



# *The Connecting Press*

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## *A Message from our President*

Welcome to October with the beautiful colorful leaves, bonfires and of course, s'mores. I've found a dozen variations for s'mores just like it seems there are dozens of variations for many quilt blocks. All this means is that if you have chocolate for s'mores and fabric (and maybe embellishments) for quilt blocks, you can't go wrong. Feel free to make your own variations. When I learned to cook (some would debate that I ever did), I followed the recipe exactly then I knew whether or not to add more or less garlic or whatever. It's been the same with quilting. At first I needed to follow directions exactly and had no clue how to alter them or correct mistakes without starting over. Now I still follow directions but feel freer to make changes. The changes may not always be good but I have fun trying.

A big thank you to Trisch Price who gave an interesting

presentation at our guild meeting in September. The next day many of us enjoyed a fun workshop with Trisch learning to create mod roses. Following up with what I said in the above paragraph, I didn't like how mine was turning out so I went downstairs to the Fussy Cut, bought more fabric and started over. Like the second version much better. In addition I learned a new technique which will come in handy in the future for some as yet unknown project.

Please join us at our guild meeting and a bee meeting. You'll have fun and be able to get or give help on projects.

A creative mess is better than tidy idleness.

Happy fall y'all,

Phyllis



## *Upcoming Programs*

October	Amy Garro	Indianapolis Modern Quilt Guild
November		Sew Crazy Quilt Shop, Columbus, IN
December		Christmas Party
January		Sew your own projects
February	Rachel Whitaker	Simple Life: Organization

## A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Our guild has some golden opportunities where we could use your talents. We are in need of a

- Vice-President
- Quilt Show Chairman
- Librarian.
- Please step up and offer to take one of these positions. No matter which you might choose, there are other members to help you, explain things to you, work side by side with you. The quilt show position could also be for co-chairmen. Please contact me at [pa.fee@comcast.net](mailto:pa.fee@comcast.net) or 887-2551 if you have questions or concerns about any of these positions.



# Meeting Minutes

## September 3, 2015

Phyllis Fee called the meeting to order. In the persona of Felicity from 1816, complete with bonnet, she explained that turkey red fabric was used in quilts when Indiana became a state. One of the requirements for the guild's 2016 quilt challenge is to include a piece of turkey red fabric. Thirty-one members have signed up to do this challenge.

The guild welcomed guest Ann Petrie and two new members, Mary Rusher and Crystal Allison. If any guild member does not have access to email and wants to receive a copy of the newsletter, they will need to provide Tammy Lawson with a self-addressed stamped envelopes. The minutes were approved as posted in the newsletter. Treasurer LaRena Brown reported that as of August 31, the guild has \$7,243.29. Door prize winners were Marie Lentz, Susie Ammerman and Mary Kenworthy.

The Scrappy Batik Star pattern for JoAnn Gates' President is available. Donna Schuster has taken over the duties of Librarian. The guild has a selection of quilt-related books that members can take home to read and then bring back. This is done on the honor system with is no formal check in or out system.

Mary Hawn encouraged members to participate in the 2016 Poetry in Free Motion event. This time around the poets will write the poems and the quilters will create a quilt based on the poem. (Not mentioned during the meeting was theme "Hoosier Delights: The Best of Indiana.") Registration forms need turned in to Mary at the October guild meeting. The instructions and registration form were sent by email and are posted on guild's website.

The block of the month for August/September was a fused applique left pattern. Joan Smith was winner of the blocks. Mary Kenworth explained that September/October block will be a pumpkin applique on a 12 ½ inch block on a neutral background. Instructions will be posted on the guild's website.

Susie Ammerman wants to organize a Round Robin event. Those that want to participate would meet twice. Once to decide on the rules. Then meet after the Round Robin has been completed. You start with the center block, and each time someone adds blocks to the quilt. To make this an interesting challenge at least six people need to participate. Susie displayed three quilts from three previous Round Robin events.

Phyllis stressed that the Vice President and Show Chairman positions need to be filled. Let her know if you are interested.

Besides taking on the duties of Librarian, Donna Schuster has agreed to be in charge of Publicity. Margaret Mayer is the Sunshine person. Lois Lankford is our first Queen Bee. She will keep the guild members informed about the when and where the bees meet. Tammy Lawson is newsletter editor. If you did not receive the September newsletter, check with Tammy to make sure she has your correct email address.

Suzanne Miller, announced that Amy Garro will give a trunk show at the October meeting. She specializes in paper-pieced modern quilts. Jo Zeckner, the guild's Historian, asked guild members if they have photos to contribute to write the names of who is in the photos on the back.

