

Feather Princesses Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes 9/11/2024

Princesses Dorothy Johnson, Ritu Haldar and Michelle Barry

President Princess Dorothy Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:07 p.m. President Dorothy welcomed members, asked attendees to silence cell phones, extended Mother's Day wishes and requested members sign-up for birthday drawing. A Respectful pause for 9/11 Remembrance was observed.

Hostess Princess Fazie was absent.

Membership announced that there were 25 members present and 1 guest. Welcome Diana Shepard! President Dorothy Johnson announced that there were 47 paid members, 6 senior members for a total of 53.

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.

Special Events: Chair Princess Janet Slee is absent.

Birthday/Sunshine: Birthday wishes were extended to members. Healing thoughts were requested for members who were recovering from ailments. Princess Karen Benitez updated us on members and encouraged friends to visit and lift up spirits of members under the weather. Princess Joanne Rodriguez requested to be removed from the list.

Community Service: Princess Mary Moody is the new Chair of the committee. She announced that funds totaling \$106.00 for September 2024 goes to Metropolitan Ministries. Donations will be delivered by Sandi Snow.

Fat Quarter Exchange: Princess Linda was absent. Princess Vici Miller announced that "Halloween prints" will be the category for October 2024. Winners were Princesses Dorothy Johnson, Diana, Shirley Kaspysk, and Mary Moody.

Healing Hearts Blocks: Princess Shirley Kasprzyk – Presented each member with a folder which included 8 patterns to assist members. It is a 9 inch block on a white background is requested. Members were encouraged to design and share their own blocks. Princess Michelle Barry designed our new logo the folder.

Newsletter: Princess Michelle Barry requested articles for the newsletter be turned in by Friday, 9/27, 2024. Members were encouraged to check their spam folder to access the newsletter. Website and Constant Contact information stands as is. Please inform Michelle if you have any issues accessing your newsletter or website. Thanks extended to our proof readers Princesses Karen Benitez and Becky Gammons.

New Membership Directory: Available at the October meeting.

Retreat 2024: Princess Karen Benitez announced that the contract has been signed, final payment made and the retreat on October 17-21, 2024 is as scheduled. President Dorothy Johnson informed members that this year would be the last at Lake Yale as it has become unaffordable. Discussion ensued. Princess Karen Conter and Princess Ritu Haldar suggested a local venue would be a great second choice. Members agreed and are requested to look for locations in the local area.

Summer Block: Princess Shirley Williams announced the winner of the “Fanta-Sea Challenge was Princess Cheryl Haynes.

Tool Time: Princess Roni Hunt shared tips for members to check out and be inspired. Princess Vici Miller shared her sand paper board idea. Karen Benitez showed us 4 ways to use fabrics and Dorothy Johnson shared storage ideas.

Library: Princess Mary Ann Vathy, shared the details and book suggestions for the 9/11 remembrances. She noted that quilts were so healing for the families. Late notices will be going out to members. This month’s suggestions included Art and Fashion as categories to explore for ideas.

Ways and Means: Princess Michelle Barry informed members that there will be a fall sale. She requested members to let the guild borrow tables, chairs and a canopy/tent for the fall sale. Suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

President's Report: President Dorothy Johnson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Members were notified as per the Board's decision. The Board appoints Princess Dorothy Johnson for the Position of President for the year 2024-2025. This ensures stability, integrity and continuity.

Vice-President's Report: President Dorothy Johnson informed members that no one has stepped up for the position. The position entails coordinating programs and looking for teachers. The Princess Feather Quilt Challenge for August 2025 is the Princess Feather Block quilt or Wall hanging. Members can access details on the website.

- Scrappy Applique Circle- Members are encouraged to bring their scraps and strips.
- Combo Club- Chair Princess Melissa Labella. Club meets last Wednesday of the month.
- Wild Wool Group – To Be Announced
- Creative Group -will offer a questionnaire to members for their input.
- Art Quilt Circle- She also encouraged members to fill out her questionnaire and return them at their earliest convenience. It will help inform her and the Art Quilt Circle.
- Legacy Quilt Group - will work on a Baltimore Album quilt and discuss the project for 2025.
- Plum Creek Quilt Circle - will meet this month at the Library. It has been reserved for members 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.
- Civil War Circle will work on Dear Jane, Hannah and Patriotic Quilts across the Missouri.
- Tuesday Sit and Stitch Circle meets at Jimmy B. Keel Library.
- Hawaiian Applique – Circle meets on 9/20/24 at Jimmy B. Keel Library

Announcements: Princess Feather Challenge celebrates the guild's 20th Anniversary. It is due in August 2025.

September Birthday Drawing: Princess Ritu Haldar conducted the drawing and Princess Karen Conter was the winner.

Show and Tell: Princess Beverly Abenante was absent. Princess Michelle Barry stepped in and assisted the members. Princess Joie shared her traced hand quilt idea with the guild. Princesses Lois Bretzlaff, Cheryl Haynes, Elaine Randall, Roni Hunt and Deborah Jaffe shared their magnificent creations.

Door Prizes/Trivia:

Membership Chair conducted the drawing and the winners were: Princesses Brigitte Kasm, Deborah Jaffe, Ritu Haldar and Cheryl Haynes. Members were recipients of numerous prizes and a fun time was had by all.

Meeting Adjourned: President Princess Dorothy Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ritu Haldar, Secretary

