

RMCQ General Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009
Senior Center, Fort Collins
6:45 pm

Opening remarks by 2008 RMCQ president, Stephanie Patterson:

Stephanie thanked the board for a successful first year for RMCQ.

She thanked Kit Robinson for keeping the books in exemplary condition. It was a struggle establishing the group's 501c3 status and finding the money needed. By the end of 2008, there was enough money to operate through most of 2009. She also thanked program chairs Maxine Carlstedt and Janet Pugh. Their expertise and hard work resulted in an enjoyable year of excellent programs and workshops. Janet Schramke did an excellent job with the newsletter and keeping a level tone for our RMCQ business. Thanks also to Vicki Anderson for helping us put RMCQ on the map with publicity and advertising. Corine Hammett was our secretary. Thanks very much for her time preparing minutes and keeping us together in so many ways. Appreciation was expressed to all the other committee chairs and board members:

Jean Poland, Rebecca Judson, Tina Hickman, Julie Breidt, Corinne Hammett, Cathy Lewis, Darlene Bengford, Kelly Gallagher-Abbott, Janet Pugh, and Kathy Nicolai.

The board worked very hard last year and hopes the members will continue to support and participate in the organization.

Stephanie also wished to thank everyone who worked on the yard sale, the garden party, and the calendar.

Kit Robinson expressed appreciation for Stephanie's work, guidance and leadership and pointed out the President's quilts on the back wall of the room.

2009 RMCQ President Cookie Warner's remarks:

Cookie greeted the group and thanked Stephanie. She began with some information about herself. She wanted the group to know that she has MS. There are good days and difficult days and that it's ok to talk about it and even laugh about it. In her words, "I want to keep it light."

Cookie then asked the group to turn to one another for a meet and greet minute. Guests were asked to stand up and say where they were from and their favorite color. Cookie gave them all a warm welcome and encouraged RMCQ members to get to know them.

Signup lists were passed around for:

1. Those who request a hard copy version of the newsletter for \$5 extra.
2. Those who are interested in joining small groups: (contemporary quilts, critique group, etc.) Carol Anderson will group those with similar interests and help those get started.
3. Rebecca Judson had a signup sheet at the refreshments table for anyone who would like to contribute refreshments at future meetings.

Joan Strosin is the Newsletter editor and she lives in Boulder. For the newsletter, please provide submissions that do not have to be rewritten or edited.

Kit Robinson will collect news about awards, events and other items for the newsletter. You can also send information to Kit.

Landreth Hamil is the Publicity committee chair. She was responsible for getting the wonderful article in the Coloradoan about the January meeting and our guest Melody Randol.

We are no longer having door prizes. We do not have a committee for that right now. Cookie asked for a show of hands for those who would like to continue the door prizes. (One person expressed interest.)

The new officers were introduced:

Janet Pugh, Co-Vice President and Program

Maxine Carlstedt, Co-Vice President and Program committee

Annie Miller, Recording Secretary

Nancy Tracy, Treasurer

Rebecca Judson, Hospitality committee

Kay Jones, Membership committee,

Carol Anderson, Small Groups/Education coordinator, Show and Tell, Philanthropy

Darlene Bengford, Fundraising committee

Landreth Hamil, Publicity committee

Jean Poland, Webmaster

Joan Strosin, Newsletter

Kelly Gallagher-Abbott and Kit Robinson were asked to come to the podium and appreciation was expressed for all their work in 2008.

Cookie asked everyone to think about how they can participate even if a little bit. It's a great way to meet others and help the guild at the same time. Call anyone on the board if you are interested.

A studio tour is being planned for the summer. Volunteers are needed for this project.

The minutes from the December board meeting are on the website. Board meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4 pm at Cookie's house. Any member is welcome to attend. Contact Cookie for directions.

The board was contacted by someone who is looking for a quilter to make a T-shirt quilt. If anyone would like to do this, contact Cookie.

This is the last night for Calendars. So far we have made \$800.

Show and Tell: Esther Trevino-Nealsloney expressed interest in helping with this.

Show and Tell quilts:

Julie Hallquist had 2 quilts:

1. Impressionistic quilt with 2-inch squares and some raw edge appliqué and thread painting.
2. "High wind warning" : a lovely raw edge appliqué with trees and some expanded square appliqué.

Ruth Briggs

A "no-cotton" crazy quilt made from scraps of taffeta, velvet, suede and other fabrics.

Linda Hibbert

"A Walk in the Woods" paper pieced original quilt of woodland animals.

Patterns are provided for free on Wednesdays at Sweethearts in Loveland or in Linda's newsletter.

Kit Robinson

She coordinated the President's quilt which was a set of 19 small quilt blocks. Everyone put a sense of themselves, or a sense of the guild or something about Stephanie into their blocks. Kit thanked all the participants.

Kelly Gallagher-Abbott

Kelly's quilt was a blue cotton-sateen whole-cloth quilt created with computerized longarm stitching. The quilt shrank 9 inches from all the stitching!

Cathy Lewis

Cathy's quilt was a T-shirt quilt for her daughter. Butterflies are quilted over the whole quilt. The quilting was done by Stephanie Patterson. It is called "The World According to Alexandra – the first 25 years"

Both of Carol Anderson's quilts were made after workshops given by Melody Randol.

1. The Rose quilt was Carol's first attempt at fusing.
2. Carol's second quilt was bright blue and yellow interlocking circles on a batik background. Landreth Hamil quilted this.

The group took a break to look at the quilts.

Janet announced future programs and speakers.

February: Carol Shinn, thread painting

March: Annette Kennedy

April: Professor Tom Lundgren and Masters in fiber arts students

*** To be held at CSU's Visual Arts Building***

May: Janet Jo Smith, "Dyesmithy"

June: Longarm Studio Tour. A committee is needed for this.

July: Laura Wasilowski, contemporary fused quilts.

More information is available on the website.

Maxine Carlstedt introduced 3 new members of the program committee:

Judy Beach

Julia Hallquist

Brenda Dickison

Signups have been excellent for Carol Shinn's and Melody Randol's workshops.

Those who attend workshops are asked to bring their quilt for show and tell at the next general meeting.

Janet Pugh introduced our speaker.

Melody Randol was the guest speaker and gave a wonderful and warmly received talk and slide show of her work.

About 96 people attended the meeting.

As of January 17, there are 90 paid members of RMCQ.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Miller, RMCQ Secretary