



# Thimble Thoughts

## Oakland County Quilt Guild

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December, 2008

Message from the President  
Peggy Casing

Hello Ladies!

To quote a famous song, we have entered "the most wonderful time of the year!" While it is true that I love quilting anytime, and anywhere, it is also true that hand quilting a big piece in a hoop isn't a load of laughs on a ninety-five degree day! Especially for quilters, the dawn of a new winter is, indeed, the most wonderful time of the year, because it is then that our loved ones can snuggle under our beautiful creations! ...so, I say to good ole Jack Frost, "Bring it On!"

As I move on to business, I want to thank Gail Bufalini and Mary Murday for volunteering to co-chair the quilt show! Mary and Gail are relatively new members to our guild, and were a bit nervous about taking on such a huge responsibility, but I assured them that our members are wonderful, and that they will have our full support. Please feel free to contact them with your words of wisdom, previous notes, etc. I also want to thank all those who have stepped forward to

chair any of the quilt show sub-committees, or other positions that have been hanging open for awhile. Every OCQG member owes you a huge debt of gratitude.

On another positive note, we have many great things happening in 2009! For example, on Saturday, January 31st, from 9 am- (at least) 3 pm, we will have a Quilt-In featuring food, fun, and prizes. It will be held at Rivercrest, on the corner of Avon and Livernois. The guild will be absorbing most of the cost for members, so a nominal \$5.00 fee will be all it takes to reserve your spot. (I'll have registration forms at the December meeting.) Another great offering: Katie Pasquini Masopust will be presenting "Ghost Layers Landscape and Color Washes" at our February meeting, and she'll be offering related workshops on Friday and Saturday. These are just a few of the good things in store for all of us. I am very proud to be a member of OCQG!

Peace,  
Peggy

### Happy Birthday to Guild Members with December Birthdays!



Linda Vitali  
Judy McCatty  
Mary Ann Sudia  
Marlee Smearing

December 7th  
December 8th  
December 10th  
December 11th

Lynn Czar  
Nancy Isken  
Sue Lavender  
Rita Zaziski

December 21st  
December 24th  
December 26th  
December 26th

## Charity News

Marlee Smearing, Sharleen Jesperson, Lesa Reynolds

### **PINWHEEL PANDEMONIUM?**

Thank you to those members who continue to do pinwheels for charity quilts.

Thank you to members who turned in quilts at November meeting. We collected three lap quilts completed, 2 preemie tops, 1 large lap top, four pinwheel quilt tops and 1 veteran quilt top. Please continue to watch for kits, bindings and quilting at the charity table.

At the December meeting we will do a food drive to go to our local food pantry. They are in need of cereal, oatmeal, hot chocolate, hamburger helper, pasta, canned fruit, canned meat, pasta sauce, paper towel and toilet paper. Neighborhood house is in need of blankets of all sizes. If you can help in any way, it will be greatly appreciated by our community. Thank you in advance.

## Hospitality

Liz Travis

Thanks to everyone who signed up to bring food for our December meeting!

**Appetizers:** Linda Way, Fern Meyers and Lois Sayers

**Main Dishes:** Mary Fleming, Julia McQueen, Mary Beth Megel, Gay Harris, Edi Roser, Linda Vitali, Ruth McCormick, Gladys Baker, Lynn Czar, Evelyn Phillips, Rita Morrow, Nancy Swinerton

**Bread and Butter:** Janet Mann, Cyndi Anderson, Chantal Anderson

**Salads:** Joan Gunning, Peggy Casing, Joanne Schantz, Karen Fisher, Pat Smith, Judy Stone, Kris Quail, Mary Lou Grimes, Carolyn Smith, Evelyn Bradley, Loretta Kramer, Mary Asmus, Sharleen Jesperson

**Regular pop** - 2 bottles: Muriel O'Donnell, Kerren Heilman, Bet Brinkerhoff

**Diet pop** - 2 bottles: Kathy Grimes, Linda McCabe

**Desserts:** Carol Reiman, Joann Bolger, Alice Hayes, Jan Stepp, Nancy Isken, Laura Price, Diane Licholat-Surati, Judy McCatty, Christine Grech, Erena Rieflin, Rita Z., Leni Freeman, Anne Marnat, Rita Weitendorf



Don't forget to bring your own table service!

