Quilt Show Meeting September 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Sue Miller at 12:58. Members present were Judy Hamilton, Ruth Bertaccini, Susanne Haislet Lillian Glaeser, Laura Greenman, Michaele King, Vaughn Marie Rodriguez, Sherri Doerr, Susie Hardy, Kris Cook, Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, Joan Mosley, Kathy Mollet, Desiree Davila, Holly Miner, Sue Miller, and Sophia Day.

Sue began the meeting by introducing the Quilt Show leadership team for 2025: Desiree Davila, Sue Miller, Sophia Day, Holly Miner and Beth Stagner. They will be sharing the responsibilities of overseeing this year's show. Treasurer Kathy Mollet volunteered to fill-in when needed for any extra responsibilities.

OLD BUSINESS

The topic of percentage of profits from the Country Store was revisited. Sophia gave a brief overview of the history of the increase from 15% to 20%. There was a revenue drop and an increase in expenses in 2019, so we asked the vendors of the Country Store to give 20% of their profits to the Guild. It has been suggested to President Jeanne Pincha-Tulley in 2025 by a number of members, that the amount be dropped to 15%. There was a concern voiced by some that the Guild did not need a profit with \$81,000 in the bank. Holly suggested that we should be thoughtful at how we look at our budget and the total affect on our income. Kathy Mollet said that for the current year budget it would consume \$14,030 of our cash reserve although was quick to note that for the current year it is projected to be less than that at around \$6,000 to \$7000 which would bring our cash reserves down to about \$75000. After much discussion back-and-forth, we came down to three options: lower the percentage requested by vendors to 15%, keep it at 20%, or keep it at 20% but with a cap. It was decided to go with 15% this year, but to revisit this amount each year.

The next topic was to develop a theme for this year's quilt show. A number of possible ideas were given; many of them related to honoring women. We also wanted to incorporate the idea of building community and honoring all of the fabric arts.

The following themes were discussed:

The Year of Women.
Honoring Women
Women of Quilting.
Celebrating Women of Quilting.
40th Quilt Show Celebrating Community.
Building Community Through Quilting Arts.
A Community of Quilters.
Fabric Arts
A "Sewrority" of Quilters
Fabric Arts – Building Community

The final vote was for Fabric Arts – Building Community.

Holly said that she would be working with Laura Waag, a new member of the graphic arts committee, to develop a logo to go with this theme.

New Business

Sophia shared information regarding two new categories for judging: Panels and Modern quilts.

There was also some clarification regarding beginning quilters, which is less than four quilts made, intermediate quilters which is more than four made, and advanced, which will be defined as someone having won three or more intermediate first place ribbons..

The judging location this year may change as our current contact person for the LDS church may not be available. Beth explained that the fairgrounds will be available for \$300. Sophia added that it may be possible to do intake and judging all in one day. (Thursday) Kathy Mollet added that we may need to offset the expense somewhere else in the budget. Jeanne added that we need to explain to members that the parking next to the judging is for the disabled. We can use gate four, which has plenty of parking.

The featured quilter display will be different this year, honoring featured quilters from all 40 years of our Quilt show. We will try to contact and represent as many of them as we can. An added note: Velda Newman's Fourth of July Quilt will be displayed, but the location is to be determined.

Vaughn brought up the topic of a special thank you to Eskaton for allowing us to use their meeting room. She came up with the idea of helping with some of their fund raisers and will look into a calendar of events that could use our help.

Budget

Kathy Mollet shared information regarding last year's expenses and what we might need for this year. With that in mind, she has made up a possible budget and will have more information at our October meeting. She asked us all to look over the proposal. This is especially important for new committee chairs to get an idea of what they have to work with. It is also necessary for the Guild budget planning.

Sue Miller announced that entries will open on February 1 and conclude on April 4.

Holly announced that she is upgrading the website to handle monetary transactions and automate information. We should be able to renew our memberships online.

Susanne Haislet asked what leadership jobs are open as she wants to be part of the 2027 Quilt show team.

Committee reports:

Silent auction - an article has been sent to the newsletter

Awards and ballots-we do not have judges yet, but are in the process of locating them. Sophia suggested that the committee look at the NCQC site for possible judges. Judging will need some new ribbons this year.

Basket committee has not started yet, but will be led by Mariah Bath and Ruth Bertaccini this year.

The café will have the same wonderful caterer as last year. We are all happy to hear that.

Country Store - Lillian announced that she already has 22 vendors signed up and that she will put the 15% fee information in the newsletter.

Kathy will be unable to chair the display maker committee. Sue will check with Paula and Ingrid to see if they will lead it.

Equipment - Holly Miner volunteered to be Chair. Michaele reminded us that committee chairs must mark everything and take inventory of all of their stuff before putting it in storage.

Graphics - Holly told us that we have a new member, Laura Wagg, added to the graphics committee and that she is a professional graphic designer. Some new signs will be made.

Layout- no information right now.

Mountain Art Quilters - nothing right now.

Programs - graphic designer Laura Wagg will be taking over programs

Signs - Holly wants a new banner indicating the location of Ponderosa Hall.

Quilt entry - nothing for now.

Publicity - our team will be meeting in late October or early November to come up with a plan for this year.

Intake - we will be streamlining our process.

Set up and takedown - we will need a new leader this year to direct us on Thursday and Friday.

Vendors - we have three coming so far and one unable to return this year, but will hopefully be back next year. Emails have been sent out.

Volunteers- nothing to report

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Joan Mosley (Filling in for Beth Stagner)