

# Capital City Quilters Fat Quarter Newsletter



March, 2023.

May the 1/4<sup>th</sup> be with you!

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### March 2023

CCQ Members,

Things are happening! Ann Lind and Sandra Bleicher have been busy making arrangements for the Judy Neimeyer class at the end of April. Sandra will be taking your registrations at the March 18th meeting.

THANK YOU to Laurie Adamson, Marcie Benvin, Sandra Bleicher, Shannon Dilley, Raydene Garrison, Laura Kelly, Ann Lind, Judy Morley, and Karen Paulick who stayed after the meeting in February to help kit up comfort quilts. If you were there, and I have not listed you, please know you are as appreciated as all the others. My list of volunteers got lost in the shuffle at the end of the day. More than 20 kits were created. Kits will be available at the meeting, feel free to take one home and return the assembled quilt top next month. If you are unable to attend, but would like to piece a comfort quilt, or two, send me a text at (907)723-2262, to make arrangements.

The March group activity will be making pillowcases. Please see the article below.

Debbie Germain  
CCQ President 2022-2023  
(907)723-2262

**SOV FOOD BANK** – Please remember to bring food to Shepherd of the Valley's food bank when you come to our meetings. Our rent is reduced with the expectation that we will provide at least \$50 worth of food to the food bank each month. Just a \$3 donation of food from each of our attending members can meet this monthly goal. We did great last month!

**PILLOWCASES:** This month CCQ members are asked to stay after the meeting to sew pillowcases. We anticipate a little help from a few folks from the Johnson Youth

Center. There will be a short demonstration, followed by a little organizing and station volunteering to get us set up to create an assembly line to make pillowcases. I would love for us to have 3 or 4 sergers, a couple of sewing machines, a few irons and boards (in addition to the two we have there), and several people to help along the process.

If you are interested in bringing your serger, please be sure to have 4 neutral colored cones of thread (light or dark gray or cream are good choices). Sewing machines will be used to topstitch, therefore, we will need a neutral color in the bobbin and a small variety of thread colors for the needle to avoid color clashing.

## JUDY NEIMEYER PAPER PIECED DESERT SKY QUILT CLASS



**Instructor: Pam DiSalvo**  
**Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30, 2023, 10am to 6pm**

**Cost:** \$40 registration (non-refundable)  
\$23 Pattern (Payable to Pam DiSalvo on day 1)  
Optional fabric kit, approx. \$91 to \$116.50, plus shipping (see below information)

Pam is an experienced quilter and has been certified to teach Judy's patterns. Follow this link to view her bio. <http://www.quiltworx.com/instructors/pam-disalvo/> Desert Sky is a wall quilt measuring 48"x 58", is beginner friendly, and can be expanded up to queen size. Packets will be available to purchase at class to make your quilt larger. Pam says this is an easy pattern to learn paper piecing. In addition to learning Judy's techniques, Pam will show you how to use Quiltster, an app to help you design your own projects.

A fabric kit may be ordered from Quiltster.com. There are two colorways available, and according to Pam, there are only about 15 kits available. It is suggested you place your order ASAP if you want to purchase a kit. Visit this site to view and purchase available kits <https://www.quiltster.com/kits/?pattern=34947> . For those who wish to use your own fabric, the project is fat quarter friendly and also scrap friendly according to our instructor. The fabric requirements will be sent soon. A class supply list will follow.

Class is limited to 20 people and you may start signing up now. Payment is due at our March meeting, or sooner. Again, there are no refunds.

Contact Sandra Bleicher to register:  
Email: [Sandraaukebay@gmail.com](mailto:Sandraaukebay@gmail.com)  
Phone: (907) 321-4932

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE:** The lack of us having liability insurance has been an issue for some time. We have been able to get by without obtaining this insurance for some time, but that time has come to an end. It was requested we obtain this insurance due to our long-term rental of storage and meeting space at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, and it was requested by UAS to enable us to rent affordable space for the Judy Niemeyer class. An estimate of \$425 for a one year policy has been obtained. This is the minimum policy available. Membership will be requested to authorize this expenditure at the March 18, 2023 meeting.

**APRIL MEMBER-TAUGHT CLASS:** Judy Macnak will be teaching Embellished quilted cards following the April 15th meeting. Please sign up at the March meeting, or send an email to [CCQJuneau@gmail.com](mailto:CCQJuneau@gmail.com) so we can provide Judy with an estimate of the number of participants. She has shown some of her beautiful work at past meetings, and I am sure many of you would like to get inspiration, and instruction to begin making your own works of art in the form of cards.

