

**Brookings Area Quilters Guild
Fat Quarterly Newsletter
March 2008**



**NOTES FROM
YOUR PRESIDENT**

Next Scheduled Meeting:
March 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm

County Extension Building
826 32nd Avenue
Brookings, SD 57006

Program:



**Ice Breaker and
Walk Through for the
Quilt Show**

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March greetings to all of you. As I looked out the window at all the snow this morning, I hoped that if March "comes in like a Lion, can it go out like a lamb"? With all of this snow, I guess I should spend my time indoors at my sewing machine. On that note, I hope all of you are getting your projects finished up and ready for the show. I am still trying to get the last one done, which is looking like a tall order.

Most of the March meeting is going to be about the quilt show, since we discovered at the last committee meeting that the third Monday in April was actually one day after the show was over. Please try to do your part by getting your information for your quilts in to Norita and Sharon and your biography to Marilyn. Also, if you have not done so, get your dues paid to Belinda as well. I just received information from Belinda on the Raffle Sales thus far, and we really need to step it up in March. So far she has had only \$650 turned in. In the past, we have sold approximately 3000 total tickets, with about two thirds of them being sold before the show. I am encouraging everyone to sell, as the raffle \$\$\$ is usually the actual profit that we as a guild have above and beyond our expenses. It helps us meet our budget in the upcoming non-show year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting including some of our snowbirds that we have missed over the winter. Meanwhile keep on Quilting!!

Karen Spurgeon, President



Community Service Update:

QUILTS OF VALOR:

I will attempt to clarify the use of the CS budget over the last years. I will say that I have been very careful with the budget money and attempt to get the very best price for fabric that I can and still keep the quality of the fabric up. I will not buy Walmart grade fabrics, I don't like to work with them, they aren't durable and I figure nobody else wants to work with them either. I keep an eye on the 50% off racks at Ivy Lane and Heirloom, I shop at Mill End and Hancocks, I especially like the 60% off coupons you get occasionally that are good for one fabric item. I usually buy a whole bolt when I get one of those. I get all the wide backing at In Weave in Hawarden. Believe me, a \$1000 budget for a year isn't a lot and you really have to squeeze to get all the quilts done. Especially considering that about \$300 of the budget goes to mailing the quilts of valor off each year and about that much goes to batting each year. The first couple of years I donated all the batting and I donated some last year, but I can't afford to keep doing that on a regular basis. Quite a few of the bills for fabric never get turned in too. It's just my way of donating. I'm not sure where I got fabric is relevant or important, but hopefully this answers the question. I also want to add that none of the budget is spent on the door prizes. As for donating fabric to community service, this has always been welcome, but please only 100% cotton and no Christmas

fabrics. If you want to make a quilt and donate the top that is great. CS needs throws, twins and double sized quilts and Quilt of valor quilts need to be 60 x 72. As always please make the binding for your top before you turn it in and for the QOV's they also need a coordinating pillow case. If you can quilt it before you turn it in, even better. It sounded like some of you wanted to do that, so please feel free to get started on a quilt.

For the 4 1/2 inch rolls that I handed out in January, there seems to be some confusion. These are to make the 9-patch block of the month blocks for quilts of valor. For example if you had a roll with 5 blue strips and 4 yellow strips, sew these into panels of - blue/ yellow/blue; blue/yellow/blue; yellow/blue/yellow; then sub cut these panels @ 4 1/2 inches and then sew into nine patches, please check your seam allowances. These are the simplest blocks to make and they should be very easy to piece the accurately. Some people asked if I had more, I will get some more cut and hand them out at the next meeting. The March colors are green/ black or green/ brown and the April color combination is blue and yellow. Please make sure your fabrics are colorfast as all these quilts must be washed before they are mailed off. Hopefully everyone will give Jeri and Theresa all their support as they continue on with this work. Thanks to everyone for their help over the last 4 years.

