

President's Note

Janie Klipstein

Where, oh where have the past two years gone?! It seems like last month I was writing my first column. Today I write my last as President. Each of you has been wonderful at stepping up when I asked for help no matter the task. Thank you to the Guild members for your support. Please do the same for Stacey. Your new board and committee chairs take over at the January 2019 meeting.

I would like to thank Fran for being so on top of our finances the last two years. She has done a wonderful job keeping us straight.

I was hoping to get that Bee quilt shown at the December meeting but life happened and so far not finished. Guess what will be the first thing on my Get-R-Done list for 2019.

I would like to welcome our youngest member Liberty Wisnewski (age 7) who is now working on her second quilt. Liberty's grandmother asked last month if she could join the guild and I told her we would be glad to have her in our guild. Our guild is made up of many age ranges with much knowledge to share.

Christmas Brunch Party

Date: 13 December 2018

Time: We will start as close to 9:30 as possible

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. It is a LEFT turn on Soundside Drive off 98 into the parking lot. Driveway is ONE WAY around the church. We have been asked to park on the grass due to limited parking.

Bring a pair of potholders WRAPPED as an exchange gift and place a TAG with your name on the package. If you bring a pair you get to take a pair home. Gail has written a clever Left-Right Pass the Present story for our exchange.

Special Basket/Casserole carrier drawing: A casserole carrier filled with goodies has been put together containing about \$160.00 worth of goodies. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. This mone will be used towards room fees for the 2019 year.

Sewing Machine Drawing – Tickets for the Anna Sewing Machine will be available at the Christmas Party. Six (6) tickets for \$5.00 or One dollar (\$1.00) each. Drawing to take place at the party. We will deliver to you if you are not present.

I know you will all have a great time. I hope you have your potholders done for your exchange gift. I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful creations revealed. I will send out another food reminder on the Monday of the party.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big fat bank account and a slim waist.

Please don't mix them up like you did last year. Thanks

Membership Drive

Pat Clark

This year is coming to an end and a new year begins. This means dues for 2019 are due! The amount is still \$35.00 for the year. I will be at a table when you enter so have your check or cash ready to pay and you are done for the year. See you there!

The 2018 Challenge was Met!!!

Gail Matuskey

Birds and Words was a complete success. THANK YOU to all who participated. We had 28 awesome entries of various sizes and shapes – from a darling little wall hanging to a stunning tote bag and lots of fantastic quilts in between. BIG congrats to Julie DeLage and her beautiful Pink Pinkerton Flamingo taking first place. Julie has been quilting for less than 2 years. Just imagine the quilts coming from her in the future. My Rockin’ Robin birds took second. They were so much fun to create. Each one spoke to me differently, but the **ALL** wanted striped leggings. Third place went to Sarah Wisnewski and her amazing steampunk themed Eiffel Tower built of black gears with a flight of birds passing through – artful and impressive. The voting was tough. We had a hard time choosing just one. If you were there I know you enjoyed and appreciated every single entry. Now it’s on to next year and the challenge of 2019. What will it be?????? HMMMMMM.....Stay tuned..... Someone new will be giving us the details.

Community Quilts

Linda Ness & Sarah Wisnewski

This year was a busy, busy year for Community Quilts and we couldn’t have done it without the support of the Guild. The team this year consisted of 39 helpful hands in making kits, piecing, quilting binding and making quilts from one’s personal stash. A delivery of 85 quilts will be made this month with 20 going to Pregnancy Resources in Navarre and Milton along with 4.75 lbs. of pop tops and 65 quilts to the Santa Rosa Kids House. This brings us to a total of 126 quilts donated this year. Just think of all the young mothers and children who will be blessed by your hands! Thank you guild!

We are busy making plans for CQ in 2019 but right now we have some special needs. We have run through most of our kid fabric and have only scraps left. Recently we have received some youth fabric from several of you but we are in need of more. Would you consider buying a yard or two of youth and children prints so we can get going making kits? Panels are welcome too. Baby prints are easy to think of but what exactly are we looking for in a youth print you may be wondering. Cars, trains, boats, sport themed (but not teams), animals and animal prints, sea creatures, rockets and outer space..... Does this help you? We have run short mostly on boy fabric but we could also use a little bit of girly stuff too.

Bread is like the sun.

It rises in the yeast

And sets in the waist

Coming in January 2019

January 2019 Program

Gail Matuskey

January will mark the start of our new year with two new officers and some new committee chairs. Every new year brings new changes and new resolutions.

