

Minutes of Herring Run Quilt Guild meeting, April 1, 2017

President Charlie DiSante called the meeting to order at 9.35

- Charlie welcomed new members and guests and thanked all the members working on the Thayer Academy Gallery Show
- Charlie announced that Kathleen Levalle's winning quilt from the 2016 show will be the HRQG entry to the NEQM Best of Guild show (August 3-27). Cheers from the crowd! Kathleen is delighted and humbled.

Old Business:

- Jane Hewitt, **Treasurer**, that the Guild had a balance of just over \$20,000 in the bank at the start of this month. Getaway Weekend expenses (paid for by those attending) were \$13,000 other bills paid were for rent, purchase of a computer, lottery taxes etc. The donations from the September 2016 show were sent to the Susan Komen Foundation. Detailed information was posted for those who wanted to review them
- Jennifer Brown, **Secretary**, noted that minutes of the March meeting were sent to members
- Jen Cannizzaro, **Vice President** is at the Lancaster show.
- **2018 Quilt show** – The guild is looking for a volunteer to be the Chair of the show committee for the 2018 show. Cathy will be around to support/advise the individual who steps up. Please let Charlie know if you are interested
- NOTE: Dues, \$40 for full membership and \$20 for associate are due IN MAY.

Committee Reports: Brief reports were given by Committee chairs.

- **Newsletter** – Anne Marie noted next deadline for submissions is April 25, 2017
- **Membership** – Kathy McDonald for the membership committee welcomed a new member, Rene's sister. And reminded everyone that membership dues (\$40) are due next month.
- **Comfort Quilts** – Vivian encouraged everyone to keep stitching!
- **Hospitality** – thanked everyone for the goodies for the social break and Ann Marie for the email reminder.
- **Historian** – Christine M. is still curating the documents and talking to Cathy and Laurel for advice
- **Block of the Month** –Janine C provided the pattern for the May blocks, collected and drew for the April blocks in blue and green.
- **Quilters Basket** – the basket contained supplies one will need for the Getaway
- **Getaway Weekend** – There was much applause for Denise, the most excellent Getaway organizer! She thanked Mary Ann K for her help with the goodie bags and Gina and the 3 amigos for the great raffle baskets, Sharon for the choc. Pops and Jen C for being the shopper!
Denise is booking the last weekend of April 2018 for our next Getaway, this time in Sturbridge! Check it out at <http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com/> Debra and Charlene have been there and they liked it! They host quilters groups there regularly (and the Village has a great quilt collection, BTW). There are also a number of great quilt shops close by! More applause!
- **Library** – Phyllis has bought 12 new books including books by Amy Friend. The sales of book donations and sales of old library books raised \$100 which added to the \$100 guild budget meant a nice sum to spend on new books. Applause followed!
- **UFO challenge** – Mary Ann picked #4
- **Programs** – Debra reported that Barbara Vedder will do a half day workshop (Liberated Houses) on May 6. Cost = \$35.
On Friday, September 9 ???, we will have our first full day workshop with Pat Pauly a modern quilter. Cost will be \$75 per person.
- **NEQM liaison** –Mary Parker is looking for a few members to help in making the decisions about a HRQG bus trip to NEQM.

- **Thayer Academy Team** – Chair, Lynne Anastos revealed that the theme of the show is to be, ‘Not Your Average Quilt’ that will educate and open the horizons for viewers. The show will be juried and a system of blind review has been worked out. A submission form has been emailed to every guild member and sent to those with no email. One submission per person. No King size, they cannot be hung in the space! Quilts can be sold, all must be valued for insurance purposes. All quilts submitted for the show MUST BE FINISHED. This is a great opportunity for the guild. **Kathleen LeVallee must have the entry form and photo in hand by June 1, 2017 to be considered by the jury.**

Pat Delaney gave a great slide show and trunk show of her wonderful, intricate, prize winning quilts. Prizes include a purple ribbon at the Vermont Quilt Festival. She focused on the life stories contained in all our quilts and made the proposal that we all include that information on our quilt labels.

Social Break: Thanks to all contributors.

Show and Tell, included 21 people, 31 quilts and 4 other items.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Brown, Secretary 2016/17