

## Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County

General Meeting June 3, 2014 at Grass Valley Charter School

President Anne Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. President Anne then read the Purpose of the Guild from our By-Laws.

The visiting opportunity quilts from River City Quilters' Guild and from Golden Valley Quilt Guild were welcomed.

There was a "thank you" presentation to Lettie Lewis and Valerie Hixson for fifteen years of service to the Quilt Show by running the Country Store.

Announcements: Now is the time to sign-up to white glove at the fair. A four-hour shift gets you free admission and a parking pass. See Judy Johnston or Cathy Stone.

Anne announced that Frances O'Brien has clue #4 for the Mystery Quilt.

Judy Vaughn, Program Chair, announced the September speaker workshop is scheduled to be on Hawaiian Quilting. If you host an out-of-town speaker, you will receive a ticket for a free workshop.

Nancyan Tracy, Picnic Chair, announced the July picnic is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> at the LDS church pavilion, starting at 6:00 PM. It will be a potluck.

Lois Hodges, Challenge Chair, announced the new theme, "Time". The reveal will be at next March's meeting.

Marjorie McConnell, Community Service Chair, thanked the long-arm quilters who have helped-out so much in the last few years. New labels are being printed; they should be less prone to fading. Many lovely small quilts are available for quilting on home machines for Community Service. We would like donations of children's books and of personal care items for our end-of-year giving. Each time you donate, or help on a workday, your name goes into a drawing.

Opportunity Quilt: Marjorie announced she is planning to be at Cornish Christmas with the quilt and selling tickets.

Cookbooks: Marjorie reported we made between \$700 and \$800. We sold 222, donated one have two left for sale.

Betty Maddox, Home Workshops Chair, announced the next class will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (6/26). Ardy Tobin will be sharing skills—borders, bindings facings, sleeves. The hours are 9:30 to 2:00. There will be a July workshop. Lettie Lewis will teach a "1500s" variation made with forty 2 ½" strips.

Kris Cook, Membership Chair, announced we have 87 members attending tonight and a few guests.

Cathy Stone and Sharon Alves, from the 2015 Opportunity Quilt Committee, showed the new postcards. They are taking sign-ups for white gloving at the fair. This includes selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. We also have the Christmas Craft Fair on Thanksgiving weekend. We need people to chair and/or be responsible for one event or one day.

Christine Barnes, Sharon Alves, Heidi Emmett and Sandra Bruce, Artistic Alchemy, announced their retreat this fall. Christine announced her class on transparency at Sugar Pine Quilt Shop June 21 & 22. Sandra will be teaching her "Color Dance" quilt June 29 at Sugar Pine.

Lorna Straka, 2014 Opportunity Quilt Marketing Chair, reported that she had taken the quilt to 12 guilds and other members took the quilt to 3 other guilds. Lorna reminded us to support visiting opportunity quilts as other guilds have supported us.

Pat Gillings, Scholarship Chair, introduced Kiana Craft, one of this year's scholarship recipients. Kiana thanked the guild and spoke about her future plans. She also showed some of her drawings. The other recipient, Bryna Farwell, is still in school out of state and was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Jeannie Ferguson, Patchwork Star Reporter, introduced Trish Morris-Plise. Trish showed some of her work and talked about inspirations from having lived in Hawaii and from a recent class on mosaic quilting with Sandra Bruce.

Show and Tell: A group of quilters from Lake Wildwood showed quilts they are donating to Community Service. Nancyan showed a quilt she made with her mother when she was in high school and reminded us to refold quilts in slightly different ways, or holes can result over time. Linda Reeve showed a quilt she had finished, made from purchased Amish squares. The Home Workshop class, taught by Marjorie McConnell, showed their hexagon table toppers. The Home Workshop class, taught by Carole Hribal, showed their strip-pieced star quilts. Marcia Lyon showed a quilt she made from Bali-pops.

After the break, the drawings for Mystery Gift and Quarter Yard Club were held.

Judy Vaughn introduced our speaker, Merrilyn Scott, who spoke on the topic of "Essential Embellishments". Ms. Scott defined essential as "necessary, of high importance" and embellishment as "unnecessary, ornamental, adds grace, class, character". In considering embellishments, we were asked to keep in mind two important precepts: the purpose of the quilt and the personality of the recipient. Essential embellishment adds to the story. Ms. Scott discussed many types of embellishment, from applique to thread. She brought in history and pre-history (beads go back to the middle stone age). She talked about our own 2015 Opportunity Quilt and also showed quilts illustrating many of these techniques.

Reminders: the next Board meeting is Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> at Eskaton. The next Quilt Show Committee meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup> in Lake Wildwood. The next general meeting is the Picnic on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Latter Day Saints pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Robertson, Secretary.