Last year Terri Bentz, Linda Ness, Sharon Teal, Sarah Wisnewski and Gail Matuskey each shared their Quilter's Resolution for the coming year. At the June meeting we learned the fate of said resolutions. This year I am throwing this open to all members instead of picking on a few. If you have a resolution as a quilter or stitcher you want to put out there, plan on sharing it with us in January. I've got one. We will again revisit them in June. A resolution can be a personal challenge. We may succeed. We may fail.

But we will give it our best shot!!!

Mystery Workshop

Stacey Hieb

Every January we have a Mystery Workshop using charm squares. A charm square is 5"X5" and come in packs of 42. You will need two packs for this project and you can buy them or make your own. They can be the same or coordinating/complimentary, your choice. You will also need your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. The cost is \$5.00 and you can sign up at the December meeting or call me at 208-599-1407. Irons, ironing boards and cutting mats will be provided. The workshop will take place right after the guild meeting so bring a drink and lunch.

Committee Chairpersons for 2019

Membership	Pat Clark	Newsletter	Mari Lydic
Workshops	Janie Klipstein & Julie DeLage	Historian	Jenna Wiggins
Photos	Jenna Wiggins	Chat Group	Laura Phillips
Quilts of Valor	Barbara Logan/Paula Cismesia/Lynn Ridgway	Librarian	Anne Walborn
Quilt Challenge	Donna Lacey & Becky Biddle	Door Prizes	Sue Simeaux
Get-R-Done	Roberta Bland	Facebook	Laura Phillips
Community Quilts	Linda Ness/Sarah Wisnewski	Website	Mari Lydic

A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it.

Scrap Solutions

Sarah Wisnewski

I hope this year's "Scrap Solutions" projects have spurred your imagination and motivated you to do something with the scraps from your quilting projects you couldn't bear to toss in the trash. I could have easily featured a scrappy quilt pattern each month but there are a myriad of them and easy enough to find. This is the last installment for Scrap Solutions but definitely not the end of possibilities. I have received positive feedback from many of you trying the projects and also showing me projects you have found to do with your scraps. Thank you!

This month's project is a little journal that you can make for yourself or for a child to journal a trip or event in. It can also be used as a sketch book. I have some leftover heavy weight fusible interfacing from a tote bag project and wondered what I could do with it.

A journal came to mind. I knew I was going to use plain copy paper (8 ½ x 11 inches) for the center so the cover needed to be a bit larger. I cut the heavy weight interfacing 12"x9." Next I needed two pieces of coordinating fabric and starched them well before cutting. The outside fabric I cut to 13" x 10" and the inside fabric 12"x9" (the same as the interfacing). Lay the outside fabric wrong side up on your ironing board and carefully center the interfacing, fusible side down, on the fabric leaving a half inch fabric hanging beyond all the way around and press. I then sprayed a few spots of temporary basting spray on the non-adhesive side (it could be pinned instead) and placed the coordinating fabric on it. Fold the cover fabric over ¼" and iron then fold it over again to the inside. Stitch this hem down staying close to the folded edge. Next take your paper, I used 7 sheets, and fold them in half. You will also need to fold the cover in half. Center the paper in the cover and sew down the fold. When you reach the end turn the journal around and sew again.

You know, this would be a great way to keep track of a special quilt project that you are doing where you could paste fabric swatches and notes and corrections as you go. It could also be used as a quilt journal. Just a few ideas.....

Stitcher's Quest in Fort Walton Beach will be moving come early February to the Santa Rosa Mall. They will be on the south end close to Penney's. This new location offers more space for fabric and additional room for classes and their Bernina longarm. We will let you know when it happens.

Tools of the Trade

Sarah Wisnewski

Magic Pins by Taylor Seville Originals. These pins are 1 7/16" long are heat resistant with a special comfort grip handle. There is not a ball at the end like traditional pins instead it has a ½" grooved plastic end that makes it very easy to grab hold of. Though they are call patchwork pins they are not very long but are excellent for smaller pieces and for applique.

One of the biggest aggravations I have when I hand sew and cut small pieces with scissors is the way scissors push the fabric or thread giving a wonky cut instead of making a clean cut. I recently bought a pair of 6" micro serrated trimming scissors made by Sew Great. They are fantastic! Kay Buckley, Havel's and Kia put out similar products too. If you too have this problem, consider getting yourself a pair. They make sewing so much smoother.

Shopping with your husband is like hunting with the game warden.

Our Friend Math

Everything is nothing O with a twist ∞

You matter

Unless you multiply yourself by the speed of light.....

Then you energy.

