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Program: Gnome Ornament

Monday Guild— Dec. 13

Day Chapter: Quilto & Cookie Exchange

Evening Chapter: English Paper Piecing

Modern Group—Dec. 21 -

Program: Minimalism and
Negative Space



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President's Message

December 2021 President's Message

Hello quilters! With the time change, the days are getting darker earlier. I confess, it is not my favorite time of year. However, I do enjoy Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday season!

As we progress into the New Year, the Guild will be presenting lectures at the January day and night chapter meetings with a subsequent workshop. The lectures and the workshop all will be on Zoom.

There will be no in-person meetings for the day and night chapters in January.

Having these lectures and the workshop on Zoom will save travel expenses for the Guild while allowing us to provide an excellent speaker. It also will allow us to avoid what frequently is nasty weather in January. We are aware that this is not going to make everyone happy, but believe

me when I say that we are doing the very best we can to serve the membership. I ask that you be patient while we continue to motor along. As always, we love receiving positive feedback from you.

I have been trying some new patterns and some new techniques. I like trying new things although I may not always be great at doing them. I hope you have been sewing and trying new things, too. Please plan to submit a photo or two of your projects for Show and Tell.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and that it is full of safe and happy times.



Saturday Guild



Hello my Sewing Friends! Thank you goes out to Holly Owens for teaching us how to make the adorable "Snap Pouch" at our meeting in November. There have been several popping up on Facebook and Instagram from members showing off their adorable pouches. Quite a few stating they will be Christmas presents. We will have a very short meeting in December due to the holidays and we want to get down to the fun. Wendy Barrett will be presenting a project for a Christmas gnome ornament. I will have a tray of cookies and some drinks for refreshment. No potluck this year, I'm sorry. Don't forget your Block of the Month blocks when you come on Saturday, if you need a pattern, please email me at sybs245@gmail.com and I will send you a copy. I hope everyone is keeping warm and getting those Christmas gifts done. As always, after the meeting, we will have the church until 3:00ish. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Sybil Magrill



Show and Tell



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Day Chapter

Since a potluck isn't possible for our annual Christmas party. We are going to play Quilt-O. I look forward to talking to you at these parties instead of seeing you in a sea of faces. I think it's a way to get to know other members since we can talk during the program instead of just listening.

Those of you who attend in-person will be getting cards when you enter. There are instructions in this newsletter for those of you who use Zoom. I hope to see a lot of you!

As usual we had a great show and tell. I just love seeing all of your beautiful work. The pandemic gave us plenty of time to sew and now that winter is here, we can sew while the cold winds blow!

I usually like to make tops that are a little challenging because if I am going to spend my time and money, I want it to be worth. Yesterday, I pieced a fairly simple quilt top and found it very gratifying to actually finish the top in one day (Eleanor Burns has nothing on me!). It also motivated me to get back into finishing my UFOs. I think I found some of them to be frustrating because they took me too long and now that I have completed something, I feel much better. Funny how small things can create a big boost!

A friend of mine visited me for a week in November. She is a fairly new quilter (I can take credit for that) but is very prolific. She reminds me of our own Norene Skiles. While she was here, we drove all over the area to quilt shops. I was able to get door

prize gift cards at all of them, so, hopefully you will get a chance to visit as well.

See you soon,

Ann Walls;

Day Chapter Coordinator

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Monday Zoom Participants

Although we are getting back together in person, we are also still Zooming. The Monday Day Chapter has a good Zoom following. We have been included in the door prize drawing, but you need to be present to win. We will start having our own Show N Tell on Zoom. Send your submissions to tqgva2@gmail.com. For DECEMBER, we will be included in Quilt Bingo along with the regular Day Chapter in-person members. Look on [Page 19](#) to download your Quilt Bingo cards. We may play two cards at a time. It is possible that we will play as many as 4 games.

Remember to update your Zoom version. It is at 5.8.3.

Day Chapter Christmas COOKIE EXCHANGE December 13th

Bring cookies sealed in baggies, 6 per bag.

Take as many as you bring for a variety to serve over the holidays.



