

Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters

November 12th Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting: Susie Ratzlaff, Christi Beckmann, Linda Hibbert, Kit Robinson (Treasurer), Esther Trevino-Neasloney, Pat Messer, Darlene Bengford, Mary McCowley, Karen Azevedo, Louise Keene, Nancy Tracy, CJ DiGristine, Becky Williamson, Jean Poland (Website), Janet Schramke (Newsletter), Tina Hickman, Cindy Pecarovich, Landreth Hamil(quilt show committee), Kay Jones, Kathy Nicolai, Julie Breidt (Secretary), Jean Strosin, Melody Randol, Sandy Jung, Stephanie Patterson (President), Kelly Gallagher-Abbott (VP Programs).

The garage sale will take place at Stephanie Patterson's house at 9am on Saturday, November 17th. She needs more tables and help pricing items for sale.

Membership dues were collected. Membership will be \$30 for a one year membership. Only members at the meeting will be able to vote. Anyone can attend the meetings, but voting is restricted to members. Tina mentioned that there are 149 people interested in becoming members.

Our monthly meetings will take place at the Senior Center, near Drake and Shields in Fort Collins. The rooms are well lit and there is plenty of parking. The cost of \$240 per monthly use includes set up, take down, kitchen, insurance, and one year out rental booking. We are all set to have our meetings at 6:45 pm on the second Monday of every month, starting in January. Patty Hawkins will be our first speaker in January. Her web page, if you would like to learn about her, is pattyhawkins.com.

The speaker for the February meeting will be Patt Blair. Her web page is patts-art.com.

Christi Beckmann said she will work with Kelly Gallagher-Abbott on the programs committee.

The logo was changed to modify the horse tooth rock feature and was voted on and passed.

The calendar has been finished and ready for sale. It will be at the garage sale, or you can buy one at the meetings. It has been put together quickly by Kelly Gallagher-Abbott and Kit Robinson. It looks great and generated a lot of excitement at the meeting. The calendar will be \$10 each. In May, a new calendar will be made, so start thinking about a quilt you have that you would like to submit to be included on our next calendar.

By law committee (Kit Robinson, Kelly Gallagher-Abbott, Susie Ratzlaff) has finished its work and we voted on the following changes and they all passed.

We had to add the legal words to Article 10 to clarify what will happen if the group is dissolved.

We made the VP of workshops and programs into two jobs. There will be a VP for workshops and facilities. The VP for programs will become the next president of the group, if the president steps down, or at the end of the yearly term. This is so that the people who are lined up (a year in advance) to speak at our meetings, have the same person to work with. Each office has a one year term and it starts January 1st.

We changed the wording to make the newsletter be electronic only. Kelly Gallagher-Abbott said she would bring a few paper copies to the meetings if anyone is interested.

Kit Robinson has set up an account for our group at First National Bank. When giving Kit (our treasurer) any funds or requesting money for your committee, you will need to fill out a form that has all of the details on it. Kit has the forms and will gladly get them to you if you need them. Her email is kit@norova.com. Your membership dues go to the membership committee chairperson – Tina Hickman. She will do all the paper work. If you are requesting money over \$25 you will need to have approval from the committee chairman or the board.

The Non-profit committee will start to meet in January and Kit needs people to join her on this committee.

We have budgeted in a yearly formal review of our books.

Quilt show planning for August 23rd and 24th, 2008.

There is a lot to do and everyone is hoped to help out. The jobs are broken down to spread out the effort. This will be an exciting project for our young group. Each job has a different time frame, so email Landreth Hamil at quiltcrazyto@yahoo.com and find out which committee works best for your schedule.

Here are the committees that need help: Publicity(Landreth and 2 more needed), Liaison to the Ranch, Venders, Hoffman Challenge, Quilt submission(Stephanie Patterson and 2 more needed), Program, Signage(C J DiGristine and 2 more needed), Viewers choice/ribbons, Featured artist(Linda Hibbert, Kit Robinson, Cindy Pecarovich), Antiques, Kids quilts, Hospitality/greeters(Tina Hickman and 2 more needed – Darlene Bengford has many pairs of white gloves), Demonstrations(preferred over workshops or classes), Prizes and sponsors, Set-up and hanging, and Take-down.

The Budwieser Center is the location for the quilt show. They will charge \$425 per day for the exhibit hall. This fee includes 50 tables, 200 chairs, PA system, concessions run for us, ticket booth, bathrooms and plenty of parking. We will charge \$6 to get in and we will clear \$5 per person. We will have to get insurance and pay to rent and have someone else set up the pipes and drapes. We will hang the quilts on the drapes ourselves.

We will charge a fee to venders who work the show.

There will be the Hoffman Challenge quilts on display and our members will also have quilts hanging at the show. We will have a kids quilt category and an antique category. Part of the Hoffman Challenge includes dolls that will be on display as well.

The first news letter is out and looks great. No changes needed. Janet Schramke will be in charge of the newsletter starting in December.

The web site is up and sharp. Changes are planned and being carried out as time permits. Jean Poland has been doing a terrific job. Check it out at www.r-m-c-q.org.

We are not doing small groups yet for our members, but if you are interested in joining or starting a small group, then go to www.LNCQ and the small group contact can help you.

To get information to other quilt groups about us and our meetings, we have Stephanie Patterson giving information at the LNCQ meeting in December. Melody Randol will speak at the Front Range Contemporary Quilters meeting in December.

The next meeting of the Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters will be the second Monday of the month – December 10th, at 6:30 pm and be held at the REA building. The REA building is less than one mile east from the interstate on the Windsor exit (SH 392). After leaving I-25, travel east to the light on CR 5. Turn right and pull in to the parking lot to your immediate left. Since we are seeking non-profit status, we are able to use this facility for free.