

**Greater Moncton Quilt Guild  
General Meeting  
April 13, 2011**

The GMQG general meeting started at 7pm, and welcomed visitors Doris LeBlanc, Ovilla Richard and Diane Willams.

The treasurer's report was read by Gayle Ritchie, and seconded for approval by Marie Bernard, and is attached.

The minutes of the March general meeting were read, and there were no corrections or business arising from them.

The Library asked that books be returned when you arrive for the meeting, so that they can process their return and get them ready by break time for those browsing for books then.

Phyllis Melanson reminded everyone that there was only a couple of months left to finish your UFO projects. Pledges to be honored at the June meeting, and pledge sheets are still available from her. The goal is to have 25 finished projects.

Gerri Burke said that sheets will be posted at breaktime for ideas and volunteers from the members for the Demo portion of the Quilt Show and Sale in October. These will be half hour time slots.

Correspondence - notes on upcoming quilt shows: Marco Polo Quilt Fair " Quilts by the Bay"  
May 5-8, NB Museum, Market Sq, Saint John,

Apr 29, 30

Thoughts of Spring, Mew Maryland Rec Center,

Aug 5, 6

Akerly Area (Cambridge Narrows) Show & Tea

29, 30

North Star, Donald Eddy United Church Hall, Apr

Tickets are now available at the back from Karen Bureaux for the Raffle Quilt. Two books of 10 tickets each was to go to everyone with a picture of the quilt and monies raised can be returned at the May and June general meetings. Contest winner of the booklet design was Grace Crawford. Also there was a change in date for the Committee Chairs meeting to May 5th at the Main Street Super Store, as the original date conflicted with a scheduled Workshop.

Anyone wanting to put a quilt in the show, can print the application from the web site. A application per quilt with 3 quilts allowed per person, plus the challenge. There will also be a \$2 fee for each quilt, but not for the challenge. Tonight, Gerri Burke and Betty Rice to demo the sleeve that will need to go on the back of the quilts. The challenge quilts will be judged by the Quilt Challenge Committee, and will be displayed at the show in a section of it's own.

Nancy Elaschuk of the Quilt Challenge committee asked the members how they would like the quilts to be judged - by the committee or by the membership as a group. Agreement was that the challenge quilts be judged by the guild members at the general meeting before the Show and Sale. She then asked for a show of hands for the different sizes of quilts, and stated that silver material was still available if some members needed it. Also she reminded everyone that there was to be one large star, four medium sized stars and 20 small stars.

Block of the Month winner of 25 Greek Keys was Norma McLeod. Next month's if Cabana in tropical colors, Instructions will be on the web and available at the back.

Roxanne LeBlanc from the Workshop committee said that there were 2 spaced left for the kelidescope workshop on Saturday April 29, and 10 - 11 for Monday's (May 2) Album workshop. Tickets were still available for the Trunk Show on Sunday. She has supply lists if you need them and would like donations for finger foods for the reception at the Trunk show, please see her or Vivian Leblanc.

Valerie McKloskey handed out the last step of the Mystery Quilt, and announced the jelly roll winner of 44 purple stripes to Joanne Burke. Bridgette Daly won the Jelly beans, Next month's colors is Neutrals - beige or white background colors.

Loanna Whitmore stated that there were kits from Sandy Gunning still available, and to grab one if you'd like. The lasted shipment of the Dresses for Haiti saw 137 dresses, 150 pair of underwear, and 20 pull up shorts. A group from U de M will be taking 72 duffle bags including gifts of blankets, teddy bears, sneakers, jersey's, enough for 40 (a soccer team). They also plan to make a DVD for us to see. The total dresses and items is 800 plus and on going.

Marie Bernard thanked everyone who saved the Milk bags for Irene, who was to be as the meeting tonight, but didn't make it. She was to show us the mats that she makes with them, the small size requires 120 bags and the large 200, so please save lots. Pictures coming soon to the web site.

Winner of the 50/50 draw for \$50 was Carol Windley.

Food bank representative Paul, thanked everyone for their donation for April's food drive. He was from the Warehouse depot that supplies 23 food banks and 2 kitchens. He is to arrange a tour of the warehouse if the Guild is interested, and stated that they had just received a donation of 26 pallets of food and hygiene products.

President Gayle Ritchie put out a call for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. From the membership at large, Marie Bernard, from the executive, Gayle Ritchie, and past president, Betty Rice, will make up the committee.

Nancy Elaschuk wanted to clarify the directions for the challenge quilt. There is to be one large start, 4 medium and 20 small - however quilts with 25 stars will not be excluded. The quilts will be marked on many things, and please don't show your challenge quilts at show and share - save them for the September general meeting.

Gayle Ritchie also mentioned that there was an Adventures Program Guide for Fredericton available to look thru for those interested.

Gerri Burke presented the program for the evening which included the final stages for finishing the Baby quilt challenge. Topics covered included, quilting it by hand or machine or tying, different methods for finishing the edge or binding, types of battings that make a difference in quilting techniques, thread choices, and ideas for quilting designs. Several stations were set up that included examples for members to look at and ask questions, and Betty Rice also provided an explained an example of the 5' hanging tube with an instruction sheet hand-out for those who wanted it.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.