

HAW REPORT: SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

This event was held last Sat after planning and commitments from all earlier this year. Always tough to commit so early in the year however, we did have a waiting list which was filled by others who could not attend last minute. The guild board had kind of lost track of the '5' year schedule so a few ladies stepped up and put together a terrific program once this was announced.

I'd like to thank Rojean Trent, Grace Whitlock, Ada Yeo, Marian Williamson who along with myself worked as a team to put the event on. And the volunteers who picked up campers and those flying in. There were a couple of miscommunications on the day however by and large I think we can take the day as a success.

Discussions need to be held with respect to staying in the HAW group. Quadra Island has either dropped out or merged with another group so the schedule to host is now down to 4- year rotation. We had earlier thoughts that as our guild members hadn't been traveling to other HAW events and whether we should stay in or not - it was a pleasant surprise that so many off coast came so I think we need to conduct a poll from the entire guild before we opt out.

Our statistics - we had 112 attendees with 50% of attendees from off coast.

Lots of participation in our 2 challenges with enough blocks made for 3 quilts - the winners, I think, were all from Powell river.

Additionally, good participation for the placemats - there were 48 submitted for judging. Winner was Val Marus.

We had – and a thanks to all those who submitted door prizes - enough prizes for each attendee - how spoilt is that.

Grace made each attendee a scrap catcher which took all by surprise - thanks to the Comfort society for helping with this and for Grace for not only the time but materials she donated. Wildflower gave each attendee a 10% coupon for longarm services. And although Sew Easy was advised of the event and said they were going to do something it didn't materialize.

The centre piece mats were made by Ada Yeo & Linda White-with quilting done by Wildflower and drawn at each table for 14 winners. Val Marus did up the centre table numbers and 6 bunches of sprigs of Bay leaves at each table and I don't think any were left.

And there were 5 special draws that were done in a way so that the winner really wanted the prize vs getting it and not wanting it. So that worked out quite well. Rojean and her helpers did a fine job.

We had a volunteer youth - Ayyah made herself available to help anyone who needed her from hanging and taking down quilts, goforthisandthat, parading quilts, kitchen setup etc. - this will help her volunteer hours needed for graduation.

Vendors and guest speaker - we had a total of 4 including the guest speaker. Fibre Expressions, Crazy Quilt Cottage, Stitch & Bobbin and Dragon Fly. Kevin from Dragon Fly was also the featured guest speaker – and he talked about the artist they use for the fabric line they carry with explaining some of the process and had a nice array of quilts to look at.

Food! Well what can I say. We gave Jonnita a lean budget and the freedom to do whatever lunch she wished. I found the: salad in a mug and soup in a cup totally wonderful, her choices were spot on and her homemade bread Devine. We gave her a good tip and donated about 17 vintage plates to her collection.

The Hall here was so wonderful with allowing us to setup the afternoon before this certainly took a lot of stress out and we were very ready for the 'early' birds as they came into the room.

The class held the day before the event was at max, their cost of the day included lunch by Jonnita too. I heard it was a success.

Budget - I need to talk to Helene about how much money we lost so..... that's all I can say about the HAW.

Respectfully submitted, Karen B