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The next KQ Newsletter deadline is: July 8, 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

Scraps from the KQ President

by Terri Mowery

I am excited to begin my year as president of our Guild. This is truly an amazing group. We are all about quilting, but we are really so much more. We are about friendship. I have made so many new friends since I started with the guild. Sue Bauer and I did not even know each other when we began our term as Program Co-Chairs. I now count her as a good friend. Thank you, Sue, for working so hard for the Guild. You deserve a break (for now).

Our Guild is about helping others. We have all seen the faces of the Bethlehem Church's members when we presented them with money and quilts for their Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. I have seen the activity at Quilts to Share workshops when we have sewn 100 pillowcases for the Honor Flights, or last month, when Hospice asked for patriotic quilts. Janet O'Neil, our Quilts to Share coordinator, had not received many blocks prior to the workshop day. So she brought more pillowcases to sew. Our members showed up with red, white, and blue blocks and quilts in various stages of completion. We are also very talented. The quilts were all different and all beautiful. I have also watched us surround our members with care and support when they have dealt with the challenges that life has thrown their way.

I am very proud to be part of this group. So, I encourage you to get involved. We still need the following board members: President-Elect, Program Chair-Elect and Membership-Elect.

It is time for the All-Iowa Shop Hop! This is my favorite quilting time of the year. I love shop hopping. Do I need anything? Of course not, but who can resist a quilt shop!

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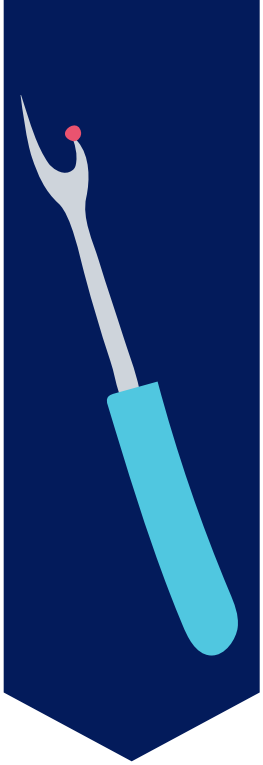
I call my husband my enabler. He takes the Shop Hop book, plans the trips, and off we go. While I am shopping, he finds places to go and entertain himself. He has coffee or a frosty mug (on hot days) or gets some iced tea and a newspaper at a local convenience store. He then heads to a city park or finds a big shade tree to park under to read the paper. He talks to every resident he comes in contact with in these towns. These people even remember him when we come back the following year. Did you know there is a great bakery in Cresco? There is a bar in Brooklyn with the best frosty mugs (limit one). The owner of Fern Hill always makes him iced tea or coffee every time we go there. He usually plans 3 or 4 trips for us. I also go at least once with my quilting gals and once with my sister-in-law. This year I hope to spend some time in Des Moines with our son and use his house as a base to get to some of the shops further south. We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful quilt shops within driving distance of the Cedar Falls/ Waterloo area. So, gather up your enablers and get out there and support the shops!



I know my fabric limits: I just don't pay attention to them.

Happy Birthday

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

June 22
Sue Bauer

July 3
Terri Mowrey
Donna Winter

July 4
Catherine Hicok

July 5
Lucille Keeling

July 12
Becky Swinton

2022-2023 President's Challenge: Finish Those Workshop Projects

by Terri Mowery

I have taken many workshops the Guild has offered over the last several years and I recently realized that I have 12 workshop projects started but not finished. I decided this would be a great President's Challenge. SO, I challenge you to finish your workshop projects. I have created a form similar to our UFO list if you would like to make a list of your projects (you'll find it linked at the Guild's website). I am thinking about prizes for those who finish the most projects. More on that later as I have not worked out the details yet but I challenge you to get started!

I would like to use the May 2023 workshop day to work on these projects (or Quilts to Share projects). I do not even remember how to do some of these projects. I am planning on organizing Guild members who finished a workshop project to attend the May meeting to help those of us who may need a refresher.

