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President's Message

Dear MSQG Members,

What a wonderful job Serena did with our Spring Retreat. There was more laughter and fun than I have seen in a long time. I got a lot of blocks made, cards played, quilts viewed, and it seemed like the food never stopped. Thank you, Serena Crisp, for a job well done. MSQG is truly blessed with you as our vice president.

We had our annual meeting. The newly elected vice president, Leslie Burgin, will take over in July. Also, Gerri Freise was elected to the nominating committee. Thank you both for stepping up to assume those roles. Except for Leslie, the board is pretty much the same and we look forward to serving you this coming year. As always, please feel free to call us for any questions or concerns you might have.

I am excited and pleased with the work Brenda Hancock and Janice Williams are doing to prepare for our Fall Retreat (October 7,8,9) this year. Please try to attend and bring a new friend.

Food for thought: There are no mistakes in quilting, only new pattern

Keep smiling, life is too short to be unhappy

Juanita Miner, President



Spring Retreat Wrap-Up

To make our Spring Retreat the success that it was takes help and support from a lot of members working behind the scenes. I want to take time send a BIG Thank You to all who helped and special recognition to: **Becky Gillihan** who donated all of the wonderful snacks.

Juanita Miner who made the cell phone holders and her famous chocolate covered peanut brittle for the goodie bags.

Jeanette Gregory who organized the fat quarters and friendship blocks.

Cheri' Quick, Dee Lane, and Theresa Mendez (a.k.a. the Cousin Crew) who ran the Ways and Means 50/50 drawing and door prizes.

Jeanette, Cheri', Dee, and Teresa who stepped in to help with the dinners.

Pat Smith who donated the seam guides for the goodie bags.

Kay Whitener who donated the Friday night make-it take-it "quilted" card kits.

We hope you enjoyed the Saturday evening program by Janel Metsker from Nite Owl Quilting. If you did not have a chance to purchase a pattern or two from her or you could not attend the retreat, please visit her website: www.niteowlquilting.com to see all her wonderful offerings.

Hope to see everyone at the Fall Retreat at Lake of the Ozarks, October 7th-9th.

Spring Retreat Charity Results

Thank you to all who participated in our charity effort at the Spring Retreat. The following items were collected for the Taney County Women's Crisis Center:

- 183 Pillowcases – 67 of which were from **Stitch 'n Time Quilt Guild**- Way to go!
- 78 Drawstring Bags
- 11 Hand Towels
- Many personal hygiene and baby care items

They were so very appreciative of our donations. If you or your guild would like to provide any additional support please contact Sherry at the Women Crisis Center, 226 Benton Av., Rockaway Beach, MO, 65740 417-561-5105 sherry@taneycrisiscenter.org.



Why does it take so long to deposit my check?

A few of you wondered why it took until March to deposit your check for the Spring Retreat. I hope this explanation helps. Suppose you mailed in your registration check for a retreat and then your plans changed. You contact the retreat registrar to ask for a refund (before the listed cut-off date) but your check has already been deposited. The treasurer now has to write out a check (our checks are not provided free) and mail it to you at a cost to the guild.

If the treasurer waits until the listed cut-off date to make the retreat registration deposits, and you need to cancel, then there is no additional cost to guild. Remember, if you should have to cancel after the listed cut-off date, your registration is transferable. If you have to cancel before the listed cut-off date, the treasure can either mail your check back to you or offer to shred your check.

Pursuit of Excellence, Are You Keeping Track?

At the 2021 Fall Retreat a new program was introduced just for MSQG members. It is called the Pursuit of Excellence Program. Its purpose is to encourage and recognize members for participation in local, state, and national quilting activities. Participation is voluntary and at no cost to all MSQG members in good standing.

To participate simply record activities on the record keeping for and submit a copy of it to the address on the form. The copy of the form must be postmarked by the due date of September 1st each year.

All of the forms and qualifying activities can be found on our website MSQG.org.

There are four levels of recognition:

Bronze Level = 30 activity points

Gold Level = 50 activity points

Platinum Level = 70 activity points

Diamond Level = 90 activity points

Points accumulate for three years from your start date, so keep going until you reach the Diamond Level! Your achievement will be recognized at future Fall Retreats as well as in our newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact the current Pursuit of Excellence chair with any questions. We look forward to honoring you at the next Fall Retreat!

From your editor

I want to thank whomever it was that put the Elvis button at my sewing station. It brought a much needed smile to my face. Thanks for thinking of me.

Madeline

Let's hear it for Ways and Means

Spring Retreat was a great success. This was my first Spring Retreat and I have to say, "It's a Winner!!" The food, the friends, The AQS Quilt show, who could ask for more?

And very low key, compared to Fall Retreat. Ways and Means usually has one 50/50 drawing in the spring, but due to the generosity of Gayla Barber, Jeanette Gregory and Juanita Miner we were able to offer a few extra door prizes this year.

And now is the time to prepare for the Fall Retreat Harvest Hootenanny at Lake of the Ozarks. While "hootenanny" invokes a memory from the late 60's, I'm sure the committee will give us a very 2022 version. Ways and Means will be busy until then collecting donations for our big blowout raffle in the fall.

