

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild  
Business Meeting Minutes  
**January 2, 2014**

President Chris Nolen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chris asked the 2013 Elected Board and Committee members to step to the podium for recognition.

Vice President Jim Jensen presented Chris with a basket of fabrics and wine as a thank you from members of the guild for his service as President.

Vicki David, President-Elect stepped forward for a ceremonial passing of the gavel, and then she asked her Elected Board to step forward for swearing in. Committee Chairs joined for a group photo.

**Introductions**

New members Cathy Conover and Carole Behlke, as well as guests Lyn VonHoogenstyn, Barbara Splaine and Pamela Trosino were introduced and welcomed.

Vicki invited guests and visitors to meet at the Membership table so Jan Westerman could escort them to the front of the line for refreshments.

**Treasurers Report:**

Helen Smith noted that the Guild is in good financial shape and reminded members that copies of the Treasurer's Report are also available from President Vicki David and Recording Secretary Jan Andrews.

**New Business**

Vicki announced that a 2014 Challenge Coordinator is needed. Janice Rodgers and Diana Roberts volunteered to be the organizers.

**Quilt Related Announcements**

Barbara Splaine, President of Moonlight Quilters gave a talk about the upcoming show in June. Barbara explained the entry process, including information on the entry fee waiver for early entrants and the submission process. Barbara urged members to submit quilts early and also asked entrants to measure quilts accurately to facilitate show set-up. Joanne Thomas was also present to photograph quilts as needed and provided printed entry forms.

Genelle Voorhees introduced Desiree West, director of the Drug Abuse Alternatives Center (DAAC) Perinatal Program. Desiree thanked members for their donations to the "DAAC Store" in December, and noted that the program is always in need of donations. She gave a brief overview of the program and explained how the donated items may be purchased by clients with "DAAC dollars," which are awarded as incentives for good behavior. Quilts and afghans are purchased by program members for their babies, and also as baby shower gifts for other members.

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Binky Thorsson from Petaluma Quilt Guild announced that the Tri-Guild Luncheon that will be held at the Lucchesi Center on March 15, 2014. Binky displayed the raffle blocks for the luncheon and noted that the centers of the log cabin blocks will be given out with the invitations. Forty invitations are available to members of SRQG, and there will be a waiting list. Vicki noted that this event is fun and urged members to sign up.

**Committee Reports**

Sunshine: Jan Westerman introduced herself and explained the confidentiality protocol of the Sunshine program. She urged members to notify her if they know of anyone who is in need of a card.

Membership: Jan W. noted that Membership is trying to organize a mentoring program for new members, and asked that members contact anyone at Membership to volunteer. She also asked that dues be paid as soon as possible.

Community Outreach: Mirna Estes reported that she delivered numerous hats and scarves as well as remnant fleece lap robes for seniors. She thanked everyone who donated to the program.

Sew-A-Row and UFO Challenge: Debby Bainbridge and Ellindale Wells raffled off the last 2013 Sew-A-Row projects, which was won by Alana Colburn. Debby displayed a medallion and a starter row for 2014, and asked that starter rows or medallions be turned in at the next meeting. Debby also noted that the Calendar on a Page has an error and that the UFO Challenge will start in March.

Fair Liaison: Pam McVey announced that the Cloverdale Citrus Fair is scheduled for February 14-17. Pam has entry forms, or they may be found online. Entries have been sparse in the past, so Ann Wilson has been in contact with the organizers to enhance how the quilts are displayed. The theme is "Fairly Country," and Pam noted that there will be a class for theme-based quilts. Entries are due by January 24<sup>th</sup> and quilts must be submitted by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Several Cloverdale members have volunteered to deliver quilts to the Citrus Fair, but quilts must be turned in at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Pam urged members to submit more quilts this year!

Programs and Workshops: Genelle Voorhees and Joanie Bellinghausen gave a brief explanation of how Programs & Workshops are organized. They noted that it is important to sign up for workshops early and that payment must be made to guarantee a seat in the class. Sandra Mollon's Applique and Embellishment Workshop in January is full, though several people have not paid and their seats will be given to members on the waiting list soon. Colleen Granger will be here on February 20-21, and the Circle Quilt Workshop has only eight seats open. There is a kit fee for this workshop, but the cost is minimal. Genelle and Joanie also announced that Melinda Bula will be the presenter for the March Program and Workshop

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Hospitality: Carolle LeMonnier reminded members that coffee is available in the kitchen and that the kitchen also has an ice machine. She reminded members that they should bring something for the buffet table during the month of their birthday and six months later. Members who don't like to cook are always welcome to bring paper goods, coffee and cash donations. She also noted that often there is not enough food for a full lunch, so members should bring a lunch for themselves.

