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PIECEFUL TIMES

NEWSLETTER OF THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD

THE PURPOSES OF THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD ARE
TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND ART OF QUILTING.
TO EDUCATE INTERESTED PERSONS IN ALL ASPECTS OF QUILTING.

JANUARY, 2011

WWW:GATHERINGOFQUILTERS.ORG

EDITED BY HATTIE KATE HOWELL

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Doors open 6 pm, meeting begins 7 pm.

Elks Lodge, 3520 N. Holland Sylvania

(between Central & Sylvania)

Business meeting (brief), Show & Tell, Mini Demos,

Vendors, Fat quarter raffle, Pot luck

BRING:

Fat Quarter for raffle: nature or landscape prints (new, all cotton, 18" x 22")

Name tag: Handmade, readable

Address labels for raffle tickets and 50-50

A little money to buy fat quarter & 50-50 tickets, block of the month, and vendors products

Refreshments: potluck dish to share and your own table service

Pull tabs from pop & soup cans for Ronald McDonald House

Show & Tell (there will be no stage this month)

Project Linus finished quilts or tops

More about January Meeting:

5 MINI-DEMOS

Prepare for "Putting on The Ritz" in our challenge quilt,

Kelly Jackson: Prairie points and ruler demos,

Theresa Howard: Quick on point method

Margie Stone: Cathedral windows

Diana Trost: Rose applique

Sheila Painter: Two-color binding.

Be ready to learn and bring your favorite needle, thimble, and scissors.

5 VENDORS

POT LUCK

Everyone, remember to bring a dish to pass and your own dishes and flatware.

NO CHARGE FOR GUESTS IN JANUARY

Program Books: CORRECTION:

The March Meeting will be Thursday, March 17.
Yes, St. Patrick's Day!

Executive Board:

President - Colleen Florkowski

VP - Kelly Jackson

Secretary - Carol Fleitz

Treasurer - Nina Riddle

Committee Chairs:

Membership - Jill Holt

Programs - 10/11 Ellie Grabarczyk

Chris Stoker,

11/12 - Kathy Stein

Newsletter - Hattie Kate Howell

Retreat - Diana Lindhorst

Prizes - Cathy Frick

50/50 Raffle - Dale Burnett

Amy Reitzel

Fat quarter Raffle/

Challenge - Beth Rohrbacher

Historian - Ruth Wood

Publicity - Billie Szymanski

Refreshments - Debbie Linenkugel

Wanda Dyer

Web Master- Peverley Horman <pevhormann@yahoo.com>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you had wonderful holidays with your families and friends. Well how did we get here – 2011, already? Seems like only last year was 2000, and now we have completed the first decade of the twenty first century. Kind of makes you want to celebrate ;o)

So have you made any New Year's Resolutions? Are you going to finish all those UFOs lying around, or is your resolution that you learned enough from that piece in class and you have given yourself permission to move on?

I hope to bind my blue and yellow, Magic Carpet quilt in time for Kaleidoscope this summer. I have a few other nagging projects I sincerely want to finish for others so I can move on to finish something for me.

How many of you have a quilt for yourself? Or do you give them all away? My resolution is to finish one quilt for me this year.

I wish all of you a productive year full of good health and happy memories.
Colleen

GATHERING OF QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING

Minutes for Thursday, November 18, 2010

President Colleen Florkowski opened the meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the September 26, 2010 minutes as printed in the November issue of *Pieceful Times* newsletter. Billie Szymanski made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Diana Lindhorst. A vote was taken - minutes approved.

Colleen asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Also needed is a volunteer to make the 2011-2012 program book. Colleen reminded members that if they didn't want a picture taken of their Show and Tell project to be sure to tell the historian [person with camera] ahead of time.

FAT QUARTER RAFFLE & CHALLENGE Beth Rohrbacher was asked what was acceptable for the challenge. After discussion, it was decided "anything goes" as long as long as it is quilted. Diana Lindhorst, Rhonda Kistner, and Jill Holt won the fat quarter raffle. Beth also thanked members who brought in pop and soup can tabs for Ronald McDonald House and reminded members to bring a landscape fat quarter to the January Meeting.

PROGRAM: Ellie Gabarczyk asked if there were any members who wanted to sign up either as a vendor (\$10.00 table) or to do a Demo. Contact Ellie.

NEWSLETTER: Hattie Kate Howell asked that you let her know if a member wants to change either mail or e-mail of the *Pieceful Times*. Contact Hattie Kate.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH. Debbie Linenkugel announced she has 2 new and easier block of the month patterns available for \$3.00. All profit goes to the Guild.