**GUILD RETREAT:** We need at least 10 people interested in participating in a quilt retreat, and a volunteer to organize it, in order to begin any planning. If you have interest, please send an email to [CCQJuneau@gmail.com](mailto:CCQJuneau@gmail.com).

**REQUEST:** Sandra Bleicher has a project in mind for the Fractured Flowers Challenge that was done several years ago. If anyone has their Fractured Flower pieces and has not finished the project (and wants to get them out of their UFO bucket), please contact Sandra. This is what Sandra's pieces looked like:



**NEWSLETTER items** are due the first Saturday of each month. Please send Show and Tell photos, articles and other items to Dixie at [dixiepeach@mac.com](mailto:dixiepeach@mac.com).

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

Shannon Dilley  
Nancy Krehlik  
Martha Morris  
Maryann Vaughan

Odette Edgar  
Alexander Moriarty  
Heather Ramseth

Amy Kesten  
Judith Morley  
Eva Varadi

### **SHOW AND TELL**

Apologies to Sandi Benzel when the published version of the last month's newsletter scrambled my captions for two of her quilts. I also lied. Sandi and Milo drove from Arkansas to her son's home in New Orleans and flew back to Alaska from there.

Let's see if it works this month. Sandi Benzel made this queen sized Killer Whale quilt that you see at the right. She used Arkansas fabrics for a quilt for her rescue dog, Milo, that you see below.





Sandra Bleicher made Lemon Zest

Karen Paulick used the free Cincinnati pattern to feature Charley Harper's bird fabrics (below left). She also made Mosaic (below right) which will be a Comfort Quilt.



Below is Heather Ramseth's Ring Around the Rosie from Martha Morris's class last fall. She pieced it entirely on her Singer Featherweight. She also finished the binding on Laurie's comfort quilt.



Karen Paulick's quilt from Ricky Tim's Locomotion class on the left, and her Egg Money quilt on the right.

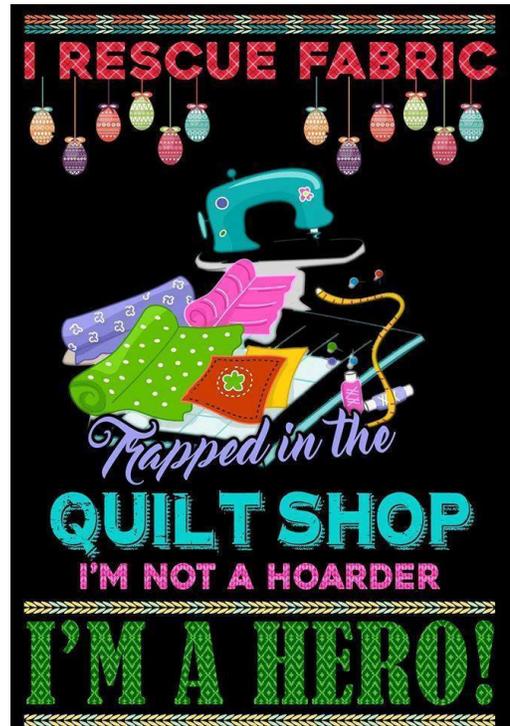


Below is Debbie Germain's comfort quilt from one of the International Mystery classes at RainTree.



WE NEVER MADE THIS MUCH SELLING LEMONADE

Sandra Bleicher's quilt made from the Australian Aboriginal (and other) fabrics



## FEBRUARY MINUTES - draft

### CAPITAL CITY QUILTERS GUILD

February 18, 2023

### DRAFT MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Debbie Germain, President; Ann Lind, Vice President; Raydene Garrison, Treasurer; and Dixie Alms, Secretary.

President Debbie called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

**Visitors/guests:** We had no guests or visitors.

**JANUARY MINUTES:** Karen Paulick moved, and Geri Fudge seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2023 meeting. Approved.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Raydene reported the following:

### General fund:

Beginning Balance:	\$23,887.65
Dues	\$70
Rent	(\$900)
Rent - prior year	(\$375)
Christmas party expense refund	\$8.58
Interest	\$5.89
Ending Balance	\$22,697.12

### Education Fund:

Beginning balance	\$8431.73
Interest	\$1.79
Ending Balance	\$8433.52

Following a question, Raydene added that the Education Fund is separate from the general fund and was started with donations of fabric and quilting supplies when Judy Hopkins passed away. We had sales, and there were other donations. Over the years, the fund has been used to sponsor classes for our members and other quilters. Geri asked what the interest rate is on the Money Market Account; Raydene said it's at least twice what we were getting previously.

