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Quilters Calendar 2009

November

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Sit and Stitch
- 15 Quilts delivered to Safe Harbor
- 16 General Meeting
- 23 Sit and Stitch
- 30 Demo Day

December

- 7 Board Meeting
- 21 General Meeting – fabric exchange

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Education

Demo Day

November 30th we will hold our annual Demo Day. Are you looking for some sharp points to give your latest quilt some pizzazz? Is your quilt out of square? Are wayward cords

overtaking your sewing room? Do you want to learn more about wool after our September program? Have you wanted to make a cathedral window quilt but thought it was too difficult? Are you intrigued by the old fashioned sewing machines our mothers and grandmothers used? I'm sure the answer is Yes! to at least one of these questions. So be sure to come to Demo Day. Six members of the guild will give a ten minute demo on these subjects. Members will move from one station to the next to hear each speaker. Here are the speakers and their topics:

- Susan Allen:** prairie points
- Kathy Rutherford:** blocking your quilt
- Mary Ann Dennis:** cord keepers
- Melinda Rials:** needle felting
- Merida Eng:** cathedral window simplified
- Margaret Stewart:** treadle talk.

Demo Day is completely free, so make plans to attend Monday November 30th. Here is some advance info to get you ready for the demos.

Needle Felting

A method of dry felting used for appliqué and embellishment.

- Tools: - felting needles (VERY sharp barbed needles) single and multi-needle
- foam pad and / or brush mat
- Felting - wool roving
- Materials: - felt
- yarn
- Base - felted wool
- Fabrics: - felt
- fleece
- woven cottons
- Needle - appliqué (felt)
- Felting - shaped (wool roving, yarn)
- Methods: - molded (wool roving)
- sculpted (wool roving)

Prairie Points

Here is the best website for info about prairie points:

http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltpatternsprojects/ss/prairie_points.htm

Cord Keepers

1. Determine length of cord keeper needed.
2. Prepare fabric or cut webbing to length needed.
3. Cut one piece hook and one piece loop Velcro to 1/3 the length of the fabric/webbing.
4. Stitch loop Velcro on top of one end of fabric/webbing (all four sides of Velcro).
5. Turn fabric/webbing over & stitch the hook Velcro onto the other end (same as above).

Quilt Blocking

Blocking a quilt or block whether pieced or appliquéd is a way to straighten wavy edges, make perfect square corners and helps a quilt hang flatter. There are two types of blocking textiles that are not harmed by water. They are wet blocking and dry blocking. Wet blocking means to completely soak a block or quilt in water and then pin it in the shape and size you want. You can do this before or after quilting. Dry blocking is lightly misting your block or quilt with a spray bottle of water or passing over your project with a steam iron or commercial steamer. Both methods penetrate the fibers with moisture so that you can manipulate your

project to the size and shape you desire. Wet blocking is used when a lot of shaping is needed for quilts or blocks that have been quilted. Dry blocking works for projects that need just a slight adjustment in shaping or dimensions.

SUPPLIES – T pins, steam iron, ruler or yard sticks (I use a carpenter's square), measuring tape, large square ruler, blocking board or a clean sheet for covering your carpet. You could also use a design wall if you have one. It would need to be sturdy enough to hold a wet or damp quilt.

METHOD – Measure your quilt or block to see if it is square. You do this by measuring from one corner to the opposite corner resembling an X crosswise across the quilt. If both measurements are exact, then your quilt is square. If your quilt is not square, determine how much it is off. Use your carpenter's square and rulers to mark where your quilt needs to be gently pulled until it is square. You can leave the rulers in place or mark with pins as a guide. Use your large square to determine if corners are square. Decide on wet or dry blocking. After your quilt is wet, begin pinning your block or quilt down using T pins. Pinning holds your project in the shape you give it while it dries. Pin at least every inch around the entire project and no farther apart than 2 inches. Greater than 2 inches will give your edges a scalloped look. Pins are placed at a 45 degree angle away from the quilt edge. This secures them in place so that when you pin the opposite edge, they will not pop out. Pin the top first, then the bottom and sides, squaring corners. Once you have pinned your quilt, measure crosswise again to see if it is square. You may need to remove some of the pins and gently pull the quilt until it is square. Place a clean sheet over the quilt once you are satisfied with the shape and dimensions. Leave overnight to dry. Check your dimensions before removing the pins.

5 Yard Quilt Class

This class and Penny Sempert's subsequent lecture brought home to me again that it takes many Guild members to make a successful event. Penny, Starr and I started the process almost a year ago. Melinda was in communication with Penny for many months,

too. Starr also served as chauffeur and hostess extraordinaire for Penny's visit. A record number of Guild members signed up to put our best foot forward for our out of town guest. When I arrived at the church at 9:00 the day of the class, Sally, Betty Ann and her friend Mark were already at work arranging the tables. Armed with a plethora of extension cords, power squids, and various irons and ironing surfaces brought by Guild members, and fortified by lemonade and chocolate, we were ready to go. Then we had a wonderful lunch prepared by Harriett and Carole. While I was acting as "ironing maiden", I learned that many of the quilts were being made as gifts and even a possible raffle quilt. How great that so many of the quilts will bring comfort and joy to their recipients. What a rewarding day for everyone involved!

