

QUILTERS' QUILL

"The Executive will work together as a team to support and encourage new quilters, challenge and draw upon experienced quilters and provide warmth and comfort to those in need." As your Executive Committee, we are designing some things to meet the above goal."

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Items for Quilters' Quill should be submitted by the Monday of **two weeks** before the Guild Meeting. Please call Joanne Kavanagh 345-2269.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year, everyone! Now that the weather has turned cold and the holidays are behind us it's the perfect time to think of making more nice warm quilts to snuggle under. I have lots of quilting plans, and suspect many of you do as well.

Perhaps this year you could resolve to be more active in our guild by bringing in more Show and Tell, making more items to donate, or volunteering for a committee, a role in the 2011 quilt show, or a position on the guild Executive. Remember, our guild is the product of what all of us contribute to it.

If you have suggestions for improving our guild, for guest speakers or teachers that you would like us to host, for programs at our monthly meetings, or for classes that interest you, please share that information with the Executive. We can't promise to do everything that everyone wants, but we will give all suggestions serious consideration.

Our next quilt bee will be coming up soon. Bring your calendar to the meeting so you'll be ready to schedule it in.

Let's all crank up our sewing machines and have some fun this winter!

Happy quilting! Doris

HINTS AND TIPS

- Try rolling your binding loosely around your left wrist to keep it handy but out of the way while you are attaching it to your quilt.
- When adding fabric to a stack on a shelf, first put a manila folder on the pile so that the added fabric will slide rather than stick. Once the fabric's in place, remove the folder.
- Videos of interesting techniques for

shrinking or stretching and squaring up blocks using spray starch can be found at www.beginningquilter.com.

THREAD CATCHER CLASS

Payment of \$15 is due at the January meeting for the thread catcher/pin cushion class scheduled for Monday, January 25, from 7 to 10 pm at the Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre. Those attending should bring \$2 to the class for the kit of "extra ingredients". A list of other supplies required for the class will be given when the fee is paid.

PROGRAM CHAIR

Reminder - make sure your car is locked.

If you have any ideas for program then please pass them along to Cindy or anyone on the executive. We may do another demo night in spring - they are popular this year and I've had many volunteers. Pat Inch and her group are also doing something with polka dots in May. I'm still looking for 1-2 volunteers for quilter of the month - be brave and have your own show & tell night.

Dec - my thanks to all those who helped in setup and cleanup; and to Jennifer and Marg Marks who helped me with the Penny Auction. They also followed me to Shelter House to deliver the donated food - they were very thankful for everything. I wish I would've had all those who made a snowman ornament do a show and tell.

Jan - birthday cake for everyone having a birthday this year. The Quilting Olympics - some fun activities and prizes in the spirit of the 2010 Olympics but with less physical skills required.

Also "My Quilting New Year's Resolution". Fill in the form with your quilting resolution for the next year e.g. "I will finish 5 UFO's by Sept.". We will collect them then check late next fall to see how many of you kept your resolution. Prizes for those who did, penalties for those who don't. More details at the meeting.

Feb - Muriel Squires will be Quilter of the Month.

Mar or Apr - (tentative) - a trip through your Guild library

May - Pat Inch and her group will be doing something with polka dots. More details to follow.

Hint: Use a pipe cleaner to de-fuzz your machine. They can be found in the smoke section of your favourite store, or at a Smoke Shoppe. Unlike some brushes, they do not leave bristles!! And they can bend into tight places. You should clean your machine often, especially after sewing with fuzzy fabrics. Even a little bit of lint in the feed dogs or bobbin area will affect the stitching.

You know you're an avid quilter when....

- A book of block patterns sits on your bed stand instead of a novel.
- Every quilt shop employee in a 100 mile radius knows your first name.
- Fabric Fondling does not sound obscene.
- If you are not actually quilting, then you're online at a quilt site.
- There's more fabric in the house than food.
- You consider fabric strewn about the room as either a) furniture or b) decor, either of
- which means you don't have to pick it up.
- You plan your summer vacations around the quilting shows.
- You have given unfinished gifts.
- You've not only seen a UFO, but you have a closet full of them to prove it.
- Your fabric stash has every possible color under the rainbow, but you need to make a quick trip to the fabric store because You just can't find the exact color you think you must have.
- Your dog knows not to walk on the fabric even if it is on the floor. Now if only you could get that through the cat's thick skull. it doesn't matter where the fabric is, he thinks you put it there for him to sleep on.

BOM - for each block you bring in for the

bee, your name will go into a draw for a gift certificate from The Quilter's Stash. The draw will be in May 2010. I have included the Nov. & Dec. blocks. From now on they should be in each month.

WINTER 2010 MYSTERY - 3 PARTS

Part 1 of 3 is in this month's Quill along with the fabric requirements if you wish to use your own fabrics. There will only be 20 kits available at a cost of about \$20 (I won't know the final cost until the meeting night). This is a black and white wallhanging (16 x 37) with a little splash of color. This is the first mystery that is not an original design. It is based on a free pattern I got at a shop in Moose Jaw, and was designed by Wendy Findlay.

Cindy ran across this link on quilterscache.com. Ever wonder how 'green' bamboo fabric is? Check out this link, you may not be getting what you think. There is no mention of the bamboo batting.