Member Care

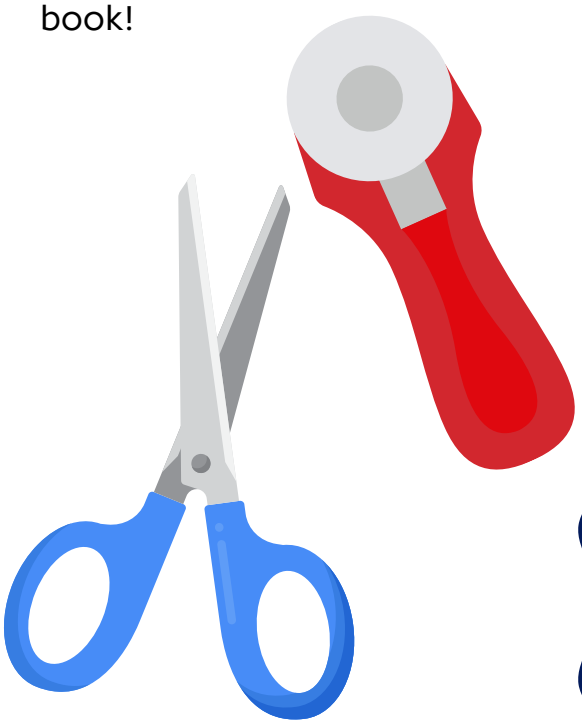
By Linda Vognsen

Know of a fellow member who could use a pick-me-up by way of a get well, sympathy, or thinking of you card? Let us know by contacting Linda Vognsen at 319-268-1582.

Membership

By Sheryl McGovern

Thirty-one members and three guests attended our annual meeting in May. May/June is the time of the year for renewing your membership. At the time of the Board meeting, 52 members have renewed for the 2022-2023 year. Please plan to renew your membership by/at the June meeting to ensure you are included in the new membership book!



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. Stop in to work with others on Quilts to Share projects—you are welcome for all or part of the day. Sewing machines and all supplies are ready to go so no need to prepare any supplies or drag your machine around. Just come but please plan to bring a sack lunch if you will be staying to work past the lunch hour.

If you are unable to join us on Quilts to Share work days and would like a kit to work on, fabric to launder, or quilts to quilt on your own, just give Janet a call.

Location: Janet O'Neil's Home
4803 Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls
Phone number: 319-266-9476

Hospitality & Volunteers

By Janet Drake & Mary Mumm

For our June meeting, the ladder volunteers will be Mary Mumm and Deb Reuter. Treat volunteers are Connie Ketterer and Dianne Manhood.

At the meeting, we will be asking for volunteers to fill spots throughout the year. Please think about volunteering and possibly asking a friend to join you.

Programs & Workshops

By Peggee Frost & Donna Winter

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.

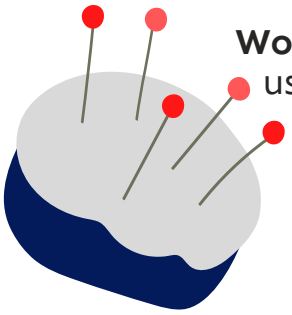
Would you like to register for workshop or have a question about a workshop or program? Please contact our Program Co-Chairs: Peggee Frost & Donna Winter at the Guild's email: cvkeepsakequiltersguild@gmail.com

June 20, 2022 - Presenter Becky Wright, Mt. Pleasant

Workshop: Becky is a pattern designer who specializes in the Civil War area; She also has a blog titled "The Civil War Quilter". The workshop will be her pattern, Reap the Whirlwind. The cost is $35 and the pattern finishes at 75" x90" or will also have instructions for a crib size.

Program: Becky will be presenting a program entitled , "Christian Staffinger and His Civil War Quilt" which will look into Christian's life and the circumstances that led up to him making his quilt. She owns his c.1863-64 quilt and will display it along with numerous other Civil War quilts. She'll even be making the presentation in full Civil War costume!

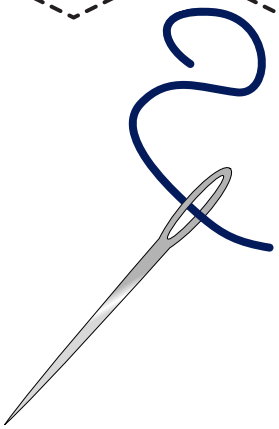
July 18, 2022 - Presenter Heidi Kaisand, Conrad



Workshop: Choose your favorite panel or a focal print. Heidi will help us turn it into a beautiful quilt top using the *Grand Central* pattern she designed for the Hen & Chicks Studio. Cost is $40 in addition to the pattern.

