

COUNTRY PIECEMAKERS  
MARCH 14, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bea, the president. The meeting was held at the Powhatan Library.

Barbara Zirkle led us in a devotion.

There were 27 members present and a visitor, Laura McFarland's mother.

Guild Business-Reports

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved.

**Sunshine**-Barbara distributed March birthday cards.

**Community Service & Fundraising**- Linda announced that we would have a raffle drawing today on 2 bags donated by Merci. Merci also donated wrapped freebie gifts and Bea contributed a shamrock plant in a St. Patrick's Day fabric bowl. Teri and Carmen won the donated bags. The free gifts from Merci were won by Kay, Betsy, Linda S., Jane E., Jill, Brenda, and Colleen. The shamrock plant was won by Billie. Congratulations to the winners. There were many items on the tables that you could make a donation, these were items from a deceased woman's sewing supplies. There was also a quilt kit that was partially made which Teri volunteered to take. Raffle took in \$66.00; and table took in \$35.00.

**Hospitality**-Thank you to Linda C., Merci, and Carmen for today's refreshments and lovely decorations.

**Website**-Michele said the new directions for the BOM are on the website. Please let Michele know if you have quilt shops to be added or deleted from the website, as well as, long arm quilters.

**Membership**-Jane P. announced that we have 46 paid members.

**Quilt Challenge**-Nancy T. was not present today. Boni S. did comment on our display of quilts this year. She said it was very well received by visitors to the show.

**Veteran Quilt**-Boni S. says this will be our program in June. She has made up four kits so far and would love help in cutting more kits.

**Retreat**-Colleen says there is one on stand by as of today.

**Programs**-Kay

March-Betsy will teach how to make a cork bag. She emailed pattern and necessary information. She suggested that you use a denim weight needle and thread no higher than 50 weight. There were 7 participants.

April-Betsy will email patterns that you can use for doll quilts or you can come up with your own pattern. They are to be 22 inches by 24 inches in size. Lisa stated she will bring some fabrics to the next meeting that we can use since we will be sewing the doll quilts for our program.

May-We will be machine quilting the doll quilts and Boni S. offered to demonstrate machine quilting.

Kay has signed our guild to make Bags for Africa at All Brands for March 30. With the virus hitting many areas, she is going to reschedule this event. You can go online to obtain the pattern (Sewpowerful) if you wish to make them at home.

### Activities

**Something New**-15 minute talk by a member or members about themselves. Today Sara P. and Nancy J. (sisters) talked about their sewing, quilting, and long arm experiences. Thank you for sharing.

The **library quilt** for March is Colleen and Cindy for April. Colleen will send out an email to ask members if they would like to have their quilt hang in the library for upcoming months.

Barbara and Nancy J. collected 12 **pillowcases** today. Kits were distributed today. Nancy J. collected 12 **nursing home quilts** today. Jane E. collected 15 **NICU quilts** today. A card was sent around for members to sign a card for Noreen since she donates so many baby quilts to our guild.

Betsy collected 2 **doll quilts** today.

**BOM for 2020**-Michele showed her next block and demonstrated how to sew a flying geese. Michele, sent out an email concerning this project.

**Show and Tell**-Kay, Colleen, Merci, Laura, Nancy J. Sara P.

### Closing Remarks

- **Kay announced she will reschedule the date to go to All Brands to sew tote bags for Africa.**
- **Bea asked members to think of something that would be a personal challenge to sew later in the summer. She is thinking maybe her challenge is to do Storm at Sea, just to give you an idea.**
- **Richmond Guild will host their quilt show in October. Lisa is chairperson.**
- **Rachel's Quilt Shop in Staunton is closed.**
- **Blue Crab will be closing Friday, March 27. Everything in shop is now 60% off.**
- **Heart of Virginia Shop Hop will be April 22-25. Shops are Rose Patch Creations, Lib's Place, Quilted Expressions, Quilter's Nook, Sew Classic Fabrics, The Quiltery, and Patchwork Plus.**
- **Millstone Quilts will have its Quilt Show on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 25% off storewide.**

Submitted by Barbara, Secretary

### Program

Betsy did a program on the cork bags.