

COUNTRY PIECEMAKERS
MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Dorothy Holland at 9:35 a.m. There were 24 members present. Guests today were Catherine Etter and Laura Gilmartin. Laura brought friends with her also. Dorothy reminded members to look at the raffle baskets and the two Silent Auction items. Janet Carson gave the devotion. Merci stressed the importance of getting a mammogram after she recently had hers done.

- The minutes and treasurer's reports from March meeting were approved.
- Sara Leonard announced that we now have 44 members. Sara would also like for someone to take on her role as membership chairman-Jane Phillips said she would take on this role.
- Linda S. of Community Service and Fund Raising reminded members of the raffle baskets and silent auction items.
- Hospitality today was Bev, Becky, and the board members.
- Boni S. says she needs to get pictures from Jane P. from March meeting to pass on to Michele for the website.
- Dorothy reminded members of the different choices that were discussed at the March meeting for the 2018 Challenge Quilt. The membership voted and there was a tie between Month Quilt where a member picked a month and did a quilt to represent the month and a quilt depicting a vacation. We will do the Month Quilt this year and the Vacation Quilt in 2019. Meaning the 2018 quilt will hang in Hampton in 2019. Boni S. suggested that we make a banner to hang with our quilts next year in Hampton.
- Upcoming programs by Kay. First, she wanted to thank Becky for the great program in February (bears). Also, the demented bags that were made at the April meeting were on display. The bag was taught by Dorothy. In May, we will meet in Powhatan for our meeting and then go to Rustburg To a Thread Runs Through It for a demonstration on Deb Tucker rulers. We will pay for box lunches once we arrive. In June, Kay hopes the scissor man will be able to come and Lisa A. will teach us how to make the Beach Side Bungalow Quilt from the The Big Book of Strip Quilts by Karen M. Burns of Martingale. Members will need 2 ½ yards of a solid colored background that will make your quilt pop, 7/8 yards for setting, and 23 two and one half inch strips. The quilt measures 57 x 58 ½".

Kay also discussed Juvenile Quilts for the Department of Corrections. They are located in Bon Air and last month fabric was donated to the facility. They like bright colors and bright colored threads especially on black fabrics. They do have a long arm machine and there were some at the Hampton Show. Kay is checking into security to see if we can visit the facility maybe in June.

Carmen gave an update on the field trip to take place on April 18. The group will meet at Joanne's in Westchester Commons at 9:00 a.m. and carpool. After visiting the American Civil War Museum and Confederate White House, the group will go to Plant Zero for

lunch, Quilting Adventure and Blue Crab. The cost for the museums is \$16.00 per person.

The Block of the Month for both programs were hanging on the wall for members to see. These were Blocks 5 and 6 for Neighborhood Mystery and Bear's Paw and Basket for Underground Railroad. Sara L., Donna B., and Kay W. brought in samples of Blocks 7 and 8 for members to bring completed to the May meeting. The blocks for Underground Railroad Quilt are Crossroads and Log Cabin to be completed for the May meeting.

Colleen announced that pillowcases were taken last month and she is running low. Betsy's quilt (Civil War Block Exchange) will hang in the library for April. Donna B.'s quilt will hang in May; Nancy W.'s in June; Cindy M.'s in July, and Becky W.'s in August. UFO Projects were presented by Linda C., Jane E., Dorothy, Merci, Kay, Barbara, Betsy, Boni, and Colleen.

Donation Quilts for nursing home were Lisa and Dorothy. Members were reminded the quilts are running low. For the NICU, quilts were made by Lisa, Jane E., and Jan H.

Show and Tell today

Colleen-Downton Abbey Quilt

Donna B.- Double Pinwheel

Jane R.-Stack 'n Whack (raffle relay for Powhatan)

Lisa-Island Chain and Nova out of the The Big Book of Strip Quilts

Becky-Bear

Jan H.-Lattice Quilt

Merci-Nova and another strip quilt

Dorothy-Bargello (a donation quilt)

Kay-Monogram on shirt and pocketbook

Birthdays for this month were Jill, Ann, Linda C., Billie, Jan H., Bea, and Nancy J.

Reminders

- Thanks for the hospitality team today-Bev, Becky and the board members.
- Raffle winners were Lisa, Cindy, and Jane R. The Silent Auction for travel bag was Sue, and Cut/Scan was Carol (a guest).
- Next month, meeting and then the road trip so no breakfast in May.
- Next board meeting will be April 25th at 1:00 p.m. at the library.

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Program by Laura Gilmartin. Art Quilts Trunk Show, Trapunto, and Demonstration.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Z

Secretary