## FAT QUARTER DRAWING

Pat Smith 248-546-9517

Bring in up to three fat quarters, to enter your name in our drawing. In November, Veronica New was the lucky lady who got the 9 fat quarters. For December, the color choice is either black with white or white with black. So, if you want a chance for some free fabric, bring in a fat quarter and enter your name in the drawing, and you too may go home with some great fabric.

## February Workshop with Katie Pasquini Masopust

[katiepm@aol.com](mailto:katiepm@aol.com)

**Lecture: Thursday February 5, 2009 at Oakland County Quilt Guild**

**Workshop: February 6 & 7, 2009**

### **Ghost Layers Landscape & Color Washes**

All Day Class Time and Location to be announced.

This is a two day workshop.

This class is open to non guild members after November 6, 2008.  
\$40.00 deposit required at time of registration. (\$60.00 non guild members)  
Cost of the two day class is \$80.00.(\$120.00) non guild members  
Second Payment due before February 5, 2009.

Send or give your check made out to **Oakland County Quilt Guild** to:  
Gladys Baker 2862 Meadowood Lane, Bloomfield Hills MI 48302  
[gladladyws@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gladladyws@sbcglobal.net)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes I would like to take the workshop with Katie Pasquini Masopust.

Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your check so we can mail the supply list.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING MERCY BELLBROOK QUILT SHOW

The Oakland County Quilt Guild has been invited to put on a quilt presentation at Mercy Bellbrook for its seniors on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, from 7-8:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for the guild to reach out to the community and share its love of quilting. The Community Education committee needs participants who are willing to show and talk about their quilts for this event. Presenting our quilts at Mercy Bellbrook is a wonderful gift to share with those who don't have the opportunity to go out into the community. If you can't make the event but would like to submit a quilt to show, the committee will be happy to present your quilts for you. The Charity committee will also have available wheelchair/walker bags to all the seniors who attend. Contact Chantal Anderson at 248-601-1431 for more information and to confirm your participation.

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## Programs

Rita Morrow

We all had a great time at the Sue Holdaway Heys workshop. She is a wonderful, fun teacher and I was amazed by the creativity of our group. She made it so fun and easy! Thank you to Ellie Fitzpatrick for taking Sue home with her after the lecture, and making crepes for her breakfast. Wow! Thank you to Julia McQueen for getting the lunch orders at Victoria's Cafe. And, thanks to Gladys and Julie for bringing extra ironing boards (I'm trying to keep the costs down on our workshops fee). With these serious economic times, I hope to provide first class instructors to our guild members, at discounted prices. Katie Pasquini Masopust will be coming from Santa Fe N.M. Please check out her web site: [www.katiepm.com](http://www.katiepm.com) She is a world class quilter, and has written many books which are available on her web site. Also, Amazon.com carries her books new and used. If you had to travel to a show to take a class from Katie you would pay airfare, hotel, workshop, and meals. We are only charging \$40 a day to our members. I hope you can call Gladys Baker and leave a deposit for a class. I know you will be impressed with her teaching skills and fabulous quilts, and carry her creative spirit in your quilting journey.

There will be a program change for the Jan. 8, 2009 meeting. Rita Weitendorf will lecture on "Women's Roles and Quilt Styles of the Civil War Era." Rita joined our guild last year, when she moved to Rochester with her husband's job change. She has been in show and tell with some great quilts. I wish I had her energy!

Happy Thanksgiving to all, I am very grateful for the wonderful women in this guild, and the friendship we share with each other.



*May peace be your gift this holiday season,  
And your blessing all year through!*

## Blockery

Gay Harris (248) 969-1990

dharrisdk1@sbcglobal.net

This month's blocks were a snowman pieced block and a gingerbread boy appliqué block. Please remember that even if you did not sign up to participate in Blockery at the last guild meeting, it's not too late - you can still participate! Make 1-3 blocks of either or both patterns and bring to the December potluck. Blocks are grouped in sets of pieced or appliquéd, and members receive one chance of winning for each block made and entered.

