

EMPIRE QUILTERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June, 11, 2005

Attendees: Marilyn Korn, Natalie Garfinkle, Paula Kenny, Beth Pile, Kitty Squire, Sylvia Hughes, Leila Lieberman, Jennifer Bigelow, Betty Chen, JoAnn MontalbANO, Denise Walsh, Catherine Bancroft, Barbara Hull, Linda Kelly, Dorothy Arkell, Cynthia Spurles, Pat Decker, Sylvia Zeveloff., Larry Gifford.

Barbara Hull: Discussed programs/speakers for the 2005/2006 membership year.

Sept., 2005: possibly Joyce Seville (Art Quilter). Possibility of reserving workshop room for working on show quilts.

Oct., 2005: Joan Shay (fused dimensional applique). Discussed her staying with Lee Ebbs.

Workshop: Mermaid Quilt. Issued sign up sheet.

Nov., 2005: Carol Taylor (will drive) "Working in Series".

Workshop: Based on program lecture. Issued sign up sheet.

Dec., 2005: Holiday Party. Perhaps a fundraiser event.

Workshop: "Gathering Day" use workshop room.

Jan., 2006: Quilters of Color Program (tentative)

Jennifer Bigelow suggested maybe to have some of the organizations we give quilts to come speak at guild meeting.

Feb., 2006: Charity Day

Workshop: Lisa Shepard: "African Mosaic Workshop"

March, 2006: No program yet. Working on.

April, 2006: May be same weekend as Lancaster Show. No program yet. Working on.

May, 2006: No program yet. Working on.

Workshop: "Special Mother's Day Package" workshop: (Mini Retreat). Include breakfast or something. Include other guilds. Larry suggested a clipable coupon in the News Letter.

June, 2006: No program yet. Working on.

Barbara Hull: Proposed that guild purchases video or DVD of "Working Women Quilters" as aired on PBS. Use for a possible program in lieu of a speaker.. Run it at the Quilt Show. Needs to be below program budget of \$600.00.

Looking to share speakers co-operatively with Garden State Stitchers.

Need to investigate a Folding Quilt Rack that guild could own to display quilts. Larry suggested one that Keepsake Quilting sold. Find out if FIT will store it for us.

Speaker Box: Board Member closest to meeting place takes it home (Michael Greenberg). Larry said he would take it home and get it to Michael.

New Meeting Set Up: Turn chairs around to face mounted slide screen. Put long tables in center of meeting space to use for basting quilts, etc. Put round tables along wall. Would like to try again for Sept. meeting. However, all activity must cease once program starts. No talking or making unnecessary noise during program must be stressed. Put into Sept, 2005 News Letter that we are trying this out.

Workshop Space: Must be booked by July, 2005. May need to rent smaller rooms for Quilt Show meetings..

Natalie Garfinkle: "Quilter of the Month" currently has three people lined up for coming year. Pat Decker volunteered at Board Meeting to do Quilter of the Month. Bring 12-15 quilts.

Pat Decker: "Raffle" Proposed that any member who wears their name badge to meeting should get a "FREE" raffle ticket. This is to promote friendliness at meetings. This will be put in the Sept. News Letter if approved.

50/50 raffle was approved for Sept., 2005 meeting.

Denise Walsh thanked guild for all that they did all year. She has passed on patterns/instructions for all charity projects to Cynthia Russell to publish on the Empire web site so members can sew over the summer. Also there is a list of all organizations who receive our quilts. (19 pgs)

Barbara Hull: suggested that Board Members wear a quilted name tag that tells their name and their function on the board.

Beth Pile: Sunshine—let members know that they should let her know when a member has suffered a loss or has a sickness in their family.

Friendship quilt raised approx. \$100.00.

Dorothy Arkell: Focus Groups: Looking for volunteers. Split focus groups between mornings and afternoons. This way board members can participate either as teachers or students.

Marilyn Korn said she would teach focus groups if afternoon was ok.

New members table where members can come before meetings to sew or baste quilts.

Larry Gifford: Discussed space available at FIT. Availability of vendors.

FIT opens their books in July for 2006-2007 academic year. Talking to Christine Ryan about Fall, 2006—1st weekend of Nov., 2006. Could be a small show to start, as long as we get a show going. October has the Jewish Holidays. Also looking at Feb-March, 2006 (not to conflict with Brooklyn Show).

Need to negotiate space A.S.A.P. 28th street space for main show (3 days at \$1200.00/day).

Need to take this to membership at June, 2005 meeting for approval. Break out rooms on either side for workshops, etc. for add'l charge per day.

Must pay in full when reserved. Negotiate vendor space downstairs room by room.

Ask treasurer about availability of deposit.

Larry asked for column space in newsletter for posting show info as it goes on.

Cindy Russell is giving Larry a link on web site to publish show info. Promotion for show should start by 1st f year. Theme: 25 years of Empire.

Larry started a data base of volunteers. He has volunteers who want to be chairs.

He wants 3 hrs volunteer time from everyone who enters a quilt.

Wants to garner corporate sponsorship if possible. Put their logos on show advertising. Have a

corporation sponsor a speaker.

Have fabric companies donate fabric. (Benartex, Marcus Bros.)

Suggested having FIT students display fabric art. Give students a student membership rate (FIT, Parsons, High Schools).

Barbara Hull: suggested having invitational quilts, a challenge.