



February's Helping Hands:
EVERYONE!

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February President's Report

I find it so hard to believe that this is my final President's report. It has been a privilege and honor to serve you all this past year. And it has been so much fun, too. You have taught me so much and there simply are not enough words to really express my thanks. I must admit, I am looking forward to just sitting and enjoying our monthly guild meetings. I believe Bev will make a great President and will do a great job leading the Board and Guild through the next year. I especially want to thank all those who have served on the board with me, plus those who came to the monthly board meetings. I will miss those Heidi's desserts, so I may attend some meetings just to have an excuse to have more.

If you haven't joined a small group, please consider doing so. This is a great way to get better acquainted with other people in the guild. Or start another one with people you have met!

Take Care and Happy Quilting,
Reverend Linda Wood

P.S. Something to think about:

When you are in a fabric or quilting shop, start a conversation with another shopper. Example, "Are you a quilter?" If there is an affirmative answer, tell them about the guild. Invite them to look on the internet under Mt. Hood Quilt Guild and to come to a meeting.

Vice-President's Message

I know it seems like we have had plenty of rain the last few weeks, but after living in Minnesota for over 25 years, it is nice to have rain instead of snow. My son lives in Southern Minnesota, where they got 15" of snow recently, and he drives 45 minutes one way to work. Being a true Minnesotan, he didn't miss any work, but he got stuck in a snow drift after he got to the office! Aren't we glad we don't have to shovel rain?

Did you enjoy the Thread Tales group from Clark County that showed individual quilts based on a book they have read? It was very interesting how each quilter can differently interpret a book. If you would be interested in forming a group like this within our guild, please put your name in the suggestion box. Thank you Virginia O'Donnell for suggesting this program!

Our February program will be "Working Toward Perfection," by Victoria Jones. The topics she will discuss are things that can help improve quality and greater accuracy in piecing. She will also discuss tried and true methods as well as some of the latest tools that can make piecing easier and more accurate.

National Quilting Day

Did you know there is a National Quilt Day, Saturday, March 17th? If you would like to have an opportunity to sew that day, we will be sewing at Mountainview Christian Church (in the room where the guild meets) from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. We will be limited to 50 people. If you do not want to bring your machine and sew, you are welcome to come and use the cutting area and just hang out with us. If you have questions regarding a project, there will be quilters available to help or answer your questions. The cost is \$5 which will include your lunch. Sign-up is at the registration table.

Skip-A-Week Fabric Sales

At the last several meetings, there have been a couple of tables from the Skip-A-Week quilt group. They will be having tables at each meeting with fabric or quilting related items for sale. 40% of all proceeds is given back to MHQG, so it is a win-win opportunity for both of us.

Bev

*The secret word is **MOUNTAINVIEW!***

MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

We had 91 attendees at our January meeting, with 4 guests and 3 new members. Our current membership total is 164. Since this is my last month, I'd like to thank all of you for making my job so much fun!

Staci





Financial Report

The Treasurer's term begins and ends in February of each year. Thank you for entrusting me with the management of your finances for the past year. With this my final report, I would like to explain what I have been up to.

The guild is halfway through its third year, and has had amazing growth and activity levels for such a young group. As we continue to grow, it becomes more and more important to have detailed financial records to look back upon when considering new policies and projects. For that reason, I have moved the records to different software that will make it easier for future officers to maintain those records.

I will let the new Treasurer determine the format for reporting in the newsletter. For this month, however, I will leave you with a P&L statement for 2017, plus some totals that will show you the dollar volume over the past 3 years that demonstrate our speedy growth.

The guild is large enough and stable enough to be able to offer more fun projects, diverse meeting speakers, and educational classes. You can be of tremendous help in planning this year's projects by letting it be known what topics are of interest to you, and what types of classes you would like to attend. There is a suggestion box at all meetings for that input.

If you made it this far, thanks for reading!

Bev Lombardo

3-year total: (2015-16-17)

Income	32,609.94
Expense	25,957.14
Net	6,652.80

2017 Profit & Loss	
INCOME	
Ads, newsletter	5.00
Class registrations	[200.00]
Donations	23.00
Dues	3672.00
Fabric sale commission	18.00
Membership pins	77.75
Misc. income	44.50
Quilt show income	5846.66
Retreat registrations	6000.00
School vest project	800.00
UFO challenge	160.00
Total Income	16,526.91
EXPENSE	
Brochures, Ads, Promo	62.50
Challenge Quilt prizes	60.00
Comfort Quilts batting	124.50
Door prizes	86.17
Equipment	69.85
Federal, state fees	70.00
Insurance	485.00
Misc. expense	1.00
Name tags	52.50
P.O. Box	94.00
Quilt show expense	5211.35
Rent, Guild Meetings	400.00
Retreats	5631.26
Speaker Fees	970.74
- School vest project	280.50
Supplies (office, copies)	194.18
Website, Software	286.00
Total Expense	13,679.55
NET INCOME	2747.36

MT HOOD QUILT GUILD MINUTES
January 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Linda Wood.

