

Minutes of March 1998 Meeting

President **Sherri Abbot** called the meeting to order at 1 PM and welcomed visitors and guests who were then introduced. **Dolores Vietti** gave an encouraging update on our treasurer, **Gloria Leigh**, who had a stroke two weeks ago, but is expected to be discharged from the hospital and enter a nursing home for further therapy. A thank you note from *Gloria's* daughters was read expressing appreciation to all who had encouraged *Gloria* with notes and visits. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written and the announcement was made that our guild membership dues are now raised to \$10.00 per year. June's five-inch charm square exchange will be plaids of 100% cotton. The sign-up sheet was circulated. **Dolores Vietti** and her committee people gave updates on the Quilt Show to be held April 18 & 19. Plans progress well, but help is still needed in some areas. **Gerry Lewis** is in the process of quilting the 1999 Opportunity Quilt and 4,000 tickets are printed. Each member is urged to take 12 tickets to sell for 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. **Laura Ives**, refreshment chair, announced she will no longer be calling on individual groups to furnish refreshments, but will send a sign-up sheet around each meeting asking for volunteers for the next meeting. Announcement was made of the publicTV airing of a documentary (April 30th & May 6th) on quilting in conjunction with the station's art auction. The guild was solicited for donations of quilts within this next week (!).

Election was held for the offices of President-elect and Treasurer. **Joann Stuebing** and **Christine Dutcher** respectively were unanimously elected. **Naomi Crookston** won the block-of-the-season drawing. **Julie Waller**, new chair of that committee, showed the June block called "**Summertime**", a paper-pieced block. Each entrant is to submit only one piece.

Elaine Shanafelt announced the July quilt showing of local quilters' works held in connection with the Fiber Arts Whole Cloth shows this summer will be held at the art gallery at 323 1/2 E. Main, Medford. They invite quilters to exhibit their work.

Show and tell had its usual wonderful display of members quilts, including those of two young girls, seven and nine years old. Their first quilts!



Ellyn Rosas introduced **Joen Wolfrom**, noted quilter, author and teacher, who had conducted 2 two-day classes on design this past week in Medford. In her lecture she had the same positive, encouraging way of inspiring us as she had in her classes. Joen said every one of us can be creative, whether we think so or not, as creativity is not being *avant garde*, but simply using our own ideas. She suggested day-dreaming is the same mental activity as creating and challenged us to turn off the voice that says

"I can't do it" and let ideas flow as we visualize the quilt we would like to do. We must not be bound by the traditional ideas that make us afraid to break the rules in trying different ways of design. Whether traditional or contemporary we need to reach out and bring our own ideas into play as we create quilts. Joen showed slides of friends quilts, starting with their early works and then their current work which demonstrated how their styles evolved. Closing remarks reminded us that quilters need to support and encourage one another, not compete. What a privilege it was to be instructed by this gifted gracious woman!

Respectfully submitted,

Polly M. Edwards, Secretary