



## APRIL MEETING

**Saturday, April 19, 2008 - 9 A.M**

South Suburban Evangelical Free Church  
12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Road  
Apple Valley, MN

Located two blocks north of the corner of McAndrews (County 38) and Johnny Cake Ridge Road. Go in the side door located on the East Side of the building. Turn right and walk until you see the stairs. You may go up the stairs or take the elevator located to the right of the stairway. Turn left from the stairs or elevator and then turn left into the hallway and go to room 255.

### President's Letter

Gail Hayes:

Hello Everyone, it's a Quilt Dreamers "New Year" and I'm happy to be your new President. I think all of us would like to give Cindy a big "Thank You" for the wonderful job she did as President last year. I plan on keeping things pretty much the same as they have been in the past year, but I am also always open to new ideas. Please feel free to email at [ghayes59@aol.com](mailto:ghayes59@aol.com), or call me at 651-423-4829 or 763-218-9907 with your suggestions or problems for our Guild.

Recently the officers held a meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming year. While many of the months will be devoted to our main purpose, the finishing of quilts for our charity work, we did come up with some ideas to keep things lively. Some of these suggestions are:

- Getting at least one speaker in to talk to our group
- Bringing in a sewing machine expert to teach us about machine upkeep, both the things we can do ourselves to keep our machines running smoothly, and the things we need to have a professional take care of.
- Redistributing the instructions on what is needed for preemie quilts, possibly having someone cut kits or having a mystery day to make preemie quilts. Our preemie quilt production has really been down recently.
- We will have at least 2 Special Projects during the year, Marion will have more information on these at a later date.
- We talked about ideas to continue our tradition of making our Christmas Party a charitable affair. As many of you already know, we have decided to stop filling stockings for the St. Anthony Park Home, what they need is becoming too big for what a small group like ours can

**President's letter continued**

provide. We do want to think of a new way to continue to give a charitable donation at Christmas from our group. Possible ideas were to give to the Food Shelf or to donate to Toys for Tots.

-Schedule a field trip sometime during the year.

Lastly, I like to thank all of you for making our annual Quilt Show a BIG success! The bidding at the end was spirited as well as humorous, and we have a very healthy financial picture, as you will see when you read Gwen's Financial Report (see page 3). A special big "THANK YOU" to Carol Jacobson and Carol Ogden who were the driving forces behind the reinforcing of the exhibit poles and the new sandbags which really stabilized our show quilts this year. Well done Ladies!

Okay, that's all I have for now. Please let me know about your thoughts on these ideas, either in person, or via the numbers listed above. I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the upcoming year, enjoy the warmer weather, and, of course, your quilting.

Gail

**Please visit our website at: [www.prairieland.net/QuiltDreamers/](http://www.prairieland.net/QuiltDreamers/)**

**Next month's meeting: Saturday, May 17th at the church**

**Newsletter deadline: Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**April Birthdays**

Rachel Montez (4/6), Judy Kuck (4/13-new member who joined at our show and will be with us in May), and Liz Tarr (4/16) are celebrating birthdays this month. Let's all wish them well!

**Food for April Meeting – Liz Tarr**

The quilt show is over for this year and your taxes should be done so now it is time to relax. So take a deep breath and prepare your most relaxing and calming dish to our April meeting.

**From our outgoing President, Cindy Wilson:**

THANK YOU, everyone, for the beautiful President's Quilt that was presented to me at the Show. I absolutely love it, and have already been thinking about how I'll finish it up. I'm excited and have several ideas ruminating. Thank you again!

**New Members – Stephanie Power**

Welcome to Judy Kuck and Donna Klockeman (Marion Draeger's sister) who joined our guild during the 2008 Quilt Show!

**2007-2008 Treasurer's Report – Gwen Lundgren**

Beginning Balance	\$275.
Income	\$1844.
(includes the 2007 Show, dues and donations)	
Expenses	\$1070.
Fabric	\$433.
Show	\$142.
Church	\$420.
Memorial	\$75.
Balance	\$1049.
New Income	\$1207
(from 2008 Show, dues and donations)	
Current Balance	\$2256.

**Dues are Due**

If you did not contribute a small quilt to the auction or pay dues that are now due, your \$12 dues are now due. (Did you notice how many times I was able to work the word "Due" into that sentence?) Since I will not be at the April meeting, please pay our new President, Gail Hayes or mail them to me. If you are unsure about owing, please email or check the list that Gail will have.

\$12 will renew your membership until the 2009 quilt show. Benefits include receiving a monthly newsletter, having your name on the prestigious membership list of Quilt Dreamers and being welcome to work like crazy on kid's quilts.

Respectfully submitted by your treasurer  
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**Small Quilt Auction a Success! – Marion Draeger**

The small quilt auction took in \$1,130. The previous amount was incorrect.

**Outreach – Cindy Wilson**

The below is from the nurse who distributes our quilts at the Fairview Southdale palliative care unit)

Dear Cindy and Quilt Dreamers members, I have a couple of family experiences to tell you about and want to again express thanks for the difference you are making, providing a comforting quilt to families at the hospital while they grieve the loss of a loved one. I recently gave away two quilts in one day to two families.

