



Presidents Message

Greetings,

April showers bring May flowers so they say, but what does the recent snow bring? We will be having an April workshop on Saturday the second at Salam Church, this is prior to our meeting and Dru has sent an email and has more information for those who wish to attend. I want to thank all that participated in the one hour challenge. I was so impressed at the last meeting as to how much we accomplished. The UFO program still seems to be going strong, we have such a dedicated group. Dru will be running the April meeting as I will be out of town playing Grandma, which I LOVE. The program this month will be from the Tuscarora Nation on bead work, with a possible workshop. Enjoy the Easter holiday with your friends and family. I will see you all in May.

Happy Easter,

Karen

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April 6th, 2022 Hostess:

Sue Cahill, Deb Fouts, Sheryl Lynch, Angela Myers, Nancy Smegelsky

LIBRARY DISPLAY

March is set aside each year to celebrate quilts and quilters. And we will be displaying our talents once again this March at the North Tonawanda Public Library, located at 505 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda.

The display committee has decided to set up the display on Thursday, March 3. This means that you can bring the items you want to have displayed to the March meeting! So, start curating and make some grand selections to showcase! Remember we have two years of challenge quilts we can display as well as a sampling of the variety of charity items that we create. There really isn't any room for large items (save them for our 2023 quilt show!). Make certain everything is labeled with your name.

Current plans are that items will be taken down on Thursday, March 31. Items displayed will be returned at the April 6 Guild meeting. If you will not be at that meeting, please make plans with another Guild member to collect your items.

I am always so in awe of the talent in our group! Thanks for helping make this years' display awesome as usual!

Deb & Ann

Minutes from the March meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Karen McMurdo

Officers present: President – Karen McMurdo

 Vice President - Druscilla Lis

 Treasurer – Joanne Sentman

 Secretary – Donna Clark

 Guests: none

Dru introduced our guest speaker Evan Wright, Director of Operations of the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center. He gave some background of the Center and gave the mission statement. He presented various books on the topic of “Quilt Codes”. It is felt they must have been used, but they’re unable to find documentation. They were passed on through oral traditions but no quilts remain. He talked of the importance of quilts to African Americans. The Center is open 10-5 Thursday – Sunday. Cost \$8 - 65 and up; \$10 – general public.

After singing Happy Birthday, the Summer Picnic committee was requested to meet for a short meeting during break.

Old Business:

Treasurer’s report on tables. No questions or corrections to minutes and/or budget.

One hour charity challenge – MANY people participated. Linda Berwaldt won the \$15 gift card to Wegman’s for participating.

Please don’t cut down the paper-pieced flying geese for the BOM. No specific colors necessary.

Sheryl Lynch requested any left overs from last year’s rail fence blocks.

A card was passed for Esther Stoeckel's birthday.

New Business:

We need a new chair for the Kitchen committee.

We have a new chair for Meeter/Greeter.

Please sign up in the book for treats.

Dru's Saturday class at the NT library was canceled.

Next month our guest speaker is from the Tuscarora Indian Reservation and is speaking on keeping beading alive. She can do a workshop on a strawberry, which she will bring a sample of.

Committees:

Library - last night to hand in projects for display

Travel – Ridge Road bus was a no go for the Genesee Valley quilt show. Members wishing to go can coordinate with other members. She will discuss the possibility of a Shop Hop in the fall.

Summer picnic – we voted on having totally catered, guild supplying main dish - members bring sides or everybody makes all food. It was decided they will get back to us after finding prices of main dishes. There will be no decorations and everyone is to bring their own beverage.

Christmas – they're checking into venues. Expect to pay more. They're leaning toward having catered. Wheatfield Center is available, but then no wine.

Pink Ribbon – have received requests and are sending donations. In need of stuffing. Will bring stuffing, needles and thread to next month's meeting for members to stuff and sew during the meeting.

Mystery/Challenge – Title "Practical yet Functional" Everyone receives the same fabric to make something you can use. (ex. Pillowcase). Can add as much of your own as needed. A 3-D effect must be included, no size limit but main material must be visible.