DAY CHAPTER MYSTERY QUILT: DECEMBER CHALLENGE

Bring one finished **half-square triangle** in your colors to put in the bag for a drawing on December 13th.

You will receive both December and January's instructions for the next installment of this beautiful quilt.

—Lola.





Night Chapter

Quick, someone catch the year that just blew by. Seriously can you believe we are busy shopping and decorating for the Holiday season. Still planning the menu for Thanksgiving with a full sprint to our Christmas Party (aka Monday Night Chapter Meeting – December 13th). We will have a refreshment and a tray of cookies and get to try our hand with English Paper Piecing hexies. All needed supplies will be provided.

For Show and Tell let's see those Christmas Quilts or any other quilts you've been working on. And no, I don't even have all my blocks done either.

With that thought in mind I want to thank everyone who came to the November meeting hosting Cindy Grisdella. We had 51 members and 5 guests.

Congratulations to our Lucky Buck Winner, Justine Wills and the Block of the Month Winner was Cindy Reno.

Congratulations to our Door Prize winners Justine Wills and Natalie Borecki.

Deb Garrett

November Meeting Photos from Day Chapter With Cindy Grisdela



Modern Quilt Group

Alternate Grid Challenge

- 1. Use a couple of small orphan blocks (or make a few "4 blocks) and set them in an alternate grid. Use variable framing, top or bottom setting, etc.
- 2. Take a larger orphan block and slice it up to add neutral fabrics or other fabrics.
- 3. Use some fabric scraps (substituting for blocks) set them in one of the alternate grids . fabrics.

December Meeting

Minimalism and Negative Space

Send any quilt photos you have made to tqgvnewsletter@gmail.com by Monday Dec. 20th.

When you join the meeting in Dec. remember to use the "Reaction" menu at the bottom of your screen (or the More or 3 dots) to select raise your hand if you have a challenge to share.

November Alternate Grid Links

Use traditional patterns to make alternate grid quilts: <http://www.quiltyhabit.com/2015/12/top-10-tips-creating-alternate-gridwork.html>

CVAMG Power Point on what is alternate grid: <https://themodernquilt-guild.wordpress.com/2014/08/25/6885/>

Video on piecing alternate grid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pndVnShHg40>

Jackie Gering pdf on Alternate grid tips: http://freshquilting.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/107-1-Alternate_Grid_Final.pdf

One more website on texture and pleating courtesy of Deborah Schupp: <https://idahobeautyquilts.blogspot.com/2007/12/december-journal-quilt.html?>





TQG welcomes several new members:

Sharon Jacobs and Betsy Davis of Virginia Beach, Mary Elliot of Chesapeake, Sonja Cichy-York of Norfolk, and Gail Warner of Suffolk.

Thanks to the hard work of Debby and Darlene, you now can renew memberships and join TQG online and pay with PayPal. or you can continue to pay by check. This should facilitate TQG Memberships. We have over 260 members.



Tidewater Quilters' Guild Application for Membership www.tqgva.org

Dues: \$25 (Annual Membership is September 1 to August 31)

Make checks payable to: TQG, Inc. (For duplicate membership card, add 50¢ or total of \$25.50)

(Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your membership card mailed to you.)

New Member # _____ Renewing Member # _____ Have you EVER been a member of TQG? Yes N

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (to be published in roster): (757) _____ E-mail: _____

- Member related quilting service. Write on the reverse side how you would like the info to appear on the website.)
- If you have an idea for a program, teacher, class, or event you would like our guild to sponsor, write info on the back.

I hereby grant the Tidewater Quilters' Guild permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any of its publications, including website entries, without payment or other consideration. I also give my permission to be contacted by TQG using the Constant Contact email application or any other email services as may be utilized by TQG for the purposes of disseminating information.

