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SCRAPS FROM THE KQ GUILD PRESIDENT

BY LAURA RICHTER, PRESIDENT

Welcome to February, the 2nd month of the year, although it still feels like January since it is cold and dreary. We must remember to just get through the short month of February and Spring should be here. Maybe I should say that March will be here and most of the below zero weather may be gone.

Since we are only into 2022 for one month, I am wondering if you have been able to keep up with any New Year's resolutions? Truthfully, I never really made any new resolutions as I am still trying to enact some things from last year. The stack of UFO's is beginning to take up too much room even though I have tried to reorganize my overflow room. It does look better but the projects did not magically get done during the reorg. This week, I took my first step towards working on my UFO's. I picked out a small one that needed quilting and have the quilting almost done. This is a workshop that dated back to 2017! One of the other resolutions I made last Fall was that every time I attend a workshop, I am going to continue working on it until the piecing is at least done. I have finished piecing the last 3 projects and they are quilted, now for the binding and label.

Sounds like I am well on my way to finishing it all, right? Well, it just so happens that my February magazine of American Patchwork and Quilting has an article titled 'The Ultimate Guide to Tackling your UFOs'. It contained information on getting organized, setting clear goals, tracking your progress, and even using the buddy system and rewarding yourself when a project is finished. But an aside was titled 'I Don't Love the Project Anymore: Now What?'. This was especially interesting as the leading statement was pointing out the fact that you may not be sure that the UFO is worth the time and money to finish. Maybe the event for which the project was intended has passed such as a wedding or birth of the baby. So here are a



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NEXT MEETING DATE:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
9:00 am Workshop
6:30 pm Refreshments
7:00 pm Meeting

MEETING LOCATION:
Bethlehem Lutheran
Church
4000 Hudson Road
Cedar Falls

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The next KQ Newsletter deadline is: March 11, 2022. Submissions received after this date will be considered for the next newsletter.

Please email your submission to April Schriever, editor, at april.schriever@VLScrusaders.org

few ideas that the article mentions that are worth considering.

- Maybe you can downsize it by turning it into a smaller project using the blocks or pieces that you have completed.
- Maybe you can add more fabric if you no longer like the fabric or color choices to make it very scrappy.
- Maybe you can even give it away by giving it to charity or offering it to a quilt shop or guild that will accept unfinished projects.
- Maybe have a UFO swap at your guild or among your friends.
- Lastly, maybe you could practice your skills by layering the pieces that you have completed and practicing your machine quilting. You no longer have to be stressed about messing up something you have no desire to finish.

As I continue going through my UFO's, I will keep all these ideas in mind helping me to make decisions that work for me. Who knows? By next year maybe I will need to actually search for a new project!

QUILTING YOUR QUILT

By Laura Reichter

The last couple of months I have not written anything about this subject but this month I thought of a few more things I could mention. When I first got my longarm, I spent a day with a longarm quilter and she recommended a few books to me to help me get started quilting. Some of these patterns may be able to be used on your domestic machine as well. There are three books by Darlene Epp. All three are titled *Pocket Guide to Freehanding*. One is for Meanderings, another is for Textures & Fillers, the third is for Borders & Shashings. I have two books by Angela Walters, *Shape by Shape* and *Shape by Shape Collection 2*. I use these a great deal for inspiration. Another great book is *Free-motion Quilting Idea Book* by Amanda Murphy. Lori Kennedy has a book called *Free-Motion Machine Quilting 1-2-3*. I believe she has another similar book but I have not purchased it yet. The last one I will mention is *Quilting UFOs with Helen's Hints* by Helen Squire. I refer to all these books for ideas and guidelines.

I have many more but these are some of the more frequent books I have used for some great ideas and inspiration. I also look at the quilting examples in magazines and online and save ideas in a folder on my laptop. I don't always follow the patterns suggested but it sure gives me ideas on what to do and how it might look on a quilt. It seems to be a never-ending curiosity that really intrigues me.

2022 QUILT SHOW UPDATE MAINLY QUILTS

The 2022 Keepsake Quilters Quilt Show is November 5th and 6th, 2022, at the Cedar Falls Community Center. Set up will be Friday, November 4, from 3:30 until finished. We will be renting pipe and drape from Special Occasions. However, they no longer provide the set up so this process will take up much of our setup time. All are welcome to help.

We will have a bed turning again this year and the title will be *In Memoriam*. It will contain quilts from members who have passed.

The challenge quilt for this show will be Mainly One Color meaning 75 percent of the quilt must be one color. You are able to use shades of the color. The size is not really specified; however, please have it larger than a miniature quilt.

Please start planning the quilts you will enter in the show. The Quilt Categories are:

- Bed Quilt – 280” or greater (one needle and professionally quilted)
- Small Quilt – less than 280” (one needle and professionally quilted)
- Miniature Quilt – blocks less than 4”
- Applique (hand or machine; cotton or wool)
- Paper Pieced
- Art Quilt
- Novice Quilt – less than 2 years and never entered a quilt show
- Miscellaneous
- Hand Quilted
- Challenge

Our next planning meeting will be February 21 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

TIPS & TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Consider putting a few scraps of fabric behind the quilt label from the quilt top. That way if a quilt ever needs to be repaired, fabric pieces that have been washed and dried the same number of times as the quilt are available.

