



Thimble Thoughts

Oakland County Quilt Guild

www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.com

April, 2009

Message from the President

Peggy Casing

Hello Quilters,

It is a bright, sunny day, and I have some quilting planned on my evening agenda... all is good. I get much the same feeling when I think of the status of our guild right now... "all is good." Take a gander at some highlights!

- The quilt show and raffle quilt seem to be humming along! We're applying for a booth at "Arts and Apples."
- Our storybook quilts are on display in the community, and were recently used as part of a presentation at a neighborhood school.
- It sounds like at least a few of you are planning to participate in the spring challenge --which should prove to be a source of wonderful inspiration!
- We also have several opportunities for supporting our community on the horizon -- Our charity day is being held on the first Saturday in April, and we are going to have another "show and tell" at a senior center.
- Our nominating committee and our money people are making plans for next year, and are getting all in order for a sound future.
- Virginia Anderson is going to be with us at

our April meeting, talking about historic quilts, and dating them for us.

These examples are just a sampling of what is cooking at OCQG this spring, and more information on each of these events is available inside this newsletter, or online. It is safe to say, however, that we are in for a great spring, with many opportunities for quilting, developing our skills, and sharing fellowship -- exactly what a guild like ours is all about! --All is good.

Peggy Casing

Want to receive your newsletter by e-mail?

This month, I am introducing more guild members to the newsletter via e-mail. If you provided the Guild with an e-mail address, I added your name to the e-newsletter distribution list. GIVE IT A TRY! For the rest of this year, I still will send you one by mail, but try it and see if you would possibly like to get the e-newsletter version starting in September. Just check the appropriate box on your membership application and help us by "going green"!

Happy Birthday to Guild Members with April Birthdays!



Anne Marnat
Mary Lilek
Laura Price
Linda McCabe

April 3
April 8
April 10
April 12

Sharleen Jespersen
Jeanne Robinson
Beth Markel

April 17
April 26
April 29

Charity News

Marlee Smearing, Sharleen Jespersen, Lesa Reynolds

Thank you once again for the generous gifts of your time for completing quilts - by either quilting, binding or piecing. To date we have been able to give 63 quilts to Tiny Miracles, 12 baby quilts to Crossroads, 10 large quilts to Neighborhood House, 18 large lap quilts to Gilda's Club, 20 lap quilts to the Veterans, 75 walker bags to Mercy Bellbrook and Danish Village, 45 pairs of slippers to the Haven and 14 tote bags to the Haven.

Charity Day!

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, University Road, Rochester
Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come join us in a fun day of friendship, sewing I Spy Quilts for the Tiny Miracles in our local hospitals. Bring either a dessert or salad. Soup and drinks will be provided. Bring your sewing machine, gray thread and sewing supplies.

Membership

Sharleen Jespersen

In this newsletter you will see the '09-'10 membership renewal form. We hope that you've enjoyed the guild this year and will return again next year. Your renewal is due by the annual meeting in June. Your prompt response allows us to plan ahead as well as time to prepare the membership directory for the September meeting.

Our membership stands at 106 with the addition of our newest member, Gudrun Baechle. Welcome Gudrun!

COMMUNITY ED NEWS--SHOW-N-TELL OPPORTUNITY!

Chantal Anderson, Community Education

Calling all quilters!!! Sunrise Assisted Living in downtown Rochester has invited the Oakland County Quilt Guild to present a quilt show for their seniors on Saturday, May 2, from 2-3 p.m. This is another wonderful opportunity for the guild to share its love of quilting with the community. At the show, quilters will present their quilts and talk about why they're quilters and the history behind the quilts they've made. The Charity Committee will also be present donating wheelchair/walker bags to the seniors. Please consider joining us and reaching out to our local seniors. Arrangements can also be made to show your quilts on your behalf if you cannot attend. Contact me via phone at (248) 601-1431 or email at quiltHaus@aol.com to volunteer or for more information.

Fat Quarter Drawing

Pat Smith 248-546-9517

The color purple is your pick for bringing in a fat quarter in April. Veronica New won 9 pieces in March. You can bring in up to 3 fat quarters and remember ladies, put your name in the drawing for each fat quarter you bring in.

EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE OPENINGS

As you know we are currently looking to fill in the Board and Committee positions for next year. I can tell you for sure that Peggy Casing will be the Past President, and Marlee Smearing has graciously committed to continuing with Charity! Please think about ways that your gifts and talents might be expressed in service to OCQG. We have a great group of extremely capable women with an excellent reputation in the community. I know many of us will be quite busy with the show, but I'm looking for help in filling positions that must be filled for the guild to run. The first couple of pages in our directories have a list of everyone involved on the Board and Committees. If you are currently doing a job that you would like to continue, please send me an email: jbmarkel@sbcglobal.net and I will add you to my list. If you would like to try something new, let me know!

Quilt Frame for Sale

A gentleman called Chantal Anderson wanting to know if she knew anyone who would be interested in purchasing a hand quilting frame that he made for his wife. His phone number is 248-375-5564, and he said he would sell it for \$50. Please contact him if interested.

OAKLAND COUNTY QUILT GUILD June 2009 Quilt Challenge Theme: Celebrate Spring!

This will be the 16th year that the OCQG has included a challenge in our program of special events. We sincerely hope that you will be one of the many members who will participate in the challenge.

RULES for OCQG JUNE 2009 QUILT CHALLENGE:

- Each entry must be the sole work of one (1) current OCQG member (including quilting stitches).
- Entry must be appropriate to the theme Celebrate Spring!
- Entry must have been started and completed since June 2008 and may not have been shown at any other shows.
- Only one entry per person
- No pre-quilted fabric; no pre-printed whole-cloth quilt tops; no kit quilts may be used. No odd-shaped quilts.
- Quilt Size: One Length + One Width must be a minimum of 80" and a maximum of 100".
NOTE: Quilts that are larger will not be accepted for the Challenge; however you are encouraged to bring your larger quilt for Show & Tell on the night of the Challenge.
- A 5" double sleeve must be attached to the top of the back for hanging.
- If there is a label, the quilt maker's name must be covered during viewer's choice judging.

Entries must be delivered between May 25 – June 1, 2009 – locations will be published in the May OCQG newsletter. No late entries will be accepted. Challenge quilts will be displayed at the June 4, 2009 meeting of the Oakland County Quilt Guild. There will be four (4) Viewer's Choice awards presented at the meeting.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Ruth McCormick 248.375.1882 ruthmccormick@wowway.com

Blockery Sign up for April

Gay Harris (248) 969-1990 dharrisdk1@sbcglobal.net

The following members signed up for Blockery this month: Anne Marnat - 3 applique'; Judy Stone - 3 appliqué and 3 pieced; Gay Harris - 3 appliqué and 3 pieced and Bet Brinkerhoff - 3 appliqué and 3 pieced.

Advertisements



by Kathryn Rae Karibo

www.quiltedcomforts.org
Please refer to my webpage for
information on April classes!



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Meet a Member

Sharleen Jespersen, Membership Chairperson

This month's Meet A Member article features Bet Brinkerhoff and Elizabeth Travis, both of whom joined us in 2006.

Bet writes...

I was born in Mountain Home, Idaho. I was raised in Spokane, Washington. I went to college in Provo, Utah. I have lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Los Angeles, California, Clinton Twp, Michigan, East Detroit, Mi., and Oakland Twp. Mi. I lived in the Philippine Islands on the Islands of Bacolod, Iloilo, and Cebu. I lived in Arizona for one day, it's way too hot there.

I have a good and loving husband, Jim. I have six daughters, Bridgette, Nicole, Jacquelyn, Morgan Sidnee, and Paige.

I love quilting by hand, piecing by hand, needle turned appliqué. I recently did a small work of whole cloth type work. I really love anything handwork as it is so relaxing to me. I have a little tiny nook in our bedroom where I sew. It's right by a large window and I love sitting in the sun and sewing.

Liz writes...

Hello – I am Elizabeth Travis – known to you as Liz. My husband Ron and I have been married for 51 years and have lived in Michigan for 46 years. We are transplants from Ohio – yes, I am a Buckeye! We have 3 wonderful daughters, 3 great sons-in-law and 9 grandchildren. Unfortunately none live close by.

