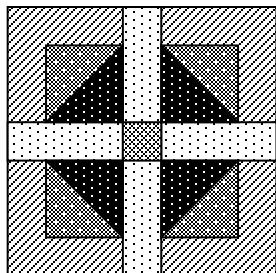

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MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 2025

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Jan.-Nov., Third Monday, 7 pm

May 2025

Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forreston, IL

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR May 19, 2025

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hello all,

May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.

Late May and early June 1776, Betsy Ross completed sewing the first American Flag.

May 27th, 1846, Elias Howe Jr. received patent #4750 for improvements to the sewing machine, claiming to have invented the first machine to sew a lockstitch using two threads. May 2005 The Home Sewing Association submitted a proposal to revive the National Sewing Month, which was later approved.

Everyone can probably breathe easier with the Quilt Show wrapped up. What a beautiful

display of the artistic talent we have in this group. Thank you all for the hard work! New things and wonderful ideas are popping up. Mystery quilt sew-along by our own Rhonda Streich. I can't wait. The variety of our speakers for this year so far....bravo! I thoroughly enjoyed it and learned quite a bit.

Stay safe, lighthearted, and sew on.
Jennifer

TREASURERS REPORT

CCQG, Meeting Minutes **APRIL 21, 2025**

Program: Our program titled “Grandma’s Apron” was presented by Kris Winkler and Lynn Lokken from Monroe, WI. They have an extensive collection of aprons which were presented in a lively and entertaining program. Aprons through the ages, in many construction methods and materials, each presented with its particular historical reference. They definitely have a passion for this collection; they have over 300 aprons!

After a short refreshment break, the meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Newcomer at 8:23 pm. There were 25 members present.

Three guests joined us this evening: Jennie Pena, Kathy Fabien, and Brenda Phillips.

Three new members joined:

Kim Meyer, Rockford,
KLM5657@yahoo.com
Vicky Dose, Monroe, vickydose@gmail.com
Denise Rehnberg, Rockford,
dkrsewhappy@yahoo.com

Name Tag winner was Jeannine Price.
Show and Tell winner was Ann Tully.

Margaret Rominski made a motion to accept the minutes in the April Newsletter and Dawn Vehmeier seconded. Motion approved.

The Treasurer’s Report, as it appeared in the April newsletter, was reviewed, and will be held for audit by the Executive Board.

Programs: Kay Walker discussed the next 2 programs. May will feature Mary Alice Hart who will do a workshop called Scrappy Play and an evening program called Trash to Treasure. In June, Jill Shaulis from Yellow Creek Design will present a trunk show plus a workshop for that day is being planned. More details are pending.

Kay is seeking a potential Chairperson for Programs for 2026. She is willing to pair up to assist the new Program Chair, sharing her contacts and approach to finding potential programs. Also no one has stepped up to function as Warm Up Chairperson, which in the past has been a successful starting point for Program Chair in the year following. Shauna Heck thanked everyone for their help with putting on our Quilt Show – all the volunteers for the days of the Show plus all the preparation for the Show. Collective opinion was that this was a very successful show, many favorable comments were reported. She recognized Rhonda Streich for making the Quilt ribbons and all her help with the setup.

Shauna reported on some early details from the Quilt Show. Attendance for Friday was estimated at 850 and for Saturday 505. There were nine vendors at the Show: all expressed thanks for the opportunity to join us. They were also appreciative of lunch being provided.

The Boutique income was reported at xxx. Also, members who contributed items to the Boutique received a drawing ticket for items donated with the opportunity to win the prize of one year membership. Shauna did the drawing at this meeting; Donalee Yenney was the winner.

Many compliments were received relative to the venue. They liked the layout particularly.

Shauna reported total fee for the facility was xxx.

She shared a letter from the Quilt of Valor recipient. He was very appreciative of this recognition.

Old Business

Ruth Whitney reported on the review of old records held in storage in our space in the "closet." Today the financial records tub was reviewed. All materials older than 2015 were identified to be shredded. It was available to review prior to the meeting. There were no objections to this, so they would be destroyed. In the future the tub containing history records will be reviewed.

New Business

Ruth Whitney reported a new location for storage of the Quilt Show wooden rack system was needed. A 10 x 10 unit was located in Shannon and a month-by-month rental agreement was signed. Next the Executive Board will be reviewing the budget situation to see how/where in the budget we will be able to absorb the added expense of xxx per month for this storage. If any member has an available inside space available and would be willing to store these items, please let us know. Other options to be considered include dues increase, other fundraisers, or member assessment.

Rhonda Streich announced a new activity she will be introducing next month. She is designing a Mystery Quilt for the Guild members. It will be a six-month mystery, starting in May, ending in October. This is open to all members, at your option and at no cost. It will be a two-color design: color your choice, recommending high contrast colors. Each month, at 6:30, prior to our Program, she will provide the clue and a

demonstration of its construction. In October she will present the final clue and will reveal the quilt. This final clue will be the instruction for the final quilt top.

