

Sterling Stitchers Business Meeting
January 23, 2018

Meeting called to order by Maureen McPherson at 8:35 a.m.

Birthdays: December/January: Marge Blasko, Lynn Culver, Arlene King, Judy Short, Joy Stanton

Gifts from Sterling Stitchers members were presented to outgoing officers Bette McConkey and Donna Tyndall

Secretary's Report – Cathie - Accepted

Treasurer's Report – Donna - Accepted

Vice President/Program Chair – Donna

- Guild Meeting – Feb 7 @ 7:00 PM – Laurel Manor Rec Ctr. – Pat Sloan - “My Life As A Quilter”
 - - Large crowd anticipated-doors open 6:30-Presentation will be live-streamed
- Guild Meeting – March 6 @ 7:00 PM – Laurel Manor Rec Ctr. – Suzanne Marshall “Evolution of a Quilt Maker”
- Guild Meeting – April 3 @ 7:00 PM – Laurel Manor Rec Ctr. – Karen Combs – “You Bought that Where”
- Guild Meeting – May 1 @ 2:00 PM – Savannah Center – Ellen Lindner – “Lessons Learned by a Fabric Whisperer”
- Pat Sloan – Little Blue Bird – 2/7 – 9-3:30 - **2 seats available due to cancellations – contact Donna Mulligan if interested**
- 3/1/2018 – Bus trip to AQS Quilt Show in Daytona –
 - A third bus has been reserved so if interested contact Donna Mulligan
- 2/4 – Sunday at Sterling – 10 – 4
 - Mug Rug demo @ 1:00 PM
- Captiva is doing a Block of the Month Club –
 - if interested in participating, next meeting is Sat. March 3 – 8:30-11:50
- Currently taking reservations for: Wacky Bird: Take Away Applique by Suzanne Marshall (March 7)
Patchwork Illusions by Karen Combs (April 4),
bee-utiful by Karen Kay Buckley (April 18)
Floral Improv (May2)
- Sterling Stitchers are hosts for April Guild meeting, visiting artists and Sunday Sew.
 - Need multiple volunteers for the Guild Meeting on April 3 – see Donna Milligan for details
 - Need one volunteer for bee-utiful by Karen Kay Buckley on April 18- see Donna Milligan for details
- Visit www.qgotv.org for additional visiting artists and member to member classes

Guild Representative – Sandy N (report given by Bette McConkey)

- Charities receiving support from the Guild are: Honor Flight, Shriners and Cornerstone Hospice
- Florida Sheriffs' Youth Ranches need 10 quilts – Sterling will provide some of these
- 60 quilts are needed for September Honor Flight
- Membership renewal drive will begin March 1 – new cards in April
- Web training for all chapters will occur on February 16
- Quilters Closet and Notions – March 3 – La Hacienda Rec Ctr. – 8:30-Noon - \$5 per table
 - Kate Santoro has sign-up sheets and information

Reports from Standing Committees

Hearts and Hands – Judy Short /Pixie/Lynn

- Kits made up and distributed for 24” blocks to be made into charity quilts
- Need the width and length of each quilt donated – please pin a piece of paper to quilt w/info
- 2/13 – Cutting, sorting and sewing 5” squares

Showcase – Nancy/Jean

- No additional information at this time

Retreat – Joanne

- Feb. 5-8 – Luther Springs –20 people attending
- **Sewing Room doors will not open until 10:00 AM**

Web Mistress- Joanne

- Volunteer needed to assist Joanne
- Web training for all chapters – 2/16 – Laurel Manor

Publicity – Arlene

- None at this time

OLD Business –Kate/Maureen

- Please turn in 2018 Surveys ASAP

NEW Business

- Interest in BOM Mystery Quilt
- A member will be highlighted at each business meeting
- Hoedown – January 27, 2018 – Polo Fields – 10a.m.-5p.m.
 - more information at <http://countrywesternhoedown.com>

Looking Ahead:

- Lakeland Original Sewing & Quilting – March 15-17, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Show and Tell

Respectfully submitted, Cathie Champion