

# KEEPSAKE QUILTERS GUILD



## SCRAPS FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Peggee Frost

It seems like forever since we've had a meeting due to the January meeting being canceled because of the cold weather. It will be great to see you all again and hopefully, the weather will stay calm and dry.

We are coming into the time of year when we will be looking for new officers for the Guild Board for the 2024-2025 Guild year. Being on the Board is a great way to meet people and to get an understanding of how things work within the Guild. A few of the positions are technically two years; the first year is a learning year and the second is when you head that position - so you will not be thrown straight into those positions. Many women in our Guild have already served in these positions so they have a lot of knowledge to share. I have enjoyed all the women I have met through the Board and had much fun and many laughs. Think about it, please!

Now to the hard side of being President. I have been asked to remind people that Quilts to Share is looking for someone to take over different sections of the group. It has been a little disappointing that only one person has stepped up to help cover the duties Janet has held for Quilts to Share. Please take a look at page three through four as we've reprinted in this newsletter the different areas that need volunteers to take over when Janet retires. Please look at them again and see where you may be able to help.

A reminder that the March workshop will be on SATURDAY, March 16th at Wind Ridge at the Western Home. It is National Quilting Day and we will be having an open sew day. We will also have a show and tell at 1:00 pm and a project to make and share. The Western Home is offering lunches for \$12.00 consisting of a

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The next KQ Newsletter deadline is: March 8, 2024. 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](mailto:april.schriever@VLSCrusaders.org)

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Meeting Location:  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
4000 Hudson Road  
Cedar Falls

Next Meeting Date:  
Monday, January 15  
9:00 am Workshop  
7:00 pm Meeting

sandwich, apple, chips, cookie, and beverage. If you would like one of their lunches, you need to sign up at the February meeting, so they know how many lunches to make. You may also bring your own lunch if you prefer.

Hope your February is great (Go Chiefs), and that spring is near! Don't forget to leap on the 29th!

## **QUILTS TO SHARE UPDATE**

**By Janet O'Neil**

As you know, Quilts to Share will be moving and changing in a couple of years. So I have decided that I should be looking at how to make the changes easier. Therefore, I am setting out several position openings. I will be training apprentices and their helpers for each of these job openings:

1. Scrap management - This job requires you to set up a crew to press, cut, and sort cut pieces to make them ready for kit assembly. You will also be assembling these kits. Patterns will be provided with the amount of each size of fabric listed. Border fabrics will need to be cut & and labelled. Binding will also be cut, sewn, and pressed to be included in the kits.
2. "Back" At It group - This job requires you and your crew to make backs for the quilt tops that are already made and to cut the batting for said tops. When your job is finished, the quilts will be ready to go to the longarm quilters. If a Guild member would like to quilt on their home machine or sit-down quilting machine, you and your crew will be responsible for layering the quilts.
3. Bookkeeper - This job requires you to collect monies from the name tag drawing and magazine sales at the monthly Guild meeting, sign checks to pay for batting, thread, etc. as well as make deposits and reconcile the books. You will book and coordinate with the KQ Treasurer.
4. Sales - You and your crew will be in charge of making items for the Quilt Shows, manning the tables, set-up and tear down of same. You will also be in charge of the Quilt Auctions when we have them, getting an auctioneer, setting up the items to auction, soliciting items to sell, and keeping the auction paddles and sales forms. For the auction and Quilt Show, you will coordinate with the bookkeeper.
5. COVERED: Contact person that will be in touch with Bethlehem Lutheran, ascertaining how many quilts will be needed for their Christmas baskets. Pillowcases will be also available for this as long as our current supply lasts. You will be asked to store these quilts so they are available.
6. Head Longarm Quilter - Your crew will be charged with quilting the quilts both for Cedar Valley Hospice - nap size - and twin sized quilts for the Cedar Valley Hospice Home. These larger quilts

are seasonal quilts. Scrappy twin quilts and larger nap quilts are to be used for the Christmas baskets at BLC. You will be in charge of training new quilters and general maintenance on any quilting machine. See #8 job description about Christmas baskets.

7. Binder - This position may be changed - If nap-sized quilts are NOT to have binding stitched down by hand, you will be in charge of getting quilts trimmed, bound, labeled, and donated to CV Hospice or other approved charity. Twin quilts will be bound by machine to finish. If hand binding is still done, you are to take quilts for hand binding to the Guild meetings.

8. COVERED: Christmas quilt Coordinator with Bethlehem Lutheran Christmas Baskets

9. Overseer - You will be in charge of notifying Crazy to Quilt about batting needs - or you may get a sales tax permit and purchase your batting direct from Quilters Dream Batting. We use the poly select 80/20. Info on the batting used will be provided. You will need to coordinate with your department heads for their needs and coordinate the volunteer hours and submit the volunteer forms to Cedar Valley Hospice office at the end of each month. You will need to keep records on the quilts finished by size, amount on hand, where they been delivered, etc.