**EDUCATION:** Ann Lind presented three possible classes.

**JUDY NEIMEYER CLASS:** Ann just returned from a Judy Neimeyer class in Arizona that was taught by Pam DeSalvo who is a certified Judy Neimeyer instructor. Pam is willing to come to Juneau to teach a two day workshop making Desert Sky which would be precut and offered in two colorways. The kit is \$116 which each participant would be required to purchase; the quilt is 48 x 50. Pam works for United Airlines, so we would pay her airfare roundtrip to and from Seattle only. She charges \$800 for 10 students; food would be \$150. She would arrive Friday night and leave Sunday night. She is willing to stay with someone. The approximate cost is \$1300 plus space rental. In addition, Pam will also present Quiltster (pay app software) which shows all of Judy Neimeyer's quilts plus quilts made from her patterns by students of her classes. Pam is available to teach April 29-30 or sometime in October.

**Kelly Ashton** is available to come to Juneau in October to teach tumbling blocks and inner city which include y seams and color value. She charges \$650 for one day and needs airfare from Kansas City. Due to allergies, she prefers a hotel room. She would arrive Friday night and leave Sunday. Costs are projected to be \$300 lodging per night, food at \$150 and \$1800 for airfare and class costs.

**Global Quilt Connection: May 26-27 and September 23-24.** It is an all-star sampler via Zoom in which the 18 instructors have 15 minutes to present

his/her projects/techniques. If you're unable to attend live, the videos are available for 24-48 hours following the presentations. Handouts are available. The cost is \$100 for each set of dates for the entire guild membership.

**COMFORT QUILTS:** **Judy Morley** brought in 30 quilts that need binding and labels. She said we gave 100 quilts to Cancer Connection and other agencies last year. Debbie will be making labels today on her 880. The larger quilts we make go south; the smaller ones stay here in town. Someone going to Seattle sometimes takes quilts to Cancer Connection. Next month, Cancer Connection will be coming here to get quilts.

**2024 QUILT SHOW:** **Raydene Garrison** reported the committee met last week and is trying to decide on the first or second weekend of May. The budget was in the newsletter and will be voted on today; Raydene has copies to pass around. Marcie will contact Centennial Hall to set the date. Another topic to be decided today is whether or not we want to bring up a professional judge. If we want one, the committee needs to pursue soon.

**PILLOWCASE REPORT:** **Debbie Germain** reported that we have partnered with a local real estate agency that is providing bundles of blankets, pillowcases and stuffed critters to AWARE. She provided 20 pillowcases. She will contact Child Advocacy this week to see if they need any more. Shannon Dilley said she took a bunch of kits to make up and will take them in for the girls at JYC. She is looking for volunteers to teach the girls and will explore it down the road so they could donate pillowcases they make.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** **Debbie Germain** reported we currently have 65 members which is comparable to our past membership numbers. Remember, there is an incentive for bringing new members in until the end of May.

**COMFORT QUILT WORK SESSION** following this meeting. We need people to select fabrics for quilts and to sew on binding & labels. Karen Paulick said she didn't bring her cutting strip, because it's not cutting well. Judy Morley will instruct how to make bias binding. Geri Fudge said she has a strip cutter also.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**QUILT SHOW 2024:** The budget Raydene drafted is based on actuals from the 2022 Quilt Show with the addition of some increase in expenses. Expenses with a

judge are estimated at \$11,345; revenue is projected to be \$11,500. We anticipate Centennial Hall will increase the rental rate. In 2022, the rent increased 50%. We actively sought sponsors from the community and anticipate seeking sponsors again. Sponsorships cost \$200. The draft budget shows we allocated \$2000 for the judge.