Signature _____

Mail to Membership Chair with your check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope:

TQG, Inc. C/O Membership Chairperson P. O., Box 62635 Virginia Beach, VA 23466-2635

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Guild Chapter Meeting Locations

Saturday	Harvest Assembly of God 525 Kempsville Rd., Chesapeake (First Sat., 10:00 a.m.)
Monday—Day	Bayside Baptist Church 1920 Pleasure House Rd., Va. Beach (Second Mon., 9:45 a.m. social & 10:15 a.m. meeting)
Monday—Evening	Community United Methodist 1072 Old Kempsville Rd., Va Beach (Second Mon., 6:30 p.m. social & 7:00 p.m. meeting)

TQG Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Dec. 3	Friday Drop-in	6-9 PM
Dec 4	Sat. Chapter: Gnome Ornament	10:00 AM
Dec 7	Tues. Drop In	10-2
Dec. 10	Submit your entry information for Mid-Atlantic Display	
Dec. 10	Friday Drop-in	6-9 PM
Dec. 13	Day Chapter: Quilto and Cookie Exchange	10:015AM
Dec. 13	Night Chapter: English Paper Piecing	7:00 PM
Dec. 14	Tues. Drop In	10-2
Dec. 17	Friday Drop-in	6-9 PM
Dec. 17	Newsletter Article Deadline	
Dec. 21	Tues. Drop In	10-2
Dec. 21	Modern Quilt Group—Minimalism & Negative Space	7:00—8:00
Dec. 28	Tues. Drop In	10-2
Jan. 8	Show and tell photos for Mon. due to tggvanewsletter@gmail.com	
Jan. 10, 2022	Lisa Calle lectures –Day and Night Online only	
Jan. 22	Lisa Calle Workshop	
April 2022	Kathryn Groves	



Mancuso Special Exhibit

I am sure you have all heard that Mancuso is back in person next February, and we have once again been asked to provide a special exhibit to hang in the show.

This year Sybil and I have chosen the theme :

What A Mystery

“As you start a new quilting project the outcome is a mystery - will it work out the way you imagined it or will it become a UFO ?

Our exhibit explores the mystery of quilting - How is the final piece so different from the initial idea ; sitting in a mystery class workshop with a bundle of fabric and no idea what it will look like ; receiving the monthly mystery quilt instruction which, until that very last set of instructions, remains annoyingly mysterious ; or, just the mystery of what shall I work on next ?”

We have to have details of all the quilts we want to include in the exhibit to Mancuso by the middle of December.

So, we are asking you to go through that stash of quilts you created during the last year or so and let us know which quilts you would like to enter into the exhibit. By December 10th you need to let me know :

1. Quilt Title
2. Size (length x width)
3. Insurance Value
4. Artist’s Statement (this should be a paragraph describing the inspiration behind your quilt and how it fits into the title of What A Mystery)

Once you have that information please e-mail it to me at carlndebbycoleman@gmail.com by December 10.



Divide and Design

Lisa Calle

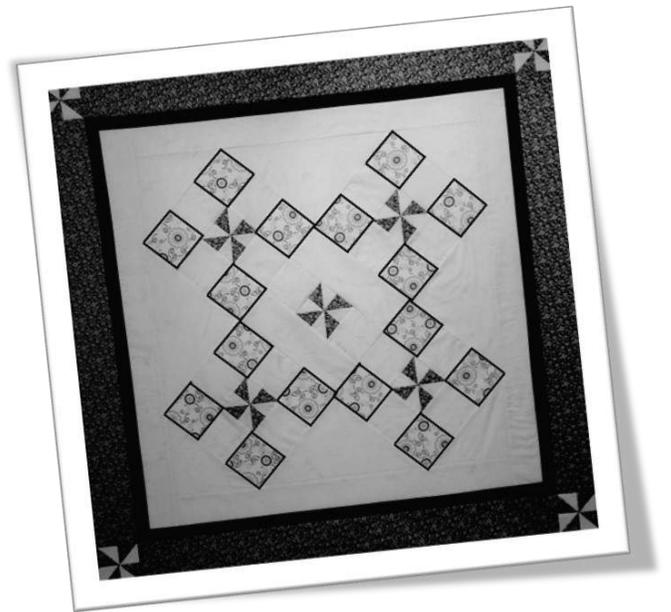
January 22

10:00 am - 1:00pm



A quilt is not really a quilt until it is quilted. Many quilters struggle with what designs to put on their quilt. I was one of those quilters. Open space terrified me. Early on in my quilting career, I came up with a technique to overcome what I use to call the

“stand and stare method”. It is called the Divide and Design technique and has served me well for the past 8 years. Whether the quilt is being finished on a domestic, longarm or being hand quilting, this technique will work for you.



