

Minutes of September 1998 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mountain Stars Quilters Guild was convened by Pres *Susanne Enos*, September 12, at 1 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as recorded. The treasurer's report was given by *Chris Dutcher*. Beginning balance as of June 1 was \$4,760.39. Income and expenses during the quarter were \$1,235.67 and \$1,205.74 respectively. Balance at August 31, was \$4,790.32.

It was announced *Ellyn Rosas* has had to resign as Vice Pres so *Susanne Enos* and *Joann Stuebing* will fill in this office until June when new officers are elected.

Sharon Little was unable to attend the meeting, but sent word that the next quilter who will be conducting classes and speaking at the March 1999 meeting will be *Charlotte Warr Anderson*. Sharon also has asked for someone to help her with the library. Please call her at 779-1797 if you are able to assist.

Jo Stuebing gave a report on the Opportunity Quilt which will be raffled at our spring quilt show. It is currently being shown at various shows and stores. A canopy was purchased to protect the quilt when it is shown outdoors. \$800 has been taken in thus far. Jo also reported on the Mystery Retreat to be held at Diamond Lake Resort Sept 25-26. 14 are registered to date.

A nominating committee is needed for secretary, vice-president and president-elect for June's elections. Call *Susanne Enos* at 773-4572 if you are able to volunteer. The board also wanted to know the feelings of the constituency on whether to have a silent auction every year as suggested by several members, instead of every other year. This was met with a favorable response by a show of hands. A poster with sign-up slots for various committees who will work on the April 1999 quilt show had all but two slots filled with names to be given to chair *Dolores Vietti*. A volunteer to chair the year 2000 opportunity quilt as well as for suggestions for a theme is also needed.

Announcement was made of two groups which are meeting

under the banner of the national Applique Society. In Grants Pass a group meets at the Community Bank the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings. In Medford a group meets the 3rd Tuesday night at Rosebud Quilts & Cottons shop. Any interested person is invited to attend. Meetings are free.

Julie Waller delighted six women by fabricating wall hangings, a vest and wreath on which the fabric appliques that members made for the drawing were placed. If you haven't been participating in these "block for the season" drawings, join in in December by making the house block (pattern in this newsletter) and you may be a lucky winner of Julie's imaginative way of using the blocks. Please note she says you may enlarge or diminish the block pattern, but please do it in increments of 2 inches.



Speaker *Rick Chapman* from Plaza Sewing Center in Grants Pass gave us some helpful hints on maintaining sewing machines. Among the important things he told us were: Change your needle often and don't forget there are different sizes for different weight fabrics; the bottom case area of the machine (where the bobbin goes) is the most important area to keep cleaned of lint; oil the machine according to directions in the manual with real lubricating oil; and even if you clean and oil regularly you need to have a qualified technician check tension, etc every 3-5 years.

The meeting ended at 2:20 PM after a wonderful display of show and tell quilt projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly M. Edwards, Secretary