

COASTAL QUILTERS' GUILD

Board Meeting April 21, 1999

The meeting was held at the home of Judy Stanton in Santa Barbara. Present were Suzy Carter, Claire Fouquet, Diane Eardley, Joyce Ball, Judy Stanton, Harlene Bailey, Karin Cooper, Betty Kelley, Ranell Hansen, Susan West, Susan Wilmot, Leslie Hogan, and Ellen Richardson.

There was quite a lot of 'unofficial' discussion prior to the start of the meeting regarding organizing hostesses for speakers, as it's too big a job for one person to do all the time; the problems with Goleta Valley Community Center's wiring (very easily overloaded); that Blanche Young is willing to take up to 35 participants in her workshop (sign-up was closed last week at 20)...in the midst of this, Claire asked that the meeting be officially called to order. Ranell did so; it was 7:25 PM.

The minutes to the March board meeting were approved as corrected (unanimously), without a formal motion.

WORKSHOPS: Karin will reopen Blanche Young's workshop. The primary problem with the physical plant at Goleta Valley are the use of irons; any more than two create problems. Discussion followed as to the best way to arrange that room. Betty suggested allowing 6 - 8 more members to actively participate; more could come as auditors. But is that worth the \$30 cost of the workshop? It was generally agreed that that will be the charge, regardless. Diane believes that 25+ in a workshop is fine so long as there are only 2 irons. Claire will put a notice in the newsletter. There was some discussion of the division of responsibilities having to do with guests and a meeting time was arranged for that purpose.

While many guild members are primarily interested in nationally-known speakers, according to Susan, the member survey indicated a strong interest in member showcases. Leslie believes those and other 'in-house' activities to be very important; Betty suggested featuring a member each month once we're in a larger space.

SCCQG The group attending the recent meeting in Los Angeles found it very valuable and informative. Focussing on leadership, birds of a feather flocked together in order to compare notes. From the presidents' group, Ranell reports the following: Opportunity quilts are technically illegal; if a person were to ask to be given a ticket, we're legally obligated to do so. . .all the guilds have problems recruiting volunteers from the general membership. . .one guild's past presidents get free dues for life; another objected strongly...in another guild, the immediate past president becomes parliamentarian, thus maintaining continuity in the board...sneaky strategies for getting committee chairs were discussed. In many cases, positions are being shared...strategies for getting members to work on the opportunity quilt include having each member make a block (must be a big quilt!)

Highlights of the program chairs' group were given by Susan West. Among 12 program chairs, she learned that all guilds are having trouble filling workshops this year. Discussion followed, centering on the direction our guild's programs should take; what kinds of things, other than nationally known speakers, might happen.

Community Quilt: Suzy Carter reported that there was a good turnout and good work at the April 10 workshop. The next one will be June 26, at Samarkand. Diane Eardley briefly described the pattern for Transition House Christmas stockings. It will be published in the newsletter. Stockings will be collected at the November meeting. Batting has been

donated this year; Ranell has a lead on some good, inexpensive batting, should we need to make a purchase for the CQ Project.

Door Prizes: In general discussion it was determined that we really need to go back to some modification of the old system, as the new one has been really chaotic. Ranell will talk to Debbie Sayers, who was not present at the meeting.

Challenge Quilt: Reporting for Carol Meyer, Ranell told us we've a contract from Antioch for the quilts to be shown, beginning December 20 and running into the new year. Participation is optional for individual members. According to the contract, the description of the quilt is the artist's statement; the gallery will print up the placards.

Newsletter: Susan West suggested a feature article, describing the way things are done in the guild (Satellite Groups, the New Members Tea, Challenge Quilt, etc). There was some discussion of practicalities relating to the mailings. There will be no paid advertisements in the newsletter.

Ranell told the board the results of the member survey regarding a change in meeting time and place. In short, of 118 responses, 90 are willing and able to change to Thursday nights. In the discussion that followed, it was decided to try to arrange to have a board meeting in the new location (possibly in May), so that we can get an idea of how the room will be set up. Once we move, we'll have to arrange for someone to set up the room each month, at a charge of perhaps \$25. Leslie asked that the board meeting stay on Wednesdays, as she does have an ongoing Thursday commitment.

Betty Kelley told the group that the plan to have a display case at the public library has been shelved for the moment.

Kristen Otte is looking for a place to have a guild retreat--Cambria, Casa de Maria, among others. A notice will be put into the newsletter.

Library: Joyce reported that the recent book sale brought in \$70.25 plus \$27 in overdue fines. She'll be reimbursed from that money, with the surplus put into the library fund. Betty remarked that the current issue of AQS Magazine has an article about a guild library raising money through (for example) raffling new books.

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Demonstration: Ranell reported that members interested in participating in a quilt demonstration at the SB County Fair and Expo were primarily interested in Saturday and Sunday from 12 - 4 PM. Members can bring individual projects or work on a Community Quilt project. If possible, Opportunity Quilt tickets will be sold.

Goleta Valley Historical Society/July 4th Celebration at Stow House. Shall we participate? Susan suggested a call for volunteers in the newsletter; Betty that we ask for volunteers at the next general meeting. Claire will call Wanda Livernois and Diana Isler for details of previous celebrations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Hogan