To register for the workshop please go to the website and either complete the form and pay online or download and complete the registration form before mailing it together with your check for \$40.00 payable to TQG, to Debby Coleman.



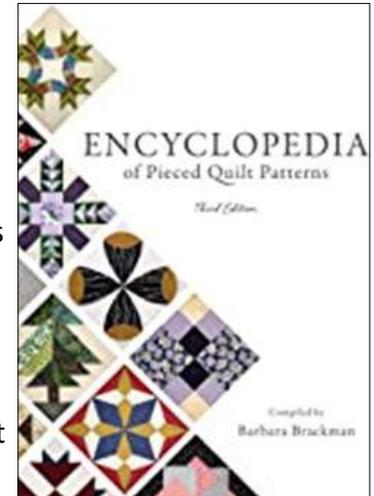
It's almost December already! Linda Reynolds told me she was wishing for another two weeks in November, to try to catch up – I'm with her all the way!

This fall the Library bought the **Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns**, third edition, by **Barbara Brackman**, Yellow 04. We already have her Encyclopedia of Applique, and one or two on quilt history, so she's well represented in the library.

This book has been out of print for years, but demand stayed very high, so any copies found had prices approaching astronomical. The Electric Quilt Company worked with Brackman to bring out this edition, all 500 pages of it, and it's compatible with their software.

Using her own classification system, Brackman intended to index the thousands of block types, with their varying names, all in one place. She's been gathering this information for decades, and I for one am glad for her diligence.

It's an impressive work. Note: the diagrams are small. This is NOT a pattern book. The index and table of contents are excellent. Browsing the Contents list is the best way to get an idea of her system, far better than paging through the book. Read the introduction! She divides block types by their main divisions, as four- or nine-patch, or whether the block makes crosses, wheels or stars – so far, so good: but there are far more options in here.



While learning how to use the book, I was interested to see how she classified Storm at Sea, expecting it to have its own little family. It didn't. Finding the name in the Index, I was directed to three different sections: first, a very familiar diagram was grouped with Sash and Block; then, another familiar pattern went with Unequal Nine Patch blocks. The third was one of those naming puzzles: we'd probably call the block Kansas Troubles, but in one major source, it was called Storm at Sea. So here it is, documented with its source.

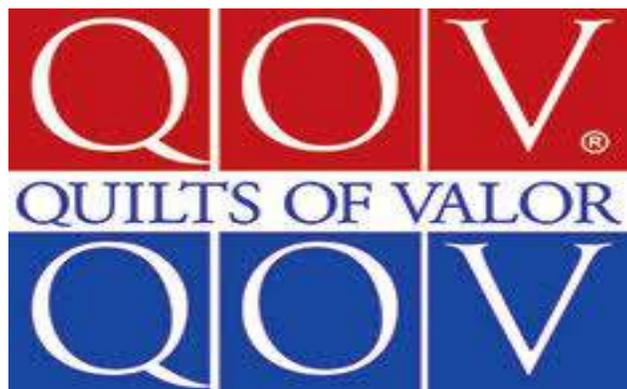
Then I tried looking for Drunkard's Path, by the table of contents – nope. It wasn't anywhere I thought it might be. The index listed three places, but the one I had in mind was in Category 6: Two and Three blocks, no checkerboard. So don't give up on finding your block – use all the tools she offers, and you'll find treasures everywhere!

Day, Night and Saturday chapters are all still looking for chapter librarians! Several people have expressed strong interest, but more are wanted. The August newsletter has more information, and I'm happy to talk to anyone at the meetings or by email.

Laura Storm



TQG Community Service



Thank you, to all the TQG members for the donation to Patriots Triangle QOV. Your support in sewing and time as well as the monetary assistance has enabled us to continue the QOVF mission. We are very grateful for your continued support. We will finish the year having awarded nearly 70 QOVs on the southside and reduced our backlog from nearly three years to under 6 months.

