

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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Business card ad - \$10; Half page ad - \$20

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wasn't that a great program last month? It was wonderful to see all of the beautiful creations and innovative costumes. Thanks and hats off go to our "Polka Dot Ladies", Pat, Shirley and Val. I'd love to see more members come forward with inspiration and ideas for future guild programs, and challenge you to give it some thought.

As my term of office comes to a close, I'm reflecting back on the past two years with the guild. It has been inspiring, rewarding, fun and challenging, and I've especially enjoyed getting to know many of you better. We had a wonderful quilt show and inspiring workshops and programs, produced an amazing amount of quilted items for charity, and enjoyed lots of good fellowship.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the other members of the Executive and members of the various committees for their support and efforts over the past year. Lots goes on "behind the scene", and many members pitched in to help.

This month special thanks go to Northern Credit Union for once again supporting our charitable activities, and to Luci Andreacchi for her part in making this a reality.

Don't forget that our pot luck dinner starts at 6:30 this month, with the regular meeting following at 7:30.

Remember to save your receipts from Quality Market (over the summer, too!) and bring them in to me so that I can turn them in for cash.

Have a healthy, safe, happy and "quilty" summer!

Doris

Nancy Eichel Workshop

Nancy Eichel's Cotton Theory workshop has been scheduled for the weekend of November 6. Lots of people have expressed interest, so we expect to run two different one-day sessions, one Saturday and one Sunday. Your \$50 non-refundable deposit towards the total \$125 fee (\$75 course fee plus \$50 kit fee) is due by the end of this month. We also need an indication of whether you are available both Saturday and Sunday, and which day you prefer. We plan to have Nancy give us a trunk show on Friday evening, November 5, so mark your calendars! More information about Nancy was in last month's Quill.

Voting in June

At our June meeting we will be voting on several things. There will be a final vote on our meeting time and place for next year. Proposed changes are a 7 PM start (with doors opening at 6:15), and a change in venue to Calvary Lutheran Church, on Edward Street across from the Safeway at Arthur. This month will also be electing our new Executive for next year, filling the vacant positions of President, Vice President and Program Chair. Thirdly, we will be voting on the proposed Constitution and By-Law changes that have been circulated in the last two months. If you cannot attend and wish to vote, you can either appoint someone to vote as your proxy or submit your vote in advance (either option should be in writing to Doris). As nominations are not yet closed, only the venue and Constitutional votes can be actually submitted in advance.

25 and 10 year members

Congratulations to Jean Tozer for 25 years of membership, and to Deb Ascher Palmquist and Therese St. Amant for 10 years with the Guild.

HINTS AND TIPS

- Here's an idea for finishing UFO's. Make a numbered UFO list. Then get a friend or family member to pick a number. Finish that item from your list, then photograph and show it to your "UFO support group" members. Repeat the process as you knock items off your list!
- Make a hanging sleeve for your quilt out of leftover strips from the project. Then you will have fabric for a repair if it's ever necessary.
- Keep a pair of scissors tied to your ironing board so they're always handy for snipping threads.
- Use a small suction cup bath soap holder as a catch-all on the side of your sewing machine. Suction it on the side of your machine, and leave your seam ripper, small sewing scissors, extra bobbins, etc. in it.
- Try running the dull edge of a butter knife along a ruler to "indent" lines onto your fabric to use as a quilting guide instead of marking with a pencil or marker.

PROGRAM CHAIR

June - lots happening in June:

- don't forget it's the potluck supper so we'll start early that night (details in the June newsletter)
 - book/pattern/magazine penny auction. I have some from the library and from members but donations are welcome - please try to let Cindy know ahead of time and get them to the June meeting before 6 pm. We will also accept UFO's. So do a spring purge and clear out those old books or UFO's that are haunting you and preventing you from tackling new projects.
 - vote on the Constitutional changes
- Most of the night is a social night but I will have something for everyone to do. We also have some nice door prizes.
- We will be having a book, magazine and pattern penny auction. Some have been donated already and Luci also

has culled books from the library. If you have any to donate please let Cindy know before the meeting and have them to the church before 6pm that night so I can get it organized.

We will also do a UFO penny auction. The UFO must include the pattern for the project. Please attach a picture or write-up of what it is supposed to be so people know what they are bidding on.

