

## MIAMI VALLEY ART QUILT NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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Saturday, July 16, 2011

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Presiding: Sue DeSantis, First Vice President

Members Present: Dianne Boley, Kate Burch, Sue DeSantis, Ann Diller, Chris Landis, Fran LaSalle, Lisa Quintana, Cindy Rimm, Susan Schaller, Carroll Schleppe, Joan Sterr

### **Last Month's Minutes Corrections/Changes**

No corrections given for the minutes of June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Deb Bentley is our new Treasurer. She was unable to attend today's meeting, therefore no report was given. Yearly dues of \$15 were to be paid by all members in June. If your dues have not been paid, please e-mail or call Deb ([extraone@woh.rr.com](mailto:extraone@woh.rr.com)) to make arrangements for payment.

### **Brainstorming for Future Meeting Activities - Discussion from the May Meeting Continued**

Ideas given at the May meeting were narrowed down to the following:

- Group Goals - Prepare individual portfolios, artist's statements, bios, photos of your work (on discs or photo books. To begin, our individual bios are due at the August meeting.
- Have a North Group Class similar to the Monday classes that meet at Epiphany, South
- Learn from each other - developed skill sets
  - Print our own fabrics
  - Decolorants
  - Fusible appliques from Big Shot (mini Cricket ). See [Patsythompsondesigns.com](http://Patsythompsondesigns.com).
- Set group goals to try new ideas/themes; could make 6 quilts per year using new ideas
- As a group, attend fiber art shows (such as Wool gathering at Young's Dairy)
- Have members list their machines/organizations/expertise - add to our website
- Guerrilla quilting
- Make self-portraits
- Making art quilts to go with interpretive poetry/music

- Share our own individual stories at meetings
- Learn art of critiquing our work (suggested as a project for next year)
- Lisa owns several DVDs (some from SAQA, such as “Stiches”) that could be used for a meeting

### **Landmark Quilt Show Project**

- Lisa reported some possible dates to display our Landmark quilts at the Dayton downtown library. April, 2012, was the date all agreed on. Photography of all the quilts will need to be done previous to this date which would cost approximately \$350 for the seven landmarks. Lisa will discuss this date with Carlette at the library, and also with Mindy and Lori.
- Several other venues were discussed for a later date. Advertising on Facebook and other ideas were suggested to be used for PR and documenting.

### **New Business**

The next challenge, “Glass,” is due at our August meeting.

Ann is planning on attending Quilt National and asked if anyone else is interested in attending.

Carroll showed an article on copyrighting entitled “Crafters Urged to Learn of Copyrighting” which she will add to our web site.

### **Show & Tell**

*Sue* – made a snowflake quiltette for the June challenge which was “Winter” using a shear applique and blue metallic thread.

*Kate* – made quilted 10x22” “Tater” bags used to bake potatoes in the microwave oven.

*Susan* – showed samples of her dye-cut cloth designs she made using a Big Shot cutting tool.

*Joan* - made a large quilt of 132 spools of thread using variegated threads, a Halloween quilt , a Cityscape-design quiltette embellished with buttons, and a scrappy large quilt made out of a variety of scraps from her stash.

*Carroll* – showed a red and beige quilt she is making for her granddaughter with bees or ladybugs

*Chris* – announced that she is having her second grandchild.

### **Mystery Project**

We were asked to bring dry, empty tea bags and a Micron pen. Sue distributed designs to trace and inks to stamp on the bags. These can later be used in our art quilt projects.

### **Next Meeting**

The August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Epiphany Lutheran Church at 6430 Far Hills Avenue in Centerville, Room 14 (to the left from the parking lot in rear).