The following signed up to participate in the December Blockery:

Gay Harris	3 Applique, 3 pieced
Rita Z	3 Applique, 3 pieced
Linda Wall	3 Applique, 3 pieced
Judy Stone	1 Applique, 1 pieced
Edi Roser	1 Applique, 1 pieced
Joanne Schantz	1 Applique, 1 pieced

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**QUILTED COMFORTS**  
by Kathryn Rae Karibo

*Wishing you a safe and blessed holiday season with your families.*

*Kathryne*

**Studio News**

- Classes forming for January - stop by the studio for a cup of coffee and to see what is new!
- Would you like to be on our mailing list? Please contact Kathryne at [Kathrynerae@aol.com](mailto:Kathrynerae@aol.com)

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### Midland Quilt Retreat

February 20 – 22, 2009

The H Hotel (formerly the Ashman Court Hotel) is new and so is registration for the Quilt Retreat. This year's registration will all be done through the committee. Confirmation packets will be sent out January 12, 2009. It will include a map to the H Hotel and discount coupons to a variety of quilt stores. The packet will also include a material list and information for the Mystery Quilt, Mini Mystery, and Charm Square Swap.

Single \$356*	* These prices are per person and includes your Friday and
Double \$265*	Saturday night stay and six meals. (Friday night dinner.
Triple \$225*	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Saturday. Breakfast and Lunch
Quad \$215*	Sunday.

If you would like to arrive on Thursday you are responsible for getting your own room. Please call the H Hotel at 989-839-0500 and let them know you are with Oakland County Quilt Guild.

If you have any questions please contact Christine Reeves at 248-255-2159 or [christinevreeves@gmail.com](mailto:christinevreeves@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Roommates \_\_\_\_\_

Room Package \_\_\_\_\_ OCQG Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Mystery Quilt \_\_\_ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Mini Mystery \_\_\_ 2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Civil War Charm Square Swap

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit this registration form with a check made out to OCQG and a large SASE**

**To: Christine Reeves 38158 Cameron Dr. Sterling Hts, MI 48310**

**Checks are non refundable and will be cashed at the time of the retreat**

## SNOWMAN BLOCK

### Materials:

#### White:

Face (A) 4 3/8" x 2 1/2"

Body- (F) Trace triangle piece from this sheet

#### Red or Green

Scarf 1- (B) 1 1/4" x 4 3/8" rectangle

1- (C) 2 1/2" x 8" rectangle

Hat (D) (1) 3/8" square cut once on diagonal (1 piece left over)

#### Blue

Sky (E) 1- 5 1/8 square cut twice on diagonal (2 pieces left over)

Small pieces of pink and orange for cheeks and nose

Small black buttons or felt "buttons"

### Assembly:

Fold 1 piece C rectangle in half lengthwise, RST, stitch 1/4" seam on long edge. Turn right side out-press.

Cut tube in half to make 2 (1" x 4") scarf tails.

Referring to diagram, join 1 white A rectangle and 1 B rectangle with 1 scarf piece inserted in seam. (a raw edge will be sticking out)

Add Hat triangle -D- and blue sky triangles -E- to complete head.

