



NOVEMBER 2014- Newsletter

MEETING:

A good group gathered on this cool November evening and we whizzed through show 'n tell.

Karen G filled in as meeting leader for the absent Renate who was as we were there in the air on her way to her mom's 85th birthday celebration at the home of Renate's brother in New Zealand. We will miss her. Karen G gave us a report on her recent adventure to do a presentation at big Houston quilt market. She brought pictures of numerous star quilts inspired by an astronaut who made a star quilt block while in space. So you might say that quilting is now 'out of this world.'

Karen H told us that old member, Lucille Hahn, is planning a move and cleaning out her house. She stopped by Karen's and gave her a number of UFOs to work on. As Karen said, "Out of her home and into mine." Sometime in the 1990s Lucille lost her home to a fire caused by a lightning strike and we made a 'fire quilt' for her. More recently we did the same for group member, Ellen.

Marianne told us that earlier this evening Kathy K got a call that her 90 year old mom (who lives in the Chelsea where we meet) had taken a fall and Kathy was at the hospital with her. Please remember her in your prayers.

Nancy E took a weaving class because it sounded interesting and she showed us her finished piece. But after it was done, she decided "I did not like weaving.....it is not as much fun as quilting." Cyndy said she had made a quilted casserole cover for a gift but now she wants one for herself. Kris won the Block of the Month.

Linda H reported that she was glad Halloween was over as she had to make 7 costumes for her many grand daughters and 7 costumes for their 7 American Girl dolls as well. Debra also finished a large pink (30 different pink fabrics in it) quilt for a grand daughter. Her own daughter is just back from Thailand and is finding NJ quite cool. And another grand daughter is getting a quilt as we saw Rosemary's top with pieced cats on it for 10 year old who likes cats. And then Nancy Bassman has been making quilts for her grand children as well. Linda B had been out to CA to attend.

Pat Lake said the Needle Nitters are collecting small toiletries and personal articles to stuff small gift bags for the needy for Christmas. All donations must be in by 12/5. You can call Pat to know where to drop off donations. Lori made a three part picture out of squares she got in an on line exchange. After it was done she decided she did not like it but group members were impressed by it..

Some group members have begun to work on Christmas gifts. Jeanne wanted to show us a top she made but she could not find it when she was leaving for the meeting. Azie brought her daughter to the meeting. Jackie is home for a visit with Azie and then will go back to school. She has completed 20 years in the military, having deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan many times. Sue showed us a baby quilt

top she had made and Norma showed us the finished quilt top for the raffle and it is spectacular. Linda B just returned from her daughter's wedding in San Diego, CA.

Kris went to upstate New York and found a sewing machine repair shop in Binghamton. If any of you want info on it, give her a call. Linda G said, "My name is Linda Graham and I am a 'closet cleaner.'" She is tackling the accumulation of many years spent in one place. She is anxious to finish as she wants to get house on the market. Marcia pointed out that it is marching band season again and the group from her local high school had performed brilliantly

Carolyn Claussen, HQ member now living in Texas, had her surgery and seems to be doing OK. Will update as I have more news. If you wish to send her a card, send it to her home address: 140 Pine Street, Baird, Texas 79504

SEW IN:

There will be a Sew-In this month on November 15 from 9 am to 1 pm at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, Kenyon Avenue, South Plainfield. Bring along your sewing machine or any project you want to work on. Also bring a brown bag lunch for yourself. Coffee is provided. This is a great place to work on Block of the Month, do some cutting, or have the space to pin your quilt sandwich together to prepare it for the quilting. There will be a Sew In each month on the 3rd Saturday through the fall and winter.

CHALLENGE GUIDELINES:

"Sew to Speak" (originally a challenge by the Arlington chapter of Quilters Unlimited of Northern Virginia in 2012)

Make a quilt that interprets an idiom. An idiom is a figure of speech. It's a phrase whose common meaning differs from a literal interpretation of the words.

e.g. A duck is seen relaxing in a chair with his remote. Hence he is a "Sitting Duck."

The challenge is to illustrate an idiom literally or figuratively through piecing, appliqué or embellishments. Ideally, the visual interpretation would be amusing or offer food for thought. Size: 100" or less perimeter.

Shape: your choice