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The North Country Quilt Guild met on **June 6, 2023** at the Church of God in Derby. President Kathy rang the meeting to order at 6:30. All 28 members present received a door prize ticket. The secretary's report was accepted. There was no treasurer's report.

The minutes and agenda had been sent out. There were no additions to the agenda. Jeanne is posting the agenda on the website. The chair arrangement has been changed to bring us closer together. There is an opening for Show & Tell, where members will share their pieces. All items will then be laid on tables behind the meeting area for members to view during "recess". Refreshments will also be available then.

### **Old Business**

- **Membership:** Let Valerie know any changes in your information to keep the list updated
- **Challenge:** Irene reminded everyone of the Initial Challenge details, which are also posted on the website. The block should be 12 ½ inches after adding a Single Fold Binding. (The Crafty Quilter Video on YouTube) The blocks can then be assembled into a quilt. There should be a label on the back with the quilter's initials and the initial information. The Guild will supply batting – or use your own Hobbs 80/20.
- **Quilt Festival:** Sept 22-24. No updates
- **July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Potluck picnic, rain or shine. Directions and address to Valerie's will be emailed to members.
- **August meeting:** Sandra Palmer, quilt appraiser. She will send an information sheet, which needs to be filled out by each quilt owner. There is no group financial commitment. Individuals pay for their appraisal (\$60 guild members, \$75 public). We need to know how many she can do to set up a schedule for the day. She will speak to us about the process during the meeting time.

### **New Business**

- **Donation quilts.** There was discussion about whether we have a long-term commitment for donations to North Country Hospital and the Church of God Hospice Center. It was decided our commitment to the Hospice Center, when it is built, is a long-term commitment, while North Country Hospital can be part of a list of possible donation receivers. The difference between individuals donating quilts and the Guild donating quilts was discussed. Any individual donating a quilt should take a picture and send it with all information to Jeanne, who will put it in the newspaper. Many spoke of the benefits of a group workday, the fun of working on a project together. Giving is also important as we are a non-profit group. Guild quilts would have a North Country Quilt Guild label affixed to the back. Kathy's suggestion was for a group of 5 quilter's to plan and create a quilt on a guild workday, with the Guild supplying batting and backing, and possibly panels. It was decided to set the first workday in August. Five planners volunteered to design either a baby or a Hospice quilt for a work group: Meghan, Noreen, Roberta, Linda, and Sherry with Sue W. Noreen will check on a date in August

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when we can use the church room. A roll of batting will be purchased from Country Thyme.

**Shop Corner:** Kay reported that Cindy Richardson is home taking care of her husband. She is on Face Book. Panels are still on sale at Country Thyme, and June is Quilter's Summer Sale month, with 1000+ bolts of fabric, notions, gadgets, books, patterns and more all on sale.

### **Show 'N Tell**

- Jeanne shared a batik purse from a Sue Pritt pattern, and a scrap quilt for her great-niece's graduation.
- Roberta shared a backdoor quilt for June/July with a flag and flowers.
- Valerie shared a "What To Do With Panels" quilt and a top from the brown bag mystery.
- Noreen told that Russell's donated quilt raised \$1480 for the organization, and was regifted to the organization by the raffle winner. She will be adding more ships to the quilt. She also shared a wonky log cabin quilt to be donated to Camp Agape.
- Lois shared a scrap quilt made with her 2<sup>nd</sup> size apple core template. The interesting border also featured the apple core.
- Linda shared a mystery quilt from Meadow Mist designs.
- Lorraine shared a frog greeter hanging for her sunporch.
- Meghan shared her completed Garden Trellis baby quilt for her 8<sup>th</sup> grandchild and another baby quilt with the name (Ivy) quilted into the design.
- Chris shared a combination 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and graduation quilt with a cactus and taco pattern. It is from a 3-yd design.
- Cheryl shared her Half Square ring from last month's Abracadabra presentation, a summer sampler top from Fig Tree Quilts based on embroidery stitches, and a small Jo Morten quilt of EPP hexagons in browns.
- Barb shared sandwich envelopes lined with scraps of rip-stop nylon from a friend's hot-air balloon, an orphan block, and a postcard showing the Mor Inn Cabins (1950's) located on Crawford Rd, where the State Police are now.
- Irene shared two applique blocks from separate Block-of-the-Month quilts: tweets and flowers, and a 50's drive-in movie theater block.
- Sue G-B shared Christmas in a Cabin, a quilt done with the Log Cabin Sew Along, and told about the Sew Steady Suspension System used to assist in the quilting of this piece on a domestic machine.
- Tatiana shared her 1<sup>st</sup> quilted wall hanging, exquisite American Girls doll clothes, a small bag with Mickey Mouse fabrics and a Mickey button, and Ukrainian dolls dressed in native costumes.

The door prize, a magnetic travel pincushion, was won by Kathy.

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Irene presented a needle turn applique demonstration. She supplied a heart shape for us to practice on, and assisted the group with the point and “cleavage”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Gustafson-Byrne