

From the President's Desk

Hello Ladies,

Those good old days of summer are quickly coming to an end. If you are like me, the wings of time are flying at sonic speed. The great thing about that is that our monthly meetings will be beginning again. We begin our 2017/2018 year with our annual ice cream social. What a wonderful way to see old quilting friends and meet new ones.

Our Vice Presidents, Fran Larson and Kathy Heckerth, have put together a great year of entertainment. They have worked hard lining up various speakers and workshops that you will enjoy. Mary Dunkle, Janet Hall, and Susan Schwalm have outstanding plans for our challenge quilt that I feel all who are involved will thoroughly enjoy. Joyce Martin and Barb Kleiwer have fantastic plans for the One Block Wonder. I can't wait to see the end results of many projects.

These are just a few teasers to wet your lips and get your fingers itching and toes tapping on the foot pedal ready to quilt!

REMINDER: If you have not paid your dues for the year, be sure to pay at the ice cream social.

BRQG Meeting—August 22, 2017—Ice Cream at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00pm—Trinity Lutheran Church.

See you there,
Donna Marcoux

BRQG President

PROGRAMS

AUGUST—Ice Cream Social to celebrate the new Guild year.

SEPTEMBER—Shelia Reinke, “Fun Tools and Perfect Endings” trunk show and shopping.

OCTOBER—Service Project

NOVEMBER—Gloria Hall “Every Woman has a Story”

DECEMBER—No Meeting -- **Happy Holidays!!**

JANUARY—Lynn Doyle, Bloomin' Minds “Seasons”
Workshop, Your choice of Lynn's kits available for purchase.

FEBRUARY—Game Night
Come have fun and Share finger foods

MARCH—Lori Triplett, “Quilt and Textile Collection”
“Prairie Friendship Quilt” a contemporary version patterned after a 19th century friendship quilt. Attendees will handprint eight quilt blocks to create their own legacy quilt. Stencils will be available if preferred.

APRIL—Diane Gubbels, “Stories of Inspiration” trunk show

MAY—Installation of Officers
Pot Luck Dinner

CHALLENGE FOR 2017/2018

We are going to have a round robin for our challenge quilt this year. We haven't done this for a few years. This is a chance to get acquainted with new ladies in our guild and meet the ladies you haven't talked to in a while. Please sign up in August or let one of us know you wish to be included. We will pick the groups without looking at the names and let everyone know what group you are in at the September meeting.

You will need to bring your starting block in September in a box that can be passed on to the next person in your group, you may include material to be used in you borders for the year or rely on the people working on your block to add something from their stash. You will be provided with a piece of fabric that must be used in each border. Please mark your box with your full name.

Your beginning block size should be 16 ½ by 16 ½ inches square with a basket design in the middle. It's your choice of which basket design.

Each month we will give you instructions for making a border to add to someone's quilt in your group. We will have new ideas for what to add each month (such as a braid or rail fence). You can meet before the Braided River meetings with your group or have separate meetings at someone's house or a restaurant. We believe we can have a lot of fun this year with this idea.

COME JOIN US!