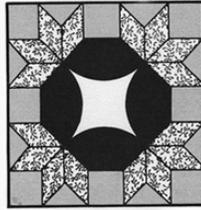


Miami Valley Quilters' Guild

Quilters' Quotes



"Quilters everywhere should join hands
in friendship, creativity and inspiration."

May 13 2014

7:00 P.M.

**Fairborn Senior Center
325 North Third Street
Fairborn, Ohio**

Visitors Welcome

Spring is here. Hope no more cancellation warnings are necessary,

2014 Peoples' Choice Winners on Display

With the work and excitement of the 2014 Quilt show in the past, the May guild meeting will provide an opportunity to review the Peoples' Choice selections and have an opportunity to meet the quilters. With 11 categories, the meeting will be like a mini quilt show.

April was a busy month getting ready for our quilt show. It is so hard to decide among my few items to include in meetings since most have been give-aways. There were so many questions asked at the last meeting concerning the quilt show. We could have used another hour. Lesson learned: No special speakers before and after the quilt show.

Steve Davis, sewing maintenance extraordinaire, gave us some helpful hints to keep our machines in good working order for a long time. His first advice was to thread our machine correctly. Next he suggested we buy good thread and fabric. Throw away those yard sale threads from years ago. Finally, Steve asked us to change our needle after every major project or 10,000 stitches. Never use WD-40 like oil.

One of the first articles in our guild constitution is "to join hands in friendship." I have always felt that our meetings are so rushed. Little did I realize that we only have 1 ½ hours at the center. We start at 7 p.m. and should be leaving by 8:30 p.m. We can set up at 6:30 p.m. I know we keep our "business" to a minimum and rely on our web page and newsletter to get our information to our members. Starting with birthdays, if it is your month, come and get a chocolate from the candy jar! New members can choose a fat quarter from our basket!

Upcoming: In June bring us your favorite tool and technique. We will put them on line. July brings us ideas to make Christmas gifts. For August we will feature our community quilts cutting party. LeAnn Heagle has a great need for kits. At the same time, remember to bring a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry. In September we will auction off our "baskets." Be creative, you and/or friends can look through your "I'll never use that again" or the "why did I buy that" stash and it will become someone's treasure. October will feature our fabulous library and November may be highlighting JayDee's top ten lists. Our annual carry-in dinner will round out the year in December.

If you know of a venue or building with reasonable rates there are so many more workshops that we can offer our members. Ideally it should hold 20 sewers. Let me know.

Mary Bergseth

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A Message from the President...

Many thanks to Steve Davis for driving in for our meeting in April. It was so informative – and I guess I need to go buy more machine needles since I do not change mine anywhere near as often as he told us to.

May is Quilt Show, Quilt Show, Quilt Show. Continue to spread the word and sell the raffle tickets but do not forget that you can still plan sell items in the boutique and come enjoy the show yourself.

Kim Gros, President

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Membership News

There were 97 members and 1 guest for the April meeting featuring sewing machine mechanic Steve Davis who provided an overview of machine care and maintenance and answered numerous questions from the audience.

Please add following new members to your 2014 Membership Roster.

Carole Decker

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Rosemary Ramsey

8972 Maple Run Drive

Dayton, OH 45458

Also, member **Jenny Parker** has

a new address and phone number:

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Beavercreek, OH 45430

702/767-0837

Membership renewals for 2014 are still being accepted.

Membership dues of \$20.00 for

2014 can be paid and changes of contact information or other membership inquiries can be made at meetings or directed to: Susan Miller, 2077 Fairknoll Drive, Beavercreek 45431, (phone) 429-5668, (e-mail) dpmsam@sbcglobal.net.

Make checks payable to Miami Valley Quilters' Guild with "Membership" on the Memo line. Please include Name, Mail Address, Phone and E-mail. Membership materials can be picked up at a subsequent meeting. If you would like to have your membership card mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have problems receiving Guild information sent by e-mail please contact Ed Chamness (e-mail) mrandmrsquilter@aol.com or (phone) 372-5821.



QOV Featured on Dayton Television

The Quilts of Valor project has been very busy during the last month! Besides being featured in a WDTN (Channel 2) segment and in a Skywriter (WPAFB newspaper) article during April, our booth at the Quilt Show will allow us to talk to many other people about the work that we do to honor our military.

Many thanks to Bootie Zengel who hooked us up with the Channel 2 people (via her granddaughter, who is a producer there). Also thanks to Shari Brindley, who opened up her home for the taping and to Leanne Heagle, Kim Gros, and Nancy Wilda who also participated in the Channel 2 segment.

To all of those who recently donated fabric and tops, it is greatly appreciated! We continue to finish quilts and will need more to present as the word about Quilts of Valor grows! During the summer, we plan to hold a few "Sew-In" days to make kits and sew together tops from the many scraps that we have.

Stay tuned for more info in June!

Deb Ginsburg

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Third Monday Stitch-in

The 3rd Monday stitch-in will be held May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Debbie Ginsburg, 701 Debron Road, West Milton.

Her phone number is 698-4711. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Sew-in at Fairborn Senior Center

All are welcome to attend a monthly sew-in for the Guild at the Fairborn Senior Center. Times are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the fourth Monday. The cost is \$2.00 for Guild members (\$1.00 for members of the Fairborn Senior Center).

The next sew-in is May 26. Come and get to know other members of the guild. Come for a few hours or stay all day. (When you arrive, go the back door of the center and the room is on the left.)

Bring a project and sew, sew, sew. You can sew on something for yourself or work on projects for Community Quilts. Bring your sewing machine, tools and supplies, or do some hand work. Irons will be available. No home interruptions!!!