A total of four drawings were held throughout the meeting. A contest for snow apparel was held. Linda announced there were two or three more veterans in the Guild who will be receiving Quilts of Valor. The list was misplaced and Linda asked the future recipients to sign up again.

Delleen, Outreach Coordinator, announced a February 3 sew-in from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 1st Baptist Church on Powell. Work party participants will be working on a project with Susan, the Northwest Coordinator of Quilts Beyond Borders. Delleen also reported that the project that made vests for school children netted \$500 for the Guild. As a final note, she said that over the past two-year period the Guild has been in existence, we have provided an impressive 449 charity quilts for hospice and Human Solutions.

Vice President Bev Campbell announced an upcoming sew-in to celebrate National Quilting Day, March 17. The event will be held at the Mountainview Christian Church, where our general meetings are held, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be an "open sew," and the cost will be \$5 for the day, which will include a sack lunch. Due to the building's electrical capacity, the number of attendees will be limited to 50 sewers, i.e., with machines. Ironing boards and cutting mats will be provided. A first-come-first-served sign-up sheet was available.

Linda announced that we will be voting at the February meeting for a new President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. Because no one volunteered for the President position, Vice President Bev Campbell announced that she will resign as of February 1 to run for President, and Susan Ainsworth Smith volunteered to fill the Vice President position.

Arden, of the Clark County Quilt Guild, announced that on February 1, they will hold an auction at the old Red Lion Inn on the Columbia River (now called The Key, Warehouse 23) which will begin at 6 p.m. with the live auction starting at 7 p.m. Many prizes, including some trips, will be presented at the auction.

Linda announced that the charm squares for February will be bright pink.

Tomme Fent talked about the upcoming Mystery Quilt project and explained fabric choices.

Linda reminded newcomers about our Ruler Library and the fact that we could shop for fabric during the break.

A break was taken from 7:35 to 7:50.

Vice President Bev Campbell announced that the February speaker will be Victoria Jones, who will talk about piecing accuracy.

Show and Share was postponed until next month with the exception of one project which needed to be shipped to a recipient within a few days.

Speakers were presented. Sherry Almstead, of the Clark County Quilt Guild, explained the formation of Quilt-Book Club, which has been in existence for 10 years. Ten women from that group talked about, and displayed, their projects that resulted from reading various books. Their presentations were funny and interesting and enjoyed by our members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Reid, Secretary



Check at Multnomah County Library to read magazines on line. Even Quilt Magazines!!



- Small Group Update**

If you have formed a small group, please let Barbara Belgrave know so we can include the info in the newsletter. bjb1955@gmail.com

****Appliqué group, NEEDLE TURNERS,** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at Jackie Parks's house. Contact Jackie for more info. 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 for more info, 971-244-2305, puma01.laura@gmail.com.

**** Evening small group, SEWCIAL CLUB,** 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.

****STITCH & SHARE** meets at Café Delirium in downtown Gresham at 9am on the Friday following each Guild meeting. 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 is back! Bring 24 **BRIGHT PINK** 5" squares in February, take home 24 **DIFFERENT** squares in **March!** Please cut off the selvages prior to cutting your squares, and use only good quality quilting fabrics!

This month, I discovered a common quilting interest with someone who also works in the Gresham schools. Our jobs keep us spinning around children in different areas, and we don't get much time to chat. She was surprised to find my name on the Guild website, and promptly brought 4 scrappy quilts to donate. I'm working on getting her to a guild meeting, but busy lives . . . you get the idea.

You may discover that someone you know is also interested in quilting. One time I was sewing at a group, and a member had invited the woman from the post office! I dropped the Guild info on a woman at the library last month. Look around your varied social circles, and I'll bet there is a quilter! It seems that the more people we discover with the quilting bug, the more we discover about our own skills as a quilter.

The lunchroom vests were delivered to City Hall, and got a great response from the Green Schools Coordinator. It felt great to get that project wrapped up. I really appreciate the help from all of you who stepped up and got the finish work done on them.

