

# Common Threads Board Meeting

January 7, 2012

Attendees: Linda Weger, Kathy Gordon, Catie Gynn, Marsha Beane, Karen Zimmerman, Claire Paul, Janet Armstrong, Vicky Price, Nikki O' Reilly, Kathy Myers, Jenny Myers, Karla Zadnik, Brenda Myers, Bert Ward, Deb Ruth, Patty Merry, Bev Fuchs, Laura McLaughlin

## Programs for 2012:

January:

- Board members be upbeat, enthusiastic. Engage someone in 5-10 min. conversation whom you do not know.
- **If you've made something using the Twister Ruler, bring it for show and tell.** Karen Zimmerman will do a demo.
- Board will be introduced. **Bring one of your earliest quilts.**
- Kathy Gordon made a brochure with all programs & 5 workshops, everyone will get one. We need people to host/drive this year's speakers.

February:

- The meeting will be at Aladdin Shrine.
- JoAnne Lester will speak about James Stitching Sisters, how they got started, where they are today, how we can help.
- Guild members can donate fabric – they need cuter, prettier ones. Maybe coordinated fat quarters. **Catie will send sizes needed; Claire will put in newsletter.**
- At Feb meeting, announce Fab-BRA Kada-BRA challenge. Categories for cancer awareness. To be displayed at July picnic meeting.
- Board members – make a 9-patch for Kathy Keeler, Deb's son's friend diagnosed with cancer. 12 ½" finished block, pastels and white/cream; pastel fabrics in the corners and center. **Bring to January meeting.**

March:

- Karen Montgomery. She does 60 degree table runners and has a shop in PA.
- **Bring a table runner if you've made one—to make her smile!**
- Workshop the next day on Sea Glass.

April:

- Debra Gabel, trunk show, postage stamp quilts.
- Workshop the next day at Quilt Beginnings on fusible raw edge appliqué poppy. – limited to 18 people. May move to north store to fit more people.
- Cathy Daum is covering her expenses and hosting/driving her.
- Put website in the newsletter: [www.zebrapatterns.com](http://www.zebrapatterns.com)

May:

- Bonnie Hunter speaking on "scrap user's system."
- Workshop the next day – make a Sister's Choice quilt. Also limited, may add another day.
- Catie volunteers to drive her around.

June:

- Gail Wadley – EQ software
- Workshop Saturday!

July:

- Potluck picnic
- “Jingle Bells in July”
- Fundraiser – sell your UFO’s
- Challenge reveal

August:

- Linda French – machine quilting on your domestic machine.
- Trunk show
- Workshop the next day

September:

- Quilt Show – Karla is chairman
- Karla will confirm facility availability with Gloria.
- Free admission, raise \$ with basket raffle. Must be present to win.
- Karla will be the only intake person – 3 possible locations.
- Karla will revise the entry form and have ability to choose categories.
- Will do a program again, and ask people to write longer descriptions.
- 60 quilts is about capacity; we will limit to 2 quilts per person.
- Outtake procedure, refreshments, racks, all the same as last time, but no extenders.
- Karla will announce at every meeting.
- Helpers needed – it’s lots of fun.

October:

- Fright Night and Chili cookoff.
- Kathy will make beaded scissor fobs for chili entrants.
- Costume contest
- Scary sewing sale
- Witch costumes for board members?

November:

- Not sure we can get church – Gloria working on Nov 27.
- Quilt Diva Demo night - 5 people do demos, rotate stations.

**General:**

- Board meetings will be before the guild meetings, at the church in a different room. No board meeting before Jan meeting.
- Janice Pryor will be there at 6:30 for membership.
- Catie will coordinate raffle quilt for the quilt show -- send her ideas. Start 2 years early next time!!

- Catie will coordinate forming friendship groups – based on where you live, or what you're interested in, or when you want to meet.

### **Location Trouble:**

- Gloria is our liaison with the church, building a relationship. Good for this year.
- May be a building program next year, and we might have to find another place.
- We want to keep it in Bexley.
- VPs – Brenda and Marty will form a committee to research this. Email them any ideas you have.

### **Workshops:**

- All at Mifflin Presbyterian except April Debra Gabel is at Quilt Beginnings.
- Will be on the brochure, and mentioned at every meeting.
- Pricing: \$40; Bonnie Hunter \$45
- \$10 more for non-members.
- Better marketing and links on the website, to encourage attendance.
- Members can sign up starting January meeting

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Ways & Means:

- Finger foods for January meeting, \$3. Kathy Myers will organize.
- Dinners in March, May, November. All dinners start at 6:15.
- Cocktails at the Conservatory in December? Jenny will research.

#### Swaps & Exchanges:

- Vicky will do a broadcast email after each meeting, with a link to the block or swap, pictures if possible. Encourage questions. Sensitive to making directions easy for beginners to understand.
- Vicky will get more helpers so she doesn't miss the whole meeting sorting in the back.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Bert submitted final financial report for 2011 and proposed budget for 2012.
- VPs need to know this year how much they can spend hiring speakers. They start with \$5000, and may add more towards end of 2012.

#### Membership Dues:

- It has been \$25 since the guild was started 12 years ago. We cannot raise it without changing the Bylaws.
- Our dues are in line with other local guilds, but if we have so many big name speakers, we may need more money in future.
- This year, we will work on changing Bylaws to read the Board sets the dues amount. Kathy Gordon will pursue this.

#### Service Quilts:

- Sewing day at Jackie's church Jan 28. 9-5, bring lunch or go out. Morning work on charity items – Melissa Bailey pillows for school. Your own projects in afternoon. **Claire put this in January newsletter.**
- **Weyland Park Moms to Be. Vicky/Marsha met the woman, Twinkle French. Inspirational. They will send link. And ask her to speak at a meeting.**
- Bev asked how does she decide to change or add new charities? Bev can recommend, and the Board can agree. This will back her up. We like having lots of choices.

#### Retreats:

- Dates are: May 4,5,6 in Berlin. September 21, 22, 23 in Coshocton.
- Brenda and Marty have been asked to extend the retreat another day. It's complicated. They will arrange with the hotel to give us the group rate, and individuals can come a day early or stay a day late. Sewing room will be available all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Brenda will confirm this with the hotel before announcing it. Retreat sign-ups will begin at February meeting.
- Janet Armstrong will be taking over retreats when Brenda and Marty become co-presidents.

#### Bus Trip:

- Kathy Myers, Jenny Myers, and Vicky Price are chairmen.
- Cost will be \$325 per person. Jenny passed around a schedule.
- The bus will have WiFi.
- Jenny will announce people donate door prizes in advance.

#### Misc:

- Sign ups for bus trip, retreats, workshops, swaps, will be in the back with the person there to answer questions. More organized and easy for members to figure out.
- We don't know if there will be a Mystery Quilt this year.
- Copy Patty on newsletter items.
- Recognize Charter Members. – **Patty will give names to Linda.**