

Contemporary Quilt and Fiber Artists
CQAFA
3/14/2022

The meeting was called to order at 7.00am by Co-Presidents, Judy Shaffer and Judy Levy.

Present: 19 members, 3 officers, 1 guest (Sara Rose-Regan) – welcome back Sara.

2/14/22 minutes were approved as posted on the website.

Collection of members work for the MAC show and boutique preceded the meeting, starting at 6pm. This went smoothy and we expect this to be a great show. Thanks Jenny and Cris for receiving and checking the work.

Sunshine and Shadows

- Congratulations to the following members who have had work accepted for shows/exhibitions.
 - Cris Fee has had a piece accepted for the Paducah show: ‘Corona Blue’
 - Carol Lang has also had two pieces accepted for Paducah: “A World Divided” and “Warren County”
 - Judy Shaffer has had a piece accepted into Scared Threads: “Peace” into the grief category
- Nancy Williams shared that sadly her brother is quite ill and in hospital.
- Nancy also pointed out that some former members and their work were mentioned in Quilt Magazine.

2021 Audit

Audit Committee Report for CQAFA 2021 Financial Records was presented by Cynthia Supe. The audit found that the books balanced. The audit committee made several proposals for financial management and reporting going forward. These will be implemented. With thanks to the audit committee of Cynthia Supe and Kim Pickard.

Treasurers Report – Helen Stringer provided the following for the month of February 2022:

Starting Balance 01/31/22	\$4,990.05
Deposits	\$135 (3 x membership of \$45)
Expenses	\$249.87 (Summer Show 2023 rent, membership cards, misc.)
Ending Balance 02/28/22	\$4,875.08

Old Business

Committee Spokespersons reported as follows:

TOOTS – Barb Sferra read out the list of proposed TOOTS for future meetings and asked for feedback on any other ideas not covered and for volunteers prepared to lead a future TOOT.

DIGITAL – Sally Lloyd reminded the group that if they would like updated or new photos of their work to be added to the CQAFA website please forward to her or to Cheryl Connelly.

MEMBERSHIP – Cynthia Supe noted that the membership committee is updating the contents of the membership folders and a drive to have people make their own, customized name tag.

SOCIAL – Priscilla Mrozek announced 2 new group projects for the April meeting. Members to bring a 12 x 12 square quilt (can be quilt top only) that represents “Flower Power” to them and one unusual “tool”

that they use in their creative process. Both of these should be anonymous, not shared with any other member prior to the April meeting and brought in an opaque bag – so, anonymous. Members will be able to retrieve their work and tools after the meeting.

WORKSHOP – Neither Carole nor Marcia was able to be present for the meeting, but they have requested feedback on their proposed topics for future workshops. They had previously sent out an online survey. For members unable to access the survey, hard copies were brought to the meeting and Judy Shaffer encouraged people to fill them in.

MAC Show

Cris Fee provided an update.

Sign-up sheets were again available for installation, take down and additional food for the reception scheduled for 3/25 from 6pm-8pm. People bringing individually wrapped food items for the reception to aim to be there at 5.45pm.

One or two more volunteers to help with installation would be welcome. Especially needed are people to do demo's; Wednesday 4/13 10am-3pm is expected to be the busiest day. If you are volunteering to demo, you are not required to be there for the whole day and there will be a break for lunch.

The name of the show is "The Art of Fiber".

Karen Breed, owner of The Quilters Studio of Loveland has generously donated \$500 to help with publicity for the show. Cris suggested that one of CQAFAs board should send her a thank you note (actioned).

For future shows, consider thinking more broadly of other clubs/groups that might be interested in hearing about them such as Woodworkers Guild etc.

Discounts

We now have 5 merchants that will give discounts to CQAFAs members upon presentation of their membership cards. Details of participating merchants, % discounts and items qualifying for discount are all on the members page of the website (password to members tab: cqafa2020 ...low case no spaces) but briefly:

Kramers, Quilter Studio of Loveland, Silk Road, Stitches in Glendale and Seams so Easy in Fairfield. We continue to consider expanding this group. If you have any additional ideas or contacts, please speak to one of the Co-Presidents as they are leading this effort.

CQAFAs logo Contest

We have 3 entries to date; more entries are welcome and encouraged. A reminder that there is a \$50 gift card for Kramers for the winning entry.

Barn Show

- Inventory: May 9th @ CQAFAs monthly meeting. Collection TBD
- Hang Date: June 1
- Opening Reception: June 5 1p-4p (note this date is different to what was discussed at the meeting)
- Take Down: June 14th and after CQAFAs monthly meeting June 13th.

Sally Lloyd* Dionn Tron*, Marie Kennedy and Jennifer Graham will coordinate the show. There was a discussion around whether we need a name for the show or simply "CQAFAs Summer Show". Sally to decide.

Stringtown Quilters

Robbie Porter, Carrye Kearns, Nancy Williams and Nan Hatch will represent CQAFA. Thanks all.

Basics Class

Date and location confirmed as Saturday May 28th 9am-4pm in Kramers Classroom. Lesson will cover: piecing, pressing, binding, facing, quilting and sleeves and attendees will leave with a small, finished piece. Sign up will commence at the April meeting. Cost TBC but likely around \$20 for members (more for non-members).

Lebanon Historical Society Show

Decided we have too much on our plates right now and will “pass ’for this year but should definitely consider this as an opportunity for 2023 – maybe consider taking a table for the club. Revisit in late 2022 or early 2023.

Clifton Cultural Art Center “Fiber is Art, too”

A detailed email blast about this show went out to all members a few weeks ago but Barb Sferra reminded us about the show and took questions. Deadline is 6/24.

TOOT

Barb Sferra led our very first TOOT which encouraged us to think about our posture and bodies overall while engaging in our art. Using Pilates principles, Barb led us through a series of simple and accessible exercises focusing on protecting and strengthening our shoulders, abdominals, and spines. This was a great start to our TOOT series. Thanks Barb and TOOT team.

New Business

Sally Lloyd will incorporate the new CQAFA logo into an all-purpose postcard and business card for the club once it is available.

Show and Share

This was a a very rich S&S session which included some President’s Challenge pieces – great to see these coming along. The following members presented:

Robbie	Mermaid (a piece for the MAC show)
Judy S	Presidents Challenge and fun with piping (and sleeve)!
Cris	Presidents Challenge and getting a piece ready for Paducah
Sonia	The many “faces” which she had received
Priscilla	Cactus WIP (with a request for input on style and color of quilting)
Vicki	Alphabet Quilt (a UFO revisited and finished) and Presidents Challenge
Nancy	Special thimble for hand sewing, quilting and embroidery
Jenni	Winter panels

Meeting adjourned at 8.45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Stringer (for Barbara Stewart who is on vacation).