## 9/3/2015 minutes, continued

Show and Tell participants were Cynthia Holman, Tammy Lawson, Carol Henke, Donna Magnabosco, Nancy Hickey, Ann Ward, LaRena Brown, Phyllis Fee, Jo Zeckner, Sara Buckwald, Jeanette Bagley, Carol Kubinski, Cathy Steele, Sheryl Otter, and Dianna Rai-moni.

Trish Price was our featured speaker. Through her slide presentation, she took us through her journey of how she has evolved as a modern quilter. She is a fan of using graph paper in mapping out her quilts and admits to being a mathematic nerd. Her quilts are beautiful and intriguing. She is the author of *Accentuate the Negative*. And her new book *Tree of Life Quilts: 9 Timeless Project—Innovative Techniques* will be out soon. She will teach a workshop on improvisational piecing at the Fussy Cut on Mod Rose pattern.

The meeting was adjourned.

### *QCQ Sewing Bees*

#### Artrageous Connection

an art bee that explores new designs and techniques. They often paint and/or dye their own fabrics. They meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the home of Phyllis Fee. Please contact Phyllis at (317) 887-2551 for more information.

#### Evenin' Bee

members bring their own projects to work on. They meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30 at the home of Tammy Lawson. Please contact Tammy at (317) 862-0999 for more information.

#### Library Bee

members work on their own projects or help with charity quilts. They meet every Tuesday at the Beech Grove Library (downstairs), 1102 Main St, Beech Grove from 10am—2pm. Please contact Linda Osman at (317) 784-3098 for more information.

#### Southside Stitchers

this charity bee is sponsored by The Fussy Cut Quilt Shop. Members work on Quilts of Valor on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10am—3pm in the classroom upstairs. Please contact Tammy Lawson at (317) 862-0999.



## ***NEW!!! Round Robin Bee NEW!!!***

There's still time to sign up for the Round Robin Bee. We will be meeting at the end of the next guild meeting to plan a time for the initial meeting. This initial meeting is for us to set up our rules and get to know one another. The initial meeting should only take about an hour. It will be the only meeting we have until we exchange boxes from the last time (probably late spring next year). As of now we have six quilters interested. We can go with this small of a group but the more the merrier. If you are interested, please wait after the guild meeting (should take about 5 minutes to pick a time and place that will be convenient for everyone). If you're not sure, please consider coming anyway to the initial meeting to get the facts. You can decide then whether you want to participate or not. No pressure I promise. See you at the next meeting. Susie Ammerman

Patchwork Prose: Quilts Tell Their Stories.  
August 14 - October 31, 2015  
Johnson County Museum of History  
135 N. Main Street  
Franklin, IN  
Free Admission



Quilters Guild of Indianapolis  
A Stitch in Time  
Oct. 23-24, 10am—5pm  
Westfield Middle School  
345 W. Hoover Street  
Westfield, IN  
Admission \$10  
(Under 12: free)

Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lafayette  
First Quilt Show  
October 10, 2015 10am—4pm  
Faith Community Center  
5572 Mercy Way, Lafayette, IN  
Admission: \$5

## 2016 Quilt Connection Guild Challenge Project

# challenge

2016 is the bicentennial celebration for the state of Indiana. The state is sponsoring a quilt show called "19 Stars" based on the fact that Indiana was the 19th state admitted to the union. Our guild plans to tie into this celebration for the challenge for our 2016 quilt show, A Chain of Quilts. You have a choice for the theme of your wall-hanging all of which tie into the state of Indiana. You may choose to use one or more of these symbols:

State tree—tulip tree

State flower—peony

State bird—cardinal

Nickname—Hoosier State

Motto—Crossroads of America

Star

State Song—On the Banks of the Wabash

State Flag

Official colors—blue and gold

19—ties into the state's theme, wall-hanging can show the number 19 or include 19 items of something.

**SIZE:** The size must be a minimum of 18" x 18" and a maximum of 24" x 24" or anything in between. It can be square, rectangular or any other shape that fits into the minimum and maximum.

**COLOR:** You may use any colors you want BUT your design must include a piece of "turkey red" fabric that will be provided by the guild. You will receive a piece of 9" x 22" turkey red fabric. You may use all or any of it in your design.

This has already been washed in Retayne and preshrunk in the dryer!!!

**EMBELLISHMENTS:** If you desire, you may embellish your wall-hanging any way you like. However, it does not need to be embellished.

**ROD POCKET:** Please add a 9" rod pocket to the back of the wall-hanging. (this means fold a 9" wide piece of fabric in half and use 1/4" seams across the top and bottom in attaching it.