Have a tip or trick to share? Email it to April at april.schriever@VLScrusaders.org

SAVE THE DATE

Quilt Amana
Price Creek Event Center
in Amana, Iowa
April 1st—3rd

AQS Quilt Week
Des Moines, Iowa
September 14th—17th

HOSPITALITY & VOLUNTEERS

BY PEGGEE FROST AND DIANNE MAHOOD

For our January meeting, Janet Drake and April Schriever will be bringing treats. Donna Winter and Terri Mowery will be helping show off all the wonderful creations made by members and our presenter by being on the ladders.

QUILTS TO SHARE

BY JANET O'NEIL

Quilts to Share is an opportunity for Keepsake Quilters to give back to our community through lovingly made items. They will once again meet on Mondays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Janet's home beginning in March.

MEMBERSHIP

By Mary Mumm

At our last meeting, we had two new members join our guild bringing our membership to 62. Be sure to welcome Jill Hennings and Connie Ketterer at our next meeting! Have a friend who may be interested in Keepsake Quilters? Invite them as your guest for our next program or meeting!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Join us in wishing the following members a very happy birthday!

Marilyn Page 2/12

Jeanette Moravec 2/28

Ginny Poppen 2/19

Jennifer Logan-Lorenz 3/8

Liz Wehrmacher 2/25

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

BY TERRI MOWERY AND SUE BAUER

FEBRUARY 21, 2022 - Presenter: Denise Sinnwell from New Hampton and owner of the Quilter's Window.

Workshop: We'll be working on making a jelly roll rug. Cost is \$20 and includes a pattern. Materials will be available from the presenter for 20% off.

Program: A demonstration of Creative Grid Rulers

March 21, 2022 - Presenter: Toni Steere, a National Educator for Timeless Treasures

Workshop: The workshop will be "Tapestry", a lovely hexagon shaped table topper finishing at 38". The cost will be \$30 which includes the pattern. Fabric must be cut before the workshop begins or pre-cut kits will be available for \$50 (order a kit by February's meeting at the latest). There will be samples at the February meeting.

Program: Our March program will be "From Concept to Quilt". Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look on how a fabric collection is created. Toni shares the process from artwork to the finished fabric collection and quilt project. Toni will also be showing projects from the newest Timeless Treasures Collections.

April 18, 2022— Presenter Carol Moellers

Workshop: "Coloring Outside the Lines" pattern by Carol

Program: "Design with a Purpose"

May 16, 2022

Workshop: Quilts to Share received a call from the Hospice office that they are in need of patriotic quilts. Please bring 10" or 12" blocks made in red, white, and blue and we will make tops for Hospice. Or you can complete tops at home and donate them as well. The size Janet requested is 45" x 75". Any questions, please contact Janet O'Neil.

Program: Annual installation of officers and sharing of the President's Challenge



Would you like to register for workshop or have a question about a workshop or program? Please contact one of our Program Co-Chairs:

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All workshops are held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise. You may begin setting up at 8:30 am on the morning of class. Programs are held in conjunction with the evening meeting of the KQ Guild at 7:00 p.m.

KEEPSAKE QUILTERS GUILD BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2022

The February meeting of the Keepsake Quilter's was called to order by President Laura Richter at 5:06 p.m on Monday, January 31st.

Present: Laura Richter, Terri Mowery, Liz Wehrmacher, Debbie Reuter, Sue Bauer, Sheryl McGovern, Donna Winter and April Schriever.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January meeting were sent to board members and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented and filed for audit.

Old Business: We discussed the board positions that will need to be filled for the upcoming year. Quilts to Share will not meet again until March 1, 2022.

New Business: Laura Richter shared information on the Des Moines Area Quilt Show to be held on September 22 -24, 2022. They are asking for a quilt that represents our guild. They are trying to get a quilt from each quilt guild in Iowa for a special display. The Amana Quilt Show will be held on April 1-3, 2022. It is time to start thinking of nominations for Golden Thimble and Golden Needle.

Programs: February's workshop is Jelly Roll Rug by Denise Sinnwell and we have 6 people signed up. The evening's program will be a demonstration of Creative Grid Rulers by Denise Sinnwell. The March workshop will be "Tapestry" By Toni Steere and we currently have 5 people signed up. The evening's program will be "From Concept to Quilt" by Toni Steere. Our April Workshop will be Coloring Outside the Lines by Carol Moellers and the evening program will be Design with a Purpose by Carol Moellers.

Membership: We had 30 members at our January meeting. Our current membership is at 66.

Newsletter: The deadline for the February newsletter is Friday, February 4, 2022.

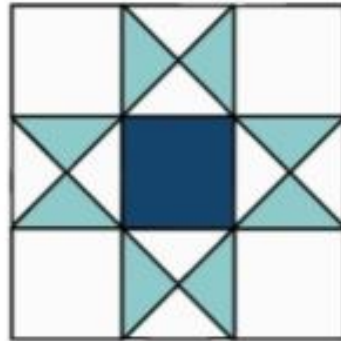
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm at Crazy to Quilt, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted: Deb Reuter, Secretary

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