One patient was a woman named Mary, with Down's Syndrome, in her early sixties. She had been cared for her whole life. She had a guardian and lived in a group home. Her family consisted of one sister and brother in law, who sat at her bedside often. I was with them when the doctor offered the choice to remove the breathing tube and allow nature to take its course, as the patient was near the end of her life. The family was not surprised, and decided the patient wouldn't want all this technological intervention. It was difficult for them to see her this way as well. When the machines were removed, I asked if they would be interested in having a quilt to bring some comfort to all of them as they waited for Mary to die. I brought in two choices and asked which one Mary would like if she could talk. The sister chose a quilt with quite a lot of blue on it, and when I spread it across Mary, the sister said, "You just will never know how much this means to me. It's a beautiful quilt."

Another patient in her late 70's, Katheryn, had been living with one daughter who was a middle-aged adult. Her daughter was a vulnerable adult with some challenges mentally and she was Katheryn's only relative. When I came into the room the daughter's friend and guardian were with her at the bedside when I brought in the quilt. All the daughter said was "Oh.....how pretty" and she ran her hand across the soft yellow squares as I laid it across Katheryn. After a few minutes they decided they should go to get lunch, and I told them someone else wanted to talk with them, so if they stayed in Katheryn's room this person would know they were her family. So they stayed around for awhile. So Katheryn had her quilt, her daughter was there, and Katheryn died peacefully within minutes. I later reminded the daughter to bring the quilt home with her as a keepsake, and she was so appreciative.

Thank you again for blessing families. I wanted to share these stories with you so you can sort of picture the families receiving the quilts. I hope you know that it is a powerful thing for families to receive such a comforting gift. Thank you.

**Quilt Layering Update – Joyce Fagerness**

Did you know that last year we layered over 180 quilts and 50 kits were taken home to be sewn? This is in addition to all the quilts that were completely finished when you brought them in. This total also does not include the Quilts of Valor. What a productive group!

Thanks to all of you who donated fabric and yarn this past year. Having a selection of fabric makes the job of cutting kits easier as there is more material and colors to work with.

At the board meeting, the subject of premie quilts came up. There is a need for them and I will bring the patterns that we have in our quilt pattern book to the meeting so that those of you that

### **Quilt layering update continued**

want one can pick up a copy. The size of these quilts should be approximately 18" x 21" and should be baby orientated. See you at the meeting!

### **Quilt Dreamers Website – Cindy Wilson**

After our wonderful show, I went home and did an update of our website. I added a new little logo (from the original website that was up for about 2 years about 10 years ago), and re-did the colors and page titles.

Quilt Dreamers website is now linkable from the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. website, so that folks looking for local guilds can go to the Apple Valley listing and find their way to our website.

Take a look at the new site, and let me know if you have any suggestions, changes, updates, additions, etc. that I could make.

**Again, the address is**

<http://www.prairieand.net/QuiltDreamers/>

### **Difficulty sewing – from Pat Current**

If anyone has had difficulty sewing or quilting, maybe this is the reason why.....(:-)!!!!

From a 1949 Singer Sewing machine manual:

If you have ever had trouble focusing at the sewing machine or been a little stressed while quilting --this may be just the help you need. Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order; powder and lipstick put on. If, you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy sewing as you should."

### **Upcoming Events**

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - Spring Bus Tour

Come join us for this great "Get Away" road trip. We will spend two days visiting shops in both Minnesota and Iowa. Cost for the tour is \$99.00, give us a call or come into Quilter's Haven to sign up.

**Upcoming events continued**

Participating shops are:

Quilter's Haven – Rosemount, MN	Gingerbread House – Webster City, IA
The Cotton Patch – Owatonna, MN	The Quilted Forest – Forest City, IA
The Quilting Connection – Ames, IA	Beehive Quilt Shop – Mason City, IA
Quilting by the Hearth – Lonsdale, MN	

Now through Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – “Creative Life on the Mississippi”

"An exhibition of non-traditional quilts created by the Minnesota Contemporary Quilters entitled "Creative Life on the Mississippi" is currently being featured at the Lakeville Area Arts Center gallery. The exhibition is open through April 27, 2008.

The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular hours at the Arts Center Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The exhibit includes pieces from 23 textile artists who have represented various aspects of the heritage and environment of the upper Mississippi River. The colorful wall hangings are delightful, diverse, and examples that stretch the limits of the medium.

The Lakeville Area Arts Center is located at 20965 Holyoke Ave. (south end of downtown Lakeville in an old church building). For additional information, call 952-985-4640.

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Shop ‘Til You Drop

Hours: Thursday & Friday – 9 am to 9 pm; Saturday – 9 am – 5 pm

Participating Shops: Bear Patch Quilting, Calla Lily Quilt Shop, Colorful Quilts & Textiles, Fabric Town, Glad Creations, Quilt Cove, The Sampler and Silver Lane Quilting.

**2008 – 2009 Quilt Dreamers Officers**

President	Gail Hayes
Vice President & Quilt Labels	Zee Ebeling
Treasurer	Gwen Lundgren
Outreach/Preemie:	Gwen Lundgren (with, occasionally, Cindy Wilson)
Special Projects	Marion Draeger
Quilt Coordinator	Joyce Fagerness
Newsletter/ Membership	Stephanie Power
Food	Liz Tarr
Turbans	Cindy Wilson
Historian	Marge Tarr
2009 Show Chair	Carol Jacobson