



Country Quilters

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President's Notes

Hello and happy summer. Welcome to the new guild year, Country Quilter's 33rd! It's certain to be filled with good programs and beautiful quilts. Belonging to our guild is such good value when you consider that attending just one 45-minute lecture at the Minnesota Quilt Show cost \$10 and most classes well over \$50. For a \$25 one-year membership with Country Quilters, you get all of these benefits:

- Ten to twelve speakers on a variety of quilting topics
- Newsletter, blog, website and facebook updates and sharing
- Free quilt show participation
- Fabulous books to borrow from our guild library
- Free block-of-the month patterns
- Quilting challenges and inspiration
- A chance at monthly meeting and birthday door prize drawings
- Discounts at participating fabric stores
- Five specialized quilt group membership
- The camaraderie and creativity of other quilters!

So if you're wondering if you should renew another year, the answer is YES. And, if you know a quilter (or someone who enjoys quilting or sewing) bring them onboard, too. Membership dues pay for the majority of our programs which continue to increase in price. It is common for popular and professional speakers to receive \$200 or more because of the amount of work it takes to prepare for and present a program, not to mention transportation time and costs.

And of course, there are other expenses in running our guild and quilt show, such as the cost for renting the Willmar Community Center and storage, and providing charity quilts to our community. If you have suggestions for programs, the guild quilt show, or workshops that you'd like to see, please let me know or contact the specific board member working in that area.

We are grateful to you as a guild member for belonging and making Country Quilters what it is today. We are also grateful for the volunteers who serve our guild because we wouldn't have the member benefits we do without them! Please let them know you appreciate their contributions to our guild. And if you have a criticism, please be kind and respectful, especially on social media. They work very hard and donate much time for no pay, and there are usually circumstances beyond their control at hand.

- Past-president: welcome to new past-president Bonita Kallestad. The past-president serves as a resource to the board and coordinates the block-of-the-month program.
- Vice President: welcome to new vice president Jacki Orson. The vice president arranges for guild programs and workshops, as well as prepares the center for our program and meeting (set up chairs, tables, microphones, etc.), and assist speakers.
- Treasurer: Cheryl Cooper will continue to serve as treasurer. The treasurer collects money, makes bank deposits, balances the guild checkbook, and collects and distributes mail.
- Secretary: welcome to new secretary Joan Kuhn. The secretary takes minutes at board and monthly meetings, prepares copies for the president and

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Upcoming Events

Jacki Orson, Vice President

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 - Monthly meeting with speaker Amanda Jean Nyberg of Crazy Mom Quilts who will do a trunk show on the book she co-authored with Cheryl Arkison: "Sunday Morning Quilts."

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 - Monthly meeting with rescheduled speaker from June, Denise Muller from Colorz Quilt Shop, who will present a trunk show and talk on "Color and Choosing Fabric for a Project."

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - Becky Carlson from Millie P's Quilt Cove in Anoka will present a trunk show. Be ready with questions!

If anyone in Country Quilters has an antique or not so old quilt with a story, see me, Jacki at our next meeting. Or if you know of someone who has an unique quilt. I think it would be fun to gather a few and hear the stories at one of our meetings.

7:00 pm at Willmar Community Center. Dues and visitor fees apply, visitors welcome. Check www.countryquiltersmn.com for new programs and schedule changes.

Judy Thoresen and Sue Sunde ran into June Thompson, the first president of our own Country Quilters at the Minneosta Quilters show in St. Cloud. She is currently living in Cambridge, MN.

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Pictured: Judy Thoresen, June Thompson, Sue Sunde

Membership News

Welcome to new members as of 6-14-16:

Julie Cordes-Atwater; Margaret Irwin-Willmar; Mary Chalmers-Willmar;
Patty Thompson-Willmar; Sharlot Roeder-Belgrade

Membership dues: \$25.00 for 2016-2017

Final date to have name listed in the membership directory is July 15

Door prizes always appreciated for monthly drawing.

Thanks! *Shirley and Jan*

30's Group

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday at the Willmar Community Center at 6:00 pm.

KNOT CRAZY MINI GROUP

The Knot Crazy Mini Group will meet on the second Tuesday at the Willmar Community Center at 5:30, just before Country Quilters.

Lullaby Quilters

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at the Willmar Community Center at 12:30 pm.

Sit & Stitch

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at the Willmar Community Center at 5:00 pm.

Fiber Folk Mini-Group

Fiber Folk mini group will meet on the Monday, January 25, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Willmar Community Center for a program planning meeting.



Newsletter Submissions

Oct/Nov/Dec 2016 issue due Sept. 17
Jan/Feb/Mar 2017 issue due Dec. 17
April/May/June 2017 issue due March 18

All members are welcome to share! Send me photos, tips & tricks, favorite new tools, shop hops, or any other interesting quilting info you think guild members would like to know.

Email: lauradeleski@charter.net

Someone not getting their newsletter?
Please let me know!

