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Now that the new website is up & running, the "Members Only" section is password protected. The Membership desk will be sending an email with the link so that you can create your own unique password. The log on name will be your email address. This will be coming from "Word Press". If you have any questions, please contact Donine or Tamie.



President's Thoughts

Another "wunderful" meeting (couldn't resist, sorry, Lynn!), despite another snowstorm on Guild night! Lynn's creations from felted wool express her artistry so well. Watching her poke the large needle into the wad of wool was mesmerizing to me, and then, voila! Another art piece is born! I know that several of you are planning on taking her class this month, and it will be fun to see what transpires from that! Thanks, Lynn, for sharing this fibre art form.

I love to see what's happening in the world of quilting by browsing the internet, or hopping around on Facebook. This month, a blog on the site "the off-kilter Quilt" (Where a Straight Line's a State of Mind) caught my eye. The author, Frances Dowell, was talking about entering quilts in a judged competition, in this case, specifically, QuiltCon. Now, I'm not thinking about entering any quilts in any competition that large and that prestigious, but the article made me think about the upcoming Routt County Fair. I know, it's still a couple of

months away, but it never hurts to think ahead!

The author points out that entering competitions helps push ourselves to improve our quilting skills and try design elements. We shouldn't be worried about the judges' comments as being an "assault on your character or talent. You should make a quilt that speaks to your heart, and you will be left with a quilt that you love." I believe that this is true. I don't enter my quilts in the Routt County Fair to win prizes. Rather, I enter them to share my love of quilting and to, hopefully, spark someone else's interest in the art of quilting.

As the author ends, she says, "We all feel vulnerable when we take risks. We are vulnerable. We could get hurt..." but, "we stand behind you. We've got your back. So go out there and give 'em hell."

Heck, every time I stand up at Show 'N Tell it's actually a risk for me. But I

look out at you, dear friends, and I know you stand behind each and every quilt maker out there. Thanks for being the great group that you are - and start thinking about your entries for the Fair!

Hugs,

Terri Meeks



Thank you - Donine

You deserve a **GOLD STAR!**

Donine has worked tirelessly to get the new Guild website created and up and running. She has spent countless hours on the phone with GoDaddy and Word Press getting all the information needed to get the webpage changed over. We still have a few bugs to work out and more new and exciting things to add but it is well on its way. Every member should have received an email from WordPress. If you didn't or are having trouble creating a password, contact Donine or Tamie.



In the process, our website address has been changed to: www.steamboatquilters.net

Greetings from Your Vice-President



Thanks Lynn — Great Program!

Another snowy quilt guild meeting in March and another terrific program! Thanks to Lynn Wunder for her excellent presentation on how to do wool needle felting and how to incorporate it into quilting appliques and other sewing projects. The flower design on the pillow shams were absolutely stunning and we all came away with some new inspiration on how to add another dimension to our projects.

In April, we are looking forward to a program from Maria Bidgood on "Fabric Baskets and More: Non-quilt Things to Make with Fabric Scraps." Whether we quilt or not, I venture to say we all have fabric scraps! I know I am not the only one

in the group who is not primarily a quilter, so this will be a great presentation for those of us who are textile enthusiasts of any persuasion.

As Maria requested at the March meeting, if you have a fabric scrap basket, please bring it to the meeting so we have a wide variety of examples of this interesting way to make the most of our fabric scraps.

Looking forward to seeing you at the April meeting.

Donnie Schwartz

Happy April Birthday to . . .



Doris Mayhan - 4

Sharon Yannaccone - 8

Marcia Spitellie - 9

Tina Smith - 13

"Anytime women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing. Whether it's sitting down making a quilt, in a kitchen preparing a meal, in a club reading the same book, or around the table playing cards, or planning a birthday party, when women come together with a collective intention, magic happens." Phylcia Rashad



Opportunity Quilt



The March Opportunity Quilt was made by Marcia Spitellie and won by Grace Compestine. Thanks, Marcia for a beautiful quilt.

Up next . . . Are you ready?

April - Donnie Schwartz

May - Lynn Wunder

June - Cathy Gero

July - Jackie Grimaldi

August - Tamie Buskirk

September - Tina Smith

October - Peggy Hoff

November - Madeleine Vail

Who am I? Who are you?

