

Saint Andrew Bay Quilters' Guild
Night Members Meeting
July 20, 2023

2nd Vice President, Cindy Smith: Cindy called the meeting to order at 7:05 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed members, including three new members. Cindy filled in for Starshine, celebrating July birthdays. Night meetings are now regularly scheduled for the second Thursday of the month, except the joint meetings in December and May and the November 17 potluck celebration.

Cindy provided a summary of the Quilt Show income.

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Profit	\$6334.00
Admissions	3592.26
Raffle	981.00
Bits and Pieces	843.00
Boutique	2785.12
Cutting table	855.00
Opportunity quilt	2637.00
Presale tickets	580.00
Silent auction	1159.00
Sewing machine raffle	114.00
Vendor booths	2300.00

Forms and rules for the 2024 quilt show are in the July newsletter and on the website. The committee had its first meeting July 7 and plans are well under way. Dates are March 15 and 16, 2024 at the Central Panhandle Fairgrounds.

The President's Challenge for 2024 will be to form small groups (2-4) and make a twin or large quilt for veterans.

Our annual food drive to support the Catholic Charities food pantry is October and November.

Cindy's challenge for next month is a coffee or tea themed mug rug. Ribbons will be awarded.

Membership, Cindy Straebel: Cindy needs updates for the directory by July 31.

Community Service Projects, Aly Tuttle, and Gerry Hollis: Aly usually goes to the storage unit on Tuesday. She will get fabric for anyone who wants fabric for boutique or November craft sale projects.

We delivered:

ITEMS DELIVERED	RECIPIENTS	DATE
7 quilts	Sims Veterans home	6/5/2023
8 children's quilts	Children's Home Society	6/20/23
15 dog beds	Various shelters	6/1/2023
7 quilts	Sims Veterans	7/11/2023
33 baby bibs 10 burp pads 8 small to medium quilts	Catholic Charities Infant Room	7/11/2023

Library, Loretta Akerlind: Loretta reviewed how to check out books and how to use the library website search function. We have over 500 books.

Hospitality, Carolyn Finlayson: July meeting refreshments were brought by Piece and Love and Community Buzz. Carolyn will send a sign-up sheet for those who want to bring food for the night meetings.

Beekeeper, Lauren George: If you want to join a bee, contact Lauren.

Retreat, Carolyn Pic: The theme for this year's retreat is Turning Over a New Leaf. Carolyn Pic and Bev Spark are organizing the retreat. The cost is \$125 for the room and \$45.50 for meals. The facility has rooms for 32 people. The number of walk-ins will be announced later.

Publicity, Sandy Austill:

The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach will have a juried arts and crafts Fall Fling at Frank Brown Park on Saturday, September 30 from 9 AM – 3 PM. This is a semi-annual show.

The Florida Register is delivered to Sandy's home address. We're only getting 25 copies of the Register, but Sandy is working to get more for the guild.

Education, Marie Granger: The following classes are scheduled:

DATE	TEACHER	CLASS LENGTH	COST
July 22, 2023	Debbie Bennett	Half day	\$10
October 7, 2023	Mary Molinari	Half day	\$10
October 20, 2023	Gwen Weedon	All day	\$50
October 21, 2023	Gwen Weedon	All day	\$50
February 17, 2023	Rebecca Valle	Half day	\$10

If members don't fill the Gwen Weedon classes, we'll set a deadline and then open registration to non-members. Non-members may be charged extra rather than requiring that they join the guild.

Events, Barbara Tillman: The November celebration will be November 17 in Bell Hall.

E-Words, Karen McQueen: If you're not getting the newsletter on or right after the 26th of the month, let Karen know.

Newsletter, Shelia Jimenez: Patchwords does not include the minutes. The minutes will show up on the website alone. Deadline for inputs is the 23rd.

UFO Keeper, Bill Valle: Bill reviewed UFO rules and reminded members that sign up ends tonight. He also provided Quilt Show category and registration handouts.

President's Challenge Blocks from Last Year: Jo Wilber showed the quilt tops made from last year's challenge blocks. She has one floral quilt top and two red, white, and blue tops.

1st Vice President, Diane Wishart:

August theme is "scrappy". Bring scrappy quilts for Show-off and Tell. We will also have our Table Sale. A boutique table will be set up at the day meeting since not everyone could shop at the quilt show boutique.

Diane Wishart has cut and packaged stockings, with directions, in bags of five. These are to be sewn and returned to be distributed by Community Services.

Diane Wishart introduced Sheila Jiminez with a summary of Sheila's 30 years of military service. Sheila presented the group with a history of patriotic quilts, followed by an overview of quilts that we donate to Sims Veterans home and to Warriors Beach Retreat.

Warrior Beach Retreat: We began several years ago supporting the Warrior Beach Retreat to support the caregivers of severely wounded veterans. We've provided over 250 quilts to Warrior Beach. Donna Gibbens, Linda Kelley, and Mary Molinari are the primary guild representatives. The retreat needs quilts that are no smaller than 50 X 65 but prefer twin bed size. There's a need for longer quilts for the taller recipients.

The next retreat will be November 7-13, with the awards dinner on November 9. If you'd like to be involved, see Donna Gibbens.

Sims Veterans Home: Glory Bee toured the facility, including the Alzheimer's wing. It is run by the Veterans Administration, and you must be a veteran to be eligible to reside there.

The veterans home was named in honor of Clifford Sims, a Port St Joe native who was a Medal of Honor recipient.

Glory Bee started in August of 2022. Its 10-12 members meet at Gaye Ryon's each Tuesday morning. They generally finish two tops per month. They've delivered 18 quilts to Sims, with one ready to be quilted and another being worked on. Sims needs quilts (64 X 75), wheelchair quilts, and longer quilts for tall people. These quilts need to be well-constructed because they get washed in the facility laundry.

Cindy Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.