

REQG General Meeting – October 10, 2011
Meeting held at the home of President Susie Freese

The meeting was called to order by President Susie Freese at 6:35PM. Those members present were: Kathi Branum Susie Freese, Nancy Frost, Amy Gomes, Janae Gosselin, Mary Hall, Mimi Mace, Cheryl Pekar, Lorna Richardson, Maggie Stimson, Wanda Wahlund, and Gayleen Smith

President—Susie welcomed us to her home. Susie reported that she reviewed contracts with Redwood Acres and received some concessions amounting to a \$1000 credit for the Guild.

Correspondence—Newsletters were sent by various guilds and a notice was received from the Clarke Museum.

Treasurer—Wanda passed out a packet of budget related information. Wanda answered questions and the packet was discussed by those present. Any questions about the budget or reports should be directed to Wanda. Wanda also noted a problem being able to upload reports for the newsletter. The Guild's version of QuickBooks may need to be updated.

1st Vice Presidents— Gladys was unable to attend the meeting, however, she sent in the following report-- For the November meeting we have 6 - 7 people signed up to do gift idea demonstrations. Our projects include Kindle covers, Reversible bag, Redwork pincushions, Jewelry gift bags, Heart earring holder, potholder and bath salts. In addition we have 10 people signed up to sell their wares at the Marketplace. December meeting will be holiday potluck, Bakes Sale to benefit Food for People.

2nd Vice President—Amy reported that the classes went well and she commented on what a wonderful job Jeannie Buerer did serving as hostess to Maggie Ball. At the meeting, Maggie passed around a bowl for donations for a lighting project for Manchuria. \$411 was raised and as a gift to the Guild, she left a wall hanging. It was decided to offer the wall hanging as a raffle prize with tickets being sold at the November and December meeting. Ticket prices will be \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Funds raised from the raffle will be designated for the improved lighting at Redwood Acres.

Pat Sloan will be coming in February. She will send three quilts for viewing by the members at the November meeting. Due to the price of nationally known guest speakers, which can be as much as several thousand dollars, next year the guild will sponsor classes and presentation by local artists.

Secretary—Mimi moved that the minutes from August 8, 2011, be approved. Kathi seconded the motion. Approved. Cheryl moved that the minutes from September 12, 2011, be approved. Mimi seconded the motion. Approved.

Parliamentarian/Sunshine—Kathi reported that at the beginning of the next guild meeting she will ask that cell phones be turned off. Kathi will put an article in the newsletter explaining what the duties of the Sunshine person are.

Community Liaison— Mimi reported that the Hospice program, "We Honor Veterans" received 7 more quilts to make a total of 30. Their program was launched last week. 7 more quilts were delivered to the Veteran's Resource Center bringing their total to 34. Mimi reported that one more quilt will be done within two weeks for the Veterans. This past month she handed out 47 kits and had 42 projects turned in. She noted that the AccuCutter has been a real help to make up the kits for Community Quilts. 100 yards of fabric was recently purchased at a yard sale for Community quilts. Susie will pick up some red, white, and blue bundles for Hospice quilts.

Membership—Maggie reported that 136 people attended the October meeting which included: 6 businesses, and 11 guests, The current total membership for the guild is currently 185 people. Maggie stated that it worked well to have the marketplace on the other side of the building—more sales were made.

Publicity---Mary reported that a picture she took of quilts donated to the Red Cross was in the Sunday newspaper

Quilt Show 2013---Cheryl reported on a preliminary meeting held on September 26 to discuss possible changes and improvements for the quilt show. Some discussion items included: eliminating the Viewer's Choice and replacing with a Volunteer's Choice Award which would be voted on on Friday, and the recipients would have ribbons placed on Saturday before the show so everyone could see who won the awards. Eliminating door prizes help streamline the program distribution process, relieve the vendor's of having to provide these donations, and saving a member from having to procure donations from other businesses. The Facility Liaison Chair would now include the facility, security, and Redwood Acres liaison, and may be handled by a committee

with one Chair of that committee. The Poster Chair could be placed under Publicity to get a consistent message and this Chair position could also have sub-committee members. Eliminate the Secretary of the Quilt Show position. The reception would be eliminated but there still would be a preview night. As Chair of the Quilt Show, Cheryl reminded that she is looking for input to continually make a better show. The Wearables and Free Form items would not be in a separate space but be dispersed throughout the show area. Cheryl is in discussion with Nancy Ingram regarding the Children's Area.

The timing on Friday will change with volunteers starting at 7:30AM and hanging quilts would start at 8AM. The volunteers would be out of the Main Building by 10AM so that the vendors could start setting up at 10AM. The Vendor Dinner would be at 5PM and the Preview would be held from 6-8:30PM. Discussion is continuing on whether volunteer hours could be accumulated by working on the Opportunity Quilt and on selling raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Several other items were discussed including: Children under 12 can attend for free and sending out Save-the-Date postcards; Anyone interested in a Quilt Show Committee Chair position should contact Cheryl. Comments should be forwarded to Cheryl,

Block of the Month—Janea reported that she received six blocks this month. Several people have asked her to provide the Block of the Month patterns at the table one month before they are due and she will do that on a limited basis.

Doll Quilts—We have only 133 doll quilts. There will be a strong plea to the members to please submit doll quilts so we can meet our goal of 300 doll quilts.

Fat Quarter—Susie reported that people liked the handout with the listing of the fat quarter requirements for the entire year.

Hospitality—Susie noted that Bridgett and Judy DeGraff did a very nice job for the last meeting.

Opportunity Quilt 2013—Joyce Dollar has agreed to take this on.

Premie Quilts—Ruth sent several premie quilts to San Francisco.

Raffle Table—Margaret Harrison will be taking over the Raffle Table.

Show & Tell—There will now be a three item limit for Show and Tell.

OLD BUSINESS

Plaza Design—Maggie stated that Plaza Design is requesting more bags of all types. She has some bags that she only needs to attach handles to. They would like them to sell for the Christmas season.

National Quilt Weekend—The Guild's National Quilt Weekend will be on March 16, 17, and 18 and Redwood Acres has been booked for this event. Nancy moved that the price be increased to \$35 per person. Cheryl seconded the motion. Approved The increase in price would better cover the cost of the facility which is much improved over last year. Discussion continued on the event including items for the goodie bags which Susie will pick up. The raffle prizes will be discontinued.

Yard Sale—Set-up for the yard sale will be Friday, October 21, with the sale being held on Saturday. An ad was placed in the Eel River and Moonstone guilds' newsletters. Wanda, Mimi, Nancy, and Susie will help sell. Cheryl volunteered to help set-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Facebook—A member has suggested that the guild have a page on Facebook. Mary stated that we did have a page for the Quilt Show. Mary volunteered to work on keeping the Facebook account updated and Cheryl said that she would assist Mary. It was suggested that a current Facebook page might be a tool to recruit younger members.

Quilt Information Sheet—Mimi has put together an information sheet to help educate the public on the amount of work involved in making quilts and a estimate of the cost of providing quilts—in fabric, supplies, time, etc. Susie handed out an abbreviated version when she presented information on the Guild at the Soroptomist meeting. After discussion it was it was decided to change the information sheet to read that it could take up to 3 months to make a quilt to more accurately reflect the work needed to make a quilt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayleen Smith, Secretary

REMINDER—December meeting will be on December 8 NOT December 1.