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February's Helping Hands:



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**MEETING : February 14 at 7:00pm**

**PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS**

So long! Farewell! Goodbye! Sayonara! I'm outta here! Well, okay, I'm not actually going anywhere, but this is my last message to you as President of the Guild. I couldn't be more pleased with our success! Our membership continues to grow, and our Guild continues to be a warm, welcoming, fun place for quilters of all ages and skill levels to come together and share our love of quilting. I love how enthusiastically you embrace new projects, volunteer opportunities, and challenges. The excitement within our Guild is palpable, and contagious! I look forward to many more years of enjoying your company at meetings, retreats, classes, work days, and quilt shows.

I want to make you aware of a proposed amendment to our By-Laws that the Board will vote on at the February 7th meeting. When we formed the Guild, we decided to make our dues year August to July. When I wrote the By-Laws, I inadvertently also made that our fiscal year. That makes tax and other reporting more difficult than it needs to be, so I've proposed amending the By-Laws to make our fiscal year the calendar year. The change won't affect the members at all; it will just make the Treasurer's job a bit simpler. If you have any thoughts you would like to share about the proposed change, please come to the Board meeting (held at Heidi's at 7pm on Feb. 7th), or email a Board member to communicate your thoughts. (Members are always welcome at Board meetings, anyway!)

I also want to explain something about the "24's a Charm" charm square exchange. Some of you have been worried because you missed a month, thinking you'd be missing charm squares for a particular project we would offer later. That's not the case. We're exchanging charms just to build a nice stash of charm squares. There are dozens (maybe hundreds) of patterns available for charm quilts. At our April meeting, we will be presenting several different ideas that use charm squares, and giving you instructions for those, but the patterns will work for any charm squares you may acquire from any source. So even if you haven't participated in the past, feel free to jump in this month.

Now that my term as President is ending, I plan to turn my attention to planning our first quilt show. I know dozens of you have skills and talents that would be really helpful in making a quilt show happen. We'll need people with ideas for categories, fees, special exhibits, vendors, advertising, location, organization of the show, hanging and taking down the quilts, how to hang (requiring sleeves? acquiring "pants hangers"? other?), a Guild boutique, just all kinds of things. It's a lot of fun to work on a show, and then see it come to life. If you'd be interested in joining me on this journey, please let me know!!

Well, I think that's it for me. I know you'll join me in welcoming incoming President Linda Wood, and supporting her as she shepherds us forward. I hope to see everyone at our meeting on Valentine's Day! Until then,

Happy Quilting!  
Tomme Fent

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## Vice-President's Message

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm glad to see January in my rear view mirror! Cancelling January's guild meeting was spot on. Nothing is more important than keeping our members safe, but boy did I miss you guys!

We are back on track and I think 2017 is going to be one heck of a quilting year. February's meeting will be our annual charity quilts work party. Since we missed meeting in January, I bet the energy level will be HIGH and it will be a fun filled night! And since the meeting is on Valentine's Day, there may be some "sweet" surprises in store for everyone.

Violet Craft will be our guest speaker in March. You are going to want to get a front row seat for this one!

At April's meeting, we will learn some fun things to make with those great charm squares we have been swapping for the past year. We will have finished projects and information on patterns you can use to make items with your squares. Totes, quilts, table toppers, etc. will be on display for you.

Since I'm on the subject of charm squares, remember to bring your January (food) and February (sewing) themed squares to the February meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all real soon!

Nancy

### Mt. Hood Quilt Guild February 2016 Financial Report

Bank balance before December meeting:  
\$4903.74

Deposits: 01/30/17  
Retreat Registrations - \$150.00  
Tickets - \$34.50  
Donations - \$3.00  
TOTAL DEPOSITS \$187.50

Expenses:  
Oregon Charitable division - \$10.00  
Laptop - \$567.30  
Guild Insurance - \$458.00  
TOTAL EXPENSES \$1035.30

CURRENT BALANCE \$4055.94

### MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

Since our January meeting was cancelled due to weather issues, I have no attendance numbers to report. However, this is a great time to introduce your quilting (seasoned or aspiring) friends to our group. They can now find us on Facebook, Instagram, and at our very own website!

