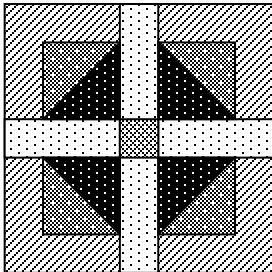

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MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 19, 2025

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Jan.-Nov., Third Monday, 7 pm

June 2025

Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forreston, IL

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR June 16, 2025

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hello all,

Can you believe it's already June? I am not sure how time is speeding so fast this year. Important dates for this month.

June 13 is National Sewing Machine Day. Sewing Machine Day is celebrated on two different dates: June 13th and September 10th. The June date is often associated with the invention of the sewing machine by French tailor Barthélemy Thimonnier in 1829, while the September date is linked to the patenting of the first practical sewing

machine by American inventor Elias Howe in 1846.

I have been pondering the thought of setting up a sewing area on the deck. I would have to haul everything in and out daily, but fresh air and a great view has tempted me.

I hope everyone is participating in the Mystery Quilt our Rhonda Streich has put together. I am making it a priority to do all the clues on this one. Normally I make it into clue 3 or 4 and get sidetracked.

Stay safe, lighthearted, and sew on.

Jennifer

TREASURERS REPORT

CCQG, Meeting Minutes **MAY 19, 2025**

Program: Trash to Treasure. Mary Alice Hart visited our quilt guild to hold a workshop and share her expertise on how to turn fabric stash and scraps into beautiful projects. Mary Alice recounted memories of her Grandmother and her home. Her Grandmother, Mother and Aunt all sewed. She said her first shopping trip was to the local feed store where she climbed over the bags of chicken feed until she found the perfect fabric for her first project which was a skirt with elastic waist. She said scrap quilting started as a necessity and has now turned into an art form.

She showed some quilts she has made. Her first quilts were made with scraps and strip sets. She then used orphan blocks for quilts and made crumb quilts. She also showed that they could be used to make potholders, hot dish pad and place mats. She also discussed her lessons learned along the way.

This was a very pleasant program and the workshop was enjoyable.

Rhonda Streich discussed the mystery quilt explaining that it required 2 fabrics and the colors must contrast. She handed out the directions with fabric requirements and instructions for the first clue.

The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Newcomer at 8:17 pm. There were 30 members present. We had 2 guests, Deyonne and Kathryn Evans. Drawing winners: Name Tag: Jan Franks Show and Tell: Kim Meyer Flowers from

refreshment table decoration: Dawn Vehmeier and Kathryn Evans.

Kathy Clark made a motion to accept the minutes in the May newsletter and Chyree Rhode Lincoln seconded. Motion passed.

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

Programs: Kay Walker reported that the program for next month will be on Longarm Quilting. Donalee Yenney, Carol Bellows and Ruth Whitney will be talking all things longarm.

Kay also stated that she is ready to step down as Program Chairperson after 2025 but is willing to help someone new as they take over in 2026.

Quilt Show Update: Please take a survey so we can improve on the next quilt show! The profit from the quilt show was \$4524.18. The profit from the raffle quilt was \$1581.

Service projects: Doreen Hartman and Nina Mueller reported on some ideas they have been working on. Doreen spoke on doing several hands-on workshops teaching kids how to make a pillowcase. They also talked about making walker bags and bags for shoe boxes. Ruth talked about making a reading pillow (book pillow) for kids for Christmas in place of the gift exchange between members. A facility that will take and use these needs to be identified.

Storage unit: Discussion took place on how the guild is going to pay for the storage unit we are using to store the quilt racks. The fee is \$40/month. Sandy Sheely shared a couple of ideas. One is to enter a quilt in the Ogle County fair that was finished this year and to donate the winnings. Another idea is to have a Quilt Guild booth at the fair where we

could sell leftover boutique items. Yet another idea is to have a rummage sale. Chyree Rohde-Lincoln mentioned that we could all take turns sponsoring a month.

Rhonda Streich talked about selling the homemade trailer we had been using for storage in her barn and use the proceeds to help pay the storage fee. Additionally, we would be able to save the \$200 out of the budget that was allocated for registration and maintenance of the trailer and apply it toward the storage fee.

All options will be considered by the Executive Board, which will then make a recommendation to the membership on how to cover this new expense.

Ruth Whitney made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget with the amendment to change the line item for the trailer registration and maintenance to list the storage unit rental for that \$200, to approve the sale of the trailer, and to correct the Note on line item for Quilt Show to read "reinstate in 2028". Donalee Yenney seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Barb Wells received a \$200 donation for the Quilt Guild in memory of Donna Dietrich. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nina Mueller and seconded by Shauna Heck. Meeting adjourned at 8:53.

Show & Tell followed adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Sturtevant, Secretary

JUNE PROGRAM/WORKSHOP

There is no Workshop for June.

In the evening three of our own members will present a program on long arming. Please bring any questions you might have relating to your long arming experiences.

Kay Walker, Program Chair

BEE KEEPER'S MESSAGE

The Bee will be open at 10. Everyone is welcome. There is not a planned activity during the day.

Kay Walker, Bee Keeper

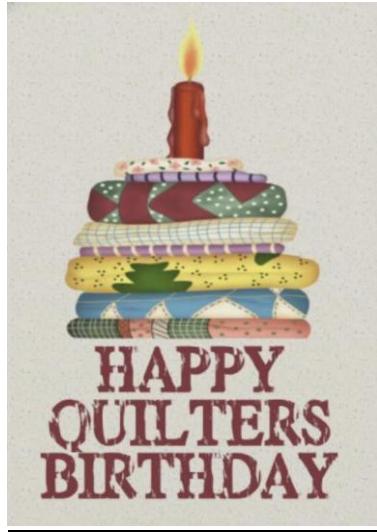
MYSTERY QUILT

The Country Crossroads Mystery Quilt Clue #2 will be available at the June Meeting!

Clue #2 and a demonstration will be given at the June Guild Meeting, with a new Clue each month until the Big Reveal at the November meeting. Also, an email will be sent with Clue #2,

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



COMING UP: JULY REFRESHMENTS

Donna Saxby
Shauna Heck
Doreen Hartman



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Clark	1
Mary Tessendorf	9
Joyce Winnekins	20

COMING UP: JULY BIRTHDAYS

Faye Schneiderman	6
Sue Sturtevant	7
Susan Murges	11
Lynda Palmer	14
Donna Saxby	21
Rhonda Streich	21
Mary Pizzlato	26
Ritarose Pulley	26
Doreen Hartman	28

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.

General Notes and Reminders

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.