Karen Paulick asked about bringing a certified judge vs excellent local quilters and shop owners. Prior to bringing in a certified judge, we typically had three local judges where were not necessarily quilters but artists; before that, guild members judged the quilts. The problem of not having quilters judge is that they do not understand what goes into quilts and quilting but gave us a new perspective. A certified judge lends a certain prestige to our show. The certified judges follow certain standards that require many hours of training over two to three years and do not lend any bias as they are not local. Marcie Benven added that a judge provides a member benefit if it will help us better our quilts and techniques. She added that she would be interested in seeing more than just one comment from the judge. Raydene stated that the second part we need to consider is whether we bring them here early to give us a presentation on what they look for and take it out of our education funds. **Judy Morley moved we hire a certified judge. Laurie Adamson seconded.** Sandra said she understands that the comments from our last judge weren't the best and added that our first judge gave three positives and three negatives from each quilt she looked at. Sandra believes it is a learning experience for all of us when we bring in a judge. Laura Kelly added that the comments go only from the judge to the quilt maker in a sealed envelope. She sees it as free feedback to benefit only each individual quilt maker. The quilter does not have to open the envelope and read what the judge said. Ann Lind would like to see the judge come up for a trunk show and presentation. **The vote passed with four negative votes.** Bev Schutte voiced that she does not think this is a fair vote since we have so few members here today. She was reminded that the budget was in the newsletter stating we would vote today. Sandra added that we pay for the judge; she considers it an educational benefit. Nancy Slook noted that the numbers here today reflect what we usually have. Members choose not to be here leaving those of us here to make the choices and decisions.

**Sandra Bleicher moved and Ann Lind seconded a motion to bring the judge up in advance of the show as an educational opportunity to share what s/he will look for in judging quilts. Motion passed with two negative votes.** The committee will pursue hiring a judge and will try to arrange a Zoom or in-person trunk show and presentation. Sandra stated that we have worked with judges from the west coast in the past due to costs. At this time we do not have any potential costs to provide for a trunk show/presentation from the judge.

**Terri Bonnell moved and Judy Morley seconded a motion to accept the proposed Quilt Show 2024 budget. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.** Raydene thanked everyone!

**QUILT RETREAT:** Debbie asked if there is any interest in organizing a retreat. She will put information in the newsletter.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

**JUDY NEIMEYER CLASS:** Sandra Bleicher moved, and Karen Paulick seconded a motion to bring Pam DeSalvo to Juneau to teach a Judy Neimeyer class. Judy's quilts feature complex paper piecing. The proposed costs are \$1300 plus rental of a suitable venue. **Motion passed.**

**GLOBAL QUILT CONNECTION:** Karen Paulick moved, and Raydene Garrisoin seconded a motion to buy a Guild Pass for our members to attend each session (May 6-7 and September 23-24). The cost is \$100 for May and another \$100 for September. Over six hours on the two days, 18 instructors will have 15 minutes to demonstrate their techniques. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**KELLY ASHTON:** Dixie moved, and Laura Kelly seconded a motion to bring Kelly Ashton to Juneau to teach two quilts (Tumbling Blocks and Inner City) and to teach y-seams, and color and value. The proposed cost to bring Kelly to Juneau is \$1800 possibly in October. Debbie asked when members pay to attend classes in order to create an incentive to show up. Raydene said in the past the Guild has typically offset part of the cost to members in order to get a commitment. If we were unable to fill the class with members, we would then open up enrollment to nonmembers at an increased cost. She proposed we approach these classes in the same manner. Marcie agreed and suggested that nonmembers pay double what members are charged. It was suggested this would be a good beginning quilting class. **Motion failed with only three yes votes.**

**PILLOWCASEES:** After the March meeting, members are invited to stay and work on pillowcases. We have three or four totes upstairs filled with pillowcase kits. Bring your sewing machines or sergers, and we will make as many as possible in a few hours.

**QUILTED EMBELLISHED CARDS:** After the April meeting, Judy Macnak will teach her method of making quilted embellished cards. A supply list will come out before the meetings. Judy's cards are works of art!

**February birthday box** is available for those having February birthdays.

**SHOW/TELL:** Several members showed what they have recently finished. Pictures will be in the newsletter.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

Dixie Alms, Secretary

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**MARCH 4: Newsletter deadline**

**MARCH 18: 9 am-midnight: CCQ Open Sew; pillowcase sewing party**

**MARCH 18: 10:30 am: CCQ Meeting**

**APRIL 1: Newsletter deadline**

**APRIL 15: 9 am-midnight: CCQ Open Sew; embellished quilt cards with Judy Macnak**

**APRIL 15: 10:30 am: CCQ Meeting**

**APRIL 29-30: Judy Neimeyer class; quilt Desert Sky; details to come**

**MAY 6-7: Global Quilt Connection**

**SEPTEMBER 23-24: Global Quilt Connection**