BOM - I have given you 2 different layouts for the BOM depending on which size you made the center block. There is no set place to put each block. Lay them out on the floor and find a pleasing pattern for the colors you have chosen. A few people have said they would've liked to have demo's on how to do it each month. I would've been nice but I was really swamped at work this year and it was hard just to get the patterns in to Joanne on time let alone get a demo board ready. I always hoped I'd find time to do the actual quilt before June but that never happened. Hopefully we'll see a few completed in Sept. ... maybe even mine.

Cindy's courses - Sorry ladies but I could not find a Saturday when I could get the school and I was free. My first weekend free would be mid-July. I know not too many people want to do classes in the summer. But, if enough people wanted July it is an option. I'll check at the meeting. But I'll put it off until fall.

Merchandise sale!!! May-June meetings. We are marking down all merchandise to try to sell it to make room for new items next year. Now's the time to get a water bottle or other items at rock bottom prices.

Constitutional Amendments - The Constitution was again reviewed and the proposed changes are included in the April and May newsletters. They are open for discussion at these 2 meetings. We will vote on them in June.

Cindy

Program Chair's Year End Report

Well it's the end of another year....it went by so quickly. I hope everyone enjoyed the programs this year, the 2 mysteries and the BOM. My thanks to everyone who did demos on the 3 demo nights and to Muriel, Pat, Shirley, Florence and myself for being quilters of the month,

to Doris and the rest of the exec for stepping in to do the Feb. program when I hurt my back and to all of you for participating. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the penny auctions. I have enjoyed being the program chair for the last 4 years. I pass on my good wishes to the person who takes over and hope that everyone helps her out like they've helped me.

Cindy

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

FOR THE QUILT SHOW 2011

The executive has decided on the challenge for the 30th anniversary of the Guild and the deadline will be next April in time for the Quilt Show. Final deadline to be published early next year. But we wanted everyone to have lots of time to plan their quilt. Since it's our 30th we decided the number 30 had to play an important part of the challenge. So have fun with it and be creative. We will have prizes for the top 3. This would be a great way to use up a charm pack since they typically have 40 fabrics all coordinated for you if you don't think you can do it on your own!

Here are the rules:

- it can be a circle or as many sides as you like BUT each side must be the same size and be either 30cm OR 30". So if you do a square it must be 30cm x 30cm or 30in x 30in. Or you can do a triangle with all 3 sides being 30cm or 30in. If you chose a circle it is the circumference that must be 30cm or 30in and unless you're into really miniature quilts a 30cm circumference is really small.
- It must be quilted in some way
- It may be embellished any way you choose but it is not necessary
- The edges must be finished in some way but not necessarily bound.
- You must provide a write-up explaining how your quilt meets the criteria.
- You must have a label on the back with your name and the name of the quilt.
- You can include any description with the quilt i.e. explaining your inspiration or ideas in making it
- Then you must incorporate 2 of the following (binding and backing don't count):
 - it must have exactly 30 different fabrics
 - it must have exactly 30 pieces
 - it must have exactly 30 colors in the

same color family

- it must have exactly 30 blocks
- it must be made entirely of 1930's fabrics
- it must have 1 piece of fabric from 30 different people (include the list of people with your quilt)

DONATION QUILTS 2009- 2010

175 QUILTS WOW!

WOW! Our donation quilts this year were simply beautiful! We received many thanks and compliments! Thanks to all those who made it happen--made kits, sewed quilts, donated money and material etc., provided storage, arranged Bees, and gave their time and talent.

Dawson Court	9
Pioneer Ridge	9
Roseview	7
Grandview	9
Hogarth Westmount	9
Pinewood Court	8
Versa Care	9
Thunder Bay Interim Long Term Care	6
St Joseph Bethammi nursing home	8
St Joseph Complex Care	7
St Joseph Hospice	12
Thunder Bay Regional Hospital Paeds	21
Neo-natal	14
Psychiatric hospital	8
St. Joseph Alzheimer day care	2
Precious Bundles (baby and children)	9
Faye Peterson Shelter	12
George Jeffrey	6
Westway Respite Care	10

Thanks for your support - Julie and Claire

CLASSIFIEDS (BUY/SELL/TRADE)

Two-line non-business quilt-related classified ads can be placed in the Quill for \$2.50 Each additional line costs \$1.00 Please pay Aila Metsa in advance.

