

## Feather Princesses Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes 5/08/2024

Princesses Dorothy Johnson, Joanne Rodriguez, Ritu Haldar and Michelle Barry

President Princess Dorothy Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. President Dorothy welcomed members, asked attendees to silence cell phones, extended Mother's Day wishes and requested members sign-up for birthday drawing.

Hostess Princess Fazie reported that there were 0 visitors.

Membership announced that there were 34 members present and no guests.

Secretary: Ritu Haldar welcomed the members. Members were encouraged to access the newsletter, Minutes of the Meeting, and website.

Treasurer's Report:

Princess Michelle Barry presented the budget.

Birthday/Sunshine: Birthday wishes were extended to members. Healing thoughts were requested for members who were recovering from ailments.

Community Service: Princess Shirley Williams announced:

Funds totaling \$89.00 along with non-perishable food items for the month. The donation for April 2024 goes to Hudson United Methodist Church.

Fat Quarter Exchange: Princess Linda announced that FLOWERS (any size any color) will be the theme for the Fat Quarter exchange in May 2024 and Stripes for June 2024..The winners were Princesses Betty Jo Lecaroz, Roni Hunt, Jackie Tarr and Janet Slee.

Healing Hearts Blocks: Princess Shirley Kasprzyk reminded members that the blocks should be 9 inches square and encouraged members to turn them in for redistribution. Patterns are available to members. Please see the website and newsletter for guidelines. Members are encouraged to catch up with their blocks and turn them in to be distributed to members.

Newsletter: Princess Michelle Barry requested articles for the newsletter be turned in by Friday, May 31, 2024. Members were encouraged to check their spam folder to access the newsletter.

Retreat 2024: Princess Karen Benitez announced that the contract has been signed and the deadline for full payment is August 14, 2024. The cost is \$575.00 for a Single, \$475.00 for a Double and payment can be made by Square. The dates for the retreat are October 17-21, 2024. Final payment is due on August 14, 2024.

Special Block: Princess Michelle Barry designed a wonderful "April Showers" Spring Block. Kits are available for purchase at \$2.00 each. 13 blocks have been turned in and the completed blocks are due on June 12, 2024. Princess Shirley Williams will design the summer block and it will be available in June.

Summer Block: Princess Shirley Williams will offer the block in June, 2024

Tool Time: Princess Roni Hunt shared websites and tutorials for members to check out and be inspired. She announced that the publication, Quiltmania, was digitally sharing it's last magazine and encouraged members to access the download. Members were informed about different blogs, applique book authors and templates available patterns to explore. She offered ideas and useful hints for cleaning up and organizing our sewing spaces. Princess Maria Nunez shared the "cuticle" tool she uses for her applique. Princess Kathy Bixby donated a sample and her technique for a ¼ inch seam check. Quilt storage containers were donated by Princess Peggy Wattenbarger. The members were very appreciative and enjoyed their contributions and suggestions.

Library: Princess Mary Ann Vathy, shared the details regarding our Lending Library. Current members may take out 2 books each month. The loan period is 1 month. Red Dot Specials are rare and valuable books requiring a \$50.00 deposit. Requests can be made up to 1 week ahead of the meeting. A Wait List will be maintained. A database will be set up through the website for

members to access and request books in advance of the meeting. Members may search by Author, Title, and Classification when the database goes live. Members were encouraged to volunteer and hold 2 boxes of books per genre. Boxes were distributed to members who will be responsible to bring them in when requested to be checked out of the Library. Thanks was extended to all.

Jimmy B. Keel Library Display: Princess Sandi Snow announced that the installation was completed of all the quilts to be displayed at the Library. The exhibit which will begin May1, 2024 go through June 2024. Many compliments were received by members of the community.

Ways and Means: Princess Michelle Barry informed members that there will be a fall sale. She requested members to notify the committee regarding any upcoming craft shows or vendor opportunities with enough notice so the guild can register as a vendor and prepare for the event.

President's Report: President Dorothy Johnson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged members to submit nominations for the position of President.

President Johnson congratulated and honored Princess Cheryl Haynes and Princess Brigitte Kasm by inducting them into the Tiara Club. Heartiest Congratulations!

She submitted a copy of the Bylaws to each member for their review. She announced that members may look them over and submit suggestions at the June meeting where they will be voted on and approved. The vote to do as stated was unanimous.

President Johnson opened up the floor for nominations for President. Princess Betty Jo Nominated Princess Laura Brooker in Absentia.

Princess Jackie Tarr nominated Princess Karen Benitez- Declined

Princess Shirley Kasprzyk nominated Princess Ritu Haldar – Declined

Princess Peggy Wattenbarger nominated Princess Michelle Barry – Declined

Princess Maria Nunez nominated Princess Sandi Snow in Absentia

Princess Peggy Wattenbarger nominated Princess Janet Slee – Declined

Princess Mary Ann Vathy presented the Co-President option which will be discussed in June.

Princess Joanne Rodriguez nominated Princess Vici Miller – Declined

Princess Shirley nominated Princess Becky Gammons – Declined

Princess Karen Benitez nominated Princess Karen Hamilton – Declined.

Princess Linda Woytisek nominated Princess Roni Hunt – Under consideration.

President Johnson announced that Princess Judy Loving submitted her quilt, Conflicted Man, to AQS. She shared information on quilt shops and her extraordinary find of 20 Sun Bonnet Sue Blocks. Members were able to take a look at the blocks on display. A Sun Bonnet Sue antique quilt was donated to Princess Vici Miller.

Scrappy Applique Circle will have a surprise for their attendees at the June meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their scraps and strips.

Creative Group will offer a questionnaire to members for their input. Princess Maria Nunez suggested a working session as part of the group activity.

Legacy Quilt Group will work on a Baltimore Album quilt and discuss the project for 2025.

Plum Creek Quilt Circle will not meet this month but since the room at the Library has been reserved members were offered to sit and sew together.

Tuesday Sit and Stitch will meet at the Citrus Park location.

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle will work on their wool projects with Princess Karen Conter.

President Johnson informed members that the Membership Dues for 2024-2025 will be set by the new President. Nominees will be invited to the preceeding Board Meeting as a curtesy and aid in the transition to the new President.

Vice-President's Report: Princess Joanne Rodriguez encouraged members to explore the Sun Bonnet Sue and Fishing Freddie patterns. Members will have the opportunity to win the blocks at the July meeing.

December Birthday Drawing: Princess Ritu Haldar conducted the drawing and Princess MaryAnn Vathy was the winner.

Show and Tell: Princess Beverly Abenante took photographs and presented Princesses Vici Miller, Shirley Kasprzyk, Annette Kocsis for Elaine Randall and Trudy Flynn who shared their creations.

Door Prizes/Trivia:

Membership Chair Betty Jo Lecaroz and Betty Jo Weber conducted the activity. Winners were Princesses Diane Keeports, Lois Breztlaff, Karen Conter and Mary Moody.

Members were recipients of numerous prizes and a fun time was had by all.

Meeting Adjourned: President Princess Dorothy Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Ritu Haldar, Secretary

