

GALA Quilt Guild March 19,2022 Minutes

Our meeting coincided with National Quilt Day and International Quilt Day. Thirty-two people attended the meeting

The day started with a workshop making one yard bags to use with charity quilts. Twenty two people attended the workshop. If anyone needs instructions, they can find them at www.lazygirldesigns.com. Then look for oneyard tote bag.

Toni Stauffer a reporter with the Citizen Newspaper in Phoenix City. She wrote a nice article about the placemats about The Phoenix City Art Center. The center is going to have an Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, May 7, from 10 AM to 5 PM at 1002 Airport Road, Phoenix City. Booth space will be available for \$30. If anyone needs an application, they can get one from the Phoenix City Art Center.

All quilts that were being submitted for the Fort Mitchell Quilt Exhibit were collected and sent with Carol Bradshaw. If anyone has a quilt that they want to submit, they can bring it to Linda Hayes at the Lazarus society food bank, 607 16th St., Phoenix City, AL 36867 on Friday, March 25 from 9-12 noon.

Before the tea, Linda Walker was presented a gift basket for all of the things that she does for the guild. Linda was very grateful. Everyone enjoyed the tea and refreshments.

At the start of the meeting all new members and visitors were introduced. Pat Carlson and Chantelle Hatton are new members from Albany. Glenna Shephard is a new member from Smithstation and came with a visitor, Beth Hickman. Lynn Wells and Judy Lyon are new from Phoenix City

The Pioneer Days and quilt exhibit will be April 9. A signup sheet was sent around for helping with the exhibit and the sales table. Linda Walker talked about the different activities that will be available at the Pioneer Days. Blacksmiths will be working. There will be a trading post, a carriage barn, cemetery, gift shop, live music, Crawford Pickers, food, kids costume contest. Sorority Sisters Quilting Guild of Harris County will be raffling off a quilt. In future years, there will be a quilt contest where quilts can be submitted from other guilds and it will probably be judged.

Juanita told about the signature block exchange. You take a 8 ½ neutral block with 2 five inch blocks on two opposite ends.

The April program will be presented by Rebecca Bush, the history curator for the Columbus Museum. She will talk about how quilts are procured, stored and displayed.

The May workshop will be a table runner done by Cathy Poyner. A charm pack will be utilized. May will also be the 2 ½" patriotic exchange.

The 2nd Saturday in June there will be a workshop to make a Barn Quilt at Fort Mitchel. The cost will be \$25 which will include everything except lunch. At the meeting in June Pam Brandt will do a program on barn quilts

Tabby Champion will do a class on featherweights on August 13. It will be \$135. It will be an all-day class. You will disassemble the machine and clean it.

Juanita asked for volunteers for programs, workshops, or decorations. Linda Jones and Sunny Pedigo and Audrey Berberon and Linda Hayes volunteered. Glenna Shephard and Bettyann McGlinchey volunteered for decorations.

In May formal nominations will be taken for what charity that quilts will be made for and one will be chosen from the nominations.

Drawings were held for name tag, sign in and block of the month

Rebecca Chester explained about the new block of the month.

Juanita asked if anyone had bought a new ruler. She asked if they would demonstrate it in a future program.

The participants in the row by row showed the section that they had done, These were all very interesting. The regular show and tell followed with many beautiful quilts. Many people showed tops from the jelly roll race from February.

For those who want to show empathy and concern for those in Ukraine, you can google blog.patsloan.com. Then look for Ukraine for some suggestions. Carla said the Lutheran relief will take donations. For those who want to make a quilt for Ukraine, there will be a pick up in Atlanta in August. Their colors are blue, yellow and white but any quilt will be acceptable. The recommended size is 60" x 80". The recommended block size is 12 x 12".

At the end of the meeting, everyone picked up one each of the spring 2 ½" squares. Rebecca collected items that members made that will be sold at the Pioneer Days. The meeting was adjourned.