

The Running Stitch

stitches bind us together

Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Volume 40, Issue 3



March 2024

From Our President, Damaris Lane

Hello, Fellow Quilters:

Word on the street is that the last guild meeting was spectacularly excellent despite the fact that your president was absent yet again. I really missed being there with you! Thank you, Barb, for filling in for me. I'm delighted the president's challenge kits were almost sold out. I know you will have creative and innovative designs to show in June.

Personally, I am looking forward to spring. I'm over the cold, rainy weather. And since I was informed I had not made a quilt for one special little girl in our family, I have already purchased some new spring fabrics and can't wait to get started.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next guild meeting and beating all of you at BINGO. LOL. Just kidding! (However, I am a little competitive). Happy sewing and see you soon!

Damaris



*Be sure to bring your red and white creations
From the red strips that we exchanged at the January
meeting to the meeting in April!*

Quilt Guild Business Meeting Minutes of the Withlacoochee

March 11, 2024

The March 11, 2024 Withlacoochee Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Barb Linares. President Damaris Lane is back from the mission trip but was away to be with her sister who is in the hospital. Barb welcomed everyone and shared a letter from Damaris. Guests Mindy Moore and Cheryl Szeluga were welcomed. Connie Syford gave the blessing before the meal. Barb thanked the hostess committee (Joyce Herrin, Elsie Crane, Jennifer Crane, and Teresa Lavind) for the wonderful food which was enjoyed by all. Hostess and prayer sign up sheets were passed around to provide everyone an opportunity to participate.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday wishes were given to the March birthday quilters: Lynn Parrish, Linda Bacon, Teresa Lavind, Sue Johnson.

Minutes:

A call for approval of minutes as written in the newsletter was made; motion to accept the minutes as written was given by Sandy Willis and seconded by Barbara Jordan.

Treasurer's Report:

Patti McGuffin provided the treasurer's report. Joy Bass reported that the 2023 treasurer's reports had been audited and approved.

Hospitality:

Joyce Herrin received the hospitality gift.

Members present: 24: Dianne Melendez, Patti McGuffin, Jerry McGuffin, Joyce Herrin, Joy Bass, Chris Summers, Sandy Willis, Linda Bacon, Janice Pantin, Kathleen Haehnel, Dianne Dees, Connie Syford, Marsha Tyson, Teresa Lavind, Elaine Taylor, Laurie Syford, Barbara Jordan, Barb Linares, Pat Hawkins, Teresa Smith, Ann Bussey, Lee Brooks, Hedy Parrish, Ann Hoover, Mary Ann Magee

Guests: Mindy Moore, Cheryl Szeluga

Membership: Chris Summers reported we have 51 members with 5 new members added this evening. She reported that the newsletters are going out using an updated email list and requested she be contacted if anyone is not receiving the newsletter.

Round to it: Joy Bass shared a quilt she had completed which will be donated to the guild's service projects. She also shared two Pinwheels Quilts of Valor which will be added to the Guild's Quilts of Valor project. The April recipient of the Round To It was Dianne Dees.

Old Business: Barb reminded everyone of the upcoming program for April: Share the Red/White half square triangle projects and participate in the quilt Bingo night. Barb gave more information about the Bingo night and prizes to be awarded. Spring Retreat (April 19-21, 2024) forms are available; please get forms and registration fee to Joy Bass. Damaris is in the process of contacting the Children's Advocacy Center for the service project for a portion of this year.

Lee Brooks shared information about the upcoming Saturday Sew Day (March 16, 2024). Participants were reminded to bring lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Everyone was invited to come to enjoy the day but are welcome to come at any time during the day (9:00am – 4:00pm) that would be best for them. Hedy Parrish reminded us this is National Quilting Month (*March 16, 2024 is National Quilting Day*). A 5.00 donation per person will be given to the church for the use of the building on Saturday.

Barb reported that we need programs and members to sign up for demonstrations. She mentioned the possibility of doing a trunk show and stated she would do one for a future meeting.

New Business: Barb read the instructions for the President's Challenge. The theme is Something new/Something old. Damaris provided 2 items in a small bag as inspiration for the project: a lace doily and a fat quarter of lovely fabric (\$5.00). The instructions were included in the bag. Projects must be at least 18 X 22 and no larger than 24 X 24 inches. Completed projects will be shared at the June meeting.

Name Tags for new members: Barb Linares for Cheryl Szeluga, Connie Syford for Laurie Syford, and Lee Brooks for Mindy Moore.

Show and Tell: A variety of beautiful projects were shown by the following members:

Linda Bacon, Sandy Willis, Mary Ann McGee, Dianne Melendez, Diane Kelley, Kathleen Haehnel. Everyone enjoyed seeing all the beautiful and inspirational projects shared during this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Dees, recording secretary.

QUILT BINGO!

During our April Business Meeting we will play fabric bingo. Each player will have a bingo card that was purchased as a kit and constructed. Prizes will be awarded after each game. A grand prize of 1/2 of the money collected AND all of the bingo “cards” will be won at the finale by a lucky quilter.

Don't forget to bring your completed “Bingo” card and pins for markers.

Treasurer Report

February 2024

Balance forward	\$2,615.15
Income	0.00
Expenses	
Office supplies	\$24.06
Challenge	<u>\$41.44</u>
Total	<u>\$65.50</u>
Balance as of 2-28-24	\$2,549.65



It's not too late to have an awesome quilting weekend at the retreat at Camp Weed. Work on your projects uninterrupted in a beautiful setting with good food and fellowship. Call Joy for info: 229 560-1649

Saturday Sit N' Sew

Remember when we would get together to sew on a Saturday? We did it again after so very long, Covid came between then and now and caused us to change a lot of things we were doing, didn't it! But you can't keep us from having fun every chance we get. We again gathered together on Saturday, March 16th to fellowship, snack, and sew together. Lots of machines running, and lots of hand work in progress. We were able to visit with members we had not been able to sew with in quite some time, some old and some new to each other. We shared goodies after we had our lunch plus stories, quilting and sewing tips, and lots of laughter. Attending were Dianne Dees, Kathleen Haehnel, Rhonda Strand, Elsie Crane, Diane Melendez, Ann Bussey, Teresa Smith, Heather Dixon, Teresa Lavind, Connie Syford, Barbara Jordan, Lynn Parrish, Lee Brooks, and Hedy Parrish.



Guild Challenge

We need to get back on schedule, which means we're having a challenge two years in a row! The theme this year is "Something old and something new" The kits were offered to members at the March business meeting but if you wish to participate, it's not too late. A few will be available at the April meeting but be sure you get one by calling Damaris (229-560-6533) and she'll reserve one for you.

Just imagine the lovely quilt you can make with this awesome stuff!



getting a round-to-it

Joy finished this beauty as her round-to-it and donated it to our community projects stash!



Quilts donated by Pinwheels Quilt Shop to our Quilts of Valor Project.



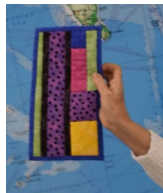
Linda Bacon



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Kathleen Haehnel



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