Program: The evening's program is titled, "My Quilt Top is Pieced. How do I Finish it?" Heidi will be showing us five different ways to finish a quilt.

August 15, 2022 - Presenter Mike Ellingsen, Decorah



Workshop: Choose your favorite from three of Mike's patterns: *Joseph's Coat, Joseph's Jacket*, or *Panel Bargello*. Each of these patterns use the same technique which simplifies the bargello pattern. Cost is $50 which includes the pattern.

Program: For the evening's program, we'll be treated to a trunk show of Mike's quilts.

Keepsake Quilters Annual Meeting
May 16, 2022

The annual meeting of Keepsake Quilter's was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Richter at 6:30 p.m. We had 31 members and 3 guests present. The outgoing board served a taco bar with bars for dessert prior to the start of the meeting.

The annual budget was presented and approved.

The Golden Needle Award was presented to Donna Winter and the Golden Thimble Award was presented to Liz Wehrmacher.

The current board was thanked for their service and the new board was installed. New board members are:

President – Terri Mowery
Treasurer – Liz Wehrmacher
Secretary – Deb Reuter
Membership Chair – Sheryl McGovern
PR/Historian – Laura Richter
Program Co-Chairs – Donna Winter and Peggee Frost
Newsletter Editor – April Schriever
Member Care – Linda Vogensen
Quilts to Share – Janet O'Neil
Hospitality – Mary Mumm and Janet Drake
Name Tags – Sue Plagge
Web Administrator – Laura Richter
Program Committee – Joyce Warren, Stephanie Rowe, and Terri Mowery

We are still in need of the following officers – President-Elect, Program Chair-Elect, and Membership-Elect.

Donna Winter and Peggee Frost presented the upcoming programs and workshops.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Deb Reuter, Secretary

Keepsake Quilters Guild Board Meeting
June 2022

The June meeting of the Keepsake Quilters Guild was on Monday, June 6th, and was called to order by President Terri Mowery at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Terri Mowery, Liz Wehrmacher, April Schriever, Laura Richter, Donna Winter and Peggee Frost.

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

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

Old Business: The following Board positions are still open for the 2022-2023 year: President-elect, Membership-elect, and Program Chair-elect.

New Business: There was a discussion about streamlining current practices of the Board sharing information for the newsletter, email, and membership information by possibly using Google Docs. There was a discussion about sorting through and reducing some of the old Guild files currently being stored at Crazy to Quilt. Board members able to meet at 4:30 pm on July 5th will look at the stored information to consider what can be reduced. There was a discussion about the possible need to update policies regarding the payment of a Guild member for presenting a program to the Guild.

Programs: The June workshop will be "Reap the Whirlwind" by Becky Wright. She will present the evening program - "Christian Staffinger and his Civil War quilt". The July workshop will be "Grand Central" by Heidi Kaisand. She will provide the evening's program- "Now the top is done- How do I finish it?".

Membership: There are 52 paid members for the 2022-2023 year. 34 members and guests attended the May meeting.

Public Relations: Laura reported 6 paid newsletter advertisers.

Newsletter: The deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, June 10th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5th at Crazy to Quilt, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted: Liz Wehrmacher, Treasurer

2022 Quilt Show Update: Mainly Quilts

Join us for the 2022 Keepsake Quilters Quilt Show on November 5th and 6th, 2022, at the Cedar Falls Community Center. Help will be needed for set up Friday, November 4, from 3:30 pm until finished as well as tear down on Sunday, November 6th.

This year's challenge quilt is Mainly One Color meaning 75 percent of the quilt must be one color. You are allowed to use shades of that color. The size is not really specified; however, please have it be larger than a miniature quilt.

Have you planned the quilts you will be entering? Each member will be allowed two items at this time plus the challenge quilt. 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
- Miscellaneous
- Hand Quilted
- Challenge

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 20th at 6:00 pm.

Tips & Tricks of the Trade

When making a gift quilt, print the instructions for caring for the quilt onto a piece of fabric. Then sew it into a coordinating storage bag. This keeps the instructions safe and less likely to be lost than instructions printed on paper.

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

Save the Date

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