Dawn Vehmeier reported on a request from the Freeport YMCA for a donation of a quilt that might be used in a Silent Auction Fundraiser on May 8. Anyone interested in donating a quilt please contact Dawn after the meeting.

President Jennifer Newcomer recognized our April Birthday Members: Chyree Rohde-Lincoln, Elizabeth Fabian, Donalee Yenney.

Treasurer Donalee Yenney indicated that we had not formally approved the 2025 Budget at the March meeting. This was missed at tonight's meeting so will be held over for May in Old Business.

No additional business was introduced. Shauna Heck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Clark seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Show & Tell followed adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Whitney
(subbing for Sue Sturtevant, Secretary)

MAY PROGRAM/WORKSHOP

Workshop:

Mary Alice Hart will have a class on scrap quilting starting at one. Those of you in class please bring your sewing machine and other supplies. Mary Alice will furnish scrap fabric.

Program:

Mary Alice Hart will do a program called Trash to Treasure.

June's program has some issues that I am working on. There will not be a class in

June. I am working hard to reschedule Yellow Creek to a different date. Please bear with me. So sorry for this problem.

Kay Walker, Program Chair

BEE KEEPER'S MESSAGE

The doors to the church will be open at ten for Bee people. Please remember there will be a class starting at one.

Kay Walker, Bee Keeper

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MEMBERS

Beginning at the May Meeting! The Country Crossroads Mystery Quilt!

Clue #1 and a demonstration will be given at the May Guild Meeting, with a new Clue each month until the Big Reveal at the November meeting.

Fabric requirements and Clue #1 will be given at the May meeting. An email will be sent each month to each guild member with all information if unable to attend the meeting.

Please share Clues with other folks that may be interested in joining our guild! Create a Mystery Quilt Sew Group! There is no cost. This will be a 2-color quilt, and all clues will contain traditional piecing techniques.

It's gonna be fun!
Rhonda Streich

2025 QUILT SHOW INFORMATION

I hope everyone has recovered from the quilt show and I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all of your help.

I think it was a great show and everyone I have talked with said they really enjoyed it.

I believe we made around xxx on the show and that is awesome! **I am also including a survey if you could please fill out so we can improve the next show.** You can either email it to me or print it and I will have a basket to put them in at the next meeting. I will also have some printed off that you can fill out that night and return.

Thank you again for all of your help!

Sauna Heck, Quilt Show Chair

Quilt Show – Raffle Tickets Distribution

Kudos to all our Quilt Guild members for selling tickets for our Raffle Quilt. And congratulations to Donalee Yenney for selling the winning ticket! The winner was Eileen Robinson. Congratulations to her.

I appreciated everyone's help at the Raffle ticket table during both days of our show. Everyone should be happy with their extended efforts for a successful show. Again, THANKS EVERYONE.

Kathy Clark, Raffle Ticket Chair

MAY REFRESHMENTS

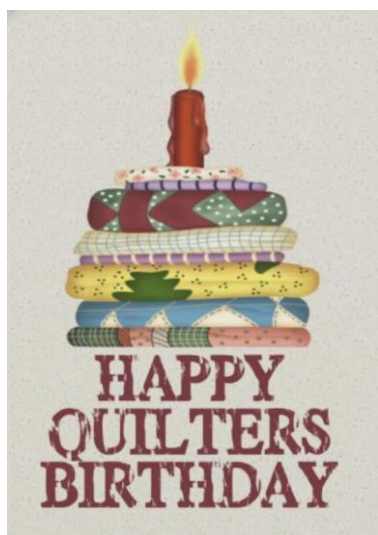
Teri Janecek
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COMING UP: JUNE REFRESHMENTS

Kathy Clark
Chyree Lincoln-Rohde
Dawn Vehmeier

Meeting Reminders:

Please wear name tag
Bring show and tell!
Please silence your cell phones.
Please keep table conversations to a minimum during our business meeting.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Meier	19
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COMING UP: JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Clark	1
Mary Tessendorf	9
Joyce Winnekins	20

Refreshments: There are two containers in the back room of the church that contain paper supplies for refreshments and other guild items. These supplies have been purchased by the guild and are intended for this use. Please check this container before you purchase any new paper products.

And: The church has asked that we restore the room set up as it was upon arrival and put away the tables and chairs that we take out of the back room for our meetings. Everyone please stay a few extra minutes after the meetings to help do this. It would be greatly appreciated.

Also: We need to keep the kitchen clean, so please clean up after yourself. The refreshment committee is responsible for taking the garbage out to the dumpster after the meeting, so please make sure you have tossed your trash before then.

SAVE THE DATES!

Airing of the Quilts
Rock County Historical Society
440 N. Jackson St., Janesville, WI
May 10 – 11, 2025, 10 am to 4 pm

Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild
“Little Bits of Whimsy” Quilt Show
May 17-May 18, 2025
Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm
Judson University, Linder Fitness Ctr
1151 N. State St., Elgin, IL 60123

General Notes and Reminders