I'm looking forward to the Charity Sew Day on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Thank you to those who have volunteered to come and help Quilts Beyond Borders. I know Susan Schmidt is grateful for the help as well. Here is a link to the QBB blog:
<https://quiltsbeyondborders.wordpress.com/>

Delleen

FABRIC SALES

Several times recently the Garfield Skip-A-Week Quilt Club (SAW) has brought fabric to sell at the Mt Hood Quilt Guild. The fabrics are separated into two categories: 1. Nice quilting fabric that has been individually and reasonably priced (ex: fat quarter \$1). 2. Scraps that are pay whatever you want. The money that is collected is divided between both quilt clubs: 60% goes to SAW and 40% goes to MHQG. The exceptions were when the SAW quilt documentation group presented last September and the nice fabric was half off the individual prices and all of the proceeds went to SAW. Because of that at the January meeting, all of the proceeds from the scrap fabric went to MHQG and the proceeds from the nice fabric were divided 60/40. Going forward, all of the proceeds will be divided with 60% going to SAW and 40% going to MHQG. Thank you for the opportunity to reduce our stash and to support both clubs.

FREE ITEMS

There will be a table with "free" items at the guild meeting. Please feel free to bring items you no longer can use but are in good condition. If you bring something and it fails to find a happy home, then **you will be responsible to take it at the end of our meeting**. Shirley Curtis will give us more information at our February meeting.



Support Our Business Members!

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Suzie Bingham	3rd
Judith Jewell	6th
Stacie Phillips	6th
Weezy Brewer	12th
Candy Myers	15th
Gale Schulz	16th
Irene Reid	18th
Dianne Etter	22nd
Lorraine Kistner	22nd
Linda Littler	22nd
Maureen Bittner	24th
Laura Mituniewicz	26th
Michele Kargman	27th
Marian Spurlock	27th
Jan Burmeister	28th
Leslie Nelson	29th

ROMAN HOLIDAY MYSTERY QUILT - FEBRUARY CLUES

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:

You will need the following supplies, in addition to your fabrics, to complete the "Roman Holiday" Mystery Quilt:

- (1) Some kind of fabric marker that definitely will come off your fabric and not be visible later. If you're not sure, run a test on **Fabric B** to be sure the marker will come off completely. (A chalk marker works well. In a pinch, you also can use masking tape.)
- (2) A standard rotary cutting ruler that has a 45-degree line on it.
- (3) Also helpful, but not required - a square ruler (at least 8-1/2" square).

ABOUT THE CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

WOF = Width of Fabric (selvedge edge to selvedge edge). All seams are a precise 1/4", unless otherwise noted.

Wherever you see 3 numbers separated by hyphens, they represent the 3 sizes - Lap, Full, Queen. Select the number for the size you're making, and draw a circle around it to make it easy to keep track of how many units you are supposed to cut or sew.

February Cutting:

Right here at the start, take the time to **remove all selvages** from all 4 of your fabrics. Then you won't end up with selvages showing in any of your piecing. (Does not apply to good-quality batiks, which have tiny selvages that aren't attached to pins on rollers during manufacturing.)

Three reasons to remove selvages: (1) Selvedge edges are weaker than the rest of the fabric because they've been attached to pins on the manufacturing rollers (causing all those little pin holes you can see in the selvages); (2) selvedge edges may cause distortion in seams (something I see frequently, as a longarmer, when people piece their quilt backs without removing selvages first); (3) you don't want the white edging, pin holes, or printed information to show on your blocks.

From **Fabric A**, cut 3-5-8 WOF strips 2-1/2" wide. Sub-cut into 48-80-120 squares 2-1/2" x 2-1/2".

From **Fabric B**, cut 3-5-8 WOF strips 4-1/2" wide. Sub-cut strips into segments 2-1/2" wide, yielding 48-80-120 rectangles 2-1/2" x 4-1/2".

From **Fabric B**, cut 1-2-3 WOF strips 5-1/2" wide. Sub-cut into 6-12-20 squares 5-1/2" x 5-1/2". Set these squares aside for later.

February Piecing:

Retrieve all of the **Fabric A** 2-1/2" squares, and half (24-40-60) of the **Fabric B** 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Set the remaining **Fabric B** rectangles aside for later.

Sew one **Fabric A** 2-1/2" square to each end of each of the **Fabric B** 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Press toward **Fabric A**.