I learned to sew from my Mother. She could sew anything – her handwork was meticulous. A talent I did not inherit. We always had a quilting frame set up especially when my Grandmother was with us. I have 3 favorite quilts: one is a Sunbonnet Sue crib quilt that my Mother made for me (just a few years ago); one that my Grandmother made when I was a senior in high school and the other is a scrappy quilt made from scraps cut from old clothing and pieces leftover from garments.

I have a large room in our lower level that dubs as a bedroom when the grandkids come. I try to keep it organized but when working on projects, gremlins attack and mess everything up. I enjoy the challenge of putting pieces together whether it is a classic quilt or one more contemporary. I do have projects waiting to be finished plus I am making quilts for each grandchild.

One of my favorite projects is adapting t-shirts and shorts for the group called SEW MUCH COMFORT. This group supplies these garments and more to the hospitals for our wounded service people. It is time consuming but a very "feel good" project.

I have been a member of the Oakland Quilt Guild; hospitality co-chair with Gay Harris the last two years.

April Hospitality

Liz Travis

Desserts/Snacks:

Kerren Heilman', Debi Oman, Marlee Smearing, Wendy Ptak, and Liz Travis

Beverages:

Juice: Liz Shelbo, Regular Pop : Liz Shelbo, Diet Pop: Loretta Kramer

Upcoming Area Quilt Shows

Shipshewana Quilt Festival

June 24-27, 2009 - online registration is now available.

Marianne Fons will be the Kick off speaker with a luncheon, lecture and trunk show. Visit our website to register today - space is limited!

www.ShipshewanaQuiltFest.com

27th Annual Festival of Quilts and Crafts

October 2 – 3, 2009

First United Methodist Church of Dearborn

For more information or to register or enter the contest on-line, go to www.gbqm-umc.org/dearbornfirst after March 1, 2009. Click on "calendar/upcoming events" and then "quilt show."

UFO RETREAT

Sponsored by Pins and Needles/ Patchwork Posse/OCQG

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WHERE: RALPH A MACMULLAN CONFERENCE CENTER
ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN

COST: \$259.50

INCLUDES: 9 MEALS, LODGING (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) COFFEE BREAKS, MEETING ROOMS

BRING: SEWING EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL ITEMS, LINENS ARE INCLUDED

This conference center is located on Higgins Lake midst State forestlands. There will be an opportunity for canoeing, hiking, a fitness trail as well as much more.

To reserve your spot, only 40 reserved currently:

Please submit the bottom of this page with your \$25.00 deposit. The remainder will be due at the September meeting.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Will share a room with _____

Cost \$259.50
Deposit 25.00
Balance \$234.50

Payable to OCQG
Marlee Smearing 550 Brittany Ct.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Oakland County Quilt Guild 2009/2010 Membership Application/Renewal

Due date – June 4th, 2009. Applications received after this date may be too late to be included in the membership directory.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Birthday (M/D) _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email (if checked 3 times per week) _____

Please indicate your preference: Newsletter sent to email _____

Newsletter sent by mail _____

Are you a member of AQS or NQA? (circle if applicable)

**These committees need volunteers.
Please help by indicating your interest here.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blockery | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting to Know You | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |

Make \$35 check payable to the Oakland County Quilt Guild and bring to the April, May or June meeting. Or, you may mail it to the Membership Chairperson;

Sharleen Jespersen
174 Sandalwood Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Checks will be deposited upon receipt.

Date pmt. rec'd _____ Membership # _____

Cash _____ Check _____ Amount _____

QUILT CELEBRATION 2010 UPDATE

Gail Bufalini, Show Co-Chair

Plans for the 2010 Quilt Show are moving ahead at warp speed! The raffle quilt squares will be completed by the April meeting. The committee will begin assembling the quilt soon after. The corners and borders will then need to be appliquéd. Our hope is to have the quilt assembled by the middle of June and completed by the end of August to the beginning of September.

