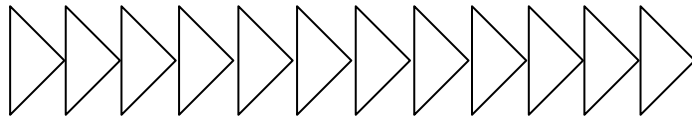


Sapphire



Quilt Club

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues of \$15 are due at this meeting. Please come prepared to pay them to Theresa, our Vice President/Membership person. Thank you so much for your promptness to this matter.

Surgeries and other health news:

Helen Rude's new hip is doing well although wishes she was able to drive herself to and fro. The magic date for information about that wish is the 12th. She'll let us all know how what the Doc has to say about that!!

Becky Wilcox's husband Bill is up and about after a recent surgery. She reports that this is his 3rd week of recovery and he's ready to get out and play.

And, for those of you who suffer with hay fever, you have my sympathies. I've never really wanted it to rain before the harvest is in, but the pollen, dust, and smoke are about to get some of our members down.

HOSTESSES FOR THE MONTH LIST

The ladies who will be treating us to goodies this month are Helen Rude, Mary Baughn, Danette Hawkins, Linda Powell, Tina McPherson, Theresa Blazicevich, and Joann Magee.

SAPPHIRE QUILT CLUB MINUTES for the August meeting were finally found after many anxious minutes this afternoon. The Annual Membership Picnic was wonderful, delicious, and fun. Those of you who couldn't make it, you missed some awesome food and good times. Joyce Walters did a great job. Thanks!!

Our Past President Helen was presented with a quilt top on which members wrote pertinent and pithy messages to thank her for her leadership for the past year. The top will be brought to the September meeting for everyone to see and to gather signatures from those of you who were unable to give Helen thanks for the job she did for us all.

Changes to the Guidelines were announced and will be read and presented to a vote at the September meeting. The proposed changes related to (1) a proposed annual budget being prepared for review by the first Board meeting of the new year; (2) computerization of the Club's accounting records; and (3) completion of an annual audit during the month of August with results being reported no later than the first regular meeting of the new fiscal year. (4) The website oversight will be removed from duties of the Vice President and become a singular activity with a chair. (5) The Birthday Fabric Exchange activity will be eliminated until such time as the Membership votes to re-instate it as an activity. (6) The Calling Committee will be renamed the Notifications Committee. (7) A requirement that any purchases made by any Club member for any activity of the Club will be authorized by the chair of the activity prior to making the purchase in order to maintain budget accountability.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Chair of the Quilt Show 2012 be advanced \$250 for necessary expenditures during the planning portion of the activity.

Ballots will be handed out at the upcoming meeting relating the **Featured Quilter(s) for the 2012 Quilt Show** to facilitate a discussion of the decision of who should be chosen for this honor. After consulting with others who have been a featured artist at past Club shows, the following list of characteristics desirable for this person or persons include positive attitude, good sense of humor, sharing attitude, inspiration to others, commitment to Club and its purposes, talent in most phases of quilting, longevity in the Club, as well as being an active member of the Club.

The newly elected Board members have been meeting this summer in order to plan for the coming year. Judy Davis handed out the list of Fat Quarter selections for the year. The Secret Sister forms will be handed out at the meeting. It is hoped that this year all members who select a Secret Sister's name will participate regularly in the activity. This is a fun and exciting way to get to know others in our Club, so let's have no disappointments this year.

Tina McPherson announced that she belongs to an organization which is looking for a few community service activities to complete for other non-profit groups in the community. As our Club makes and distributes Sunshine Quilts to our community members, Tina suggested and the group agreed that Sapphire Quilt Club would be a good candidate for their community service activity. Quilt tops, batting, and binding will be made available to Tina's organization for this awesome offer. Please give thanks to your group from Sapphire, Tina.

Three ladies brought Fat Quarters for the Exchange. Each went home with a different fabric than was brought. Quick thinking, gals. Everybody wins!!!

Show and Tell was wonderful. Our prolific Mary Alice Sutherlin brought several quilts that she had finished, Mary Baughn showed the beautiful results of a Secret Sister gift of pattern and fabrics, while Eileen Lacy-Powell showed several wonderfully completed items.

It was announced that the **monthly Board meetings** will be at the home of Danette Hawkins in Florence. All Club members are welcome to attend. If any member has a concern or issue relating to Club activities or that might cause any member discomfort or scrutiny, Board meetings are the forum for such discussion, not regular Club meetings. An agenda will be prepared for regular meetings and adhered to as closely as possible. Contact Joann Magee if you have an item for possible inclusion at either meeting.

ROSTER CHANGES

Eileen Lacey-Powell has an email address: [leon_powell @ juno.com](mailto:leon_powell@juno.com) so we can reach her now while she's in Arizona for the winter.

As dues are paid and the Membership Roster is updated, Theresa will distribute them to Club members. If you have changes to be made to the information submitted on your Membership Application, notify Theresa so she can maintain an accurate roster for everyone's use.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

QUILT SHOW 2012 - A planning meeting will be held on Monday, the 12th, starting at 7 pm at the home of Carol Logan at 4181 Overlook Trail (on the Eastside Highway between Stevensville and Florence). Call Mary Baugh at 777-4196 or 207-0334. Lots of help is required with the planning of the show and

deciding what activities to have and which to save for another time. Come join in the process!!

Our **Regular Club meeting** is on Tuesday, the 13th, starting at 6:30 for the Mini-Class and 7:00 for the meeting. Our program for the evening is going to be presented by Ann Kimble of Piece by Piece based in Seeley Lake. Her specialty is Paper Piecing. She will be doing our 6:30pm class as well as a program during our meeting time and will be bringing products and projects to sell as well.

THIS MONTH'S BLOCK OF THE MONTH will be distributed and discussed at the meeting.

THIS MONTH'S FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE will be Back to School fabrics such as school books, lunch boxes, back packs, etc. in bright crayon colors.

OFFICIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO: Phyllis Scobie on the 5th; Missy Sorenson on the 8th; Theresa Blazicevich on the 18th; and a belated birthday wish to one of our newer members, Vickie Waldo, on July 19th.

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