Vicki

Journal Pages

This is the month to gather all those selvages that you have been collecting and make them into a journal page. Think of all the possibilities using the writing, numbers, and dots found on the strip of fabric. Did you know that there is a book of quilts and projects made from selvages? Here is the entire list of themes and techniques:

- * January - stitches
- * February - one color
- * March - stamps/ink
- * April - couching
- * May - T/Tee/Tea
- * June - yo-yos
- * July - photos/photo transfer
- * August - memorabilia
- * September - unconventional materials
- * October - pockets
- * November - selvages
- * December - any theme or technique that you have not used before

Presidents Patch

Sunny is out of town teaching, and didn't take us with her. ☹️

Ladies Retreat

Please read and respond!

There has been quite a lot of discussion about perhaps moving the Ladies Retreat to a different time of the year or having another retreat in the spring. I have contacted our retreat site and they do have dates open in April (at Easter) and the first three weeks of May. I don't think Easter is a good time so how about May?

If you would be interested in attending a Ladies Retreat in May, please contact me (Gay Montgomery) and let me know your thoughts and which week would be best for you. I will have a sign up sheet at the November general meeting.

Gay

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Membership & Visitor Update

MEMBERSHIP

- * Your newsletter includes the 2010 Guild Membership Renewal Form.
- * Betty Ann has placed a label on your renewal form with the current information we have for you.
- * Please make corrections on the new renewal form and/or label.
- * If nothing has changed, you may return it (with your membership fee) as is.
- * We hope this will make the process easier for our members.
- * We will be accepting early registrations at the November meeting.
- * The Membership Form and membership fee must be turned in together.

We will have an "Early Renewal" drawing at the November and December meetings.

DON'T MISS OUT!! GET YOURS IN EARLY!!

Carole Johns

Membership

Happy Birthday (TO YOU)

November

21 Jean Newton
22 Melinda Rials
24 Pat Register
30 Marita Eng

December

2 Donna Walker
3 Elfriede Echt
3 Kathleen Voigt
6 Linda McClelland
7 Terri Chamberlain
12 Lynn Graham
12 Ruth Brooks
14 Kathy Barket
21 Fran Macri
22 Jan Harbeson

Community Service

Christmas Stockings and Food Bank

If you are making Christmas stockings – please, please remember to put a hanger on your stockings. Some have been donated without the hangers. How ya gonna hang it?



The deadline for food bank and stocking donations is the November General Meeting.

Safe Harbor

I would like to invite anyone that would like to go with me to Safe Harbor Boys Home on Sunday, Nov. 15th to present the quilts to the boys. Please give me a call so we can make arrangements for transportation or directions. Mary Anne 387-4440.

Mary Anne

Library

A book order will go in after the November General Meeting. If you would like to be included in the order, see Marsha before you leave. If you are new and wondering “what book order”, see Marsha (our Librarian) for details.

Bits and Pieces

TIN LIZZIE Preview

Come join us for a Grand Preview Party of the TIN LIZZIE 18 and big SEWING MACHINE SALE (Accessories on sale also).

Location: ABC and D&R Sewing Center
7226 Atlantic Blvd 724-5373

DATE: November 22, 2009

TIME: 1:00 till 5:00

One Janome 3128 will be given away every 2 hours. Refreshments will be served. Come have fun trying the Tin Lizzie.

ATTENTION JAX AREA QUILTERS!

Join us for COUNTRY CROSSROADS GREEN MARKET - SAT. NOV 28! 9AM-3PM! Need some extra holiday cash? Come and set up - sell your wares - (recycled and NEW) - we'd LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!!! Contact the shop for more details! 904-276-1011

December Fabric Exchange

In our December General Meeting we will have our fabric exchange. What is a fabric exchange you might ask? Well – you purchase a yard of quilt quality 100% cotton fabric and put it in a bag. What kind of a bag you might ask? Well- a bag like the paper bags from the grocery store. How boring you might say! Well – take your bag and decorate it in a Christmas theme. The bestest (best - if you are an English major) decorated bag wins a prize.

So now you have a beautifully decorated bag containing your fabric. Bring it to the December meeting and exchange it with other participating members. What fun!

In past years we have had a Christmas in July program where everyone that participated in the exchange would show off what they had made with the fabric they received. But next year – we just want you to enjoy your fabric and not have to worry about using it before July. So – get your material and a bag and get busy decorating.

Resources Page

In the member directory next year there will be a new page called "Resources". Resources such as local quilt shops, long arm quilters in our area and so on. Give Gay or Julie a call and give them the name of your "resources" you would like to share with the guild.