Janet Myers

QUILTER'S BOUTIQUE



Thank you for joining us in our Boutique! This booth is for items made by individual consignors. Commercially made items will not be accepted. Exception: used books and magazines, antique quilts, fabrics, or other quilt related items. The committee reserves the right to refuse inappropriate items. Only Show Registrants or members of the Brookings Area Quilt Guild may consign goods to the booth.

You must price and label your own goods. Use pin-on tags for cloth items, stick-on tags for books and similar hard items. No masking tape, please. Your consignment number will be assigned upon entry. This number must be on each price tag and on the inventory sheet. Guild members please use the same number that you have for your quilt entries and then add a B (for boutique).

Assign each item a number consisting of entry number plus the number of items you are entering. For example, if your number is **401** your first item number is **401-B1** and the second item is number **401-B2** etc. Donations to the Guild should be identified with a “**G**” on the tag instead of an item number. Also indicate the selling price for these items.

Deliver your items to the Multiplex at the same time that you bring your entries for the show. Pick up any unsold items on Sunday afternoon after the show closes. No funds will be paid out at the show. Your check for the price of each item sold will be mailed to you within 30 days.

CONSIGNMENT AGREEMENT AND INVENTORY SHEET

In consigning the goods listed below to the Brookings Area Quilt Guild for possible sale at the 2008 Spring Quilt show I agree that BAQG will retain a fee of 10% of the selling price of any article sold during the consignment period of April 19-20 Unless previous arrangements are made, items not claimed by 5 pm Sunday, April 23, will become property of BAQG.

While the Guild will try to protect the consigned goods from theft, the Guild will not be responsible for any losses due to these factors or other circumstances beyond its control. Consignor will be paid by check within thirty days of the end of the show.

NEEDS OF THE “QUILTER BOUTIQUE” (formerly known as the BAZAAR)

Volunteers:

I would like at least one person to help set up the Boutique on **Friday** morning from about 10-12. On **Saturday** and **Sunday**, I would like at least one person for each shift to sell items. Getting someone to help during the luncheon, from 11:30-1:30 may be a challenge. If we have no volunteers for those time slots, I'll try to get someone from outside the Guild.

Friday morning _____

Saturday AM

9-10 _____

10-11:15 _____

11:15-12:30 _____

Saturday PM

12:30-1:30 _____

1:30 -2:30 _____

2:30-3:45 _____

3:45- 5:00 _____

Sunday

10-11 _____

11-12 _____

12-1 _____

1-2 _____

2-3 _____

3-4 _____

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING



Present at the Feb. 26th meeting were: Janet M., Jeri N., Sharon K., Karen S., Belinda K., Deb C., Deb S, Peggy S., Mona D., and Theresa B.

Advertising: Several magazines are putting in the announcement of the show. Also, the Chamber of Commerce is sending out 240 letters. Norita is taking care of the radio announcements. Misty is working on the cover of the booklet.

Apron Kits and Blocks: If you need an apron or the block to put on your apron, contact Jo Meyers.

Bazaar: If you are putting something for sale, the information for tagging will be enclosed in the newsletter. Don't forget magazines, books, and patterns you are no longer wanting are great for this bazaar!

Decorations: If you have anything for us to use, please take a picture or give to myself or Deb Storey. We also would like to use plants that come from other areas too.

Featured Quilter: Norita H.

Luncheon: Tickets are for sale at \$20 a piece. Contact Jo Meyer for the tickets. Also, if you have a fortune quilting saying for the fabric fortune cookies- send them to Jill Davis.

Quilt Hanging and Show Layout: Janet M.

Quilt Registration: Make sure you are filling out 3 copies of the quilt info for each quilt piece you are entering into the show. Have these ready at the next meeting or give to Sharon K. or Norita H.

Raffle Sales: Please sell the tickets---this helps pay for our show!!!!!!! If you need a picture or more tickets contact Belinda K.

Registration: Deb C. & Karen S.