RETREAT: Diana Lindhorst reported the **retreat at Whitewater will be March 25-27, 2011**. Cost \$125.00. A \$60.00 deposit check should be made payable to "The Gathering of Quilters Guild" to be sent to Diana.

PUBLICITY: Billie Szymanski has post cards available to members who would like to distribute them.

MEMBERSHIP: Jill Holt reported over 90 members currently registered along with one new member tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The fabric giveaway table earned the Guild \$60 in donations for the fabric item. Joyce Smith from Toledo Public Library is doing a quilt display of the **Underground Railroad**. The library is asking for related memorabilia.

NEW BUSINESS:

International Quilt Fest will be in Cincinnati April 8-10, 2011 at the Convention center. Classes start April 7. **Fons & Porter** Magazine subscriptions can be purchased for \$15 a year; Nina has sign up sheets. A thank you note was received from September speaker, Garnet Smalley.

To get the discount from Joann Fabrics you need to go on line. For Hancock, just show your Guild membership card.

Recorded by Diana Lindhurst for Carol Fleitz, sec'y.

Project Linus

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JENNIFER CHIAVERINI-

Author of *"THE ELM CREEK QUILT SERIES"* will be a guest speaker at the Bedford Library, in Temperance, Wednesday, 13, April 2011. She will give two presentations at 1 pm and 7 pm, cost \$10. Sonflower Quilts in Sylvania will vend. The mini-quilt show will include quilts from the Monroe Historical Museum. Plus -- prizes, gifts, snacks, book signing, and raffle baskets will be available at this fun event. Jennifer has a new book coming out February 2011: *The Union Quilt*. The Library plans to have these books on hand for signing. Please tell Margie if you are interested in purchasing a book to get an idea of how many to have on hand. Please call Margie Stone, 734-854-2381 to reserve your preferred time. (FYI: 75 SEATS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR noon-3pm TIME).

Tickets will be available at the January 20 guild meeting. Please make checks payable to: The Friends of the Bedford Library. Advise if you wish to purchase a book when picking up your ticket. After the January meeting, the library will take over ticket sales. If you cannot attend the January meeting you will need to go through the Library to obtain your reserved ticket. Bedford Library 734-847-6747.

Thank you for your participation. Questions/Directions: please call Margie or the Library.

Looking ahead:

International Quilt Festival Cincinnati

April 8-10, 2011

Cincinnati, Ohio

Duke Energy Convention Center

More information at: www/quilt.com

Hours:

April 7: 5-9 p.m. (Preview Night)

April 8 & 9: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

April 10: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Ticket prices:

\$10 daily adult/\$8 senior & student/Children 10 and under free with paying adult

\$10 Preview Night (includes one free additional day)

\$25 Full Show Pass (includes Preview Night)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: If you know the members of the guild and want to avoid becoming an officer, then nominating committee is for you. Contact Pres. Colleen.

Programs 2011-12

Kathy Stein is looking for input from the members regarding speakers or teachers you have heard elsewhere that we as a group might be interested in for a program.

CHALLENGES:

Gathering of Quilters Guild 2011 Challenge

Theme: **Putting on the Ritz**

Regardless of whether you lean towards traditional patterns or art quilts, this challenge will allow you to flex your creative muscle in a unique way with things that dangle, sparkle, or excite! The challenge has two parts.

Part 1 - Your quilt must utilize at least two embellishments. The following list offers examples of embellishments, but is not meant to limit your creativity. So if you have an idea not on the list, go ahead and use it.

Possible embellishments: beads, buttons, dimensional applique (ex. Yo-yos), decorative stitching, fabric manipulation (ex. pin tucks, ruching), trim (ex. cording, rick rack, silk ribbon), embroidery, yarn, decorative thread, pins, jewels, jewelry, charms, photos, paint/paint sticks, stamping, stenciling, letters, photographs, lace, sequins, fibers, glitter...

Part 2 - Your quilt must have an unusual edge or binding (ex. one edge is curved, the quilt is not the traditional square or a rectangle, prairie points, raw edge bindings, etc.)

Prizes will be awarded in the amounts of : 1st Place - \$75, 2nd Place - \$50, and 3rd Place - \$25. Please honor the spirit of the challenge and only enter quilts completed after May, 2010. Thanks and have fun! *Beth Rohrbacher*

Sauder Village Challenge for the annual quilt show in Archbold, OH, Tuesday, April 26 – Sunday, May 1, 2011, the theme is "**Flight of Imagination**" for a wall hanging between 24" and 36" using fabrics designed by Marcia Derse. www.marciaderse.com The blocks "Birds in Air" and "Wild Geese" must be included. The kits are available at the Threads of Tradition Quilt Shop. For more information, check www.saudervillage.org

Kaleidoscope

Using the theme "**Kaleidoscope of Colors**" and fabrics from a packet, make a small, less than 24", quilt. The show will be in July 15-16, 2011 in Sylvania, OH. For more information, check www.gccq.org

Stash surplus?

