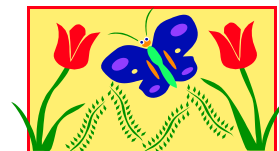


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Sharon Schamber - April 7, 2010

"I started my quilting just like most of you - buying the wrong fabric, using the wrong batting, and using the wrong needles. With time, I learned to use what really works for me, even though the product might not be known as the "right" one. I had to learn what a scant quarter and a fat quarter were. Translating all those unusual terms that we use, so casually, was the next step. The first year was just a spin of learning and creating a base for future quilts. For a novice, the learning curve is quite steep.

I remember my grandmother quilting back in the '60s, but everything was so different when compared to today. I hope that the quilt world will be just as different for my grandchildren. When I first began I had no idea that quilts were being machine quilted. I remember only that quilts were all hand-pieced and hand-quilted. I remember my Grandma Larsen counting the stitches per inch and ranting about being inconsistent, so that is where I went. I set out to find how many stitches per inch I needed to make my quilts "right." I asked the wrong person, and she told me that it was just rude to ask. This was the first indication that I needed to be a teacher! "

Take the time to check out Sharon's web site:
www.sharonschamber.com prior to the meeting on April 7th. Click on her "Gallery" and go to Gallery 2 and look at her two ladies on page 1, "A perfect Moment" and page 3, "Memories of Emerald Reflections". Outstanding! Also, to look at many of her "Best of Show" quilts go to her "Awards & Honors" on her home page. You will be amazed!

If you would like to have dinner with Sharon and Gail Mikuchonis prior to the meeting at Mrs. Turner's Restaurant (701 E. Main, Puyallup), please contact Gail at 253-405-8096.

Puyallup Elks Dinner Special for April 7th



The Elks is offering:



Papa Murphy's pizza, salad, soup and cookie
for \$5.00 + tax

Kitchen opens at 5:00pm if you'd like to have dinner
before the meeting

Minutes of March 9, 2010 PVQ Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Elaine Duncan. Also present: JoAnn James, Gail Mikuchonis, Lisa Isaacs, Diana Friesz, Linda Johnson, Kim Smith, Pat Faller, Joanne Roth, Dearlene Kimber, Helen Meeker and Susan Treloar.

It Was Voted:

- February 9, 2010 board meeting minutes be approved as written.
- That all references on PVQ's web site page and Quiltscraps newsletter to using "Pay Pal" as an option for remitting membership dues, workshops fees, retreat payments, etc. be removed.
- Beginning September 1, 2010 (2010-2011 membership year), if members request a hard copy of the monthly newsletter Quiltscraps be mailed to them, an additional fee will be added to the current dues.
- To purchase a \$200 laptop computer from Helen Adams for the sole purpose of keeping PVQ's financial records by the treasurer.

Treasurer Report: Joanne Roth. The Treasurer's Report was received and reviewed. Joanne discussed the rarely used "Pal Pal" option for making payments and the difficulty of getting the financial information to the proper committees when "Pay Pal" is utilized. See #2 vote by the board to suspend any references to using this option. Joanne is researching how often PVQ needs to file taxes.

Block of the Month: Helen Meeker. At the March 3rd PVQ meeting, 13 blocks were submitted. April's block is Road to Oklahoma. May's block is Arkansas Cross Roads. Helen has been supplying some of the fabrics and hard copies at the meetings. Block of the month patterns are also available at puyallupvalleyquilters.com. Helen also talked about PVQ's June 2nd, "Build a Log Cabin" quilt challenge. Ribbons (designed and made by Gail Mikuchonis) will be given to the "viewer's choice" winners of each of the six categories (miniature, wall, crib, twin, double, queen, king) plus a "Jennifer's Choice" in honor of and chosen by Helen's granddaughter, Jennifer. See this newsletter for additional info.

Library: Diana Friesz. June 2nd is our annual library sale -- a great opportunity to purchase magazines for .25 each and books at \$1, \$2 and \$3 each. Diana is accepting magazines and books at the April & May guild meetings in preparation for the June sale. Profits go to purchasing new books for PVQ's library.

Membership: Pat Faller. Current membership is 162. Pat handed out a list of former members who have not renewed. Discussion was held regarding the financial cost to PVQ when the monthly newsletter, Quiltscraps is copied and mailed to members (approximately \$18 a year, which is a substantial portion of the \$35 membership fee). After much discussion, it was voted to have members pay an additional fee if they want a hard copy of Quiltscraps mailed each month. See above #3 vote by the board. It was also noted that as another option, the board will work with other members who are willing to copy and mail Quiltscraps to those who have no computer access.

Programs & Workshops: Gail Mikuchonis. Gail is reviewing the "cancellation" policy regarding workshop participants. Gail announced that she is resigning from programs & workshops beginning September 1. Gail will include a "job description" in Quiltscraps. These two positions can be shared between 2-3 members. Gail has held this position for the past two years and we are thankful for that!