Show Booklet: Marilyn E. Make sure you have given you biography to Marilyn for the booklet. You do not want to be left out- SOOOOOO get it to her by the 15th of March!

Show Signs: Andi R. If you need a sign made, you need to contact her.

Silent Auction: Mona D. She currently has about 18 items for this. If you have something for the Silent Auction contact Mona.

Solicitation of Door Prizes: Jill D. If you have something to donate for a door prize, contact Jill.

Special Exhibit: Deb C. & Linda L. We have Jan McTavish, Hoffman Challenge Garments, and the Long Arm Quilting Challenge.

Vendors and Community Service: Janet M.

Volunteers: Karen Q. & Ida S. She has requests from 6 people for signing up lists. If you need volunteers to help cover, you need to contact them.

Workshops & Seminars: The schedule is being put together.

The 4-H club is providing luncheon throughout the show. It will consist of sandwiches, chips, potato salad, bars, cookies, and drinks.

7 p.m. at Swiftel in the board room. The next meeting will be Tues. March 25th at EVERYONE is to be there!!!!!!

Theresa Bennett & Deb Storey, Co-chairs

Wanted:

Quilts with a story for the Quilt Turning at our show. Come on ladies, I have **NO** quilts and I said we would have a Quilt Turning. Surely, some of you have **quilts that tell a story**. If you do, please get the story to me **ASAP**. You can bring them to the meeting or email me. I won't need the actual quilt until the day of the show. Belinda

SELL, SELL, SELL!!!

We have run out of options for ticket sales so your ideas are welcome. If you need a picture, we will have some at the next meeting, otherwise you can get one from me. We are hurting for sales, and we are very short of our goal. We need everyone to do their part and sell their tickets. Workers are needed for the sale table the day of the show. Belinda

DUES: If you have not paid your dues, they must be in before the show if you wish to exhibit

At our last Quilt Show Committee Meeting we were tossing the idea around about possibly having golf carts available to pick up ladies out in the parking lot and bringing them to the door. Does anyone have a golf cart to share? Please let Deb Storey or Theresa Bennett know if you can help with this idea. Thanks!



Quilt Art Exhibit
April 1 - 27, 2008

Invitational show for area quilt artists. Come in and admire unique, original artwork done not by painting, but by stitching.

Artist Reception: Friday, April 4, 2008, 5:00 to 9:00 pm

HORSE BARN ARTS CENTER
North End of Falls Park, North Phillips Avenue Extension
309 E Falls Park Drive
Sioux Falls SD 57104

Hours: Wed, - Sun. Noon to 4 pm



This text box has the colors of the 9 patch blocks you should be making for our Quilts of Valor for 2008. Clip and Keep this list

COLOR 1 & COLOR 2

- January- dark blue & light blue
- February- red & white
- March- green & black or brown
- April- yellow & blue
- May- purple & teal
- June - turquoise & fuchsia
- July - red & royal blue
- August- rust & brown
- September-brown & blue
- October- orange & brown
- November-navy blue & red

July Class and Trunk Show with Kathleen Moorhead Johnson.

I have reserved the Extension Center for Friday & Saturday, July 25th & 26th. The plan is to have the classes during the day and a trunk show on Friday evening. The trunk show will be open to the public and other guilds will be invited. We haven't decided if there will be a charge for these events as of yet. The class I have asked Kathleen to teach is called Circling Geese, and it is her own design, I believe. The geese are paper pieced around a center circle which can be plain, have a different fabric in it, or appliqué or embroidery. The possibilities are endless. I will try to bring a sample and more information to guild with me. The cost of the class for Guild members is \$25.00 and \$35.00 for non-members if you know of anyone who would like to take the class. I will be asking you to register at the next guild meeting, and to pay your registration fee at that time. We will have the same class on Friday and Saturday.

Registration is limited to 20 per class. You will have your choice of either day. If you have the internet, you may go to Kathleen's web site and view a lot of information about her and some of her work.

