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NEWS FROM THE HOOD

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MEETING : January 10 at 7:00pm

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Exciting news!!! If you're reading this, then you survived 2016!!! Hey, when you get to be my age, every day above ground is a wonderful day. Kidding aside, I do have some exciting news to share with you. First, I'm delighted to report that the Board has candidates to propose to you in January for the jobs of President and Treasurer. I've been saying for the past few months that we'd be voting on new officers in January, with them taking over in February. After actually reading our By-Laws (what a concept, right?), turns out the Board presents the slate of proposed officers in January, and we actually vote in February, with the new officers taking over immediately at the February meeting. So the outcome is the same - new officers begin their terms at the February meeting - but the actual vote won't take place until February.

Second, we have a website!!! It's still a work in progress, with lots of tweaking and additions to be made, but it's up and running and ready for you to enjoy. No more problems accessing the newsletter through our mail server; now you'll be able to go straight to the website, enter the Members' password (currently MHQGROCKS - in all caps), and access the current newsletter, archive of past newsletters, and our most recent membership list. We plan to post monthly Show & Share photos, information about upcoming meetings and workshops, and maybe someday even have a blog for our guild. Our URL is www.mthoodquiltguild.org (be sure to use .org, rather than .com, or it won't work), and our new guild email address is info@mthoodquiltguild.org.

I'm looking forward to our January meeting, when we get together to make kits for Stitching Comforts donation quilts. The last time we did this, it was a lot of fun, and I'm sure it will be this time, as well. Then we can meet at the VFW on Powell on January 28th to make some of those kits into quilts. Look for Delleen's announcement about the work day in this newsletter.

I don't have other news for you this month, so I thought I'd share a funny story with you. My husband and I have enjoyed our Bowl Buddies so much that I decided to make some for my kids, nieces, and nephews for Christmas. (For those who haven't been Guild members long, a Bowl Buddy is a bowl-shaped pot holder that helps keep things hot, and prevents burning your fingers when you take a hot bowl out of the microwave. You can find the instructions at <http://www.seamshappy.com/2012/08/13/microwave-bowl-pot-holder/>.) I sent sets of Bowl Buddies off to family members with a note explaining what they were and how to use them. When one of my nieces opened her box, which also contained gifts for her kids, the note somehow got missed - maybe it got tossed with the wrappings, who knows. Anyway, she and her daughter put the Bowl Buddies on their heads, and took a photo that she posted on Facebook with the legend, "Hats or pot holders? You decide." So funny! I guess now we'll have to start calling them Head Cozies! (Their photo is on page 2.)

Here's wishing each of you and your families a very Happy New Year! May the coming year bring you a multitude of blessings, including plenty of time to quilt! See you on January 10th. Until then,

Happy Quilting! Tomme Fent

Vice-President's Message

Are you looking for a positive way to begin the New Year? Let me introduce you to our January program then. Get ready for our second annual work party for charity quilts.

Not only do we have fun spending time with our quilting friends, but it is a great way to make a difference in the lives of others who need a friendly hand. You may need to bring goggles as the fabric will be flying while we iron and cut fabric and prepare quilt kits to make those special works of art for charity that only you - members of MHQG - do so lovingly!

Love is in the air in February! Our guild meeting is on Valentine's Day, and we are working on a special meeting for you.

And what can I say about our March meeting? Special guest speaker Violet Craft will give a presentation! More about that in months to come.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our work party and trust 2017 will be happy and healthy for you and your families!

Nancy



Bowl Buddies as Head Cozies! Modeled by Tomme's great-niece and niece, Emily and Ginny Harvey (Nina Gilliland's granddaughter and daughter!)



MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

We had 61 attendees at our December meeting, and two of those were guests. Our current membership is 127. Be sure to share our new website with your quilting friends, and invite them to come meet us!

Staci Wendland

MT HOOD QUILT GUILD MINUTES

December 13, 2016

Announcements

Beginning in January, the Guild newsletter will be available on our website.

Sign up for the UFO project at the January meeting. Anything finished after the December meeting qualifies.