I know this looks like a lot to think about. Since QTS has been housed in private homes before, the jobs were mostly done by the hostess and/or QTS workers. We are now entering a time for the job to be split into smaller segments and having everybody help. I will be making myself available for the next 2 years to train/help you in your new positions. Let me know if you are interested and can help this important mission!



February 25

Janice Bellinger

Liz Wehrmacher

## **HOSPITALITY & VOLUNTEERS** By Mary Mumm & Janet Drake

For our February meeting, the ladder volunteers will be Linda Parrot and April Schriever. Treat volunteers are Sheryl McGovern and Liz Wehrmacher. Thanks, ladies!

## **MEMBERSHIP** By Sheryl McGovern

Keepsake Quilters currently has 68 members. New members will pay only \$15 since less than half the year is left, so invite a friend!

For those of you who like to plan ahead, you may begin paying your 2024-2025 dues in March.

## PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

### By Peggy Belton & Sally Payton

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 Guild at 7:00 p.m.

Would you like to register for a workshop or have a question about a workshop or program? Please contact our Program Co-Chairs: Peggy Belton & Sally Payton at the Guild's email: [cvkeepsakequiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:cvkeepsakequiltersguild@gmail.com)

### **February 19, 2024**

Workshop: In February, we are fortunate to have a member lead a workshop called Trash Can Treasures Quilt (make-up from January). Chris Lorenz will lead the group to create fun blocks that can be combined to make multiple sized quilts. Be sure to pick up the supply list when signing up or visit the Keepsake Quilters website.

Program: Julie Letvin from Me and My Stitches joins us for our February evening program called "No! I don't want a sewing machine!" Julie will share her quilting journey through stories and her trunk show which includes her quilts and tiny paper-pieced quilt jewelry

### **March 16th & 18th, 2024**

Workshop, March 16th: March switches things up on us a bit! To honor National Quilting Day, our group will do an OPEN SEW workshop at the Western Home at Windridge Retirement Community, 5311 Hyacinth Dr, Cedar Falls, on **Saturday, March 16th**, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for us to quilt, have fellowship, and allow folks to watch and learn (and maybe for a few of the residents to quilt with us)! Bring a project to work on for the morning, then enjoy a Western Home box lunch at noon (cost \$12). Bring an item for show and tell at 1:00 pm (all residents will be invited), and continue working. Materials will be available to make a heart for the "I Found a Quilted Heart" program. Tables, chairs, irons, boards, and cutting mats provided.

Program, March 18th: For our evening program on our regular meeting night, **March 18th**, Jen Gasper will talk to us about the All Iowa Shop Hop! If you've never participated in a Shop Hop you might suddenly find yourself inspired to do so!

### **April 15, 2024**

Workshop: April showers bring Linda Halipn to teach us how to make the Mexican Cross Quilt. This scrappy quilt will finish at 44" with a bonus quilt option at 35.5". The color possibilities are endless so bring scrap yardage or even fat quarters in the colors that speak to you! Get your supply list when you sign up!

Program: Linda will continue to inspire us for the April evening program with her trunk show of 1" quilts. Yes, I said 1"! Who knows, maybe you might be inspired to start a 1" quilt too!

# Keepsake Quilters Guild Board Meeting February 5, 2024

The February board meeting of the Keepsake Quilters Guild was held at Crazy to Quilt, Cedar Falls, IA on Monday, February 5, 2024. It was called to order by President Peggee Frost at 5:35 pm.

Present: Peggee Frost, Liz Wehrmacher, Deb Reuter, Laura Richter, Peggy Belton, and April Schriever.

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

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

Old Business: Peggee Frost reported that the size of the space we will need for Quilts to Share is approximately 1000 square feet.

New Business: Peggee reported it is time to start looking for Board members for the upcoming Guild year. The list will be sent around at the next Guild meeting to sign up to help with the Quilt Show. Our Guild will host the 2024 Eastern Iowa Quilting Network meeting. It will be held at the meeting room in the Cedar Falls Public Library on April 27, 2024, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Programs: For our February workshop, Chris Lorenz will lead a workshop on Trash Can Quilts. The evening will be Julie Letvin from Me and My Stitches. The March workshop will be an open Sew Day held at Western Home on *Saturday*, March 16, 2024. Our March meeting will be held on *Monday*, March 18 and our speaker will be Jen Gasper from the All Iowa Shop Hop. April's workshop will be "Mexican Cross" taught by Linda Halpin. In the evening, Linda will present her 1" X 1" squares trunk show. We will be having an auction in June.

Membership: Our membership is the same as last month.

Newsletter: The deadline for the February newsletter is Friday, February 9, 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held at 5:30 pm. on Monday, March 4, 2024 at Crazy to Quilt, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted: Deb Reuter, Secretary

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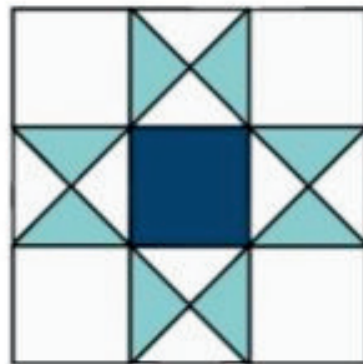
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