the Family Restaurant. The display case will be made and donated by Gordon Godsy, and will be mounted near the entrance door of the restaurant.
- **Job Descriptions** and some **Policies and Procedures** were approved by the EB and are posted in the Members Only section of website

- A new **Emergency Notification Plan** has been developed to be used in inclement weather and other emergency situations and is posted in the Members Only section of website. The plan will be up-dated as needed.
- **Nominating Committee** – Bylaws require election for President and Secretary in even-numbered years. The committee will be selected by EB in October (3 members) and overseen by Parliamentarian. The nominees selected by the committee will be presented to the membership in January, followed by an election in February and installation in March. We will be voting on the President and Secretary position in 2012.
- The Guild joined **Sunshine State Quilters Association (SSQA)**. They have been very helpful with the IRS and Florida paperwork. There is a link to their website on ours.
- Paperwork submitted to IRS on 8/31 for **Non-Profit Status**. Cost was \$400. After approval, we will submit request to State of Florida for Tax-Exempt status. The Check has been cashed so we appear to be on our way to non-profit status.
- The Guild submitted **Charitable Organization Registration Application** to Florida Dept of Agriculture.
- **Budget Process** begins in October and a Budget Committee needs to be appointed consisting of EB and others. Process was explained along with reason and purpose. Each committee chair will submit, a rough draft, their operating needs along with a projection of needs for the 2012 fiscal year.
- **“Country Register”** – is now available at this meeting for members. Pick one up and take it home.
- **Christmas Party** on 12/14. A menu selection with the 3 categories to choose, Salad, main course and vegetable were passed around and members made selections of their preferences. Totals will be tallied and presented to Mike for preparation for the party.
- **Wearing of Name Tags**. The Board adopted the mandatory wearing of name tags at guild meetings. Starting next month, a member who fails to wear his or her name tag would pay a fine of 50 cents or be asked to “Name that Block.” If he or she names the block correctly, no fine would be imposed.
- **Magazine Sale** – The Board approved the initiation of a monthly magazine sale at the GM meetings. Members would donate magazines they no longer wanted and they would be sold for 25 cents or 5 for \$1.00 Librarian Janet Leadbetter will be in charge of this activity, which will be located at the back of the room.
- Don't forget to **log your hours and donations**. Forms on website. Explanation provided by President Barbara Ogden. Individual time sheets need to be turned in at the end of the month. Therefore, start a new sheet for the month. At the meeting turns in the time sheet for the previous month. Group sewing will have a sheet for everyone to sign that is participating. These hours are not to be added to your individual hours on your time sheets. Must also have an explanation for the time, e.g. “finishing bazaar placemats.”

- **“Charter Member”** definition determined by EB to be those joining on or before July 4, 2011.

**Minutes of August 2011** were accepted as read.

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:**

- **Vice President** (Nina Ridgeway) No Report
- **Secretary** (Belinda Boncaro) No Report
- **Treasurer** (Barbara Ogden in lieu of Sandy Godsy) See attached report. Current balance before the deduction of the \$400.00 is \$716.60.
- **Membership Committee** (Marion Dorman in lieu of Peggy Macedo) 31 members and 5 visitors present.
- **Ways & Means Committee** (Adele Maier) 17 Fat Quarters to be raffled off.
- **Programs Committee** (Beverly Boyce) Needs help with suggestions for trips etc. Jackson trip is cancelled, too long for a day trip. The particulars for October’s trip to Trenton will be emailed to all members. November’s trip to Maitland via ASG is full but some seats may be available through the ASG.
- **Newsletter Editor** (Terry Ogden) provided the website address and will email members the “members only” website address.
- **Parliamentarian** (Marion Weeden) No Report.
- **Charity Outreach Committee** (Dianne Hysell) No Report.
- **Quilting Academy Coordinator** (Nina Ridgeway) Total of 3 more classes to go which will include sashing and borders. The Block of the month can be donated to a charity if the winner chooses to do so. We can also make a lap quilt if there is insufficient number of blocks for a quilt.
- **Librarian** (Janet Leadbetter) When completed the list of books available will be posted on the website.
- **Public Relations Committee** (Joyce Griffith) Joyce outlined her process for publicizing the Guild through use of various media.
- **Special Events Committee** (Nina Ridgeway) – **NEED CHAIRPERSON** President Barbara Ogden explained the purpose of a chair/committee. Marion Dorman announced a “Halloween Function at Pristine Place Club house. It will be a Pot luck luncheon. A committee is needed to set-up. We must also clean-up afterwards. There will be guessing games and Yankee Swap, 1 yard of fabric wrapped in newspaper. Food list was passed out for members to note what foods they are bring to the Halloween Function. The EB is responsible for desserts. Marion will bring in drinks. Please provide recipe cards of the food items so interested members can copy the receipt. Sheets went around for help crew and for member dish.
- **Historian** (Doris Trudeau) 1. The Club is on the table where the magazines are. She explained what would be contained in the album 2. The hand-made Christmas tree ornaments were discussed and pictures of previous Christmas trees decorated are displayed for all to see. At the party we will have a small tree 3 feet tall with white lights. For every tree decoration you make and bring in you will receive one 3. She is selling raffle tickets for a fall color crocheted Afghan. The winner will be selected at the Christmas Party.
- **Webmaster** (Terry Ogden) described in general what can be found on the website. Members section has the Policy and Procedures, By-laws, e-book (new), market place etc. In January new phone directory will be provided.