There are still a few charter member pins left. If you ordered one, please collect it at the January meeting.

Registration for the September quilt retreat is now open. There is a total of 30 places available. \$75 will hold your reservation and the balance will be due in August.

Good news! We have volunteers for the positions of President and Treasurer. Be with us in January for their introductions..

24's a Charm for January is food. Celebrating all that food we ate over the holidays.

Charity Quilts

The regular January Guild meeting will be an opportunity to make charity quilt kits. Please contact Delleen Kompkoff if you would be willing to be a coordinator for the cutters, ironers, etc.

The January Sit & Sew, at the VFW, will take place on January 28, 9 am to 3 pm. Irons/ironing boards are needed, as well as cutting mats/cutters for making strips, and those with sewing machines. Since the day will be dedicated to charity quilts, no fee for using the hall will be necessary. And, it's a potluck. Bring something to share.

Guild Activities We feasted on sweet and savory treats provided by our members – thank you all! After show and share, we played fabric bingo for batik fat quarters. Congratulations to the happy winners.

Upcoming guild meetings

MHQG Board meeting: Tuesday, Jan 3, at 7:00pm at Heidi's (Cleveland & Burnside). Guild members are welcome to attend.

Guild meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:00pm at Mountain View Christian Church, 1890 Cleveland Avenue.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Amidon



**Shhh-the Secret Word is
CELEBRATE!**



**Quilting
Work Party**

Save the date:
**Saturday Jan. 28th
Gresham VFW 9:00**

RSVP to knitknots7@gmail.com



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**January Charity Events
Guild Meeting**

Press - Strip - Kit
We will be cutting 6.5", 3", and 2.5' strips from donated fabric. Please bring any fabric you would like to add to our kits.

**Sew Day @ Gresham VFW
Saturday Jan. 28 9am**

 Bring your sewing machine
basic sewing tools
food to share for potluck lunch
canned food for food drive

Join us as we sew our strip kits together!

**RSVP at Guild Meeting or email
knitknots7@gmail.com**

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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. Currently, there are about 9 people in the group. 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. Currently, there are 8 people in the group. Contact Laura Rom for more info, 971- 244-2305, puma01.laura@gmail.com.
- ** Evening small group is currently meeting at Heidi's on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. There are six members of the group currently. 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. 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, 503-761-6106.

24's a Charm

This month's charm fabric is anything food. During the meeting, the charms will be divided up and you will receive 24 different charms back in your baggie to be picked up at the end of the meeting. Please make sure the fabric is quality quilting fabric with no selvages. Next month will be anything sewing-related.

Meet Susan Ainsworth Smith, longarm quilter and owner of Kelly Creek Studio



Hi fellow quilt guild members! I'm excited to be the featured business in our newsletter this month and very happy that this guild was started here in East Multnomah County. Our robust membership is evidence that it certainly was needed in our area.

I've sewn for many years, starting in 7th grade making clothing for myself and then for my two daughters. The quilting bug bit me in the early 90s and there has been no going back. After several years of finishing quilts on my domestic machine, I knew there had to be a better way so I purchased my first longarm in 2001.

Quilting is such a rewarding pastime and I truly enjoy seeing all the different styles of quilting that everyone shares. My style of longarm quilting is hand-guided free-motion, edge-to-edge designs and custom quilting with ruler work, stitch-in-the-ditch, and set in designs.

Visit my website, check out my Facebook page and Instagram for photos of my work and additional information and a coupon!



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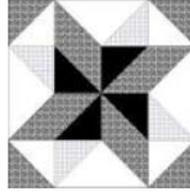
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Krause	1st
Mary Flaum	4th
Margaret Terrill	15th
Elizabeth Sheeley	16th
Mary K. Davis	21st
Kathy Breshears	24th
Nancy Gustafson	24th
Marsha Cole	30th





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. 2nd Prize=\$100. 3rd Prize=\$90. 4th 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 !!!

Questions? Contact Lori Oathes @ 503-329-1707, email: mylorio@msn.com