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt160.shtm>

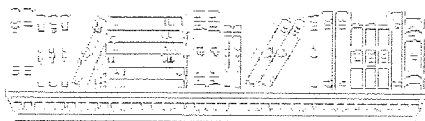
PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings and Happy New Years 2010

As promised here is the list of upcoming NEW Library Books. Some have arrived and some are in transit. Everything received will be available at the January meeting and those still in transit will hopefully be available at the February meeting.

There are quite a new number of Christmas related books (on sale after the season and too great of a deal to pass up) and ready for members to think ahead and plan projects for next Christmas. Some were just too delicious to ignore (eye candy) and some offer Quilt history and a good read. I hope that every member of the Guild will find something to enjoy!

In the next few months I look forward to your input as you read the new selections and hope to receive requests for future books and CD's.



NEW BOOKS

Sew Necessary – Nancy Halverson
Fibreart Montage - Judith Baker Montano
J B Montano Embroidery & Crazy Quilt Stitch Tool – Judith Baker Montano
On the Run – Heather Mulder

Quilt a Gift - Barri Sue Gaudet
Layer Cake, Jelly Roll and Charm

Quilts – Pam & Nicky Lintott
Basic Beauties - Thimbleberries
Block by Block to Beautiful Quilts - Lynette Jensen

Deck the Halls – Cheryl Almgren Taylor
Decorating for Christmas - Sandra L. Hatch

Sewing Season's Greetings - Carol Zentgraf

Have Your Cake and Eat It Too! - Dodi Lee Poulsen

Material Obsession - Kathy Doughty & Sarah Fielke

Northwoods Flannel - Debbie Field
Fresh Vintage Sewing - Joanna Figueroa

Quilt the Seasons Book 2 – Pat Sloan
Turning Strips & Squares Into Table Sets - Pearl Louise Krush

Serge & Merge Quilts – Sharon Rotz
Quilters Think Pink - Various Authors
Make it You - Your Space - Shannon Mullen

Goddess of the Last Minute: Laughter and Lessons from an Uncommon Quilter" - Robbi Joy Eklow;

A Quilter's Holiday: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel" - Jennifer Chiaverini
"Follow-The-Line Quilting Designs, Volume 3: Full-Size Patterns for Blocks and Borders [With Full-Size Patterns for Blocks & Borders]" - Mary M. Covey

Quilting by Improvisation: Exploring Curves, Openwork and Dimension, Vikki Pignatelli

The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt: 55 Letters and the 111 Blocks they Inspired, Laurie Aaron Hird

Diane Phalen Quilts from A Painter's Art: 28 quilts and bonus projects inspired by Diane Phalen's paintings

Patchwork Table Runners, Jeanne Stauffer, Sandra L. Hatch

Quilting in No Time, Emma Hardy
"Sew Darn Cute: 30 Sweet & Simple Projects to Sew & Embellish" - Jenny Ryan

Stash Buster Quilts: 14 time-saving Designs to Use up Fabric Scraps – Lynne Edwards

Sew Fabulous Fabric – Alice Butcher
French General: Home Sewn – Kaari Meng

The Quilter's Edge: Borders, Binding and Finishing Touches – Darlene Zimmerman

Crazy Shortcut Quilts: Quilt as You Go and Finish in Half the Time – Marguerita Mcmanus

Sew Special Fat Quarter Gifts – Julie Johnson

Sew and Stow: 30 Fun Sewing Projects to Carry, Hold, and Organize Your Stuff, Your Home, and Yourself – Betty Oppenheimer

Sew What! Bags: 18 Pattern-Free Projects you can Customize to Fit your Needs – Lexie Barnes

ELECTIONS/POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Time has a habit of creeping along very quietly and before you know it – it's June and time for another election.

This year will bring three major positions upfront and centre – PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIR

Please consider these positions, discuss it with your friends and quilting groups and step forward!

The Guild runs on volunteer power and without our members running the show – THERE WILL BE NO SHOW. Talk to the current Executive if you have any questions or to just get an idea of what is required in each of the positions. Many hands make light work – volunteer and make a difference to your Quilt Guild – new people, new ideas, great GUILD!
 Luci Andreacchi Past President

FEBRUARY QUILT BEE

Our next Quilt Bee will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20, at Calvary Lutheran church, located at the corner of Edward and Donald Streets. Sign-up will be at tonight's meeting. Join fellow quilters for a fun day or two of sewing quilts that will go to the sick and needy in our community. Bring your sewing machine, thread and normal sewing and cutting equipment along with a bag lunch and a treat to share. Kits, fabric and batting will be supplied. Quilters at all levels of experience are invited to participate. If you're new, it's a great opportunity to get to know other guild members and perhaps to learn a few new quilting tricks!

Let's All Polka (Dot)

May's program theme is polka dots and we encourage everyone to bring or wear something theme-related.

Shirley Aussant, Pat Inch, and Val Kosloski will be showing a variety of projects started in 2009 using Val's Texas collection of polka dot fabrics.

There may be 20 ways to leave your lover but there are endless ways to incorporate polka dots into your quilts. Remember to bring your item(s) in May.

Let's get creative!