

Welcome and greetings from your newsletter editors from sunny Florida. Pat is just finishing up a quilt, and Jan has been working with her deceased brother's shirts. Life is good. You folks up there in the cold please stay healthy. And no falling.

Calendar

February 19 – *Movie Night* -- "How to Make an American Quilt" – starts promptly at 7 pm.

February 26 – Circle

March 1-4 – Stella Niagara Retreat

March 5 – Business Meeting

March 12 – Steering Committee Meeting

Happy Birthday to:

Joyce Fyda ~ February 20

Joan Schmidt ~ February 26

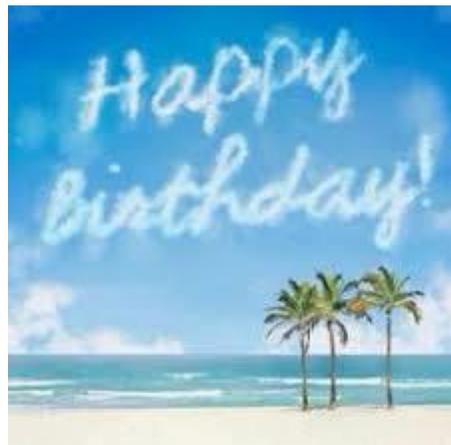
Linda Swanekamp ~ March 3

Have a SUPER day!!!

Minutes of KQG Business Meeting, February 5, 2018

The meeting began @ 7:02p with 29 members in attendance.

Marti Kovach is officiating the meeting tonight, while Jan Farrell is vacationing in FL with Pat McDonald.



Refreshments - with appreciation snacks were provided by Janet Kuebler, Marcia Brock, Gail Sexton and Barbara Burns. Lillian Domagala set up coffee/tea, etc. with a little help from her friends. Thank you to all.

Sunshine & Shadows – Joyce Bruyere

- Pat Zimmerman has pneumonia. We passed a card, full of encouragement, for her quick return to health.
- Another card was sent to Merriejann Miller to let her know we miss her during the winter months, while she cannot attend meetings.
- After the meeting, on February 8, Linda Swanekamp had a heart attack. She says she can't say enough wonderful things about the Town of Tonawanda paramedics; they were great. They took her to the hospital and she had two stents inserted a few days apart and came home Tuesday evening. She is quite tired. She doesn't watch TV and didn't have any handwork to do in the hospital, her husband would not bring her featherweight into the hospital, which she thought would fit very nicely on the overbed table. It was the first time she'd been bored in a long time.

Reports

- **Secretary:** Mary Kedzierski – The minutes from the last meeting were approved by a motion from Reggie Daruszka and Carolyn Bonji.
- **Treasurer:** Sharon Goulet – Beginning balance, \$6789.55, additions + \$925. for dues . For a bank total = \$7714.55. Petty cash beginning balance, \$635.75, subtractions - \$102.69 for Program committee, -\$65.23 for 2 cutting mats. Petty cash total = \$ 467.83 Total treasury= \$8182.38
- **Consortium** : Reggie Daruszka & Marti Kovach – See Reggie for passports, \$5. each. There are openings for Sept. classes by teacher Ricki Salva. Each class is a 2 day event, Sept. 14&15 at Horseheads, NY. Tuition - \$120.per class. Classes are Altered Cloth and Painting with Patches.
- **Stella Niagara** : Sharon Goulet – March 1 – 4. See Sharon with any questions.
- **Programs** : Elizabeth Kerchner & Linda Swanekamp – Feb. 19, Linda will teach us about sewing machine care, Aids, Feet, Parts, Supplies, and how sewing machines work. There is a correction for the April programs. Our circle meeting will be April 16, and the trunk show will be the 23.

Raffle Quilt : Robi Witulski – Some of us making the blocks need extra fabric to complete the blocks.

Old Business

- Linear Blocks Workshop with Maria Shell, Sun. April 22. 10a. Polish Falcons Hall, 445 Colombia Ave. Depew. \$75. Includes lunch.

New Business

- Steering committee meeting – Feb. 12, 7 pm.
- Mystery quilt reveal. Participants, Marcia Brock, Janet Kuebler, Paula Kulwanoski, Carolyn Bongi, Lillian Domagala, Linda Swanekamp, Marti Kovach. FYI, Elizabeth Kerchner designed and wrote the clues for this mystery quilt.
- FYI – Linda Swanekamp has a blog site: <http://artinsearch.blogspot.com/>

Show & Share : Mariann Scoma, Barbara McClure, Barbara Phelan, Kathy Reitz, Betty Zebrowski, Marcia Brock, and Marti Kovach.

