

RMCQ General Meeting
April 13, 2009 6:45pm
CSU Visual Arts building

President Cookie Warner began with some announcements:

1. It is time to submit entries for next year's calendar. Quilters may have quilts accepted for the calendar for a maximum of two consecutive years. After one year of not having a quilt in the calendar, RMCQ members will again be eligible to have quilts considered for the calendar. Guidelines and an application are available in the newsletter. Please do participate!

2. Cookie explained the philanthropy project for the Loveland Habitat for Humanity. Any RMCQ member may make a small quilt for the Loveland Habitat for Humanity to auction at their fundraiser. Kay Jones has labels for the back of your quilt. Projects are due May 1. See your newsletter for details!

Janet Pugh announced upcoming programs and workshops. The workshop with Janet Jo Smith is full but there is Janet is maintaining a wait list in case of cancellations.

May 11: Janet Jo Smith (Senior Center)
May 12: workshop with Janet Jo Smith (CSU)
June 8: Virtual studio tour presentation (Senior Center)
June 13: Longarm studio tour (Fort Collins, Windsor, Loveland)
July 13: Laura Wasilowski presentation (Senior Center)
July 12 and 13: Laura Wasilowski workshops - 2 different topics (The Ranch)
August 10: Denise Labadie (no workshop) (Senior Center)
September 14: Marta Amundson (Senior Center)

Landreth Hamil explained more about the June 13 studio tour and the June 8 Virtual Studio Tour. Many volunteers are needed on June 13. Contact Maxine Carlstedt or Landreth if you want to volunteer. A silent auction is being organized. Think about items to donate. Details will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

The bylaws committee has a couple of revisions to present to the members. The revisions were printed in the current newsletter. Please read them and come prepared to vote on the revisions at the May meeting. Contact Landreth if you have questions.

Main proposals:

- Board member elections changed to August.
- Vice Presidents' 2-year terms will be staggered so that the transition is easier.

Janet Pugh announced that we will be taking a free-will donation (at this meeting) to benefit the CSU Art Department scholarship fund. Give generously! RMCQ is so appreciative to Tom Lundberg, the students, and the Art Department for hosting the April meeting and letting us use the facilities for the May workshop.

Tom Lundberg welcomed everyone and he announced that the University's new museum for visual arts has just opened in the old Fort Collins High School building (also the home for the performing arts) on Remington, just South of Pitkin. The hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 11am-7pm. Some works at the museum are for sale. Tom thanked the group for the donations given this evening. He explained about CSU's weaving and textiles program, the study-abroad (Italy) program, and showed some works of alumnae.

Sandra Clark explained the Friendship Bridge program in which she is involved. The program works with Guatemalan women to better their lives through microgrants, education and entrepreneurship. There will be a fundraiser in September to build the microgrant program. Sewers are needed to make pillows from some of the textiles woven by the women in the program. Contact Sandra Clark at the CSU Art Department for more information or to volunteer. Dates for the September fundraiser have not been set yet.

The group heard presentations from MFA students:
Wendy Franzen, Edwina Straub, Whitney Crutchfield, Sara White, and Sara Rockinger.
They spoke about their influences and their research. They showed slides of their diverse and innovative works. After the presentations, the students led tours of the galleries, studios and facilities.

The next RMCQ Board meeting is April 28, 4pm at Cookie Warner's home.
The next RMCQ General meeting is May 11, 6:45pm at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Miller