Linus – need primary color yarn, 14 kits and 26 on own blankets turned in . Grand total – 6353

Walker/ Wheelchairs – Things are opening up and are receiving requests for things. Others, besides members, are contributing. Just January/February 2022 – 70 walker bags, 96 wheelchair pockets, 32 lap robes, 124 clothes protectors, 31 scarves, 3 hats, 5 afghans and 19 wheelchair bags.

Membership – last printing of roster. Update the following - Dorothy Glosser e-mail – glosserdorothy@gmail.com, Linda Szmanda – e-mail – irishpooh228@yahoo.com, and Bonnie Victor – e-mail – bvictor4@roadrunner.com.

Sunshine –Sympathy card sent to Linda Wegrzyn. Get- well card and fat quarters sent to Linda Barrett, Kim Baglio and Faye Vogt. 50/50 was \$23 won by Linda Berwaldt.

Quilt Show – will start next month. Need some new chairs and workers. Working on date and theme

After UFO's and Show and Share, Linda Barrett discussed sending pictures to the website, nothing seems to be posted. Kelly has been sending the newsletter.

Debbie Fouts suggested looking up the pattern “Plaidish” which is a free pattern online.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark

Note from Vice President

Look out! Here comes Spring!

I certainly hope you enjoyed Evan Wright's presentation about the Underground Railroad and its history in Niagara Falls! I was so thrilled to know that he reworked his usual speech to work in the dialogue of quilt patterns. It sure was interesting to know that it is more myth than fact that quilts were used to show the way North.

And speaking of Spring, our April meeting will have a presentation by Angela Jonathan. She has long been a teacher both at Niagara Wheatfield as well as the Tuscarora Indian Reservation. She will speak to us about her beadwork with the possibility of a future workshop on making a beaded strawberry!

And speaking of workshops, please let me know if you are going to attend Joan Rockenbrock's workshop on April 2nd. This will be from 9:30 until 3:00 at Salem Church in Tonawanda. She will be presenting the variation of a log cabin that drew a lot of interest at the last meeting.

Please email me at babrshpdru@aol.com if you are interested and send the \$10 to hold your place to [788 Westbrook Dr](#), NT 14120.

Smile!

VP Dru

LINUS



Month	Quilts made from kits	Quilts made from their own Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2021				6229
1-2022	7	10	17	6246
2-2022	15	52	67	6313
3-2022	14	26	40	6353

4-2022				
5-2022				
6-2022				
7-2022				
8-2022				
9-2022				
10-2022				
11-2022				
12-2022				
			2022 Grand Total	

Hello fellow quilters:

Spring forward to March!!!!!! A total of 40 quilts were turned at meeting night!!!!!!

We wish to acknowledge everyone you have made quilts from their own stash:

Sandy Wardour, Jennie Wigle, Diane Brodfuehrer, Deb Foust, Dru Lis,
Deb Marshall
and Doris Gierke.

Be Warm, Be Well, Be Safe

Gratefully Co-Chairs: Cindy, Cindy, Linda



Pink Ribbon

Dear Members: The weather has been pretty cooperative and we returned to our normally scheduled programs – thanks to you,

75 pillows went to Roswell downtown a couple of weeks ago and more will be delivered in the upcoming weeks.

If anyone has small pins (1/2" – 3/4") and they are sitting around collecting dust and you would like to find a good home, I will gladly take them off your hands. These are used to pin the information tags to the pillows and hats.

Also, if you are at JoAnns and have a coupon you aren't using, we could use spools of pink ribbon around 1/4" wide.

At the next meeting, I will have pillows that are stuffed but not sewn, so if you would like to help stitch up a pillow or 2 during the business meeting, I will gladly bring them along with spools of thread, needles and scissors.

Thank you again, for all you do for the guild and this project.

Joan and the committee members

Birthday's

4/12 Judy Lilac

4/15 Nancy Smegelsky



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just gotta sew!

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