Staci Wendland  
Membership Chair

**No Meeting Minutes this month, due to having had no meeting!**



## Strip Quilt Kits

Hi Quilters,  
I'm looking forward to seeing the kits we make from strips. Please feel free to bring any fabric you'd like to donate for this project.

Something else we haven't used for a while are 10.5" framed kid prints blocks. If you have some pieces to use for this project, you can drop those off at the back table.



Thanks to all of you, we have passed the 200 quilt milestone!! This is truly an accomplishment we can be proud of. I really appreciate all the hours of work you've given to our community.  
---Delleen

The Secret Word is

*Kiss*



## Small Group Update

If you have formed a small group, please let Bev Campbell know so we can include the time, date, and meeting place in the newsletter. bevcampbell1213@gmail.com or drop off the information at the 24's a Charm table at the meeting.

\*\*Appliqué group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at Jackie Parks's house. Contact Jackie for more details. 503-512-7665, jmillerparks@comcast.net.

\*\*General focus small group meets at Laura Rom's house on the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00am-3:00pm. Contact Laura Rom for more info, 971-244-2305, pumaol.laura@gmail.com.

\*\*Evening small group is currently meeting at Heidi's on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Contact Debbie Johnsen for more details, 503-680-6494, debbie.johnsen@yahoo.com.

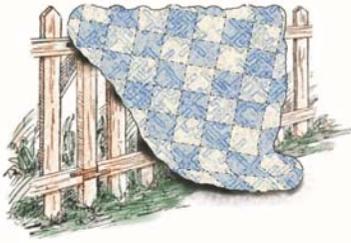
\*\*First Thursday Stitch & Share meets at 4 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Café Delirium in downtown Gresham. Contact Tomme Fent for more info, 503-674-4464, tommequilts@gmail.com.

\*\*Giving Quilts group meets the last Wednesday of each month from 11:00am - 3:00pm, at First Baptist Church, 224 W. Powell in Gresham (across from Truffle Hunter restaurant). Parking is in back of the church. Contact Jan Lindquist for more info.

## 24's a Charm

This month's charm fabric is anything food from last month, PLUS anything sewing. Bring 24 different food charms, and/or 24 different sewing charms for our swap.

During the meeting, the charms will be divided up and you will receive 24 different charms back in your baggie(s) to be picked up at the end of the meeting. Please make sure the fabric is quality quilting fabric with no selvages.



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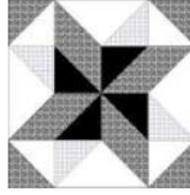
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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Suzie Bingham	3rd
Flossie Lindsey	7th
Weezy Brewer	12th
Candy Myers	15th
Irene Reid	18th
Dianne Etter	22nd
Camille Ainsworth	24th
Kris Howatt	26th
Michele Kargman	27th
Marion Spurlock	27th
Jan Burmeister	28th
Leslie Nelson	29th



## 2017 Mt. Hood Quilt Guild UFO Challenge

### Get out your UnFinished Objects for chances to win!

The UFO project challenge will be a fundraiser where 50% of the funds go directly to the Guild, and the remaining 50% will be used for prizes for the challenge winners.

#### HOW IT WORKS:

- 1) Buy in for \$10 (cash/check). **Buy-in starts at December meeting.**
- 2) Each \$10 give you up to 6 chances to win.
- 3) Complete previously started projects, then **show the finished projects at guild meetings starting in January**, and get a raffle ticket for each finished project.
- 4) **Drawing will be at the June meeting** after Show & Share.
  - a) First prize wins 1/2 of the prize money.
  - b) Second prize wins 1/2 of the remaining prize money.
  - c) Third prize wins remaining prize money less \$10.
  - d) Fourth prize wins \$10

Example: \$400 in prize money. 1st Prize=\$200. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize=\$100. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize=\$90. 4<sup>th</sup> Prize=\$10.

#### GUIDELINES:

- 1) UFO's must be fully completed to qualify (quilted, bound, labeled).
- 2) Qualifying items must be finished between Dec. 2016 and June 2017. (No previously completed items please)
- 3) To be fair to those making quilts, no more than 3 small UFOs allowed per buy-in. (Items like a complete placemat set = 1 small UFO)
- 4) Buy-in as many times as you like throughout challenge.

**SO DIG OUT THOSE UFOs, AND LET'S GET QUILTING !!!**

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