

LNCQ General Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2010

Vice President Shawnette Sherwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There are 59 members in attendance, 13 renewals or new members, and 9 guests. Kathee Houser distributed all of the new member welcome bags

Maxine Tamlin introduced our speaker for the evening: Jill Gorski of Jillions of Buttons

Jill provided some biographical information: She started sewing clothes because she is tall. She worked for 17 years as a driver for FedEx and signed up for her first quilt class when she delivered a package to a quilt shop. After that she started button crafts, joined button clubs and the Colorado Button Society. Her excitement led to writing books, and to a new career. She is the Author of the Comprehensive Button Book (a field guide to buttons).

#### A Brief History of Buttons

Buttons were originally made as jewels for men. They were crafted by French guilds in the 1500s and 1600s. They were made primarily for the royal court and were pinned on. They were pinned on because they were not washable. They could be removed for laundering. They were often jewel encrusted. There was no buttonhole or loop, they were purely decoration.

When garments were loose and flowing they were laced and hooked; there was no need for buttons.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century when more fitted clothes were fashionable, buttons started being used for closure.

Most buttons were produced in Europe and imported. The Revolutionary War brought an end to importing of buttons, and other crafters starting making buttons. There was an increase in the number of American made buttons after the Revolutionary war. Materials that buttons were made of changed during times of war, due to scarcity of materials.

#### Button Materials Through Time

Shells, China Glass, Jet, Rubber (invented by Goodyear), "Vegetable Ivory" (Tagawa Nuts), Celluloid, Bone, Horn, Metal. Jill provided interesting background information and anecdotes about each of these button materials.

Important information is frequently found on the back of the button. Where the button was made is often inscribed on the back.

Jill's talk was very informative and interesting. It was enjoyed by all.

There is still space in Jill's workshop. It will be held on Tuesday 4/6/10 at Spirit of Joy Church at Lemay and Harmony

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### Committee Announcements:

Ways and Means: Helena

We are planning on having a garage sale in August. Helena is accepting donations at the meetings, and is willing to come and pick up items at people's homes.

Community Service: There will be a sew day on 4/24 from 9am - 3pm. The location has been changed to the Firehouse on Drake Street and Taft Hill. We have kits for tops and quilts that need binding. Ironing boards and irons are needed, and the organizers asked for 2 people to commit to coming and bringing these.

Programs:

Maxine Tamlin and Kathee Houser showed a quilt made by Maebeth Oxenrider. Maebeth was supposed to be the speaker for June, but had to cancel due to hip surgery complications. She will be rescheduled for next year.

The general meeting in June will be held at The Meadowlark Church of Christ, 2810 Meadowlark, go in the East entrance

Member Resources: Lyn Thor

Lyn is working to build a list of businesses to put on the LNCQ website.

The list will be free to members of LNCQ. An informational e-mail was sent out to LNCQ members with the details. At tonight's meeting there was a table for LNCQ members with quilt businesses to show some of their work and share their business cards. This table will be available at each general meeting

Workshops: Margery Richmond

There is a workshop on Thursday. There is information on the table in the display room.

Theme: Christmas in July on 7/31. There will be samples of the quilt at the June meeting.

If you have ideas for her to look into - e-mail or call Margery

Show and Tell

10 Quilters showed their beautiful quilts. The talent in this group is amazing and inspiring!

20 Door Prizes were given out: If your number is drawn for a prize, come to the table and pick what you would like.

Next General Meeting: Monday 6/7 The Meadowlark Church of Christ, 2810 Meadowlark,

Next Board Meeting Monday 5/2 7:00

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Becky Williamson, Secretary