

COUNTRY PIECEMAKERS MEETING
April 10, 2021

Bea called the meeting to order and Dorothy did devotion.

There were 22 members present.

The minutes from the December meeting and treasurer's report were accepted.

Folks with April Birthdays received Birthday cards.

For fundraising, it was determined that we will alternate between the 50/50 raffle and donation baskets. Teri won the April basket and we took in \$75. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Because we missed several meetings there were three drawings for the BOM designs. Lisa won the January teacup challenge blocks with 12 people participating. Barbara won the February heart blocks with eight people participating. Teri won the March blocks with 24 people participating.

The Guild received a Thank You card from Loving Heart Adult Home for quilts donated.

Teri talked to us about the veteran quilt program. She had cards that she asked the members to sign so they would have something to go with the donated quilts. She also distributed blocks to several members today to be completed and returned for another quilt.

We had drawings for two door prizes – Jan and Sara won the donated plants.

Today's program is Pineapple paper piecing.

May's program will be a Studio 180 class taught by Dorothy. She showed several blocks and had us vote on which one we wanted to cover in the class. She is placing the order for the rulers and anything else that members want so that everything will be available at the meeting.

Bea told the group about the project that Boni is sponsoring called the "Pink Chair Project". This project benefits men and women who have had mastectomies. There is a need for wearable bags to hold the surgical drains that are required after the surgery. This activity may be coordinated for a different day than the regular meeting days.

Colleen is handling the brown bag swap project. She emphasized that you must put your name on the outside of the bag when you make the block. Some bags have circulated multiple times and others not as much as they should.

Bea asked members about opinions on using off brand cutting blades. The concensus was that they might not be quite as good as the higher prices blades but that the price difference made it worth using them anyway.

Roxann was our speaker for the month. We learned her favorite color is orange and her favorite holiday is Halloween. She became interested in quilting at an early age. She enjoyed playing under her grandmother's sewing table as a child. As an adult she took a number of classes on different projects and techniques. She showed us a number of gorgeous quilts she has completed over the years. Thank you Roxann for sharing your story with us!

DONATION QUILTS

Nursing Home Quilts - 4 donated

Doll Quilts - 3 donated

NICU Quilts – 12 donated

Jane Elbert has a baby panel she will donate for a NICU quilt if someone wants to complete the quilt.

Show and tell was active with a LOT of beautiful items.

Submitted by Pam Schwartz (for Barbara Zirkle)