As Chair, I am asking members to ask their local guild to prepare a basket or make a monetary contribution to donate for the Fall Raffle.

If you can visit your local quilt shops and obtain donations from them, be sure to send me the information and pick up a business card so we can recognize them for their donation.

Hope to see each of you in the fall.

Cheri Quick, Ways and Means Chair



Spring Retreat Wrap Up

The Spring Retreat was a chance for so many things. We had a great time relaxing and catching up with old friends while making new friends. We learned new techniques and were inspired as we viewed awesome creations. Great job by Serena and her helpers. This is what makes MSQG such a wonderful organization. We can see our passion for quilting growing as we share the moments together. Please tell your friends and local guilds about MSQG. Invite them to the Fall Retreat, the more the merrier. Spread the word and contact me if you need any help promoting our Missouri State Guild. I also help you share special events your local guilds are planning.

Thanks – Jeanette Gregory, Publicity



What is special about these words?

Please Join Us - MSQG Fall Retreat - October 7-9, 2022 Lake of the Ozark's Regalia Hotel and Convention Center

What we know...The schedule will change slightly from past retreats. We will have our guest speaker on Friday evening rather than Saturday. We hope to open the "free sew" room on Friday morning for those arriving early.

What we know...Registration cost is yet to be determined. Accommodations and meal costs will be higher than in the past and we will do everything we can to keep the cost manageable.

What we know...Janice and I will not be soliciting or buying attendees a door prize. Instead, we are inviting the attendees to bring a door prize (value \$20-\$25) for a door prize exchange. In other words, bring one if you want one! Again, this is an effort to keep costs down.

What we know...Our service project will be Quilts of Valor. In conjunction with our QOV state coordinator we will collect blocks to be used in the creation of quilts that will be presented at the Fall 2023 Retreat. Our state coordinator has names of veterans from the Lake area who could be recipients.

What we know...We would like for you to begin making 6 1/2" (6" finished) half square triangles in red/white or blue/white to assemble into "flag" quilts. If you have a copy of the July/August 2017 issue of *McCalls Quilting* the featured cover quilt is pictured as a Quilt of Valor. You may use bright or muted colors with white or cream.

Or, you can make any red/white/blue 12 1/2" blocks (12" finished) and bring them next fall. We are hoping to create beautiful sampler quilts from these blocks made with traditional piecing, paper piecing, etc. Again, these will become Quilts of Valor.

What we know...We will have "kits" available in the "free sew" room during Retreat for those who want to continue working on blocks for QOV during your time at Retreat. These will be precut with instructions.

Brenda Hancock & Janice Williams
2022 Retreat Coordinators

Brain Teaser

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What makes this number unique: 8,549,176,320?

Missouri State Quilters' Guild Thanks A Veteran

The Missouri State Quilters Guild (MSQG) State President, Juanita Miner, made a visit to Army Veteran, Riley Keys of St. Clair Mo. Ms. Miner had been presented with a red, white and blue hand pieced quilt made from MSGQ members who had celebrated the 30th year of the MSQG Organization. Most members piece quilts by machine, however over 30 years ago hand piecing was another technique for creating quilts. Each member



was encouraged to try the technique; hand piecing a four patch. The challenge, proven successful, was then combined into a quilt by Member Lyla Wenneker with a middle patriotic panel. At a following retreat MS Miner was presented the quilt to use as she pleased. She chose to present it to a Veteran in her area, Riley Keys, having served for 21 years and 8 days. When MS Miner spoke with him, he provided a background to part of his service. Riley said, "I was drafted right out of high school and after completion of basic training I went to Korea and then later was assigned to Ft. Carson Colorado; promoting to Sargent and assigned to Vietnam. I served three tours in Vietnam. I spent 4 years recruiting in Chicago and then returned to Korea. I retired at Ft Lee Virginia."

He stated, "I enjoyed being in the military and I did see the world. That is the one thing that makes me proud to be an American. After being in some of the other countries, I have seen how people in other parts of the world live. You couldn't help but to love our country. Still work to be done, but I wouldn't even want to live in any other place."

He concluded saying, "One day I will have to sit down and tell you things I did. I was shot down three times in a helicopter. I was not the pilot but I did manage to fly us to safety, as the pilot had been shot. I was awarded medals in peace and in war. I would be glad to give more"

The MSQG meets in a variety of places, twice a year, for a Spring and Fall Retreat. While enjoying renewed and new friendships, inspiration and classes, they also select a project for donations. At this year's Spring Retreat, the members created and donated 183 pillow cases, 78 toiletry bags, 11 hand embroidery towels and boxes full of toiletries for the Taney County Women Crisis Center. The Retreat Chair, Serena Crisp, delivered these items at the close of the Retreat.

The Fall Retreat in October will be held at The Lake of the Ozarks. The members will be donating red, white and blue 6-1/2" or 12-1/2" blocks for Veterans. Lots of fun, new techniques, honing their skills as they have carried on for 33 years. For more information regarding the Missouri State Quilters' Guild, visit their web site at www.MSQG.org.

They are pronounced differently when the first letter is capitalized.

Answer: It has each number, zero through nine, listed in alphabetical order.