

## General Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild November 9, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President, Phoebe Hein at 1 pm.

The minutes of the general meeting on October 12, 2017, were approved as published after a motion made by Cindy McEntee and seconded by Sonny Hamner.

2017-2018 Budget – The proposed Guild Budget for 2017-18 was presented to the membership. A motion to approve was made by Cindy McEntee, seconded by Carol Culton and approved by general membership vote.

### Committee Reports

**Committee Sign-Ups** -Thank You to Diane Tillotson for recruiting committee volunteers. Committee spots are still available.

**Documentation and Finishing School** are on recess until January 18, 2018.

**2019 Raffle Quilt** – Cindy McEntee and Janet Szabo recommended a wall size quilt, design will feature our ship panel “traveling” toward the lighthouse panel in an upper corner. Goal is to have quilt finished in time for Expo. Quilt will be started after Christmas. Motion was made by Sue Stephenson and seconded by Janet Scanlon to accept recommendation. Motion was approved by vote of the general membership.

**Outreach Donations** - Thank Yous were received from Latimer Center and Extension 4-H Project.

**Challenge Quilt 2018** - Judy McCoy presented a poster showing the information for 2018 Challenge Quilts, “The Elements” (wind/fire/water/earth). Information is posted on website.

**Newsletter/Communications** – Nan Scott – Future newsletters will be in BLOG form on website since no one took over the paper Newsletter. The BLOG editor will probably work two hours per month. Each committee will be responsible for posting updated information about their committee. Minutes will be published on website. Information will be posted on old website until new website is up and running. Pictures can be posted on website. If a member does not have email they can access the website on a public computer such as a computer at the Library or perhaps “buddy” with a member that would be willing to convey information. The guild has been sending out 47 Newsletters by mail, by using the BLOG format the guild will save approximately \$1,000. There will be links in the BLOGS to access other areas of the website.

**2018 Raffle Quilt** – Nan Scott – The completed 2018 Raffle Quilt, “Ocean in Motion” was shown to the membership by Joann Ballantyne who had added some “bling” to the quilt. There have been 10,000 tickets ordered and they will be available at the December meeting. Cost will be \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

**2018 Retreat** – Virginia Dale reminded membership that payment in full is due in December.

**Veterans Quilt Project** – Twylla Hoch asked members to bring red, white and blue fat quarters to the December meeting. Scraps are also acceptable. December 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation of several quilts at Sea Aire in Yachats between 10 and 12 am. All are encouraged to attend and to carpool since parking is limited.

**Vintage Sewing Machine Show and Sale** at Valley River Center. If interested, check with Linda Reeve for date, time and carpooling.

**Merchandising** – Becky Mershon, yearend sale today and thru Executive Board meeting next Thursday. Up to 50% off on merchandise.

**Membership** – Gayle Vaughn, 73 members, 2 new members, 7 guests.

**Programs/Workshops** – Jennifer Reinhart, the 2018 Preview Poster is at their table for review. December meeting will be a potluck, table walk will start at 12:00 noon. There will be a preview of Veterans Quilts and Show and Share. Watch for further information on the website.

February Workshop will be Oasis Quilt, a study in color by Vivian Moore. Cost is \$40.00

### **Program**

A Judy Niemeyer Trunk Show was presented by Shirley Scott and Cindy McEntee, both members of the Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild . (Bios are at the end of the minutes.)

Both Shirley and Cindy have developed a special friendship with Judy Niemeyer and have a special love for her quilts and paper piecing techniques. Shirley became a Certified Instructor in 2012 and Cindy is heading back to Montana in January to complete her Certification. Shirley's favorite pattern is "Glacier Star" and she feels it is the best pattern for first time paper piecing. The guild was dazzled with a Parade of Judy Niemeyer Quilts that Shirley and Cindy have made as well as two of Judy's own quilts, Red River and Congo Star. Both Cindy and Shirley recommend the "Quiltster" app. The program was a feast for our eyes of beautiful color combinations, exquisite quilting and different quilt sizes all from Judy Niemeyer patterns.

### **Drawings and Prizes**

Quilter's Surprise

Ruth Johnson, chicken fabric and bag.

Nifty Notions

Ruth Hutmacher, pencil sharpener, white marker, knitting charms and sign.

Kay Coons, a "Stuff Box".

SABLE – Jewel Tones

Joan Johnson

Lana Pries

December will be Christmas Fabric Fat Quarters (please bring donations to meeting)

Block of the Month – Janet Szabo & Meralee Wilson, starting in January blocks will coordinate, each participant can make an additional block to keep if desired. More information to follow.

Drawing for pumpkin squares: Ruth Hutmacher, Norma Horn (2), Dolores Thomas, Carla Pickering, and Diana Parmelee.