- Martha Falsone also shared information about Stitch Buffalo and their new program Second Stitch. For more details see the e-mail from Martha, sent by Jan Farrell.

Meeting ended @ 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Kedzierski, Secretary

Steering Committee Report

From Marti:

- We discussed Linda's health and decided the guild will send something when she gets home. According to Elizabeth, she was in a room with a roommate who watches TV a lot, and loudly. She basically is getting cabin fever from not being able to do anything.
- In lieu of her planned machine maintenance planned for next week, we will have a movie night. We will be showing "How to Make an American Quilt". There will be popcorn and pop, too! This is a two-hour movie, so will start promptly at seven pm. We will be activating the telephone tree to inform members of the change and are asking Jan to send an email also.
- We discussed the website issues. Our new member Mary Lee has taken it over. We did decide to have a member only section, with a 'password' that we will all know. It will be Mang4us. Mary Lee will try it. We voted down being on Facebook. We will be having space to archive the newsletters and have pictures, hopefully of show and tell as well as archived show photos. We may include some recipes, too, and are asking that when you bring a treat to take a picture of the recipe with your phone and email it to the newsletter people and/or the website person.
- The April workshop with Marija will feature a technique for making three dimensional flying geese. It was decided that this is more transferable to various projects than bargello would be. Elizabeth will be in contact with Marija for the fee and supply list.
- Switching the circle and program meetings for April. Trunk show on April 23, Circle on the 16th.

Miscellaneous

- Bernie Steinkirchner, Camille Klein, Betty Robins, and Pat Zimmerman have signed up to bring refreshments to the March business meeting. Thank you, ladies!

Letter from the President and her sidekick, Pat McD

Thank you to everyone who is taking care of the guild in our absence. We feel like we want to be there to help all the sickies, and to go to all the meetings, and in general be part of things. But then we check the weather back there and say, "nah."

We are having a grand time on our trip. We left on January 23, a cold and rainy Tuesday, and arrived in Largo, Florida on Friday, January 26. We had time to unpack and have Elaine, my sister-in-law, drive us around to see the sights. On Sunday it rained so hard that we thought maybe we should have stayed home, but Monday was nice. And then we got the call that Elaine had fallen and was being taken to the hospital. We typed the name of the hospital into my iPhone, followed the directions, and met her in the emergency room. After x-rays it turned out that she broke her hip. She had hip replacement surgery the next day and came home on Friday.

It's a good thing we were here; Pat is taking care of the dog, and I am taking care of Elaine. Two weeks later she is doing much better, walking very well with a walker, minimal pain, but no driving and still afraid to walk anywhere alone. While I was up at the hospital with Elaine, Pat was back here at the condo, sewing. I am jealous of all she accomplished. She is sewing the binding on a quilt right now while I finish up this newsletter. Elaine is doing art projects, and I am cooking and sewing. We are three women sharing a condo in Florida, kind of like the Golden Girls TV show. But without men, LOL!

We did find SEVERAL sewing stores down here... Rainbow's End in Dunedin with 35% off all fabric on bolts and all fat quarters for the month of March. It is a quilter's mecca – 20,000 bolts of fabric, one room with just Christmas fabrics. We had fun shopping there, twice! We found another store in St. Petersburg that was fun, Jay's Fabrics, they had some fabric I'd never seen before, panels. You know I love panels, right? I buy them and put them in a box! Someday I will make something. At least that's what I tell myself.

Hearing the news of Linda and Pat Zimmerman was disheartening. We wish you both well. Seriously GET WELL!

Did you hear that Westminster Fabrics is closing down? They produced the Kaffe Fassett line, Amy Butler, Tula Pink, and Anna Marie Horner amongst others. Here's a link to their message:
<http://www.freespiritfabrics.com/coatsb2b/en/message-freespirit>

Also, if you check Linda's blog, <http://artinsearch.blogspot.com/> you will find that she describes her heart attack in the most recent post.

We've been entertained by several quilters. Shirley Spriegel had us for dinner the first week we were here, and we are going again tonight and bringing Elaine. Linda Hunter had us to the place she rents at the beach on Treasure Island for lunch and a frolic in the sand. She's invited us back next week to go to a craft show and the beach.

So although we ended up caretakers, we are still having fun. We are going to spend two nights with Susan Holt in Fort Myers, and then go to Miami to spend two nights with my former neighbor. It is running 10 degrees hotter than normal here; thank god we have a pool. And a fan. If you want to keep up with us, friend us on Facebook. Lots of photos there.

Sending love to all of you in the snow from the sunny south.

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