We had a good turnout at Sew Day 18 Nov. While we will not be meeting in December, we are planning for a Sew Day in support of QOVF Nation Sew Day, Saturday 5 February. Stay tuned for more information.

We also conducted an award ceremony at Virginia Natural Gas HQ near Mt Trashmore that was covered by local ABC13news. Link Below

<https://www.13newsnow.com/article/news/local/mycity/virginia-beach/virginia-natural-gas-workers-given-quilts-of-valor/291-3e78c93e-adfb-47aa-930a-1e6a53cc008dT>

As we enter the Holiday season, we have much to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving.

Thanks, Les Wallace



Virginia Quilt Museum News

First Friday at Virginia Quilt Museum

Friday, December 3, 2021

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Virginia Quilt Museum ([map](#))

Stop by the Virginia Quilt Museum for the last First Fridays of 2021! Enjoy free admission from 5:00-8:00 pm. We'll have a special quilt from our collection on display in our conservation lab along with all of the current exhibits.

Winter Wonderfest - Pay What You Wish Admission & Mini Stash Blast

Saturday, December 11, 2021

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Virginia Quilt Museum ([map](#))

VQM is a proud participant in [Winter Wonderfest](#) with pay what you wish admission. Stop by the museum to see our current exhibits, do some holiday shopping in our gift shop, and find the perfect fabric for your next project at a Mini Stash Blast on our front porch with fabric for \$9 per pound!

Winter Wonderfest includes pictures with Santa, horse drawn carriage rides through downtown Harrisonburg, a holiday themed photo booth, sip and stroll areas, roaming carolers, and so much more! Main Street will be closed from in front of the Virginia Quilt Museum through downtown.

**The museum will be closed from
December 22, 2021 through January
11, 2022.**

Visit the website at :

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/>



Classified Ads

Bernina 200 includes embroidery module, 2 hoops, case, books, 10 feet, 23 bobbins, Dongle, straight stitch plate, insert for Horn cabinet.

Recently serviced by Al Hunt, \$700. Cindy Holland. 757-477-3590

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GUILD ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website (access Newsletters and Member Roster with the password on the back of your membership card.) :** <http://www.tqgva.org/>
- **Blog:** <http://www.tqgva.org/blog>
- **Facebook:** Open Facebook and search for Tidewater Quilters Guild
- **Online Quilt Show on Instagram by using #tqgva**



Opportunities Outside the Guild



The Virginia Consortium of Quilters (VCQ) is a statewide guild supporting quilters and the art of quilting throughout Virginia. VCQ meets monthly. For more information, visit www.VCQ.org, or contact Debi Harding.

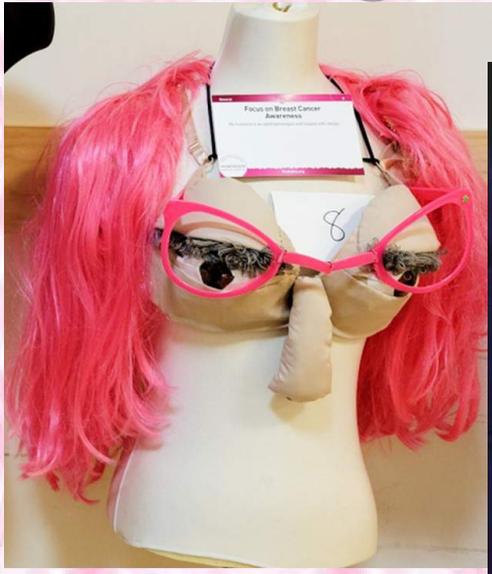
Virginia Consortium of Quilters (VCQ) sponsors a Celebration every other year (even years).

The last weekend in April 2022, they will host 4 days of quilting lectures, shopping, fun and classes with national teachers at the beautiful 4-H facility at Smith Mountain Lake.

The full detailed brochure was released July 1st on line. Sign ups start August 1, 2021 on line.

Members and non-members can attend.