Layout version 1 – if you made block # 9 the 8 ½" block.

Finished size 40" x 40" with borders shown

As with the other version, place the blocks in a pleasing layout for your colors.

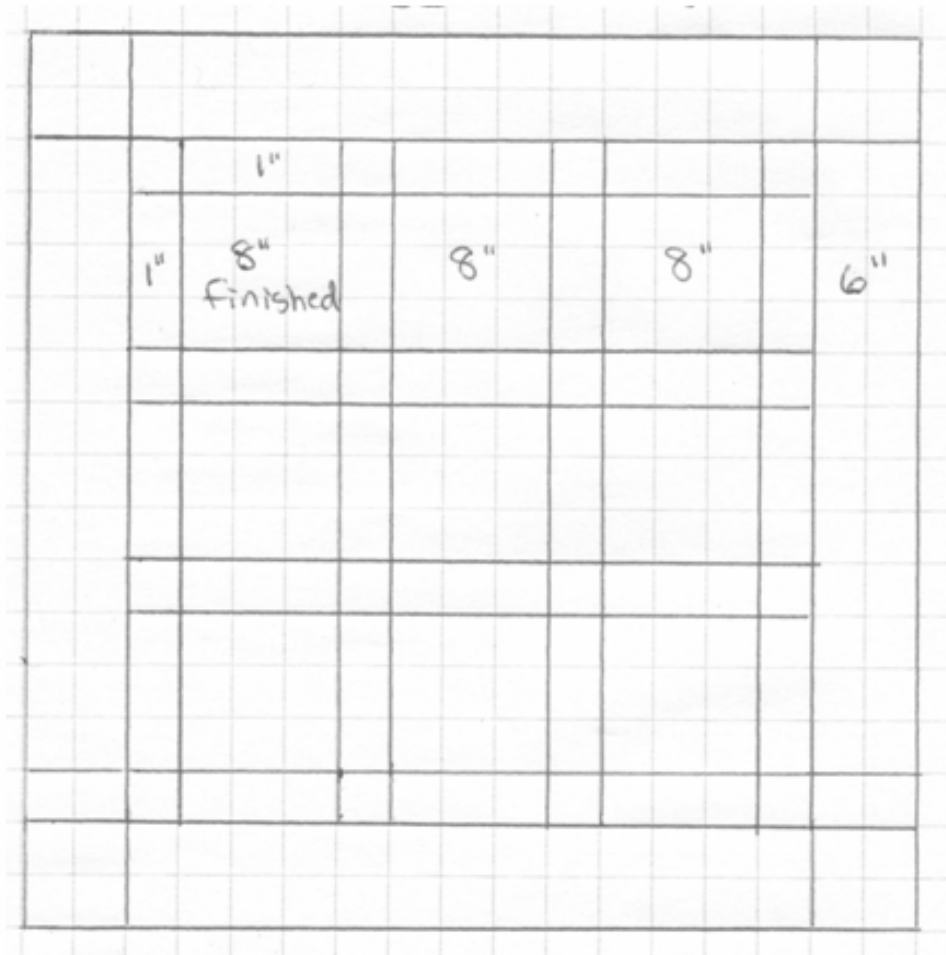
Sashing between blocks: 1 ½" x 8 ½" - 24 pieces

Corner stones in sashing: 1 ½" x 1 ½" – 16 pieces

Outer border: 6 ½" x 28 ½" – 4 pieces

Outer corner stones: 6 1/2 " x 6 ½" – 4 pieces

Binding: 2 ½" x wof – 4 possibly 5 strips



Layout version 2 – if you made block # 9 12 ½”

Place the 8 blocks in a pleasing manner according to what looks best for your colors. The layout I've shown here is just a suggestion

Sashing around the 12 ½” block is cut:

- 1 ½” x 12 ½” – 2 pieces. Sew to sides of block
- 1 ½” x 14 ½” – 2 pieces. Sew to top and bottom of block

Sashing between the 8” blocks is cut: 3 ½” x 8 ½”. Sew as shown. Leaving a large area not pieced will set off the blocks and give you more room for quilting.

Optionally, you could use your scraps and strip piece them together for the 3 ½” x 8 ½” strips. For example strip piece 8 fabrics cut 1 ½” x 3 ½”

Add borders as desired. You would probably do borders at least 4”-6” wide.