A tradition of the Guild is for members to "flaunt" a bit of their personality and favorite stitching techniques by wearing a "fabric" nametag. If you forget your nametag, be prepared to pay the fine! \$.25, or if you choose, 2 dimes and a nickel! I know, why do you ask? We all have moments when you look at a person and just draw a name blank! But in addition, there are a lot of new members that may not know everyone yet, not to mention our guests. So, make a nametag, keep it in the car and wear it to the Guild meeting!

Programs & Workshops - Mark your calendars!

April 21st - Maria Bidgood

Fabric Baskets and other projects to do with scraps. Don't let scrap quilts be the only project you can think of to use up scrap fabric. We will look at some other simple solutions to emptying your scrap basket.



Looking ahead . . .

May 19th - Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum . . . "1930's Hard Times, Great Quilts"

June 16th - Jackie Grimaldi and Madeleine Vail . . . Trunk Show

July 21st - Viola Colombe . . Paper Piecing Art Star Quilts

July 23rd - Workshop with Viola Colombe

August 18th - Donine Schwartz . . . Designing your own fabric.

August 20th - Workshop with Donine Schwartz

September 15th - Cathy Miller . . . The



Singing Quilter

September 17th - Workshop with Cathy Miller . . . Mock Mola Machine Applique

October 20th - Silent Auction

November 17th - Potluck Dinner, Bring your favorite dish to share.

Spring Retreat

Spring Retreat is just around the corner, May 13th-15th. We'll spend three days at the historic Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs. If you are still undecided you have until April 5th to register at a great room rate of \$99 per night plus the retreat fee of \$47 for members, \$57 for non-members. For those who truly can't commit until the last minute, after April 5th, you can still register at the going room rate on a space available basis.

There is plenty of room for everyone for free sewing. Contact Terry Hinde @ 879-6639 in you have any questions.

Not to get ahead of ourselves, but we are looking for someone to coordinate Fall Retreat. If you choose to take this on, it's all up to you! You get to choose the time, the place, special activities, etc. Having been a planner in the past, it is really very easy and a lot of fun. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks, Tamie



We always have a great time at Spring and Fall Retreat! Diana Steverson shows us her project called "April in Paris" made with Christmas fabrics at the 2014 Fall Retreat held at The Rockies in Steamboat Springs.

Something Yummy! *Recipe submitted by Tamie Buskirk*

Rhubarb - is a perennial vegetable, though it is generally used as a fruit in desserts and jams. You only eat the stalks which have a rich tart flavor.



Rhubarb Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 - Yellow Cake Mix, any brand
- 3-4 cups fresh or frozen Rhubarb, cut into 1" pieces
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Cup Heavy Cream

Directions:

1. Mix cake according to directions on the box. Pour into greased 9" x 12" baking pan.
2. Layer Rhubarb over cake batter, Do Not Mix Layers!
3. Sprinkle Sugar over Rhubarb. Do Not Mix Layers!
4. Pour Cream over sugar. Do Not Mix Layers!
5. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 1 hours or until cake is done.

(This recipe works great with gluten free mixes. I've also used almond milk instead of cream with great success)

This is a quick and easy dessert!

DELECTABLE MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD

The DMQG membership meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at the Steamboat Springs Community Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm for early sign-ups and meetings start promptly at 6:30 pm. Individual Memberships are \$25/per year. Business Memberships are \$35/per year. Meetings are free for members, and non-members pay a \$3 guest fee.

DMQG Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at Selbe Apartments/Scott Center. Board meetings are open to all members.

2016 Board of Directors

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| President | Terri Meeks |
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| County Fair Liaison: | Jackie Grimaldi |
| Fall Retreat: | |
| Hospitality: | Jean Clougherty |
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| Morning Star Quilts: | Peggy Hoff |
| Mystery Quilt Program: | Ruth Ann Mewborn |
| Newsletter/Website: | Chris Hensen |
| Opportunity Quilt: | Amy Pederson |
| Publicity: | Maria Bidgood |
| Quilt Scholarship: | Peggy Hoff |
| Quilt Shows: | Madeleine Vail |
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| Senior Xmas Project | |

Coordinator: Marcia Spitellie

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| Silent Auction Coordinator: | |
| Special Shows & Programs: | |
| Spring Retreat: | |
| | Terry Hinde, Peggy Hoff and Sandy Berlet |
| Tread of Pioneers Museum/ | |
| | XMAS Trees: Peggy Hoff |

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Minutes from the Guild Meeting March 17, 2016

President Terri Meeks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were 23 members and 1 guest.

