

October 2009 Newsletter



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News from the Library

The following new books have been added to the collection:

- "Charmed, I'm Sure" by Lesley Chaisson - Quilts Using Charm Squares
- "Hooked on Feathers" by Sally Terry - Free Motion Feather Patterns
- "Deck the Halls" by Cheryl Taylor - Quilts to celebrate Christmas
- "Top This" by Nona Davis - Table Topper Quilts

The Library Committee will be doing a drawing every other month for Fat Quarters. You will need to put your name in the drawing for each book that you check out. The next month we will draw a name. This begins on Monday, October 5, 2009.

If the thousands free quilt patterns available in the books aren't enough to entice you to check out books from our library, maybe the chance to win a fat quarter will!!!!

Upcoming Meetings

- October 5, 2009 – Quilting Techniques
Members will be presenting some quilting techniques. This will be a great time to bring lots of show and tell.
- November 2 – Joyce Moorman will present a trunk show and share her techniques.
- December 7 – December Social and Auction.
6:00 PM. Bring a covered dish and something for the auction. Don't forget the ornament exchange!!

The Quilt Exchange

Quilters are always looking for fabric, patterns, machines, etc. Sometimes we might have some quilting item we want to sell. Next month we will start a column, The Quilt Exchange. If you have a quilting related item to sell (no cars or boats) just send me an email or give me a call and I will list it in the Newsletter.

If you are looking for a sewing machine, that pattern you saw in a magazine last year but can't find yours, or that quarter of a yard of fabric to finish that special quilt, or anything else quilt related that you are looking for; I will also list that for you.

Remember, someone's trash just may be someone's treasure.

Newsletter Info

Thanks to all who are helping me improve the Newsletter and pass on more information. I hope you enjoy the personal information we are sharing. If you have an article to share, just let me know.

If you have a hint you would like to share, the Newsletter is a great place to let all of your quilting buddies in on your secret way to do something.

Newsletter Ads

The cost to place your ad in the Star Quilters Guild Newsletters is \$20.00 per year for a business card size and \$60.00 per year for a quarter page. This is a great way to advertise your business. Contact Linda Greene for more information.

Introducing the Village Piecemakers

My daughter-in-law, Pam, belongs to the Village Piecemakers in Poolesville, Maryland. I think you will be interested in their service projects. Her guild chooses service projects on a yearly basis. This year they made two quilts for families that lost everything in house fires. I know that's not too unusual. I believe there are several church women's groups in the area who do that. But here's the cute part. The quilters found out that one of the children was very worried about his toys and stuffed animals: that they may be in another fire. Sometimes he put them in the car for safekeeping. The quilters got up the idea of making him a special quilt for himself and his bears, etc. They made it out of juvenile prints and colorful embroidery. Now he won't have to worry about his special friends any more.

Their other projects for the year include making ninety placemats for Meals on Wheels. They have also donated expense money to people staying at Fisher House, while visiting veterans at Walter Reid. One year they joined us by making Quilts for Wounded Warriors. They also donated a quilt as a fundraiser for the local Hospice.

As for their general activities, they are a lot like ours. Except, they have what they call Retreats four times a year. Some use this time (3 or 4 days, out of town) to finish UFOs, or to learn a new technique. They, too, go on field trips to fabric stores and quilt shows. Recently, they went to see the Smithsonian collection of antique quilts that are kept behind closed doors and only seen by appointment. That trip was a lot shorter for them than it would be for us.

From what my Pam says in her letters, they seem to make a lot more small things than we do. For instance, placemats, pillows, pocketbooks, table runners, and Christmas ornaments. But they make a lot of quilts too.

The Village Piecemakers have 37 members and they meet once a month in the evenings.

Elinor Bent

Bus Trip



Come join the Star Quilters Guild on a bus trip to the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, Virginia on Saturday, October 10, 2009. We will leave Roanoke at 8:00 AM (the meeting place will be announced later). We will also be making stops at the Dayton's Farmers Market and Patchwork Plus in Dayton, as well as the Green Valley Book Fair in Mt. Crawford.

