

## July 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Members attending:** Ted Bailey, Yvonne DaCunha-Wecker, Sara David, Tony Floyd, Christy Greene, Ruth Jackl, Joan Jaffray, Laurie Long, Robin McCallister, Jen Paetzold, KC Paetzold, Jessie Silerman, Angie Williams, and Symone Williams

**Visitors attending:** Barbara McTarnaghan and MaryAnn Mings

Robin called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

The **June 2015 Meeting Minutes** were accepted as posted on the blog. Ted made the motion and Yvonne seconded; the minutes were accepted by the members.

Yvonne provided the **Treasurer's Report** showing all 2015 memberships have been paid in full and our bank balance as \$1922.63. Yvonne briefly discussed dues for 2016 and stated the amount due The MQG for our local chapter will be around \$400 payable in December 2015. She provided her opinion that we should maintain our member dues at \$35 per year for 2016. Ted made the motion to accept the report and seconded by Jessie; the report was accepted by the members.

### **Old Business:**

1. Ruth brought in a bag containing the **JMQG button pins** she and her daughter made for the guild. They made two different sizes and all members present received one of each.
2. Ruth provided an update on the **Love Quilt Project**. Once we decide how many quilts we will commit to making, the organization will send us the completed fabric art square kits for the centers of the Long Cabin blocks. We can have blank squares sent to us and then have the fabric art centers created at a local school per our original plan; however, those squares first need to be sent to the national organization HQ to be physically catalogued as part of the inventory and then sent back to us before we can use them. There is a new deadline of March 2016 for completed quilts. So with that in mind, the membership voted to create three quilts using existing fabric art squares in kits from the national organization.
3. The **retreat** at Ruth's house has been moved to November with specific date to be announced. The plan is to make the three Love Quilts during this retreat.
4. **QuiltFest 2015** Entry forms were made available for the members at the meeting since the deadline was Saturday, July 25 for entries to be postmarked. The guild paid \$48.00 for entry of the four sample round robin quilts made by the officers and also paid f\$5.95 for Priority postage to send in the entries. We included Christy Greene's entry in the mailing.
5. Angie and Christy are continuing to work on plans for a **Modern Quilt Show** in Jacksonville area and will have more to report next month.

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**New Business:** Ted and Christy provided information about the two Shop Hops going on right now in our area. They also invited anyone wanting to join them on their trek to the Fabric Art Shop in Lake City after the meeting.

1. **Blending the Florida Sun Summer Shop Hop** runs from July 17 – August 15, 2015 and covers quilt shops located in five zones in the State of Florida. The Passport must be purchased at one of the local quilt shops for a cost of \$6.00 and each passport will be stamped when you visit any of the shops during the shop hop period. Each passport holder will also get a free fat quarter when they visit each shop. All of the participating shops in our area are located in Zone 1.
2. The Aurifil sponsored, **Florida Hop for a Prize**, is a separate hop covering the same shops in Florida. The **Hoppport** has to be downloaded from the website and will print on four pages, with your personal information at the top of page one. There are prize drawings for completing each Zone and a separate category of completing the entire Hoppport. Hoppports must be mailed in to be entered into the drawings. The website is [www.floridashophop.com](http://www.floridashophop.com).

### Programs:

- **BOM (Block of the Month)**
  1. The recipient of the July **BOM (Block of the Month)** blocks is Ted Bailey.
  2. Jen gave us a sneak peak at the **August BOM** aptly named **Jacksonville Sunrise**. As usual, blocks should be 12.5 inches and the color palette is Orange and Yellow and will include both solids and tonals. There will be a separate blog post on the BOM. In August we will be establishing a **BOM Block sign-in sheet** to facilitate the process of knowing who made a block and therefore should be included in the drawing.
- **FMQ (Free Motion Quilting) Motifs**
  1. Christy Greene selected the FMQ motif for July and many members showed off their improving FMQ skills.
  2. The Motif for August selected by Angie is called **Belly Button**. We will be posting a tutorial on the blog.
- **Member Spotlight:** **Laurie Long** was the first to complete the questionnaire and had a blog post spotlighting her quilting journey. We urge all members to submit their stories using the form on our website.

- **Round Robin**: A round robin quilt is a collaborative quilt made by multiple people. Each quilt starts with a center block made by the “quilt owner.” The block is then passed to the next person in the group who adds a round (generally adding on to all four sides of the block). Each round should include something of the person adding onto the block, as well as, maintaining the block theme or specifications requested by the quilt owner.
  - **Sample Round Robins**: The officers displayed their round robin quilts for the group and briefly talked about the process, which we accelerated to complete in one month. Jen established a quick chart listing who passes to whom so that we could simplify the hand-off process. Within our group, we started off agreeing to a center block size and no limits on additional round size, but recognized that flexibility in our process was needed once we each made our blocks. Robin’s center block was close to 24” and Jen wanted her quilt to stay within a total size so she requested we each limit our rounds to no more than four inches.
  - **2015 JMQG Round Robins**: Jen, as our Program Chair, established some basic guidelines and passed around a sign-up sheet for members to join in the fun. Sixteen members signed up for the Round Robin Program.
    - Jen will establish and track four round robin groups, each with four members. Members will be assigned to each group somewhat randomly but also to ensure we have all skill levels within each group. This is a hands-on learning process.
    - Each member brings in a center block around 12.5” to the August meeting.
    - The in- progress quilts will be passed to the next person in each group at the three subsequent meetings (September, October, and November).
    - Final quilts will be returned to the quilt owner at the December Holiday gathering...now that’s a great present to receive.
    - Each participant has one month to complete the one round. No pressure there!!
    - Each participant has to complete a different numbered round within their group....we learned that the last round is the hardest trying to tie in all previous work and add something of yourself.
    - There is a commitment that the work will be done on time or a call for help to Jen or others in the group to ensure the progress of each quilt stays on track.

We are looking forward to a fantastic second half of with our JMQG Round Robins. Hopefully we will be so inspired we’ll want to repeat the program in 2016.

The motion was made by Yvonne to adjourn the business meeting and seconded by Ted. Our Show and Tell followed with 10 members bringing in their “Fire Rescue” quilts. Check out the blog for those stories.