Our goal is to sell tickets at the Arts & Apples Festival on September 11, 12 and 13. The application has been submitted well ahead of the June 5th deadline. After Arts & Apples, Gladys Baker has graciously agreed to take the quilt around to quilt shops and guilds to sell more tickets. Of course, all of this would not have been possible without the help of the Raffle Quilt Construction Committee who were very excited to select the pattern, Antique Rose Sampler. The pattern was chosen from a large number of possibilities. Thanks to Marilyn Calo for finding this beautiful quilt pattern. The group shopped for fabric, cut out the blocks and assembled them with the pattern and directions. The ladies were so excited about the quilt they volunteered to make most of the blocks too. You are all going to love this truly stunning quilt. Our thanks to Lesa Reynolds, Bett Brinkerhoff, Chantal Anderson, Marilyn Calo, Rita Zaziski, Janet Mann, Gladys Baker, Linda Vitali, Peggy Casing, Erena Rieflin, Amy Schuster, Beth Markel, Mary Murday and Gail Bufalini for their efforts. A special thank you to Kathryn Karibo for generously letting us use Quilt & Comforts to do our work. Forgive me if I left anybody out! Next meeting there will be a sign-up sheet to sell tickets at Arts & Apples if we get in.

Thanks to all of the people who have agreed to chair or help on many of the committees.

Admissions & Lobby: Joan Gunning
Budget & Show Treasurers: Judy Doublestein and Carolyn Smith
Insurance: Amy Schuster
Judges Luncheon: Karen Fisher
Judging: Marlee Smearing and Judy Verse
Quilt Registration: Amy Schuster
Raffle Quilt Construction: Lesa Reynolds and Bet Brinkerhoff
Raffle Quilt Promotion: Gladys Baker
Raffle Quilt Tickets: Marilyn Calo, Linda Vitali and Rita Zazinski
Ribbons: Peggy Casing and Kris Bolhuis
Vendors: Marlee Smearing
White Glove: Judy Stone, Kris Bolhuis, Ellie Fitzpatrick and Jan Stepp
Exit Tables: Liz Travis, Mary Beth Megel, Janet Mann, Chantal Anderson,
Kerren Heilman
Photography: Mr. McCormick (Ruth's husband)
Catalog: Helper Judy Stone
Door Prizes: Debi Oman and Wendy Ptak, (Helpers: Rita Morro and Liz Shelbo)
Graphic Signs & Quilt Labels: Evelyn Philips
Publicity: Veronica New
Quilt Raffle License: Gail Bufalini

Again, I apologize if I left anyone out of the above list.

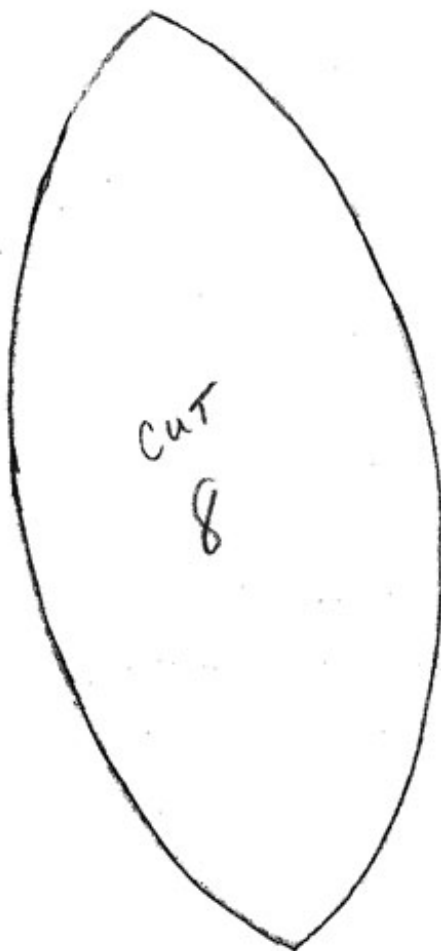
There are other chairs needed and they may sign up at the next meeting or in the fall. Speaking of chairs and committees . . . a committee is a group of people working together towards a goal. Please no committees of ONE.

REMEMBER:

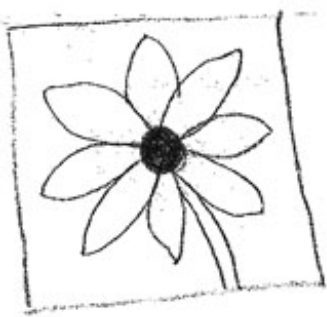
There was an important job to be done, and EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it. SOMEBODY got angry with that because it was EVERYBODY'S job. It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done!