**QUILTING:** The wall-hanging should have 3 layers like a full size quilt—backing, batting and front. Quilt as desired. Please write a brief description of the quilt and attach a label with the title.

**DUE DATE:** August 2016 Quilt Connection Guild Meeting

If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members listed below:

Susie Ammerman, Phyllis Fee, JoAnn Gates, Cynthia Holman, Vickie Lashley or Jennifer Stockwell.

# poetry in Free Motion

It's time to MOVE on Poetry in Free Motion. Time is running out to reserve your spot in next year's project.

In the 2014 project, the Poetry in Free Motion quilts traveled to six venues, including the Indianapolis Arts garden. We are working to line up new exhibition venues for 2016.

This year, your challenge is to create a quilt that responds to a local poet's poem. The theme is "Hoosier Delights: The Poets of Indiana."

Be part of the fun. If you have not done so already, complete the registration form and submit it to Mary Hawn at the next guild meeting. Or let her know you intend to participate. We look forward to displaying your quilts.

## *Officers' Board Meeting*

### **September 17, 2015**

- The location of the Treasurer, Publicity and Publicity Blue Folders are known (Publicity is on thumb drive). Still need to locate the folders for the following positions: Publicity, Historian, Secretary and Block of the Month. May consider having thumb drives instead of the blue folders for each of the positions.
- The Vice President, Show Chairman and Sunshine Person positions need to be filled.
- Jo Ann Gates will check with the church to see if the Guild's cabinet can be moved closer to the meeting room.
- It has been suggested to give a half-price off of membership dues as a hostess gift beginning at the start of the Guild year in August.
- The board is looking into the possibility of having a fund raiser for breast cancer by selling decorated breast pockets. Jo Zeckner will check with Sara Buchwald to see if she would take charge of this project.
- The Guild has purchased a business owners insurance policy. This policy does not include coverage for the quilts on display at the quilt show. This information needs to be added to the quilt show entry form.
- After a discussion by the Board, it was voted to have the quilt show in even numbered years and have Sew Day and the Auction in odd numbered years. Sew day would take place on a Saturday with the auction at a Thursday Guild meeting. The Board will check into finding a professional auctioneer.
- Phyllis Fee suggested that we document what the Guild does for charities. Considering assigning this duty to the Queen Bee.

- The bylaws are still being revised. Will wait until the November Board meeting to vote on approving the bylaws.
- Tammy Lawson will send an email to the Guild members asking them to send pictures, printed or electronic so that our Historian Jo Zeckner can create the Guild's scrapbook. People in the photos need to be identified.
- Suzanne Miller insisted that the Guild nailed down the dates for our quilt show with the church as soon as possible. We will need to have four days reserved for the show: Wednesday, collect quilts; Thursday, set up; Friday and Saturday, quilt show.
- Storing and transporting the poles used in hanging the quilts for the quilt show is the Guild's largest expense. Should the Guild continue to use the PVC pipes, or should we rent the poles. The board needs to find out how much it would cost to rent the poles for the three days of the show.
- The Board discussed ideas on how to improve the meetings and to get more people to attend. Ideas included:
  - Send reminder post cards to those who haven't attended a Guild meeting in a while.
  - Give a \$10 gift card to a Guild member in attendance who has been absent from the Guild meetings the longest.
  - Gift bags exchanges.
  - Feature a Quilter of the Month.
  - Change room layout by placing rows of chairs near the front, with tables lined up in the back. Have quilters put their show and tell quilts on tables as they arrive.
  - Light refreshments.
- The Budget committee is comprised of the Treasurer, Retired Treasurer, and Membership. All three must be present at the bank when doing transactions.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Hawn.

### STANDING RULES/REMINDERS:

The Quilt Connection Guild meets at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of every month at the Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood, IN. Annual Membership dues are \$15.00 and newsletter only members are \$5.00 yearly. Both are renewable in September. Guests may attend two meetings for free before deciding to become a member. Receiving a newsletter prior to the meetings is one of the benefits of membership. New members who join after March 1st pay pro-rated dues of half price. Each member is expected to make a cloth nametag. If a cloth tag is not worn to the meetings a 25 cent fee is assessed and contributed toward future door prizes. Door prizes are drawn monthly for members and guests. Members are eligible to win only if they are wearing their cloth nametags. New members are allowed a two-month grace period to create their cloth nametag. We welcome youthful quilters as long as they are dues paying members and encourage them to participate in guild activities when accompanied by an adult. Also, please be considerate of the speaker and those around you and keep any whispering to your neighbor to a minimum.

If you have articles/information for our newsletter contact Tammy Lawson at lawson7616@yahoo.com