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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT SANDY GARD

Hey Quilters,

I am sorry I could not be at the last meeting. My brother in law experienced a severe stroke last February and on January 1, (his 74 birthday), he was admitted once again to the hospital in Ponca City. Two weeks of traveling almost every day to see him, he passed away. It was a long two weeks and we were exhausted not to mention my customer quilts were put on hold. I just had to take a break, so sorry I missed a great meeting.

I have talked with Al and we are planning some new things for the next few meetings. Next meeting in April I will do a presentation on Quilt Business Etiquette with questions and answers. Al will do a presentation on how to form a business plan for your small business.

We are also going to try to start a short part of our program into ask the quilter. We will have a quilt top loaded on the machine and a quilter will take questions and answers and be able to maybe do some demos on

the machine. I think this will help to answer questions for everyone. Also at our meeting in July we are hoping to have a quilt-off between two experienced quilters. One will focus on rulers and one will focus on free motion style quilting. We are hoping this will bump up our meetings. We will also do our presentation first and our business meeting last.

Please feel free to call me with any suggestions for future meetings. It takes us all to keep our group going.

Piece out,
Sandy

REMINDERS

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 21, 2018

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN

We do not currently have a program chairman. Please consider this position for the next term. If you can't serve as chairman, at least submit ideas for upcoming programs.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Secretary Diane Cerny



OKMQA – Minutes of January 20, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Brenda Esslinger, at 10:10 a.m.
2. Minutes – A motion was made by Nancy Griffin to amend the Minutes from the last meeting to show the election of Colleen Billen as Treasurer. Motion seconded by Linda Eiseman. Motion Passed. The current officer team consists of Sandy Gard, President; Brenda Esslinger, Vice President; Colleen Billen, Treasurer; and Diane Cerny, Secretary.
3. Treasurer's Report –
 - a. Colleen Billen discussed the Treasurer's Report and asked for guidance in the amounts of budget items. The budget will be voted upon in the April meeting.
 - b. Al Coster will remain on the checking account as a backup for the sake of continuity.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Activities –
 - i. Brenda Esslinger reviewed the prior challenge: Negative Space Quilting. Members showed their work.

- ii. Brenda issued a new challenge: Make a collection of background fills. Load muslin onto your machine and stitch areas with fills. This piece is handy when discussing quilting choices with customers.
 - iii. Brenda teased that the next activity will involve using one of the fills in different scales.
 - b. Membership –
 - i. Currently 37 members. Discussion regarding many members who have not paid their 2018 dues. Discussion as to how to encourage prompt dues payment. Colleen Billen read dues info from our By-Laws. Our dues run from January to January. We start collecting dues in October. Dues not paid by the January meeting are considered delinquent. Annual dues of \$15 may be paid in person at a meeting, or mailed to Membership Chairman, Brenda Williams. Only dues-paying members will be listed on the public member list.
 - ii. Discussion as to reducing member lists to two (2): Private, and Public.
 - c. Newsletter – Nancy Griffin will serve as Newsletter Chairman. Please send articles to her for the newsletter.
 - d. Library – Rita Torneten stated we had received a donation to the library from a member. She also stated she is checking the inventory list and checkout lists to create an updated record.
 - e. Programs –
 - i. Brenda Esslinger led a discussion of program ideas. It was decided to have a roundtable discussion of Best Practices as the Program in the April 21, 2018, meeting. Members will share ideas and concerns in running their businesses, quilting, etc. All members present will have an opportunity to contribute ideas to the discussion. If it applies, bring a physical example of your Best Practice.
 - ii. For the July 21 meeting we will have a Garage Sale. Members may purchase a table for \$10. You may share a table with a member friend for \$5 each. Sales will be by our guild members. The sale will be open to the public. The sale will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - f. Small Groups – Al Coster reported the small group at Beth's in Blanchard is going well with a good turnout. They are a social group but have projects that focus on quilting.
5. New Business –
- a. Brenda Esslinger asked who uses the Yahoo group. Members discussed problems in using the group. It was stated that the person in charge of the group has not

attended in years. Discussion was held of the need for a member-only platform to be used in private group communication. It was decided to have the webmaster put a notice on the web page directing people to our public Facebook page. Brenda Esslinger will create a private Facebook page that only dues-paying members may access. The members allowed will be updated annually after the January meeting.

- b. Discussion held as to participating with a booth in the Edmond Quilt Show to be held August 3-4, 2018. Members will have the opportunity to sign up for shifts at the April and July meetings.
6. Door prizes were given.
 7. Show and share – Several members showed their work.
 8. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with plans for a short break, then a video program.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cerny, Secretary

VICE PRESIDENT: Brenda Esslinger

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President's Report

Thanks to everyone who attended the January meeting. The business portion ran a little long, but we came up with what we hope are some good plans for the future. To begin with, in April we are going to try out doing the program before the business meeting. This will allow folks who need to move on a chance to see what they came for and then get on with their day. We're also going to work on getting the board to meet ahead of time so that we don't clog up the general meeting with our business.

