

5-20-2021

**Cotton Boll Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes**  
**Auburn Chamber of Commerce**



**6:30 Esther Flitcroft called the meeting to order**

Esther welcomed a returning member, Jude Feyen. She spoke about our guild being a sisterhood of quilters and how we all lean on each other.

Esther Flitcroft briefly spoke about the 2021 Retreat and how it was a whopping success. There were a total of 34 quilters. Thirteen of them were "newbies." New friendships were made and old friendships were rekindled. A good time was had by all. On a side note, a computer bag was found by housekeeping. If you are missing one, please contact Charlie Elliott.

**Old Business:**

**Minutes for March and April 2021** were sent out via email weeks prior. Changes were made. Judy Wood moved to accept the minutes and Beth Anderson seconded the motion.

The **financial report** from Ann Bentley had also been presented to the guild via email. Joyce Powell moved to accept the financial report and Beth Anderson seconded the motion.

**New Business:**

**April Board Meeting:** Esther Flitcroft reviewed some of the items discussed at the April Board Meeting. The Board discussed getting a PayPal account or a bank credit card for recurring online payments. Members prefer not using a personal credit card and leaving it open. The PayPal account would have a password and only the treasurer would have the password. As the treasurer changes, so would the password. The PayPal would be used for recurring charges like the Zoom membership and the website. Joyce Powell moved to accept the proposal and Teri Meinhardt seconded the motion. Esther Flitcroft presented the idea to the guild members present. It was passed unanimously by members present.

**Directories:** Anyone still needing a directory needs to contact Michelle Kloeti. New address stickers are being made to update the directories with new members and address changes. Michelle Kloeti will have these labels and will bring to the guild meetings.

**Retreat for 2022** has already been booked. It will be the same weekend next year.

**Programs:** Becky Berry addressed the guild members with a couple of program announcements. In **August we will have the Diane Knott** workshop. Diane Knott will speak to the guild on August 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a workshop on August 20<sup>th</sup> and another on August 21<sup>st</sup>. In order to attend the workshops, you must have a copy of her book. Many of the members purchased it in 2020 before Corona hit. Please sign up if interested.

In **October we will have a “Big Reveal.”** We will present the Round Robin quilts, the Patriotic Mystery quilts, the Alabama and Auburn Blocks, and our Block of the Months, etc....

**Congratulations to Teri Meinhardt** – winner of the door prize! Woooo Hooo!

**Speaker:**

Becky Berry presented **Carol Bradshaw as the speaker**. Carol Bradshaw spoke about **quilts made and used in the Underground Railroad**. She explained the **quilt code** and how the codes were used to assist the slaves in the Underground Railroad from the Deep South to Canada. As soon as the slaves were captured, they started planning their escape. Many times they were caught and tortured. Each quilt block held a secret message or code. These quilts were hung “out to dry” or displayed strategically to guide a fleeing slave. There were numerous blocks used. Some of the more well-known were Jacob’s ladder, monkey wrench, wagon wheel, carpenter’s wheel, bear paw, basket, crossroads, log cabin, shoofly, bowtie, flying geese, birds in the air, drunkard’s path, sailboat, and north star. Each of these blocks relayed a different message. Carol Bradshaw explained each message. She quoted the book, “Hidden in Plain view,” by Jacqueline Tobin.

Discussion about possibly making a quilt for display in the public library took place. In addition, presenting a lesson/discussion for children and other civic organizations was brought up. A few members voiced an interest in doing this.

Show and Tell began at 7:26 p.m. Ginger Woltosz, Judy Wood, Linda Hayes, Teri Meinhardt, Michelle Kloefi, Sue Robinson, and Lisa Rogerio (remote) showed beautiful quilts that they had made.

Meeting closed at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes respectfully taken and submitted by Irene Nelson  
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