Our lunch stop will be announced later and the cost is not included in your fare.

There are 38 quilters signed up so far and only 54 total seats available on the bus. The cost will be \$18.00 for the bus plus \$5.00 for admission to the museum. If you have signed up to go, you need to bring your money to the September Guild meeting to pay in advance to reserve your seat on the bus. If you have not signed up and want to go, contact Kathy Wickham. Your seat is not reserved until Kathy has your payment.

Kathy Wickham, Hospitality

Dear Jane Group

The Dear Jane Group meets the 3rd Monday of each month at St. John Lutheran. The plan was to work on the Jane Stickle quilt making individually chosen blocks that each member chose to make.

This has evolved to any type of hand-piecing and all hand-piecers or wanna be hand-piecers are invited. It is a great time of fun, fellowship and help from other members. Bring your own supplies. Of course we all will be glad to share if you forget to bring something.

For more information contact: Sallie Powers or Linda Greene.

Barefoot Quiltessas

The Barefoot Quiltessas meet the 1st Friday of each month at Our Lady of Nazareth Church, 2505 Electric Road, SW, in Roanoke They meet from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Bring your lunch and join in for fun and hands-on learning.

For more information contact: Gayla Heath or Judy Bradley



Membership Matters...Additional Name Badge Being Introduced at October Meeting

One of our membership goals is to maintain our reputation as a very friendly group. The most dreaded fear for most people is public speaking followed by a close second of walking into a room with a group of strangers. Hopefully, our name badge system helps us greet and talk to new people at our meetings and events.

We have two name badges that we have been using at our meetings and events. One is the permanent badge that has our Star Quilters Guild logo on it. The second one is used for guests. It has a quilt design on it and is printed in pink. At our October meeting we will start using a third badge.

This third badge will be for new members who join at a meeting or event. The badge will look like a permanent badge with our logo; however, it will be printed on green paper. New members will be asked to use it for several months.

When we see a person with a pink quilt badge we can begin a conversation with "How did you find out about our guild?" or "Are you thinking of joining our guild?" If we see a member with a green badge we can begin a conversation with "Have you enjoyed our meetings so far?" or "When did you join?" **Not that I think I need to give quilters guidelines on how to begin a conversation!** I'm just explaining how our name badges can help know the status of a new person.

A church I attended recently had a suggestion in the bulletin for members not to rush out of the service and get with their "clique" but to take two minutes each week to seek out someone with whom they had never spoken. This is just a thought for our guild members.

Sue Dixon, Membership

Inclement Weather

Winter is almost here!!! The Guild follows the schedule of Virginia Western Community College. If their evening classes are canceled, our meeting will also be canceled.

A Message From Jill Setchel

The Quilting Connection

Boones Mill, Virginia

We are going to open up a physical storefront in Boones Mill, Virginia. We currently have been doing web site and quilt shows only, now we have decided to expand into a store front. Yippee! We will be located at 25184 Virgil Goode Hwy (Rt. 220 South) Boones Mill, Virginia and are expected to open October 8th. We will have more details on the web site in the upcoming days. If you are traveling in the area, please stop by. If you are local, we would love to see you again.

Set Up and Take Down Volunteers

I've heard Judy McWhorter say, "many hands make quick work" (or something like that). It takes many volunteers to keep the Quilt Guild running. We are asking for volunteers to help us set up the chairs and tables before each meeting and take them down after each meeting. We have a very special "angel" who is always setting up and taking down the chairs and tables at "every" meeting. We can use some more "angels" to help her.

If you can be here at 6:00 PM to help set up or stay after the meeting to help take down, then [please sign up at the membership desk.](#)

Fat Quarter Frenzy

Taken from McCalls Quick Quilts, November 2005.

Did you know that One Fat Quarter Equals:

99 - 2 inch squares	or	56 - 2.5 inch squares	or	42 - 3 inch squares	or	30 - 3.5 inch squares	or
20 - 4 inch squares	or	16 - 4.5 inch squares	or	12 - 5 inch squares	or	12 - 5.5 inch squares	or
9 - 6 inch squares	or	6 - 6.5 inch squares					

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