Raffle Quilt: Gail Mikuchonis. The current raffle quilt is finished and will be photographed. Tickets (twenty in a packet for \$20) will be available at the April meeting and all members need to pick up their packet(s) of tickets. It is strongly encouraged that members pay for the tickets at that time rather than when they return the ticket stubs. Gail is also drafting the next raffle quilt. **Thank you to the following for constructing the quilt: Gail Mikuchonis, Judy Lichens, Lonnie Smith, Lucy Lowry, Diana Friesz, Kat Stahl, Jenise Doty, Joanne Roth, Mary Craig and Eileen Peacher** (quilting). Your work is exceptional and the raffle quilt is awesome!

Cascade Retreat: Elaine Duncan. As of tonight we have openings for 4-9 people. Cost: \$165. Dates: May 6-9. Contact Elaine 253-952-4199 if you want to attend.

Shows & Events: Dearlena Kimber. Dearlena posts upcoming quilt shows as a courtesy to local quilt guilds and to encourage "girlfriend trips!"

Bylaws: Lisa Isaac. The board has reviewed the suggested amendments to PVQ's Bylaws. As per Article XI: *the bylaws may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote at any regular meeting if notice is given one month in advance. Two thirds of the members present at such meetings shall constitute a majority vote.* With this in mind, it is planned to have the bylaws available on the web site by the May meeting and a few hard copies at the information table, so that the suggested amendments can be voted on at the June 2, 2010 general meeting.

New Business: Linda Johnson, Vice-President, has a key to the storage unit. If you have a key to the storage unit, please contact our president, Elaine Ducken, 253-952-4199 or educken@aol.com.

The meeting was closed at 9 p.m. Next Board Meeting: April 13 at 7 p.m. at Puyallup Library.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn James, Secretary Pro Tem

**Our next board meeting will be
Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

The Board meetings are open to all members. We especially appreciate having each committee represented. We welcome your participation and input.

We meet at 7 pm at the Puyallup Public Library, 324 S Meridian

Fat Quarters

Fat quarters should be 18"x22"
(The 22" could vary slightly depending on the fabric width)

There is going to be a theme again this year based on the seasons. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Karen Rose at 253-538-9303, e-mail klosein@aol.com

April - Landscape/Environment - Rain, Rocks, Grass etc
May - Flowers

March Block of the Month

"Road to Oklahoma"

Photos of the finished block and directions can be found on our website.
Please contact Helen Meeker at 253-446-7089 with any questions.

Hospitality

If you see your name listed below, please bring a snack to the April meeting.

Nancy Davenport	Jodi Davila
Lorna Dawson	Debbie DeLisle
Patty deCamp	Janise Doty
Doreen Drenner	Elaine Ducken
Judy Dufilho	Loreta Edinger
Valerie Ernst	Patricia Faller
Beth Farnum	Nancy Flanagan

Thank you!
Audrey

Please remember to take any leftovers home.

Sumner Sewing Friends

Here are new dates for our Sumner Library Sewing that meets monthly at the Sumner Library on specific Wednesday evenings from 5 PM to 9 PM.

The next dates are:
Wednesday
April 21, May 19, June 16

So for fun and like companionship, please join us at the library for each of these evenings and we will look forward to seeing you.

Becky Leno 253-770-6909

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Meg Justus
Sheryl Karle
Sue Kohler
Joy Schneider

Birthdays



Patricia Ruppert	April 1
Charlene Guesford	April 2
Melissa Guyles	April 2
Ginnie Hebert	April 8
Meg Justus	April 8
Sue Kohler	April 9
Susan Treloar	April 10
Becky Leno	April 11
Diane Johnson	April 14
Beverly Schmit	April 18
Jeannie Leitner	April 18
Susie Allegra	April 18
Anne Girling	April 23
Diane Blackwell	April 23
Karen Reynolds	April 25
Vera Flasnburg	April 27
Jenise Doty	April 28
Barbarb Burk	April 29

Please bring an item for the "fish bowl" door prize.

Wearable Art Group

Meeting Sundays at the Sumner Library:
March 21, 5:30 - 8:30pm
April 18, 5:30-8:30pm
May 4, 4-8pm
May 16, 4-8pm

We make jackets and more. Meet with other sewers to help each other with fitting issues, construction, piecing techniques and more. Bring your sewing project and we can help each other get it done.

Contact Susan Treloar at 253-820-2235

PVQ Library News

Many, many thanks to these generous members who have donated books and magazines recently: Roz Willis, Myrna Asbjornsen, Sheryl Ramstad, Joanne Schoner, Lucine Lane, Ann Stumpf, Joanne Roth, Marilyn Sudbeck, Diane LeBreque, and Anne Goslin. A few will be added to the library - most will be available at a very good price in the June book and magazine sale.

I will be making a trip to Martingale & Co. (That Patchwork Place) sometime in April. At the April meeting, I will have a signup sheet for those who would like to come along. It is always a lot of fun; we usually go to lunch, go to a local quilt shop, and then go to Martingale, where we have a tour around their offices seeing many lovely quilts, and then they let us go into the "hurt book room" where the prices are amazing. I'll be buying most of our yearly new additions to the library. This is a good opportunity to add to your quilting library. Come join us!

See you at the April meeting.

Diana Friesz, PVQ Library

Give a quilter an inch and she'll
think she's a ruler.



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