

Chequamegon Bay Quilters – Minutes for April 2, 2024

Called to order by Nancy P at 5:30. 19 in attendance, 3 on zoom.

We had a visitor present and went around the table for introductions to welcome our guest.

Slide Show: Please see the beautiful slide show at

<https://chequamegonbayquilters.weebly.com/meeting-minutes.html> for April 2024.

12X12 Bonus Word Review: Jan S reviewed the bonus word rules. An example for how the Bonus Words work: May's Bonus Word is "seasonal." Complete a project that you consider to be "seasonal" during the program year and show it at the June meeting to count for the May Bonus Word. The Bonus Word project must be a completed project. Note: April's Bonus Word is "Flowers/Plants", so we hope to see lots of "Flowers/Plants" completed projects at the May meeting. Please also note that the rules provided by Jan S and Jean R can be found at <https://chequamegonbayquilters.weebly.com/quilt-events.html> and clicking on [12 x 12 and bonus word april 2024 to mar 2025.pdf](#).

Name Tag Drawing: Penny B won the nametag drawing.

Sunshine Fund: Gina P has a birthday in April. Happy Birthday.

Attendance Prize: Amber E was the winner. Beautiful embroidery kit from Quilt Elements. Thank you to Quilt Elements.

Business: 12X12 rules were reviewed.

Snack Time: Croissants, bean soup, delicious desserts, veggies, and drinks... YUM!

Program: Sandy O and Kaci P prepared a beautiful program and Sashiko and Boro stitching, Kawandi and Kantha quilts. All methods use stitch and scraps to create or embellish projects.

Sashiko and Boro Stitching. Sashiko is a simple running stitch. It has a long history as it's been used for 1,000 years. Sashiko means "Little Stabs". This is a form of hand stitching developed over a thousand years ago in Japan for the purpose of surviving in poverty and has recently become popular for visible mending.

Deb M reported that Babyloc has a machine that only does sashiko stitching. The stitch is worked from the bobbin. It's a slow-moving stitch. There are a lot of new machines that have a stitch that looks like sashiko.

Boro – Meaning rags and tattered cloths (patches). Boro is the result of repetitive Sashiko stitching over many generations. You can have Sashiko stitching alone but you can't have Boro without Sashiko stitching.

Kawandi quilts –The traditional Kawandi is a hand stitched quilt made from scrap fabrics, brought to India from African slaves. The Siddi women have preserved this art. This one is stitched around a square/rectangle with a piece of fabric in the middle.

Kantha - Means "patched cloth". Kantha is a classical type of embroidery native to eastern Asia. For as many as 500 centuries Bengali women have taken their discarded cloth scraps and sewn them together

with a simple running stitch. This one is worked from one side with scraps attached in a parallel manner.

The Big Stitch Challenge due at Sept 2024 meeting – The challenge is to complete a project and bring it to the September 2024 meeting using one of the methods illustrated in the Sashiko, Boro, Kawandi and Kantha program. Teresa N to post challenge on website. It can be found here, <https://chequamegonbayquilters.weebly.com/quilt-events.html>

BUSINESS:

Open Secretary Role has been filled by Fran R. Thank you Fran R. Teresa N agreed to send Fran R some templates for use as Secretary.

Budget: The yearly dues are used for programs, 12X12, sew days, sunshine, general supplies, and the name tag drawing. The total budget for these programs is calculated as Number of members X yearly (dues) which for this year is \$672. Programs (322), 12X12 (100), Sew Days (50), Sunshine (100), General Supplies (50), Name tags (50). Any unused budget at the end of the year goes into the guild's general fund.

The Zoom fee, WI corporation fee, QOV Guild Fee, and Donation to library for meeting space comes from general fund.

Deb A motioned, Sheri S seconded. All in favor. Budget and general fund yearly expenses approved. Please remember to send Amber E, treasurer, an e-mail with receipts for reimbursement.

DAP – Ironwood: Our guild was offered an opportunity to display our quilts at the DAP in Ironwood, MI. This is an opportunity to have our quilts on display for a month at the DAP location in Ironwood, MI. Rather than doing this, the group decided to start working on a quilt show of our own to occur in the Washburn/Ashland area.

Quilt show: Lots of ideas were discussed regarding having a quilt show with the target date of summer 2025. Deb M agreed to chair the quilt show committee. Thank you Deb M. Deb M also reported that she has a quilt rack or two used for displaying a raffle quilt in years past. We discussed vendors, raffles, historical use of racks from the Hayward quilt guild, demonstrations, possible to have at Washburn Club? We will use a quilt completed a few years back for a raffle that Charlie W has in her possession.

Quilts of Valor – Jan S reported that the QOV committee will have a place at each month's meeting for folks to bring in and pick up quilts of valor to work on. As you recall, the group has developed a form to fill out when you start making a quilt of valor. The space during the meeting will work best for exchange of quilts and the form will provide an easy way to see what needs to be completed for each quilt of valor.

Laura's Sewing School in Ashland: Deb O highlighted that Laura's Sewing School is a great place to work on projects. Please check out her website, <https://www.laurassewingschool.com/sewing-classes-for-everyone.htm>

Treasurer's report:

Current Balance: 3,933.50

QOV: 226.15

Guild Cushion: 300.00

Available Balance: 3,407.35

QOV Foundation Account: 186.10

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Submitted by Teresa N- Secretary.