



## Country Star Quilt Guild

Meeting Minutes: April 13, 2020

**Due to the Covid-19 public assembly limitations, the Guild could not meet in person. Therefore, it was decided that the meeting would take the form of “Facebook Live” transmissions by Sue Deyo, President, Barbara Wagner (for Tips & Pieces), and Lori Frederick (Evening Program and Block of the Month). The following is a summary of the Facebook presentations.**

**Call to Order:** Sue Deyo, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Devotion/Prayer:** Sue offered the devotion and prayer.

Sue suggested that members touch base with their Secret Sewers – send a card, something to indicate their support. She thanked her very thoughtful Secret Sewer.

**Nominations for Officers:** Sue explained that there are four offices that need to be filled: President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Communications Coordinator. Barbara Wagner, Vice President, has agreed to again serve in that role. The Nominating Committee consists of Sue Deyo, Elaine Wilkerson, Joann Griffis, and Ilene VonFossen. They will come up with a ballot. We will receive an email from Sue within the next day or so asking for nominations. We will respond to Sue with nominations and the nominations will go to the committee. Members need not ask the person they are nominating; the Committee will do it. Sue asked that if the Nominating Committee comes to you to ask you to serve, please do not respond immediately with a negative answer – consider serving. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting space:** There is a possibility we will no longer be able to use the church facility when we start meeting again in the Fall. Sue asked if anyone is aware of a potential meeting space, please let her know. We have a meeting space for June and Sit and Sew locations for July and August. As of this date and assuming the church is not available in the fall, we have two potential locations but both require changing our meeting date. One is a free location but we would have to meet the second Tuesday of the month. The second location requires us to move our meeting to the third Monday of the month and there would be a charge of \$50 plus clean up fee. Since the Amelia Island Guild is moving its meeting from Tuesday night to Thursday, there is no potential conflict with moving our meetings to Tuesday.

Sue explained that much is in limbo, including future meeting dates and future Sit and Sews. She will advise of developments as they occur through email, posting on Facebook, or possibly another Facebook live. When she ends her transmission, Barbara Wagner will do her Facebook Live presentation, and then Lori Frederick will sign in.

**Tips & Pieces:** Barbara Wagner explained she had nothing quilting, but she had something “SADD” – Sewing Attention Deficit Disorder. She explained that she put a new floor in her sewing room which meant she had to go through everything in her sewing room and found numerous UFOs. She asked herself why she hasn’t finished her projects and did some research. She read an article by Dr. Susan Perry in Psychology Today, published February 25, 2014, “Five Ways to Finish What You Start.” Barb tailored what she read to fit the needs of quilters and came up with a formula. She took a sheet of paper and made 4 columns. In the first column she listed all her unfinished projects that were actually started (cutout, maybe pieced, etc.). In column 2, she identified what she needs to do to finish the project. Do I need fabric? Tools? Batting? Do I need someone else’s ideas or advice? Do I still like it? One suggestion was to bring it to a sit and sew and maybe someone can help you like it again or finish it. Am I bored with it? In column 3, she listed the steps to complete each project. If it’s boring, instead of working on it all at once, do a little each day. Column 4 contained a prioritization of each project. Is there an event coming up? Did I promise to finish by a particular time? Barbara’s advice is to enjoy your quilting; if you enjoy what you’re doing, you won’t be so anxious getting it done.

**Program and Block of the Month:** Lori Fredericks explained that tonight's program required all of us to gather certain materials: 8 ½ x 8 ½ square piece of paper, glue stick, iron, sewing machine, rotary cutter and mat, and fabric strips all different sizes. Her two rules: Enjoy the project and bring back 2 blocks to the next meeting in person.

The paper can be any type of paper: perfect piecing, copy paper, old phone book, etc. Glue stick can be any type of glue; just need to hold the fabric for a short time. The fabric doesn't have to be your favorite, just whatever. We are making string blocks. Run glue stick diagonally across your paper, corner to corner. Place a fabric strip, right side up, along the glue line. Take a second strip of fabric and lay it on the first, right sides together. Sew down one side. Open it up, press. Continue to add strips (strings) to each side. Make sure the fabric extends beyond the paper. When you're finished, you end up with a messy-looking block with fabric strips extended all around the paper. You need to cover all the paper. The strips do not need to be straight, they don't need to be the same size, they can be any color(s) or prints. When you're finished, you trim the block down using the paper foundation. Make sure it still measures 8 ½ x 8 ½; do not trim off paper. Return to the next Guild meeting with your two blocks. Hang onto your blocks and you will get two extra door prize tickets.

**Block of the Month:** Lori announced the colors for next month: pink and purple (Easter colors). Linda will post the color numbers but during the interim, the colors are Magical (lilac) and Priscilla pink. You must use both colors. You must post your green and yellow blocks by this evening, to get credit. Lori urged the guild members to post their pink and lilac blocks as soon as possible.

Lori Frederick ended the meeting with the end of her Facebook Live.

Respectfully submitted by Marsa Detscher, Secretary