

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild Meeting

July 12, 2017

Held at Goshen Fire Company, West Chester, PA

President, Pat Barton, opened meeting at 9:30am and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of Calico Cutters new year. Informed attendees the speaker will present her lecture prior to the business meeting and then show and tell at the end. Just a few announcements prior to the lecture.

Announcements:

- Betty Zeller had a surgery for a valve replacement and then suffered a stroke. She is at Bryn Mawr Rehab. Members encouraged to send her well wishes.
- Quilting Opportunity: A gentleman contacted the guild regarding commissioning a quilt to be made of clothing of his deceased wife. Contact Pat if interested.

Program/Speaker Melissa Averinos:

Leslie O'Brien introduced Melissa Averinos. Also, announced everyone attending the Tuesday workshop with Melissa had a great day.

Melissa gave an inspiring lecture. She shared her quilting journey with quilts and slides. Thirteen participants from her workshop of Tuesday, July 11th, showed their beautiful works in progress.

Pat Barton announced the group would take a 15 minute break.

After the break, Pat Barton called the Business Meeting to order and thanked Melissa Averinos. All Committee Chairs with announcements were asked to come to the front.

Pat reminded everyone that it is the last day of the Name That Show! suggestions for the upcoming Calico Cutters quilt show planned for May 2018. Get in your ideas!

Ways and Means:

Kelly Meanix announced the 2017 Quilt Challenge notecards were for sale at the Ways and Means table. \$12 a box.

Charitable Gifts:

Ann McErlean read a lovely thank you card from the Pocopson Home. Pocopson was grateful for the June contributions. Ann thanked the members for the generous donations brought in today for the West Chester Food Cupboard. Ann announced the August collection will be for Head Start. School supplies and other items needed will be listed on the web site. September charity is pillowcases for Ryan 's Case for Smiles. Information will be on the website along with a link to the pattern.

Workshops:

Debbie Becker spoke about workshop fees, rental fee at the Good Will fire hall and the speaker workshop fees. This was in response to some members expressing concern over the seemingly high costs of Calico Cutters workshop fees. Debbie gave attendees an overview and insights into how fees are determined.

Stephanie Braskey, also spoke about workshops and fees. She announced the August workshop with teacher Linda Poole and showed sample. The project will be a whole cloth painting, Little Bird. No sewing machines! Stephanie also addressed costs of kit fees.

Kathy Nestor announced workshop with Nancy Mahoney in September. Project will be Gumdrops. Calico Cutters will be sharing costs with the Brandywine Valley Quilters. The date is September 12th and the cost is \$52.

Programs:

Leslie O'Brien spoke about program and workshop with Thomas Knauer in October. It will be a two day workshop. She is working on a plan to have a workshop on Tuesday, a lecture, lunch and fabric shopping day on Wednesday and then full blast quilting on Thursday. More details to come.

Kids Quilts:

Cathy Fasy thanked the previous committee for their work and dedication for many years. The new group is Hearts to Hands Quilting group of Ridley Park Presbyterian Church and they will be meeting the third Monday of the month from 10am-12pm to cut and sort fabric and assemble kits.

Membership:

Susan Linton and Lee Paylor announced 86 persons were attending today. 79 members and 7 guests. 6 of the attendees are new members.

Quilt Retreat:

Lee Paylor and Kathleen Winters announced the quilt retreat will be October 12-15 at Bird-in-Hand in Lancaster, Pa. All information is on the guild website. Please send registrations to Kathleen. The challenge for the Saturday evening banquet will be Buttons. Entries must be a quilted project containing a button or buttons and be a completed item. The weekend fashion accessory is a favorite Halloween costume/attire.

Quilt Show:

Roni Connor will be collecting items for the shop/boutique to be held at the May 2018 quilt show. She is starting now to accept donations. There will be no consignments. Some ideas for donations are pincushions, fabric bowls and other handmade items. The shop will accept small precut items in good, unused condition. Items can be fat quarters, layer cakes, charms squares, and jelly rolls. Complete quilt kits will also be accepted.

Block of the Month:

Sonia Schaeffer announced good news! 77 blocks were made to be given to Shirley Walton and her Tel Hai group to use in making American Soldier Quilts. Thank you to all of the supporters. Next month the block is Ladybug and Friends. Pattern is on the website.

Fat Quarters:

There were three entries this month. The winner is Gail Moffitt. Dorcas Weist announced the theme for next month is Don't Bug me. Bring fat quarters with the theme of bugs and other insects.

End of committee presentations. Pat Barton expressed her thanks to all of the Committees. Pat reported that she and Elaine Mayer are working on flyers to advertise Calico Cutters upcoming quilt show and to be displayed at the Hershey Quilt Show later in the month. Pat also spoke about the upcoming MAQ weekend at Mount Saint Mary's in Maryland.

Show and Tell:

Kids Quilts: 7 quilts

Soldier Quilts: 1 quilt

Member Show and Tell: Assisted by Chris Qaddoumi and Pat Svitek holding up the quilts, more than 20 members and guests showed their projects.

Meeting ended and Pat Barton assured everyone she would return for eleven more!
Chairs to be folded and placed against the wall.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine A. Morano
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