## Reports of Special Committees - None

### Unfinished Business

- **Renewal of dues** – The Executive Board voted to ask for renewal of dues in January (\$20). Also to prorate dues (\$10 from July thru December). Dues prorated this year beginning next month (October thru December) to \$10. President Barbara Ogden gave the following accounting of funds received and disbursed in explanation and justification of this decision. **Closed.**
  - Revenue of \$1084.00 (membership dues etc.)
  - Expenditures of \$701.59
  - Balance of \$382.41
  - Outstanding Expenses of ca. \$160 for contraption and \$150 for fabric.
  - Real balance of less than \$100
- **“Quilting for Beginner”** rescheduled for alternate Tuesdays 10 to 2 at TSCC a free course. There will be a charge for future courses. Opportunity for members to earn a bit of \$\$\$ for themselves and the guild. Next class September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. **Closed.**
- No response has been received to our offer to become a sister guild with Black Forest Quilters Guild. Other possibilities include guilds in the UK and other parts of the world. Janet has a connection to a member of a guild in the UK. She will approach her to see whether there is an interest or not. **Open.**

### New Business

- Doris Trudeau made a motion to have a raffle quilt displayed at the annual **Swamp Fest on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**. The motion was seconded by Belinda Boncaro. Discussion followed:
  1. Each member to bring in a pattern. The guild would put it together and we would display it at the swamp fest. The guild members are to capture the theme of the swamp fest when creating their blocks. A two man-team would rotate every two hours to man the table selling raffle tickets for this quilt. We need suggestions for size, color, once we find out the theme.
  2. We do not have much time to make and sell the quilt.
  3. We need to sell tickets before the Swamp Fest and have the SSQA post a picture of the quilt in the newsletter.
  4. We will have the drawing of the quilt in July of 2012, which allow for additional time to sell tickets
  5. Special Events Chair person, Beverly Boyce will be in charge.**The motion was approved unanimously. Closed.**
- President Barbara Ogden suggested the idea of a **BBQ at Linda Pedersen Park**, April 11. The cost for the Pavilion is \$42.00 for half-day use. Pavilion has a grill, electric and roof. A motion to do so was made by Terry Ogden and Adele Maier seconded the motion. Discussion followed:
  1. Spouses will be included as guest with a small fee

2. The park is located on Shoreline Blvd across from Jenkins Creek
3. This BBQ will replace the April GM for 2012.

**The motion was approved unanimously. Closed.**

- The idea of a **Demo Day** every 3 or 4 months highlighting courses that could be taught and following a GM meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available at each Demo Day to enroll in the class to see who would be interested in learning to make each demo project. Diane Hysell made a motion to initiate this procedure and Colleen Beckett seconded the motion discussion:

1. Sign-up sheets will be available at the demos for future classes
2. Anyone with an expertise should volunteer to do a demo

**The motion was approved unanimously. Closed.**

#### **Other Activities:**

- Show and Tell:
  - Colleen Beckett, Table set
  - Carla Florido, Dresden Plate quilt made from Aunts and mothers old dresses
  - Angie Milot Flowers and bird quilt
  - Doris Trudeau, Hot pads and table cover, 50 years old tree skirt.
  - Diane Hysell who is an experienced long-arm quilter made the Star and teddy bear quilt
  - Pearl King displayed a paper-pieced quilt started in 1995
  - Adele Maier brought in a quilt which was hand quilted and took four months to complete
  - Carla Florido brought in a quilt that was started by her maternal grandmother. Carla finished it by hand quilting.
  - Diane Cass brought in a wall hanging
  - Sally Cosenza also brought in a quilt.
  - Beverly Boyce, table runner
  - Janice Radziejewski, table topper "status"
- Door Prize Raffle was won by Dorothy Abraham
- 50/50 Raffle collected \$39.50. Barbara Simmons won the 50/50 and collected \$20.00 which she donated to the guild.
- Fat Quarter Raffle Barbara Simmons won 10 fat quarters and Janice Radziejewski won 11 fat quarters.
- Block of the Month Raffle won by Sharon Caudy
- Marion Weeden did a demo on cathedral windows.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.