The web site is:

<http://www.augustwindquilt designs.com>

I just looked at her web site and saw that 2 or 3 of her quilts have been juried in the International Quilt Festival in Chicago "Into Traditional Treasures V". The show is April 11-13, 2008. Having seen her work I can understand why. See you at Guild.

Norita

Quilt Show Registration 2008

Please use the Registration forms in one of the last 2 newsletters to register your quilts. Bring them to guild with you this month. You will need 3 copies for each item you plan to show

Thanks Norita & Sharon

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR YOUR LISTS:

1. Mona Dykhouse *email:* davemona@swiftel.net

2. *New Members:* Laura Madsen 21380-455thAve
Arlington, SD, 57212 983-3386

Brenda Mix 1115-12th St S Brookings, SD 57006
695-7445 bmmix@mmm.com

Did You Know?

Sewing Machine Accessories, like the machines themselves, had their successes and failures.

One gadget that never quite caught on was a **musical sewing machine cover**, patented in 1882, that held a player-piano roll and was run by treadle power. The treadle also activated a sewing machine fan patented in the 1870's and marketed for a dollar.

Among wackier devices was one that actually was used in the 19th Century England, that is until the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Stepped in. It was a **sewing machine powered by small leashed dogs on a kind of treadmill**.

Thomas Edison supposedly invented another **sewing machine**, though his biography makes no mention of it...**that worked on voice power**.

A membrane mounted level with the operators mouth transformed sound waves into energy.

One pair of scissors, invented in France, boasted 18 different uses!

It supposedly served, among other things, as a straight edge and ruler, a nail file, screw driver, a pen knife, a glass cutter, a wire cutter, an ink eraser, a pattern perforator, and a cigar clipper.

Brookings Area Quilt Guild
Brookings Resource Center 7:00 PM – February 18, 2008

The February 18th, 2008 meeting of the Brookings Area Quilters Guild was called to order by President Karen Spurgeon at 7:00 PM. Roll Call was 32 members present.

PROGRAM: Guild member, Theresa Bennett showed 'Snapshots of the Houston International Quilt Festival 2007'.

SHOW & TELL: Members displayed their latest creations for those present to see.

LUNCH AND DOOR PRIZES: Lunch was provided by Vikki Schaack & Kathy Kreyger. Door Prizes were provided by Sharon Krier, Deon Simon, Ida Slocum, Donna Neyhardt, Norita Henneman and Always Your Design of Dell Rapids. Door Prizes were won by: Rose Horner, Sandy McFarland, Andi Rudebusch, Mona Dykhous, Juene Nicolai, and Ida Slocum.

QUILTS OF VALOR MONTHLY BLOCK PRIZES: Prizes provided by Janet Myers were won by Deon Simon and Rose Horner. Janet reminded the members that the pattern for this year is 9-patch and the colors and pattern are printed in the Newsletter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT [MINUTES]: The January 2008 minutes were approved as printed in the January Newsletter (Motion by Deb Storey; seconded by Mona Dykhous; passed by the membership).

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported that the balance in the Quilt Show Account is currently \$6,609.96. The balance in the General Fund is currently \$1,106.76. Bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Apron Kits are available from Jo Meyer at a cost of \$5.50 each. A card was read from the Domestic Abuse Shelter thanking us for the articles that were collected and donated to them from the 2007 Guild Christmas Party.

The AM group will meet at Roberta Bailey's on Wednesday, February 27th. The PM group will meet at the Library at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 3rd.

The Lunch Sign-Up Sheet still has some openings on it. Members present were encouraged to sign up.

