

Minutes of Pembroke Log Cabin Quilters

January 17, 2023

1. Mary-Ann Vanner called the meeting to order at 7 pm. ___ were in attendance in-person and twelve (12) were in attendance on zoom. (I was not made aware of the number of people present at the meeting – sorry!)
2. Mary-Ann asked members of the Executive if they had anything to report/share.
 - Faith and her group were busy setting up kits for charity quilts on Saturday. She showed us the wheel chair tops – they consisted for a four patch plus one block. She asked people to take kits home to work on them. They need to be ready for the March meeting.
 - In addition, Faith updated us on what was next in our guild’s program. In February, Helen McGregor will be having a trunk show. In March, we will be having a Barn Quilt Workshop. The cost is \$40. Paint and painter’s tape will be supplied. Participants are required to bring their own board and brush. The boards can be purchased at Home Depot. We are to bring a two-foot square board. There was no video done for Dawna’s Block of the Month. Dawna and Faith hope to get the video done on Saturday (January 21). The video will present Part 3 of the quilt. In May, a lady from Kingston will be making a ruler presentation. Faith asked everyone to let her know if there are any rulers they want shared. There will be rulers for sale as well. In June, there will be a “trunk sale” in the parking lot at Silver Threads. So, if you have anything, bring them to this sale.
 - Wendy Henderson discussed the Guild Retreat which she and Dawna are organizing. It is set to take place March 31, April 1 and April 2. The caterer is already booked. The cost is \$65 with all meals included except for breakfast. If you are interested, you need to register with Wendy at the next meeting. You need to pay then. Wendy is not accepting any names ahead of the next meeting and you must pay in advance.
 - Dawna – “Tip of the Month” – Dawna discussed the meaning of arrows in patterns. An arrow shows where you are to press your seams. Dawna also stated that if anyone is having trouble with the BOM Norfolk pattern to see her. It is written in a different way than most patterns and is sometimes confusing. She reiterated that she and Faith hope to have the video ready on Saturday for Part 3 of Block of the Month.
 - Mary-Ann presented a big bag as the notion of the month. It folds and easily carries a cutting mat and has lots of space. She considers it her “Go Bag”. This bag can be purchased at Algonquin Sewing Centre for \$49.99. Algonquin also has black sewing machine bags.
 - Joanne brought things for the taking. They were on the back table.
3. Denise Kossatz Trunk Show

Denise began her trunk show by introducing her helpers – her daughter Katharine as well as Cynthia Bell. She gave a quick bio of herself and then dove into the quilts she chose to share for the evening.

 - She started with the first quilt she had ever made. It was a log cabin quilt which Dawna Steele had taught her how to make at Algonquin Sewing Centre. Dawna insisted that Denise do ¼ inch seams and showed her how to press properly. She used the stitch in the ditch quilting technique and put prairie points on the outside.

- Jacobian Rhapsody Quilt in 2013. This was the first quilt Denise had entered into a quilt show. Denise did needle-point applique and put bright colours on the light. She dedicated this quilt to her father who was dying of cancer while she was making this one. He really liked her quilts.
 - “My Special Space” quilt was done in 2016. Denise paper pieced this quilt with some applique in the corners. She used a domestic machine to machine quilt her quilt.
 - “Gold and Black Mystery Quilt” – Denise made this mystery quilt with the Renfrew Quilt Guild.
 - Denise paper-pieced her quilt “Where Quilters Gather”. She found this quilt in a book she bought at Value Village. Her favourite quote from the book is: “The best part of the quilters’ world is the quilters themselves.”
 - The next quilt she shared was a William Morris pattern. She used batiks and the needle turn technique. This particular quilt was hand-quilted. It took many hours but she loved doing it!
 - The “Instruments of Prey” needlepoint applique quilt was completed in 2020. This was Denise’s first Covid 19 shut in quilt. She began the quilt with a white piece of fabric and started adding blocks to add to it. She used blue and gold fabric. She quilted this herself.
 - Dresden Plate Village Quilt – Denise used unconventional fabric she bought on sale in Perth. She started without a pattern and designed her own pattern. This quilt was done in 2021.
 - Third Covid 19 Shut-in Quilt – for this quilt, Denise found the pattern in a magazine. She used bright, vibrant colours as well as the needle-turn technique. She made a scalloped border/binding.
 - Second Covid 19 Shut-in Quilt – Denise bought the pattern for this quilt at a trunk sale in Renfrew. The outside of the border is pieced. The pattern is called “Quilting Bold Designs”. Denise used the needle turned applique technique.
 - A Quilter’s Cottage by Lori Holt – This was a Block of the Month quilt Denise did at Algonquin Sewing Centre with Karen Moore. Denise set her phone camera on black and white and took a picture of Karen’s quilt that was hanging up in the store. She then chose black and white fabric to design her own interpretation of the quilt. But her last block included her signature red fabric!
 - Star Dance Quilt – Denise used needlepoint applique. For her border, she used retro fabric. On the back of this quilt, she used large log cabin blocks.
 - In closing, Denise said she has tried using a lot of different techniques over the years. She has made a lot of quilts and has learned something from each quilt she made.
4. Break and then Show and Tell.
 5. The winner of the 50/50 was Faith Van Dam. The winner of the fat quarter was also Faith Van Dam! (Lucky Night for Faith!)
 6. Mary-Ann closed the meeting by asking if anyone had anything to share. She encouraged people to bring anything they wanted to share at subsequent meetings to her attention before the meeting so they can be shared by her or by the person bringing the item to everyone’s attention. Cathy Fisher shared an interesting binding technique. Marg LaCroix and Cynthia thanked everyone for the cards and well wishes that were sent to them.
 7. The meeting ended at 8:50.