Terri welcomed all the members and recognized our guest, Amy Pederson's mother from North Dakota. She thanked all the members for coming out in a snowstorm for a second month in a row.

Denise Knapp moved that the minutes of the January 21, 2016 General Meeting be accepted as presented in the newsletter. Cathy Gero seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

In Cheryl Spahr's absence, Terri Meeks gave the Treasurer's Report for February 2016. The ending balance for February's General Fund was \$7,485.48. The Christmas Fund was \$115.00 after the return of the bank service charge. The Raffle Account balance was \$2,719.48.

Donine Schwartz gave the Vice-President's report. She announced that the guild has contracted with Kathy McNeil to come to Steamboat next March to present a program. Donine gave a brief overview of Kathy's quilting accomplishments.

Committee Reports

Jean Clougherty again reported that she has a container left over from last month's meeting, and Kathy Gero claimed it.

Tamie Buskirk reported that currently 42 people had renewed their memberships. She announced that, in the future, members who forget their own nametags will need to purchase a tag for 25¢, so everyone can be readily identified.

Ruthann Mewborn has passed out all the Mystery Quilt cutting and assembly steps and next month will start revealing the design by disseminating instructions on how to sew the squares together.

Tamie Buskirk requested that members who have items to submit for the Newsletter should email them to the guild email address: dmqgss@gmail.com. This will ensure that information is gathered from one source. Donine Schwartz announced that the website is up and running but only on Google. She expects that it will be on other search boxes soon. Access to the public portion of the site is now available to anyone visiting the site. The "Members Only" portion will be operational after members create their personal passwords. Donine distributed flyers outlining how to access the new site.

Amy Pederson exhibited the Opportunity Quilt, which was provided by Marcia Spitellie.

for children (ages 5+) on quilting with us. Terri has a simple project for children to create paper quilt squares. A date has not been determined.

Member Announcements

Madeleine Vail asked members to volunteer to wash fabrics that were damaged in the fire in David Taylor's home. She has bags of fabric available. The fabrics should be washed in laundry detergent with a bit of dish detergent and rinsed in white vinegar (1 cup). Once dried, the fabrics do not need to be ironed but should be folded. Bags can be returned to Madeleine at her classes on Wednesday, or left at Sew Steamboat or with Denise Knapp.

Maria Bidgood requested that members who have fabric baskets bring them to next month's program on creating scrap baskets to provide additional examples.

Denise Knapp announced that she has one workshop remaining before she returns home.

Following a short break for refreshments, Donine introduced Lynn Wunder who presented a program on "Wool Needle Felting". Following the program, the meeting resumed.

Show and Tell. Opportunity Quilt

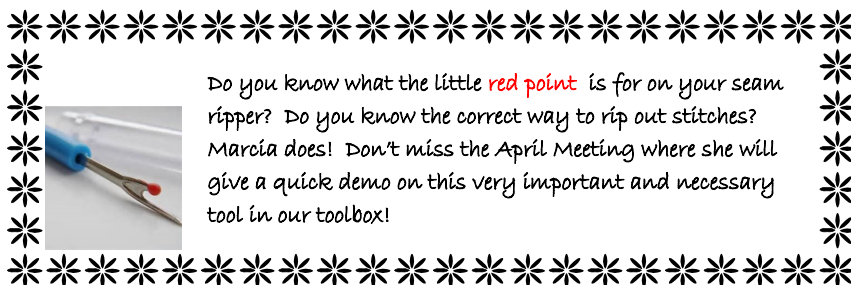
Terri Meeks presented her Celtic applique quilt. Terry Hinde showed off a runner, napkins and trivet she made from fabric she picked up at a guild meeting exchange. Tamie Buskirk brought in two baby quilts that used the same quilt pattern but in two different color combinations.

Grace Compestine won Marcia Spitellie's Opportunity Quilt.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Swissler, Secretary



Show & Tell March 17, 2016 DMQG Meeting



Celtic Applique' Table Runner by Terri Meeks



Pieced Table Runner by Terri Hinde



Snowshoeing @ Steamboat Lake - What a beautiful day! Madeleine, Irene, Doris, Terri, Maria, Terry and Tamie spent the afternoon snowshoeing. Afterwards we stopped at Madeleine's quilt studio for tea and snacks.

National Quilting Day

March 19, 2016

