

Minutes of the General Meeting, via Zoom

Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild - September 9, 2021

The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by President Meralee Wilson at 1:02 p.m.

Chris Benedetti moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021, General meeting. Jan Goebel seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Minutes were approved without objection.

GENERAL AND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Online Auction. Meralee Wilson pronounced the online auction site very professional and announced that some items had already been sold. Chris Benedetti reported that the best support of the online auction site comes from our Guild, but there have been quite a few bidders who are not in the Guild. The online auction site will be up for three consecutive weeks. To date, the site has brought in \$3,000.00.

Challenge Quilt 2022. Ideas are needed for the 2022 Challenge Quilt. Concepts should be sent, by e-mail, to Meralee Wilson or Nan Scott to receive an invitation to the board meeting for presentation

Administrative Board. Diane Tillotson announced she is working on a spreadsheet for all executive board and committee members. The Guild needs a member to chair the Membership Committee and two members to co-chair the Quilt Show Committee.

Community Quilts. Lindanne Perdue announced she needs a volunteer to work on giving away quilts. She further needs polyester fiberfill cut into 1" and 1.5" squares. In addition, if any member wants to practice quilting on a domestic machine, she has some quilts which need quilting.

Veteran's Project. Ginger Dale announced in August, thirteen quilts were awarded to veterans, and the Guild received \$500.00 in donations. The committee is also applying for a \$2,000.00 grant.

Retreat 2022. There are some spots still open, and checks must be sent to Georgia Sabourin at her home address which is in the Directory. As a reminder, all Retreat participants must be fully vaccinated.

Programs. Jane Szabo announced the October workshop with Kris D. Mozer only has five participants to date, and more registrants are needed, or the workshop will have to be canceled. With ten participants, the Guild will lose \$600.00. The October workshop will be opened to non-guild members. The November 12, 2021, workshop will go ahead as scheduled as ten participants have registered.

Rec Center. Debbie Mosley announced new quilts would be on display at the Rec Center, and there is room for six additional quilts. The quilts presently on display are the porch-drop quilts.

Having no further business, the Guild presented a video presentation by Rhonda Dort, a third-generation quilter who loves to quilt with and go antiquing for ladies' handkerchiefs, doilies, trim, ribbons, buttons, pearls, and other adornments which can be incorporated into a quilt.

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Rhonda has been featured in various quilting and needlework magazines and journals. During her presentation, Rhonda displayed sixteen examples of her work including a Thanksgiving themed 9" x 12" doily, with beading, ribbons, and graphics downloaded for free from the internet, printed on muslin, then cut, and hand-sewn to the doily; a 9" x 12" small Easter themed quilt bearing a white background and heavily beaded, a ladies' handkerchief entitled *Remembrance* and dedicated to caregivers of Alzheimer patients; an Irish themed heavily beaded ladies' handkerchief with approximately half vintage beads and half new beads; a tribute to Rhonda's mother-in-law in a ladies' handkerchief with tiny purple flowers on the left side, worked in two pieces, green ribbon, yellow crochet stitches, and mother-of-pearl buttons; a 9" x 12" vintage ladies' handkerchief with miniature blue roses, an ecru heart, and jonquils; a 9" x 12" example of how much Rhonda loves to use buttons, which are sewn on in numerous different pastel shades; a 9" x 12" Christmas themed ladies handkerchief with three vintage graphics from the internet, predominantly of Santa Clause. Rhonda's favorite holiday is the Fourth of July, exemplified in a 9" x 12" red, white, and blue ladies' handkerchief with lace, crochet embellishments, ribbon, and holiday graphics. Rhonda also displayed a 36" x 40" quilt made of antique linen, which Rhonda cleaned, pressed, trimmed, and adorned with crochet stitches, needlework, and pearls to allow the original creator's work to shine through. She titled the quilt *Second Chances*.

Working on her Crazy Quilt Journal Project, Rhonda finished a 4" embellished hexagon with royal blue cross-stitch, added intensely orange-colored flowers, French knots, and beads galore. Rhonda finished a second 4" embellished hexagon with green/lavender and green/yellow roses, French knots in wheat yellow, one of Rhonda's favorite colors, and a metallic dragonfly. Rhonda also displayed several full-size quilts, including Southern Siesta, a colorful Latin-themed quilt, a Christmas tablecloth of wreaths and poinsettias, a pink and white quilt that won a blue ribbon, and a 24" x 24" quilt of crocheted flowers.

Rhonda uses beads, pearls, and other adornments to bring the stitched flowers to life and give them dimension. Rhonda's thought process in creating one of her quilts is to 1) download free graphics, 2) print the graphics on muslin, 3) play with the placement until she is satisfied, 4) layer the adornments, 5) build on the pieces, and 6) add her beads, buttons, and stitching.

Rhonda uses a solution on Pinterest and her website to clean vintage linens of ½ C. Biz, ½ C. Cascade (both the Biz and Cascade must be in powder form), ½ to 1 Gallon warm water. Soak item(s) up to two days. Rinse three or four times. In the final rinse, add ½ C White Vinegar and rinse repeatedly. For non-colorfast fabric, embroidery floss, and trim, use Blue or Clear original Dawn. After washing, rinse with ½ C. White Vinegar.

Tutorials are on Rhonda's website at www.RhondaDort.com, and you can follow her on Instagram: RJCD.

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REMINDERS

A reminder to the executive board – the next meeting is Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

The next guild meeting, via Zoom, is Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Kinzel, Secretary.