Has your compulsion to buy and acquire fabric interfered with your ability to walk across your sewing room or other rooms? Several agencies will welcome your surplus:

Good clean washable cotton: Quilts of Compassion use lots. Contact Janice Grimes.

Fabric reclaimed from clothing: Care & Share in Archbold, OH makes rugs from strips cut from reclaimed fabric and sell them for \$.50 an inch of finished rug. Scraps not reclaimable are sent to recyclers to use in paper products. Contact Karen Rupp.

Sylvania Senior Center takes fabric that makes nice quilts and sells what they can't use.

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

PROJECT LINUS NEWS

Please join us once again for our NATIONAL "Make a Blanket Day" on Saturday, February 19 from 10-3 at Sonflower Quilts in Sylvania. Please call Sonflower Quilts at 419-885-4438 to sign up for a shift time or give an approximate time when you can volunteer. Any time you can give would be appreciated. A light lunch will be provided and door prizes will be given.

Thanks for all you do for Project Linus! Keep those blankets coming. The children love them!
Nancy Bussing



QUILTING RETREAT

We are so excited to announce our 1st ALL DAY Quilting Retreat of the year!!!

Saturday, February 19
8am – 10pm

Registration Fee - \$30

Your registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and all refreshments. Refunds will only be given if there is a waiting list.

We will have TWO themes for Fat Quarter Baskets!

Our 2000 square foot facility offers wonderful sewing stations, 4 large ironing stations, 2 – 10' x 5' cutting tables and our new "Quilt Wall" to make your piecing easier! We will have fantastic raffle prizes throughout the day!!! Please contact Debbie Linenkugel at

419-865-7689 or jdkugel@sbcglobal.net.

Registration forms will be available at the Gathering meeting on January 20.

Space is limited...invite a friend...
you'll have a wonderful time!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Quilts of Compassion

2620 Centennial – Suite E, Toledo, OH 43617
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QUILT FOUNDRY NEWS

The dust is settling, the snow is falling, and ideas are flying like geese around the Quilt Foundry. Renew your acquaintance with Tammy, Karen, and Barb, our experienced and knowledgeable staff members. Meet Dale, Shirley, and Linda, who are newer to the Quilt Foundry and eager to help. We will be starting a Frequent Shopper Program at the Quilt Foundry on Jan. 3rd - the more you shop, the more you can save! After spending \$250.00 in the store, you will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to use on your next visit. We will keep track of your purchases for you.

For more information on any of the Block of the Month, classes, or parties, check the web site, shop or newsletter.

Block of the Month Programs

Thimbleberries Border Blast, Patriots in Petticoats , It Takes a Quilt Shop

Classes

Crazy Quilt Wall Hanging, Charming Log Cabin, Black and White Bargello, Garden Party, Quilting 101, Vernal Equinox, Scrappy Half Log Cabin, Spring Chintz, Stacked Galaxy, Tangerine Flight

Samples of all of the quilts, wall hangings, and totes made in the classes will be hanging in the shop. You can also view pictures of each on our website www.quiltfoundry.com.

All work and no play makes for a dull quilting day.

Let's Party

"Strip Party" (Sun., Jan.16, 1 pm. to 4 pm)
"Tie One On Party" (Sun. Feb. 6, 1 pm-4 pm)

Coming in March

Join the **Garden Club**. We will use Ruth McDowell's book, "*Pieced Flowers or Pieced Vegetables*" to launch our quilting Garden Club. Stop in on Wednesdays and talk to Barb for all the details. Samples are available in the shop.

As new owners of the Quilt Foundry, Rich and I really want to hear from you. Please tell us what fabric lines, patterns, classes, etc., you would like to see offered. Please share your thoughts with us.
Lisa

Quilt Foundry

234 W. Wayne Street, Maumee, OH 43537
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Hours:

M-TH 10 am - 7 pm, Friday - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday noon - 4 pm

From Member Margie Stone:
**R & R TOURS presents
American Quilter's Society Show
Paducah, Kentucky
April 26-30, 2011**

Randy Nafziger, Tour Host & Bus Driver

Tues. April 26

6:30am Leave Toledo (Office Max parking, Spring Meadows, Airport Hwy)
7:00 Pick up Wauseon Wal-mart parking lot (SE corner)
9:30 Rest Stop
12:00 Fast Food Lunch Stop ('OYO' = on your own)
3:30 Rest Stop
6:00 Dinner, Snappy's; Tomato Pizza Co Mayfield, KY
7:00 Check in- Super 8 Motel, Mayfield, KY

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 Breakfast at the hotel
9:00 Quilt Convention, Paducah Expo Center
12:00 Lunch OYO at the Convention
6:00 Dinner - Backwood BBQ

Thursday, April 28

8:00 Breakfast at the hotel
9:00 Stop at Hancock's of Paducah
Lunch OYO at the Convention
National Quilt Museum
6:00 Dinner at Kentucky Oaks Mall Food Court OYO and shopping!

