



Pieceful Times

NEWS LETTER OF THE GATHERING OF QUILTERS GUILD
JANUARY 2010
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010

ELKS Lodge

3520 Holland-Sylvania

(between Central and Sylvania)

Business Meeting, including **election of Vice President**

Program: **Charity Night** (more information below)

Fat Quarter Raffle Drawing
Show and Tell

Please bring the following items:

Your hand made name tag
Fat Quarters: Solids

Charity Night

Thursday, January 21, 2010

As of press time, we have four charities represented for us to work on projects using our skills with fabric and fiber: Mended Hearts, Project Linus, Quilts of Valor, and Hospice Comfort Pillows.

HOSPICE of NW OHIO



Hospice of NW Ohio welcomes "comfort pillows" made by volunteers for patients. These Comfort Pillows are small, soft, and covered with a cheery or colorful soft cotton fabric. Patients feel comforted having one or more of these tucked around their head, neck, or arms. The pillows also help to prevent discomfort and bedsores. Patients and families treasure the pillows.

On Charity Night we will cut out sew and stuff some of these pillows. You may bring polyester batting scraps to stuff these. We will have patterns for two styles, so bring your favorite scissors. Scrap flannel and cotton work very well.

MENDED HEARTS

These small white pillows are used by open heart surgery patients to put on their chest when they cough or for use with a seat belt.

All supplies will be provided.



Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

I am happy to report that our chapter is nearing the 3000 blanket donation point! We have come a long way in four short years thanks to all of your donations and help.

We have also expanded our donations to include Toledo Children's Hospital along with Lucas County Child Services (foster children).

At the Gathering Guild meeting we will be working on cutting scrap quilts from all of our leftover fabric. We will also be able to try out the Accuquilt cutter. Bring your rotary cutters, rulers and mats to help out.

Please join us once again for our **National "Make a Blanket Day" on Saturday, February 20th 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. A light lunch will be provided. We will also have the drawing for the raffle quilt that day.

Thanks for all you do for Project Linus! Nancy Bussing



QUILTS OF VALOR

locally and nationally makes quilt tops which are quilted by long-armers. These lap-sized-- 50" x 60" but no more than 72" x 96"-- quilts are given to wounded personnel of all military branches.

To help with this project bring your basic sewing tools. Leading this activity will be JoEllen Morrison and guild members Jill Holt and Rhonda Kistner.

OTHER QUILTERS' CHARITIES

Because of shortage of electric outlets we are somewhat limited, but if you have a charity you would like to participate, contact the Program co-chairs.

If you want to share charity opportunities for quilters, the next newsletter would like to list them. Bring a brochure to the meeting or email the information to Hattie Kate.

THANKS FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY:

The Toledo Area Humane Society sent a letter of appreciation for the "All Animals Are Special" quilt. Director of Marketing and Development, Patty Gelb, reported that the quilt was their most popular raffle item and sold \$425 in tickets. The lady who won was in tears, she was so excited to be the winner! Patty wishes me to pass on "thank you to everyone who helped make this unique and special quilt for the Toledo Area Humane Society".

The small wall hanging that was made from sample blocks of the "All Animals Are Special" quilt was sold at raffle during the November guild meeting. The raffle resulted in a disappointing \$19 for the Gathering general fund.
Margie Stone and Grace Peitz
Humane Society Co-Chairs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Currently we have 139 members.

Retreat, March 19-21, 2010: Diana Lindhorst, The forms are in the Booklet that was sent, so fill out the form and bring it with your deposit.

Fundraising: Pick up your Guild T-Shirt, sapphire (blue) 100% cotton, with the guild logo embroidered in white, that you ordered and paid for in November. This is a major fund-raiser for the guild.

Don't forget the 50-50 raffle.

Challenge: Winter is here, and now is the time to check out the color scheme on packages in your cupboard or at the store. Before you recycle the packaging from holiday gifts, which one caught your attention by its colors? This year's guild challenge is based on choosing the color scheme used in a package and make a finished quilt (three layers, quilted, and bound) using that color scheme. See the booklet for details.

Programs: next meeting, March 18, the speaker: Linda Poole, will speak on "Turkish Appliqué and Bended Bias" Fat quarter raffle theme: batik.

Refreshments: will be provided by those with last names beginning with the following: **January G-K**, March L-R, May S-Z. Decaf beverages will be provided.

Newsletter: Pieceful Times will be available by USPS (snail mail) or by email to members. The goal for *Pieceful Times* is to be informative, easy and fun to read. If you have a **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**, snail mail, e-mail or phone number, please notify Jill Holt, membership chairman.