OLD BUSINESS:

2008 QUILT SHOW: Theresa Bennett and Deb Storey, Co-Chairs for the upcoming Quilt Show updated those present on the status of this event. Bookmarks were passed out. Posters will be put up at various places in the near future. There will be no pins for sale this year. Sr. Marlene thanked everyone for making items for the Bazaar. Sign-up Sheets for the various duties for the Quilt Show were sent around. A request for decorations for the Quilt Show was made by the co-chairs. Decorations may include travel brochures, maps, national geographic magazines, etc. Norita Henneman is the featured quilter for the show. Luncheon tickets are available for sale for \$20/each. Swiflet has the layout for the show. Everyone is encouraged to bring their quilt registration to the March meeting. Raffle Tickets sales were good at HyVee. Another time will be set up at HyVee to sell tickets and if the weather permits a time will be arranged at Wal-Mart to sell tickets. Andi Rudebusch will be making the Quilt Show signs and Mona Dykhous will be in charge of the Silent Auction. Jan McTavish will be the Special Exhibit. Workshops and Seminars are being finalized. The next Quilt Show Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Brookings Resource Center.

KATHLEEN MOORHEAD JOHNSON-CIRCLING GEESE WORKSHOP: Norita sent around a temporary sign-up sheet to see if enough people would be interested in taking a class from Kathleen instead of having our Salad Supper in July.

NEW BUSINESS:

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES: A reminder was given to those present to pay your 2008 dues. Dues for this year are \$15.00. Reminder: You must pay your dues before you can enter your quilt in this year's show.

PROGRAM IDEAS: If you have any program ideas for this year, please get in touch with Jeri Nelson. Programs set up to date are: March (Member Mixer); April (Quilt Show Recap); May (Janet Myers-Quilt Painting); June (Andi Rudebusch- Appliqué Technique); July (possible Trunk

Show); August ?; September ?; October ?; November (Christmas Party).

JUNE MEETING: The June meeting will be held at the Brookings United Church of Christ (located on 8th Street S - one block east of Casey's).

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Janet handed out community service and QOV quilt kits to be put together and some quilts that needed to be bound. Again, there was some discussion of how the community service area will be handled in the future. Robert Bailey and Marlys Moore volunteered to help out with the Habitat quilts; Theresa Bennett volunteered to help with the Burn Out quilts; Deb Carlson volunteered to help out with the Baby quilts; and Janet Myers volunteered to continue with the Quilts of Valor project. Jeri Nelson indicated that she has storage area for community service quilts. There was discussion regarding having Guild 'cutting work days' rather than 'quilting work days' and that a Monthly Guild Program would be to pack kits for community service quilts. More discussion on this topic will be brought up in future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Marilyn Eighmy, Secretary



Fabric Hoarders Beware!

A recent study has indicated that **fabric gives off certain Pheromones, that actually hypnotize women and cause them to purchase ungodly amounts.**

When stored in large quantities in enclosed spaces, the Pheromones (in the fabric)

cause memory loss and induce the nesting syndrome (similar to the ones squirrels have before the onset of winter, i.e. storing food) therefore perpetuating their species, and not having a population loss due to their kind being cut up into pieces and mixed with others. **Sound tests have also revealed that these fabrics emit a very high-pitched sound, heard only by a select few of breed of women known as customers.**

March Door Prizes:

Rose Horner
Sandy McFarland
Andi Rudebusch
Mona Dykhouse
Juene Nicolai and Ida Slocum.

March Refreshments:

Sandy McFarland
Alison Tappan

April Refreshments:

Marlys Moore
Vi Lightfield

When played backwards on an LP, the sounds are heard as chants "**Buy me**" "**Cut me**" "**Sew me**"! In order to overcome the so-called feeding frenzy effect that these fabrics cause, one must wear a face mask when entering a storage facility and use ear plugs to avoid being pulled into their grip. (One must laugh however, at the sight of customers in a fabric store, with WW2 army gas masks and headphones!)

Studies have also indicated that **aliens have inhabited the earth**, helping to spread the effect that these fabrics have on the human population. They are called **fabric store clerks**. It's also been my experience that these same Pheromones cause a pathological need to secret these fabric purchases away when taken home (or at least blend them into the existing stash) and when asked by a significant other if the fabric is new, the reply is "I've had it for a while"

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