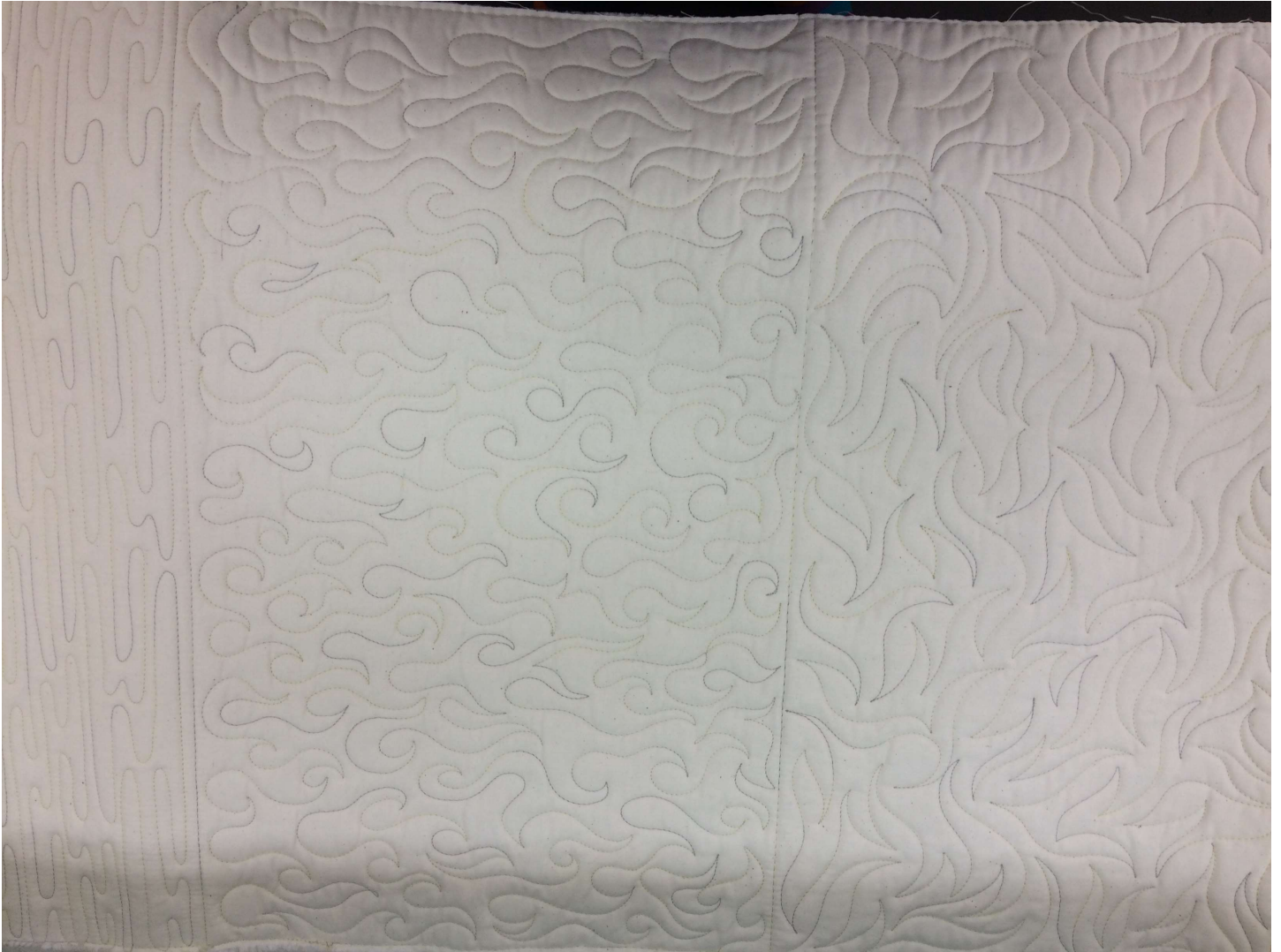
For April's meeting we are going to share our best business practices for the benefit of the new quilters in the group as well as discussing the ups and downs of quilting for the public. We are looking for everyone to participate by either giving advice or asking questions. Most of us will likely be doing both.

Because of the difficulty of using the Yahoo group we are setting up a second Facebook page that will be private. The current public page will continue to run, but to be a part of the second page you must have paid your dues for the year. This will give us the opportunity to continue April's program discussion with having to share it with the world at large. Be looking for your invitation to join that group.

Our activity for this quarter is to quilt up some samples of backgrounds and fillers that you use. It's much easier for your customers to choose what they want if they can see

samples of your work. Mine is done up on a long roll of about 18" wide muslin sandwiched with batting scraps. Actually, I have two rolls because I made a second one several years after the first to show my expanded repertoire. You might prefer to do yours on separate small sandwiches to create a book. I like to do mine with matching thread on one side and a thread that shows on the other side.

Our next meeting is April 21 at 10:00am. See you then!



Please bring all Library items back to the next meeting. Rita is trying to get a true inventory. We know there are some items that need to be replaced, but until we see what we have already, we cannot do that.

DON'T FORGET!!!! Next meeting is April 21, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The Quilted Hart, Newcastle, OK.

2017 APQS Lucey with Quilt Path computer system. 12 ft table with Bliss rails. 26" throat. M style bobbin. Purchased new in July, 2017 for \$24K. Will sell for \$18k.

Nancy [405-306-3724](tel:405-306-3724) Contact me and I will send pictures