Refreshments

November REFRESHMENTS

Healthy.....Pat Booker
Decadent Chocolate.....Susan Allen
Delicious and fattening...Gerda Murray
Salty or Sweet.....Shirley Simmons
More or less Healthy.....Mary Huddleston
Drinks.....Val Stanley
Set up/clean up.....Harriet Mosley

The clip board will be circulating for the December and January meetings. If you have not signed up for one or the other please do. I will need people for set up and clean up both months.

If for some reason you cannot bring refreshments in November or you have questions Please call me.

Jean
268-6542

Sunshine

Postcards are needed. These postcards are sent to members who are sick or maybe a "we are thinking of you". Mary Anne will be collecting your cards for the Sunshine committee.

Sew and Tell

- Sue Rust – Baby quilt for her Pastor's wife and blocks from our Star pattern block of the month made into placemats.
- Mary Anne Dennis – Daniel quilt from retreat years ago.
- June Rittscher – Wall hanging she did while recovering from shoulder surgery.

- Ann Varner – One of her UFO's – a beautiful wall hanging with black and multi-colored blocks.
- Kathy Rutherford – Italian Tile – needle turn appliqué – no wax Italian floor
- Louise Flowers – hand quilted pillow from Vicki's hand quilting class.
- Karen Weisman – Valance – a UFO project – the valance is for her beach condo.
- Jan Walker – Recycling – made from double knit fabric. It was found in the garbage can.
- Doris Powell – wall hanging – she did 2 panels in the hospital while recovering from surgery.
- Betty Agnew – quilt for Safe Harbor
- Ginny Perkins – 2 Christmas table runners
- Vicki – raggy shaggy quilt for Safe Harbor

Meeting Minutes

All-Star Quilters Guild General

Meeting October 19, 2009

Meeting called to order by Sunnie Malesky @ 10:05.

Secretary minutes approved as published.

Treasurer's report approved as given by Sherry Verell.

Board meeting will be November 2nd.

Committee Reports:

Clipboards are being passed around for December holiday goodies & January luncheon.

Communications: Newsletter deadline is the first Monday of each month. Betty Ann Agnew will continue as editor of the newsletter & web site. Dot Butler will continue in publicity. Anyone interested in helping & learning publicity contact Dot. An apprentice would be most welcomed.

Community Service:

Holiday packages of fabric are available for placemats and stockings for our charity projects. All the fabric has been donated for this purpose. \$100.00 has been allotted for stocking stuffers. We can still use quilts for Safe Harbor and Daniel. The Mandarin Food Bank is in need of all items. Emphasis in November will be for

paper & feminine hygiene products. Food is always needed.

Education: Demo Day will be November 30th. March 22, 2010 we will have Karen Combs to teach a 3-D type class. The cost will be \$30.00 for members with a \$16.00 materials fee for a total of \$46.00. Sit & Stitch: Next Monday will be stockings & other work.

Historian: No report

Library: Book order will be placed after the November general meeting.

Membership: Guild membership renewals will be mailed in November.

We have 79 members and 6 guests attending today. **Door prize winners:** Sunnie Malesky and Betty Meers.

Programs: November program will be the charities. Next year we will have 5 small groups. Our program today is with Penny Sempert "Taking your quilt to the next level."

QuiltFest Report: All Stars will be planning the theme for 2011. If you would like to be on the planning committee see Sunnie Malesky. We will be meeting before the end of the year. The QuiltFest reps are continuing and we are in need of another alternate.

QuiltFest Booth: Melinda Rials will be 2010 chair. The winner of the All Star viewer's choice is: Louise Flowers for her "Dear Jane" quilt.

Ways & Means: Julie Mainor will continue as chair. 2010 Quilt Mother Margaret Stewart has a mock up of the pattern on display.

Special Committees:

Retreat: Monday November 9th to Thursday November 12th.

Nominating Committee presented the 2010 slate of officers for November election.

President - Sunnie Malesky

Vice President - Sally Eunpu

Recording Secretary - Linda McClelland

Treasurer - Sherry Verell

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Activities:

Quilt Journal Pages See the newsletter

Road Trip: No road trips for November or December.

Unfinished Business: Committee chairs please turn in your budgets.

New Business: Honeybees retreat is in February at the Mandarin Ramada Inn.

Show & Tell

Program: Penny Sempert - Great program
Adjourn

Recording Secretary

June Daniels

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Membership and Editor's Note –
There should be a membership form attached to this newsletter. Please review the label at the top of the form. The information on the label is what we have as your current data. Make corrections on the label and complete the rest of the form. Give the form and your check to Carol Johns.

Let us know how you like the new renewal process.

THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE
CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE WRITE IN THE NAME OF THE CLASS YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR,
ALONG WITH THE TEACHER'S NAME.

Class _____ Teacher _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____.

Please include class names(s) on your check. Give check and form to Vicki Zoller or mail to:

All Star Quilters' Guild
P.O. Box 23772
Jacksonville, Fl. 32241

Class time – 10:00 A.M. *Just as a reminder, payment for classes must be made at time of signup.*

Class Schedule:

November 30th - Demo Day

Note: we will have "Sit and Sew" on the Mondays we don't have a class scheduled.

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