SPECIAL THANKS:

Take a look at the newly redesigned website.
<http://www.gatheringofquilters.org>
Peverly has simplified the look and made it easier to navigate and to maintain.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

not available at press time, may be available at the January meeting.

MINUTES

General Meeting November 19, 2009

not available at press time, will be available at the January meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity from 10/15/2009 to 1/2010, not available at press time, will be available at the January meeting.

FAVORITE LINKS

I recently found a new web site that has free tutorials on it. It's a shop, **Missouri Star Quilt Company**, in Missouri and the tutorials are done by the shop's staff. The site is: <http://missouriquiltco.com/>. I watched a couple of them and they were pretty good. Chris Dauer

A new tool for edging Project Linus fleece blankets. It's called a "**skip stitch**" **rotary cutter**, that cuts little slits rather than a straight cut so you can slip a crochet needle through. Check Project Linus web site for this and for free patterns. Hattie Kate

The many **links** from our own web site, www.gatheringofquilters.org are great sources of inspiration.

For a few years I've gotten e-mails from www.ThousandsOfBolts.com but I hadn't looked at the site in a while. Today, when I looked, I see that they have something called a color match. When you click on one of the fabrics they are selling, you can then move your mouse to any part of that fabric and click, then the color pops up that you clicked on, and they show you all of the fabrics that match that color. Maybe people would like to try it. It's another way to encourage more fabric buying! Uh-oh...! Vicki

FROM QUILTER'S T-SHIRT ADS:

- *The Quilter's Diet: 0 Carbs, Lots of Fiber
- *If life gives you scraps, make a quilt.
- *Asking a quilter to mend is like asking Picasso to paint your garage.
- *Those aren't thread bits, they're debris from a creative explosion!
(you should see my sewing room)
- *Don't be scared; you'll get your quilt.
(translation: Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.)
- **Carpe Quiltem* (Seize the Quilt.) Hattie Kate

A poem honoring Quilts of Valor organization:

BLANKET OF HOPE

Janet J. Seahorn, Ph.D. August, 2009

Blanket of Hope
Covers my wounds,
Keeping me safe
In this far from home room.

Blanket of Hope
As tears fill my eyes
Brings me closer to home
When morning arrives.

Blanket of Hope
Surrounding my heart,
Keeping me sane
When I'm falling apart.

Blanket of Hope
With deep gratitude
My words can't express
A way to thank you.

Blanket of Hope
Sewn by love's hands,
With patience and kindness
Compassion commands.

BITS & PIECES FROM MEMBERS

A teacher of special needs second-graders in Newark, NJ has discovered the power of quilts. She stumbled upon the idea to use quilts to calm the kids and help them focus. Her sister, a quilter, made each child a quilt and pillow using novelty fabric they chose. She claims that when a child has some issues or attention deficit disorder, often they're feeling things they can't control. Give them a manipulative, such as a quilt, and they have something they can control. She calls it a multi-sensory technique because she's tapping into a sensory issue with the quilts that helps the children learn.

I read in a 10 year old quilt magazine that a photographer offered a special service to attendees of the quilt show in Paducah. He would take photographs of them working on or posed with their quilts, AND a new electronic proofing system allowed them to see proofs instantly on a monitor!

Quilting in the news: Fans of Scottish singing sensation Susan Boyle presented her with a quilt after her Today Show performance on her US tour. The quilt was made up of blocks from 163 fans, from 50 states in US, and 27 other countries from all continents.

A quilt show in Australia in May is attempting to create the world's biggest hexagon quilt. Quilters sent hexagons blocks which will be sewn together. They came from Cyprus, China, Chile, Canada, Hong Kong, The Netherlands, England, USA, Belgium, Finland, New Zealand, Argentina and Australia. After the quilt show, the hexagon quilt will be made into smaller quilts and distributed to nursing homes. Search the web for World's Biggest Hexagon Quilt for updates.

QUILT PATTERN TESTERS

Aniko Feher, a fellow quilter and quilting teacher from SE Michigan has recently started a business lecturing and doing quilting workshops.

To develop salable patterns, she needs some pattern testers. She would send you a reasonably good preliminary package containing the pattern and instructions.

You would either:

A. Make the project and comment on the instructions, noting particular problems or opportunities for improvement.

B. React to pattern by saying: Yuck, I have no interest in ever making this, what is that woman thinking?

If you are interested, she has testing packs ready to go.

Contact her through her website:

www.quiltsbyaniko.com or call (248) 968-1703.
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