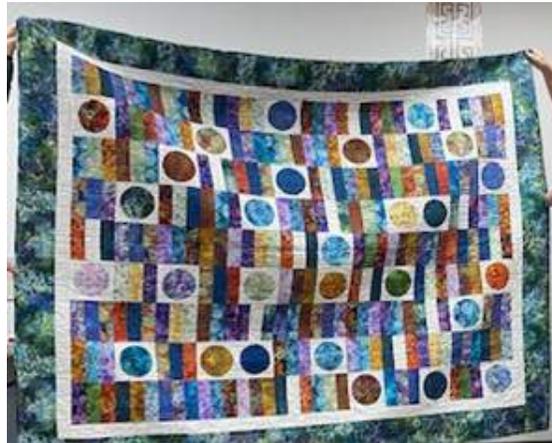
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The Bra-ha-ha!

Show and Tell







December Day Chapter
Zoom Participants ONLY

In-person attendees will receive cards at meeting

Please print copies of the blank QUILT-O card

Select terms from each column and write in corresponding blocks on your card

Make each card different and you may use up to 2 cards per game.

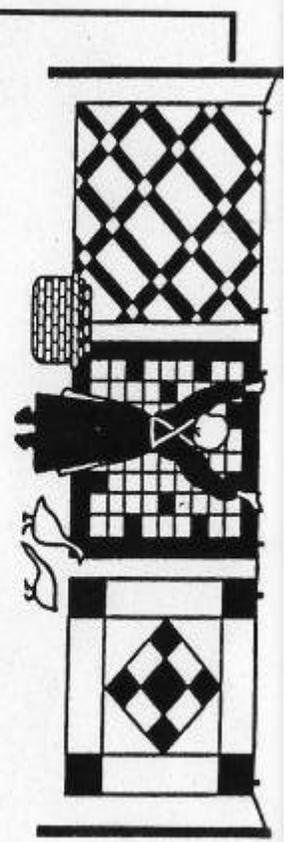
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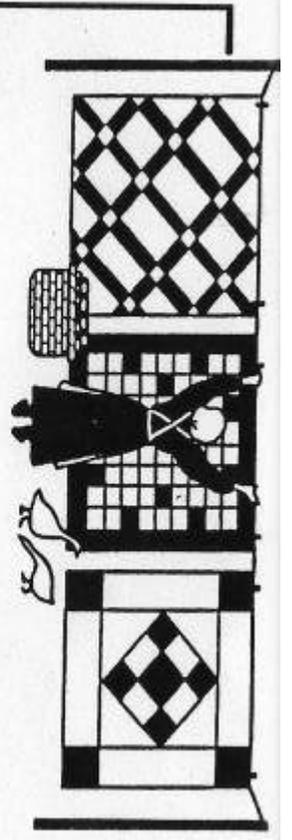
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TQG Day Chapter
November 8, 2021
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10am by Chapter Coordinator, Ann Walls.

Treasurer's Report, Millie Johnson, \$967.69

Secretary's Report. Report was accepted as printed in the October newsletter

Announcements

Cindy Grisdela will teach a Zoom class later this month. Signup in the hall.

Lisa Caya will present in January and a zoom class on January 22.

Signup to join or renew your membership with Linda Kelley or online.

Mancuso Quilt Fest is 24-17 February. In order to sell raffle tickets, we will white glove on Saturday. Our special exhibit will be "What is a Mystery" Details will be published.

Rather than bring all the library books to each meeting, check out will be by request.

The new raffle quilt was displayed. It was designed by Millie Johnson of Hawaiian blocks. Susan Newsome is in charge of sales.

Lola McCracken reported that 25 people signed up for the Mystery Block of the month. In December she will bring both the January and February blocks since there will be no in-person meeting in January.

The Executive Board has noted that January has historically been difficult to attend in person because of the weather. There-

fore, they have planned for all chapter meetings to be via Zoom.

Presentation.

Cindy Grisdela gave an excellent program on Playing with Color. Her focus is on modern quilts but the concepts she presented apply to any type of quilting. One of her favorite quotes (author unknown) is "Color gets all the credit. Value does all the work."

Lucky Buck was won by Janet Pemberton.

In person door prize was won by Millie Johnson

Zoom door prize was won by Nancy Gorry

We had an outstanding Show & Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 12.



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