Friendship Blocks: Phyllis Gallaway noted that many blocks have been turned in and several of the existing blocks still have openings. She then displayed a number of blocks turned in for Sharon Fry, Metha Schuller, Carolle LeMonnier, and Community Quilts. Phyllis gave a brief explanation of how the program works for new members.

eScrip Recycle: Phyllis G. reminded about the box she brings to meetings for electronics recycling.

Program and Workshops Elect: Phyllis G. announced that she and Gari Jones are coordinating programs and workshops for 2015, and have placed a survey on the tables to gauge member's interest in different types of programs. Phyllis advised members that the Program and Workshop schedule for 2014 is on the Guild's website and on the one page calendar, which is now available on the Download Forms section of the website.

TSW: Gari Jones is organizing TSWs this year. Today's TSW is basic paper piecing with Phyllis Gallaway. Linda Hooper will be filming the TSW next week so it may be shared on the Guild's "You Tube" page. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Pam Beebe will present a freestanding basket sewed from strips. Gari and Phyllis asked members to sign up at the TSW display so they will know how many handouts to prepare.

Bird Nests: Jim Jensen announced that it was time to start knitting nests for baby birds at the Bird Rescue Center. Lee Trevelyan turned in 100 nests, for a total of over 320 nests turned in last year.

Block of the Month: Jim Jensen drew the winner of the December BOM, and he was the winner. Jim and Marlene Sullivan introduced the first block of the 2014 series "Good Foundations," a block he named *Squares in Squares*. Jim will have a regular supply of newsprint foundation papers available at each meeting. Jim also displayed some blocks he made for the Council on Aging with the assistance of Norma Viglienzzone, Cathy Ferrarese, and Donna Boaz.

Community Quilts: Pam Beebe and Anne Dondero reported that they delivered 1266 quilts and 485 baby hats in 2013. Pam will hold a work party at her home on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 am. All members are invited to attend. The first Fifth Thursday Retreat of the year will be held at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center on January 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 am. Member may bring their own projects or work on Community Quilts that will be provided.

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February 6<sup>th</sup> is the first Quiltathon of the year and the committee will have jobs for everyone, but opportunities for hand sewing will be limited, so Anne urged hand sewers to bring knitting if they wish to sit and chat. Pam asked that members who are making quilts on their own focus on the 40" x 60" size in bright, cheerful colors for toddlers and older kids, and approximately 25 quilts in the 50" x 65" size for teens aging out of foster care services will be needed this year. Pam asked members who are cleaning out fabric to consider donating community quilts. Vicki thanked Pam and Anne for the hours they put in to make Community Quilts a success.

Opportunity Quilt: Raychell Sumner reminded members that tickets are available from Rhonda Denny at the Membership table at a cost of \$20 for 40 tickets. The Spring Home and Garden Show is scheduled for April 14-16 and Raychell will need help with set-up and take-down as well as volunteers to work 2 hour shifts. Raychell still needs a co-chair as she is unable to attend all engagements with the quilt.

Applique Mini Group: Raychell announced that the Applique Mini Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:30-1:00 at Village Sewing Center. The group is open to anyone with an interest in any kind of applique.

Library: Sharon Fry introduced new books and magazines, passed out books and gave an explanation of the Silent Auction tables.

**Name Tag Drawing**

117 members signed in today. Name tag drawing winners were Genelle Voorhees and Elizabeth Marrs.

**Show And Tell**

**Final Announcements**

Jim Jensen would like to have a Show and Tell of projects made using 2013 Block of the Month patterns by participants or winners in March. **Don't like how I worded this, can you help?**

Chris Nolen reports that he is now working for Betty Upchurch in the Boutique and that tickets for the raffle baskets are 50 cents each, 3 for \$1, or 20 for \$5. He reminded members that good Boutique sales help pay our rent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Andrews  
Recording Secretary