I'll do Algebra

I'll even do calculus

But graphing is where I draw the line.

Dear Math - I'm not a therapist. Solve your own problems.

The Buzzing Bee

What kind of bee can't make up its mind? A maybe. That certainly was not the case at our November Bee. It was a hive of activity with 25 in attendance. There will be **no Bee in December** but will resume in January. If you have never been to one of our Bee's add it to your New Year's Resolution list to join us at least once in 2019. Try it. You'll love it!!

Get-R-Done

Guild this month is the last time to show your 2018 Get-R-Done project. Drawings for quilty prizes will take place at the Christmas party. Then it will be time to work on next year's list. You can turn that list in to Roberta anytime.

2020 Quilt Show in De Funiak Springs

Janie Klipstein

The Chautauqua Quilters Guild Inc. has invited our Guild to participate in their bi-annual quilt show to be held February 14 & 15, 2020. I and Sharon Thiel will be working on this project over the next year. Please start thinking about what project you are willing to be on loan for that week. We will be able to hang up to a queen and as small as a 12 x 12 inch wall hanging. I expect to see some of the works from the Quilt Challenges to take part. I am glad it will be the public to do the voting that weekend. More information about this joint venture will be coming in January.

I ate a box of thin mints. I didn't get thinner. I don't think they work.

Name That Machine

Sarah Wisnewski

A couple of months ago I mentioned that Gail and I have named our longarms and sewing machines and wondered if any of you did too. Several of you responded to my request and here they are.

Shanon: Brother Dreamweaver is Ne Ne after a dance my daughter does to make me feel better. My Swinger Featherweight is Octavia because she was made in October. My Baby Lock Anna is Anna, of course.

Roberta: My Ellisimo Gold II is Ellie Mae; Baby Lock Jazz is Snazzy Jazzy and my Baby Lock Ovation is Olive no Oil or Ollie for short.

Fran: My embroidery machine's name is Baby and my Sashiko is Sashi. I do have other machines that I have not named but I love them just as much!

Sandy: I have a white Featherweight I named Casper and a singer 301 I call Lou Lou as it was my mom's machine I learned to sew on it and our middle names are Lou.

Mari: I have 10 machines and I almost hesitate to give you all the names. That's OK Mari you are not alone! My Brother Luminaire XP1 is Itch, Melco EMT+ 16 needle embroidery is Stitch, Brother PR 1050X 10 needle embroidery is Lelo, Innova 22" longarm is Jeanne (after my mom), Baby Lock Triumph Serger is Sergio, Janome 8100 travel machine is Nomi, Bernina 1530 is the Grand Dame, Bernina 750Q is Bernie and my mom's old Singer is just call Mom's machine.

Janie: My Baby Lock Ovation is No Bobbin Baby, Brother Luminaire Not a Plain Jane and my Destiny I is Plain Jane.

Organized people are just too lazy to look for stuff.

Quilt Trends

Sarah Wisnewski

Several years ago the half square triangle gained new life in quilt patterns and a plethora of designs came to life everywhere especially in Modern Quilting. This includes the log cabin and drunkards path blocks which are variations of the half square triangle. Recently I have noticed again a block of long standing gaining momentum and people are doing things with it that, to me at least, is pure genius. It is the Dresden plate block. Many look at it as an "old fashioned" block but what is being done with it is downright inspirational. If you do Pinterest type Dresden quilt block in the search bar and see what comes up. I love seeing the old stand-by blocks that have been around forever being used in imaginative ways. What do you think? Has something struck you as an up and coming wave in quilting?

I've often heard that "icy" is the easiest word to spell.

Looking at it now I see why.

Calendar of Events

December 13 – 9:00 - Guild Christmas Party being held at Good Shephard Church across from the CLC

No Bee in December

January 9 – 9:00 – Guild –Program - Quilter’s New Year’s Resolution – at the CLC

January 23 – 9:00-3:00 – Bee at St. Paul’s UMC

February 14 – 9:00 - Guild – Program – Trunk Show presented by Marcy Gallagher

February 28 – 9:00 – 3:00 Bee at St. Paul’s UMC

2018 Board

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It has been fun and a pleasure for me to do the newsletter this past year and I thank you for putting up with my quirky sense of humor. Next year Mari Lydic will be taking over. If there is anything you would like to see in the Guild’s newsletter or, better yet, would like to contribute and article I know Mari would welcome it. You can contact her at marilydic@gmail.com.

Signing off – Sarah Wisnewski

I swallowed a dictionary. It gave me thesaurus throat I’ve ever had.