Mary and I are truly pleased with the way so many of you have volunteered or were willing to help when called upon. At this pace, we are well on our way to a wonderful 2010 Quilt Celebration!

Sunflower - Appliqued Block



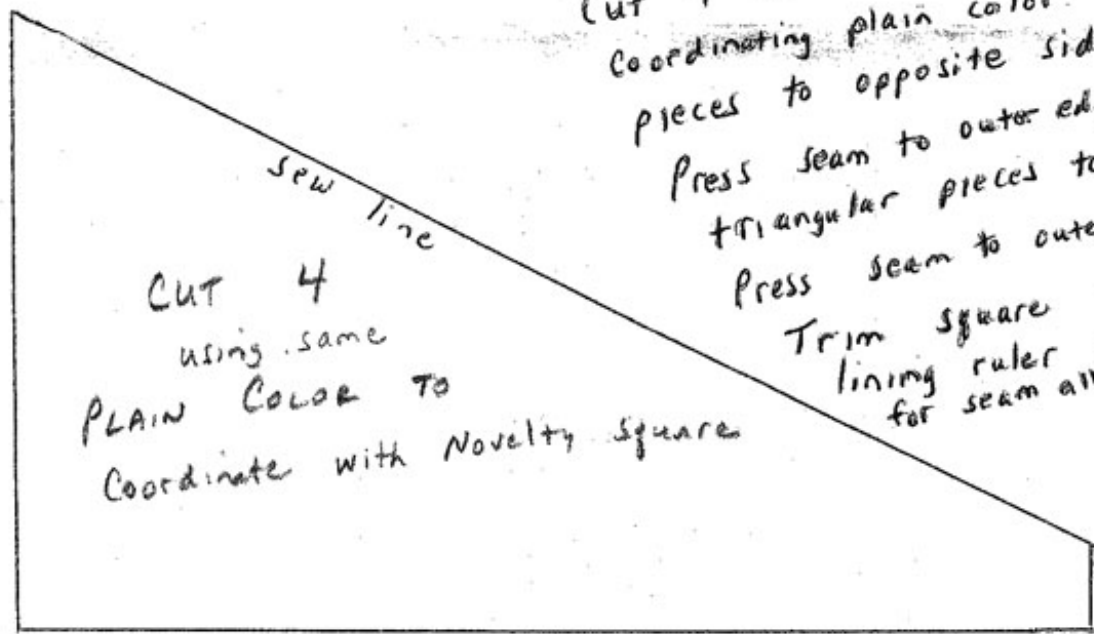
Cut 8 petals using whichever applique process you'd like - stitch petals with one end all touching in circle on white 11" square. Add green stem cut approx 1" wide by 5" long fold both sides to back finishing stem width to be 3/8" wide. Insert stem between two of the petals and stitch in place. Center the center circle and stitch in place. Stitch around each petal. Trim square to 10 1/2" square. Be sure to insert stem before pressing petals in place.



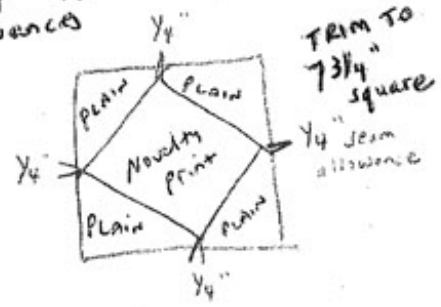
Any questions:
 Gay Harris
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 (one)

Tilted Squares - Pieced Block

Cut ^(one) 6" square from novelty print.
 Cut 4 of triangular piece from a coordinating plain color. Sew triangular pieces to opposite sides of square.
 Press seam to outer edge. Sew last two triangular pieces to other 2 sides.
 Press seam to outer edge.



Trim square to 7 3/4" square lining ruler at 1/4" from points for seam allowances





Our next meeting is Thursday,
April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the
Rochester Community House,
Rochester, Michigan

Bring a friend!

The OCQG newsletter is published every month for guild members and fellow quilters. Articles or other information must be submitted to Amy Schuster by the 17th of each month. Please submit your articles to karlzmom@aol.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy at 248-601-0127.

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