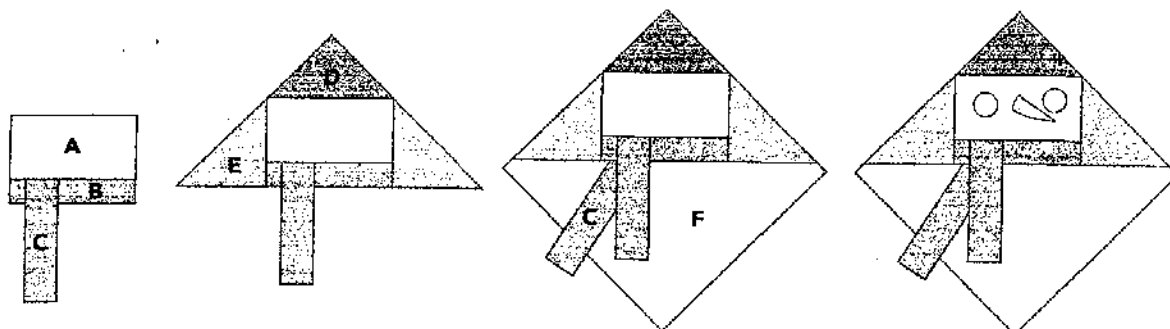
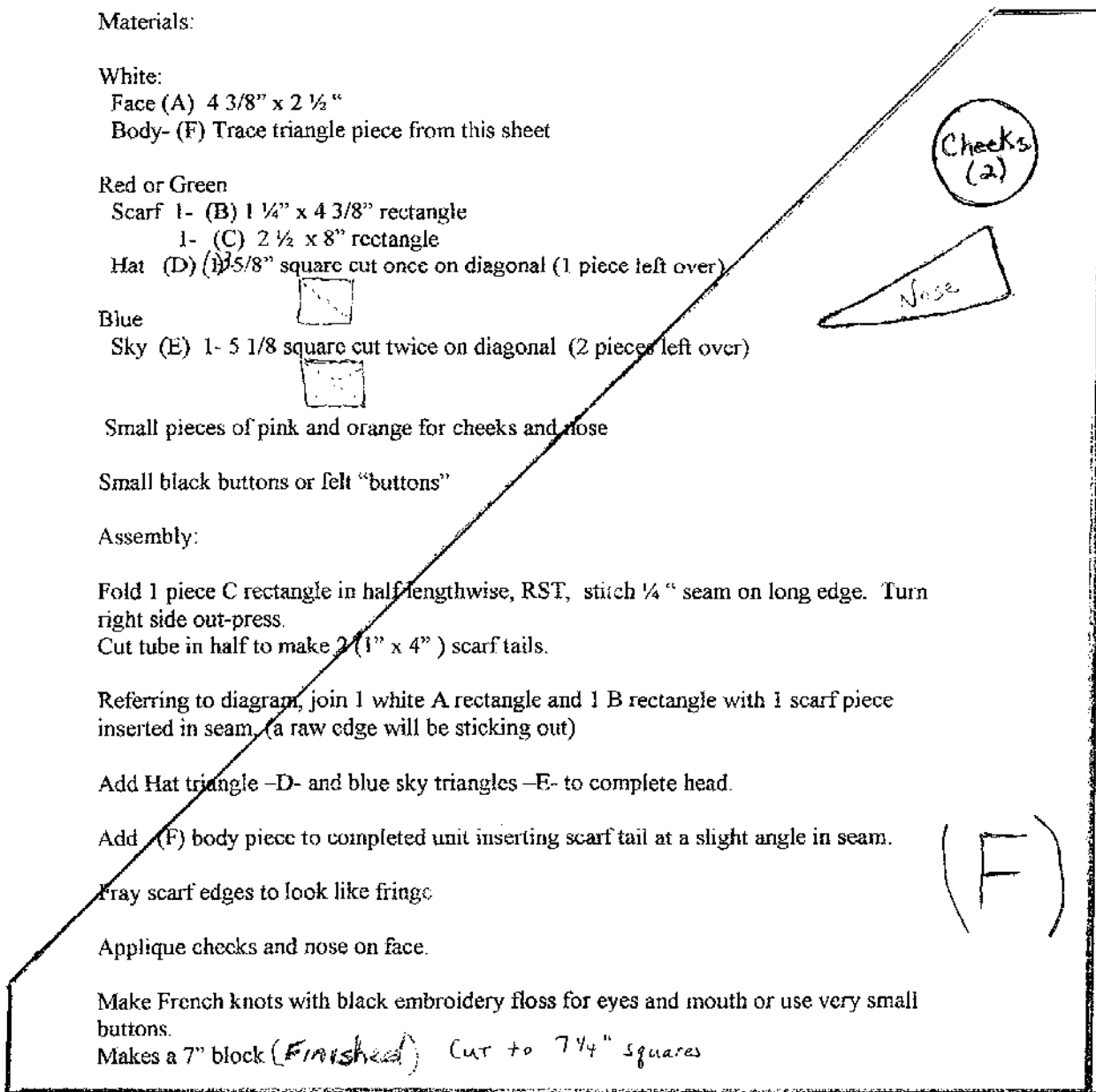
Add (F) body piece to completed unit inserting scarf tail at a slight angle in seam.

Fray scarf edges to look like fringe

Applique cheeks and nose on face.

Make French knots with black embroidery floss for eyes and mouth or use very small buttons.

Makes a 7" block (Finished) Cut to 7 1/4" squares



# Appliqued Gingerbread Boy

Center Gingerbread boy per pattern on 9-1/2" square white on beige fabric. Embellish and appliqué by hand or machine any way you'd like being sure finished square is machine washable when using embellishments.

Questions – Gay Harris 248-969-1990 [dharrisdk1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dharrisdk1@sbcglobal.net)

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Our next meeting is Thursday,  
December 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the  
Rochester Community House,  
Rochester, Michigan

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 17<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please submit your articles to [karlzmom@aol.com](mailto:karlzmom@aol.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy at 248-601-0127.

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First Class