Friday, April 29

8:00 Breakfast at the hotel
9:00 Stop at Eleanor Burns' Quilt-in-a-Day shop
5:30 Dinner at Ryan's Grill Buffet
7:00 Ricky Tims' Concert

Saturday, April 30

7:00am Breakfast at the hotel & leave for home
Fast Food Lunch stop OYO
7:00pm Approximate arrival time home

Costs:

\$ 475 per person / double occupancy
\$ 700 per person / single
\$ 410 per person / triple
\$ 375 per person / quad

* **Prices Include:** Lakefront Motor Coach, 4 nights lodging, 7 meals, concert, admissions*, tips

Does not incl. Convention registration fee:

\$15 for AQS members, \$30 non-members

* Registration and \$100 deposit due by: Feb 1

* Balance due: Mar 20

* Minimum: 33 registrants needed for trip to go

* For reservations and inquiries please call: Laura Nafziger at 419-445-1252

* **Mail registration & check payable to: R & R TOURS, 5175 Co. Rd. 19, Wauseon, OH 43567**

REGISTRATION FORM - American Quilter's Society,
Paducah, KY, Ap 26-30

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

AQS Member **Non Member**

Treasurer's Report		
Fiscal Year 2010/2011		
Activity from 11/18/2010 to 01/10/2011		
Beginning Balance before Encumbered Exps		\$ 6,287.59
Income		
Memberships from 11/18 meeting, 11 new	\$220.00	
Guests	\$ 0.00	
50/50 Raffle	\$ 43.75	
Fat Quarter Raffle Basket	\$ 54.00	
Fabric Stash Donation (Thanks to Susan Smith)	\$ 64.00	
Newsletter Ad	\$ 5.00	
Guild Pins	\$ 10.00	
Block of the Month	\$ 15.00	
Interest earned on CD (adjusted balance)	\$ 0.00	
Total Current Income	\$411.75	\$ 411.75

Expenses		
Hall Rental (11/18 & 1/ 20 Mtgs)	\$ 250.00	
Programs	\$ 0.00	
Speaker Fees & Expenses	\$ 230.54	
Total Current Expenses	\$ 480.54	\$ 480.54
Check Book Balance		\$ 3,985.70
Petty Cash		\$ 50.00
CD		\$ 2,183.10
Balance before Encumbered Exps		\$ 6,218.80
Encumbered Expenses		
Hall Rental 2010-2011 (2 meetings left)	\$ 250.00	
Speaker Fees 2010-2011	\$ 550.00	
Speaker Travel Expenses 2010-2011	\$ 1,170.76	
Total Encumbered Expenses	\$ 1,970.76	\$ 1,970.76
Ending Balance		\$ 4,248.04
<i>Respectfully Submitted, Nina Riddle, Treasurer</i>		

GATHERING BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Debbie Linenkugel has printed and will sell at each meeting a set of block patterns, and she will have finished samples of each to see. This is a fund raiser for the guild. If you have finished some of the blocks, bring them to share during show and tell. Maybe you will use them in this year's challenge!

If you missed the first two sets, more are available at a discount.



LOOKING AHEAD

Save these dates:
August 8-13, 2011

The London International Quilt Festival
presents
The Quilts of Hawaii

London Convention Center, London, Ontario, Canada
(*You will need a passport to get in and out of Canada; plan ahead.*)

For more information, check:

www.cotton-by-post.com

Or email: <liqf@execulink.com>

Or call: 518-639-9473



Thread Jazz for Quilting & Embellishing Sulky Sit and Sew Secrets of Success

Sat., March 12 morning or afternoon, hosted by Cellar Sewers. Learn to use metallics, stabilizers, and speciality threads. Bring your sewing machine with zigzag. Cost \$45 includes \$20 Sulky kit with 7 spools of thread, needle, fabric and batting.

For more information including Toledo location, call Edie Dyke at 419-475-7267

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Blue Skies Quilting & Gifts

Blue Skies Quilting Getaway - Jan. 29th. See website for details.

To see or to sign up for Blue Skies Newsletter, go to the website:

www.blueskiesquilting.com

Theresa Howard presents on-line and in-store: quilt fabrics, kits, templates, rulers, and notions and more at

422 Louisiana Avenue, Perrysburg OH 43551.

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

Phone: 1-888-714-2299 or 419-872-4500

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