Laura Deleski, Newsletter Editor

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treasurer, and reads the minutes to the guild the following month.

- Membership: welcome to Jan Marquardt and Shirley Capistrant. Membership volunteers register visitors and members, collect guild fees, and provide meeting door prizes.
- Newsletter and facebook: Laura Deleski will continue to serve as newsletter editor and facebook administrator. She creates a quarterly newsletter, monitors facebook, and delivers news and information to members through these venues as well as email.
- Librarians: Daphne Evenson, Kim Rhody, and Jean Ruter will continue to serve as librarians and we welcome Joanne Malkuch to the volunteer team. They organize, catalog, and make available quilt-related reading materials for guild members to check out.
- Hostesses: Betty Knutson will continue to serve as a hostess and we welcome Bonnie Smith to this role. Hostesses make coffee and provide treats for meetings.
- Historian: Bonnie Swenson will continue to serve as historian. She takes photos for the archives and maintains the guild blog.
- Community Service: Gale Johnson will continue to serve in community service and we welcome Karla Tinklenberg to this role. They maintain an inventory of disaster quilts and coordinate the making of quilts for disaster relief in our community.
- Quilt Show: Welcome to Linda Kacher as the lead chair. She oversees all areas of the quilt show and is looking for a co-chair to learn the position and take the lead role for the following show.

Get to know our board volunteers and feel free to pass on ideas and compliments to them directly or through our Comments Box introduced by past-president Bonita Kallestad. And, if you and I haven't yet met, please introduce yourself at an upcoming meeting. I joined Country Quilters a few years ago, not only for my love of all things quilt, but to meet other quilters just like you!

Sandra Schlagel, CQ President

Mary Chalmers Exhibit at American Swedish Institute

Mary Chalmers will have several of her quilts on display the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis as part of a fibre exhibit from June 18-Oct. 16.

Let's mark the end of summer by having a group show-and-tell of the last year's Block-of-the-month.

Bring your finished quilts (or tops, if not quilted yet) to our September meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing your interpretations of some or all of these blocks!

Sharon Banister

QUILT SHOW CORNER

Our next Quilt Show is September 22-24, 2017

Chair - Linda Kacher
Vendors - Bonnie Swenson
Publicity - Sandra Schlagel and Sharon Banister
Raffle Tickets - Carmen Hanson
Admissions - Deb Bomstad
Registration - (open)
Door Prizes - (open)
Co Chair - (open)

Design and create Raffle quilt -
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

From the Library Committee:

Reminder!!

If you have magazines checked out from our library, please return them at the July meeting. We would like to deliver them to the public library soon.

Quilt Shop Hop to Hamilton, Missouri

Little ol' Hamilton, Missouri has become a quilter's paradise—some might even call it the “Disneyland of quilting”. A dozen beautiful shops line the main street, including Missouri Star Quilt Co., enticing restaurants have come to town, and there's always something new to find!

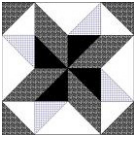
Dates: September 20, 21 and 22

Fee: \$255 (includes coach bus, 2 nights hotel stay and 5 meals)



Contact Josie Dingmann at 320-346-2278 ext. 1319 or at jdgingmann@bbejaguars.org with any additional questions.

Register by phone, email or at our website: www.bbejaguars.org (click on Community Ed tab on top and then click on the 'register' link)



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Quilt Shows & Shop Hops & More...

-  **Row by Row Experience**, June 21-Sept. 6, 2016. www.rowbyrowexperience.com
-  **1st Annual Quilt Show - Upper Midwest A-C Club Orange Spectacular**, July 22-24, 2016, McLeod Co. Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, MN. More info at www.orangespectacular.com
-  **Quilt Minnesota Shop Hop**, *Celebrating 10 years!* July 29-August 14, 2016. www.quiltminnesota.com
-  **Pie Day Small Quilt Show**, August 5, 2016 10am-6pm, Braham City Hall, Braham, MN. www.pieday.com
-  **Quilts Along the Trail**, September 10, 2016 9am-3pm, downtown Osakis, MN
-  **Rice County Piecemakers Quilt Show**, Sept. 23-24, 2016, Historical Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior Church, Faribault
-  **Chaska Area Quilt Show "Fall Splendor of Quilts"**, September 23-24, 2016 Chaska Community Center. www.caqc.net

***Country Quilters is a nonprofit organization
dedicated to promoting and preserving the art of quilting.***

Membership is open to anyone interested in quilts and provides opportunities to meet and fellowship with other quilters in Willmar and its surrounding towns.

Annual dues are \$25.00 and visitor fee is \$4.00 per meeting.

The Guild meets the second Tuesday evening of every month at 7:00 p.m.
at the Willmar Community Center located at 624 Hwy. 71 NW, Willmar, MN.

Web: www.countryquiltersmn.com • Facebook: facebook.com/groups/CountryQuilters
Blog: <http://countryquiltersguild.blogspot.com>