### **Show and Share**

- Remix Class: Jackie Stankey, black and white fabric. Janice Hoffman , black brocade.
- Karen Donobedian, Poinsettia Table Topper and Mini Calendar Quilt-
- Paulette Stenberg, multi colored woven quilting
- Ruth Hutmacher, showed an Amish Quilt that she got from her neighbor that is being given to Community Quilts and will be given to Habitat for Humanity
- Gayle Vaughn, Sweatshirt Jacket from Gloria Zirges Workshop
- Diane Tillotson, Remix Class – purples and blue quilt. Christmas maroon and gold quilt.

### **Reminders**

- Executive Board Meeting – Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30 am at Carriage House
- December General Meeting – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon Table Walk, FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK!

Respectfully submitted,, Marian Brown, OCQG Secretary

## **BIOS:**

**Shirley Scott** – In 2005 at an annual On the Beach Retreat with Jannilou Creations, Shirley began her first Judy Niemeyer Quilt, Rocky Mountain Thornbush. The quilt was completed under the tutelage of Jan Bressler and Lou Shafer. Shirley had attempted various paper piecing projects in the past, but never enjoyed the cut-a-hunk of fabric methods used. Learning the Judy Niemeyer way, paper piecing quickly became her favorite method of piecing quilts. Soon after the retreat, Judy came to Jannilou Creations and taught a workshop. At that time Shirley knew that she wanted to develop her love of Judy's methods and patterns into teaching and encouraging others to complete their own paper pieced works of art.

In 2012, Shirley had the opportunity to travel to Montana with Jan Bressler to become a Judy Niemeyer Certified Instructor (CD). Jan and Shirley taught many classes together over the next 5 years and could be found together at Jannilou Creations, in Bend, Florence and Newport at several retreats at Beachcomber's Haven in Gleneden Beach.

After the loss of her teaching partner, Shirley continues to teach at Jannilou Creations, and the March week-long Jannilou Creations, Judy Niemeyer retreat goes on. In 2017, Shirley has also been caught teaching in Bend, Burns and Newport.

For the past two years, Shirley and her husband, Ron, have been going through the “experience” of building a new house. The house is done and is finally becoming a home as they settle in. Shirley has a new quilt studio that she has set up to have others come and sew with her. They have a guest room and a bonus room that is being set up to accommodate overnight guests with thoughts of beginning mini retreats in 2018.

**Cindy McEntee** – Having fallen asleep in her favorite chair to OPB Sunday afternoon programming in 1999, Cindy awoke to the closing music to “Sewing with Nancy”. Was this a subliminal suggestion or a possible Vulcan Mind Meld? Today she is grateful that she was not sleeping to Bob Vela and “This Old House.”! This Sunday nap triggered the unstoppable desire to head right up to Craft Warehouse to find her “Hobby”. The most obvious would be sewing because sitting in the center of her living room was a 1967 Pfaff sewing machine, kindly given to her only a couple of days before, by her Aunt Tess. Mind you she hadn't sewn a stitch since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Home Ec assignment of an A-Line Skirt and Blouse project, mostly because of emotional scaring from putting in a zipper. From that day forward the sewing of clothing would be strictly forbidden on any future Bucket List!

Next thing she knew she was taking a class in Nelscott. Cindy was making a Wedding Ring Quilt and her first Judy Niemeyer Design Quilt. Not having a great deal of skills in this new hobby, she was in over her head, but determined to make this quilt. Lots of cutting on fabric in a basket and overwhelmed she put it away for a while, OK it was nearly 20 years, but who's counting.

Still Cindy was intrigued with the style and genius of Judy Niemeyer and she and her friend Susan signed up for a class in Philomath with Jan Bressler. It was the introduction to the most amazing quilt designs she's ever seen and working with Jan made it all the much better. The late Jan Bressler, one of the first Certified Instructors of Quiltworx, Judy Niemeyer's company, guided her through the completion of several more beautiful quilts and she met Shirley Scott, also a Judy Niemeyer CI, who was team teaching with Jan. The two generous and patient women were instrumental in Cindy's obsession and appreciation of Judy Niemeyer's Quilt designs and Techniques.

Several years later Cindy would see Judy Niemeyer at different Quilt shows always asking her if there was ever an easier way to make the Wedding Ring Quilt. Judy knew Cindy had one of the first

edition patterns and would always reply “Just throw it away and start over with the new pattern, it is so much easier.” Cindy just couldn't throw it out and finally got the old thing out of the closet and started again. It was finished this year in time for a trip to Montana and a stay at the Quiltworx Retreat House. As Judy held one corner of Cindy's Wedding Ring Quilt and Cindy held the other, Judy said “Boy it's a good thing you didn't listen to me, this is beautiful!”

Cindy will complete the Quiltworx Certification on February 4, 2018 and is thrilled to continue teaching this beautiful Art form.

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