Come and have a fun time...laugh and sew!!! If you have any questions, contact:

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Bus Trip Planned for July 25

Connie Combs is working on a bus for guild members and friends on Friday, July 25, to Kokomo, Indiana, for a 30-vendor One-Stop Shop.

Cost will be \$26 for the bus. The bus will depart at approximately 6:30 a.m. with pick-up points in Greene County and Montgomery County. Activities will include shopping with the vendors on the opening morning of the shop hop (\$5.00, admission at the door); lunch on your own at the Crystal Tea Room (\$8.50 daily specials), and a visit to the Kokomo Opalescent Glass Studio, Arrival back home will be approximately 6 p.m.

To cover the expense of the trip 50 reservations will be necessary. Feel free to invite your friends, and if you belong to or visit other guilds let them know that the trip is open to all, first-come first served.

For additional information, call or text **Connie Combs** at 623-5583, or e-mail her at stingray1971@dslextreme.com

Guild Offers Unique Workshop in August

In August the Miami Valley Quilters Guild is offering a new type of commuter workshop opportunity with two different classes and four days of sewing, August 21-25, at the Bergamo Center in Beavercreek.

Workshop participants can learn one or two new quilt patterns and enjoy four days of sewing with friends, new and old.

Marilyn Foreman's "Entwined" will be the pattern for the Thursday, August 21, workshop class which will begin at 6 p.m. "Bridget's Blossoms" from Karrie Patch Designs will be the Friday, August 22, class, also beginning at 6 p.m.

In addition to class sessions, the workshop space at Bergamo will be available for registered participants at other times during the four days.

All registered participants can arrive at 9 a.m. on Thursday and Friday set up and sew until that day's class begins at 6 p.m.

Sewing time on Saturday and Sunday will begin at 9 a.m. The adventure will conclude at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Registration for the workshop is \$50 for the four days with an additional \$10 pattern fee for each class. Participants can select either pattern or both.

Registration is open to members on a first come, first served basis with limited space available. Deposits for registration can be made at all guild meetings or contact Mary Bergseth at maryoo@ameritech.net or call 427-3057. Registration must be completed by the August meeting. A portion of deposits will be non-refundable if registration is not completed.



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Take time to visit the library for free inspiration at Guild meetings. Check out one of our books or DVDs from our collection. Tere Homer brings you a different batch of books and DVD's each month. If you don't see what you are looking for, check the library listing on the Guild's web site and email Tere at terequilts@yahoo.com and let her know the selection you would like her to bring to the next meeting. "Check it out"!

Tere Homer

Librarian

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Secret Stitches Open to All

All members are invited to participate in "Secret Stitches" as a way to get to know other quilters and share small quilt related gifts.

To participate, wrap a little gift and bring it to the guild meeting and you will be leaving with a gift.

There are no sign-ups or specific assignment of a recipient for your gift. Include your name with your gift and you will have a different Secret Stitcher each month you participate. You don't have to commit to bringing a gift each month, but you will be receiving a gift each month you participate.

Hopefully this approach will encourage more members to participate on a regular basis. Try it for one meeting to see how you like it.

Happy Stitching!

Barb Carruth

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Magazine Subscriptions Benefit Guild

Members who subscribe to Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting magazine can help the guild while enjoying the interesting features and patterns featured in one of the most popular quilting publications.

Start or renew a subscription for \$20 per year through the guild and we will be able to earn \$5 while sending on the \$15 for your subscription.

Karen Engel is coordinator for the Fons & Porter project and has forms to be filled out for new or renewal subscriptions. Contact her at meetings or by e-mail or phone.

Karen Engel

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Save Hobbs Labels for Community Quilts

If you buy Hobbs batting please cut the UPC symbol from the batting bag (or bring the whole plastic bag) to be sent in for batting from Hobbs. They have a program that allows us to purchase rolls of batting at unbelievable prices. I would like to use it for both the Quilts of Valor Program as well as the Community Quilts Program.

Also, someone asked if I would put something in the newsletter stating what supplies we need for community quilts. Fabric is always appreciated, but we really need backing material. Most of our quilts are lap sized or smaller, so 50 X 60 would work if you are long-arm quilting.

For those of our quilters who machine quilt, the leftover fabric can be used as binding when cut off the finished quilt and re-cut into 2 ¼ or 2 ½ strips. Batting is also greatly appreciated. For long-arm quilting we can't use Fairfield products, so Hobbs or Warm and Natural are two that work well.

Leanne Heagle

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Sunshine News

If you know of a Guild member who could use the support of the Guild, please contact: Loretta Stephens by e-mail at lorettastephens93@yahoo.com or call her at 532-5578. She will send out a card and we will let the membership know.

National Quilt Museum Quilts at Troy-Hayner

The **Troy-Hayner Cultural Center**, 301 West Main Street, Troy, will present "New Quilts from an Old Favorite 2013: Jacob's Ladder," an exhibit and contest held by the National Quilt Museum, April 25-June 15. The display is in memory of Sandy Altier, Exhibit Committee Chair from 2010-2013, and avid quilter. Her quilts will also be on display. For more information, call (937) 339-0457 or visit www.troyhayner.org.

Quilt Programs Available for iPad

In response to interest in quilting programs for the iPad generated by the March program on EQ7 by Darlene Griffith of PDG Creations, LLC, Mary Lou McCormack has researched some of commercially available programs.

Quiltography by Christopher Oxley

Cost is \$14.99

Quiltography was designed specifically for the iPad and is available in the Apple App Store. Three tutorial videos are available at <http://quiltography.co.uk/videos/>. One can also find on the website several other tutorials to read including Photo Quilt, Customizing A Block, How to Delete Fabric, and How to Add Fabric. The website also features a Q & A section.

Some of the features of Quiltography include: automatically scans in fabric and imports images of fabric from internet; 80 traditional block templates named to allow user to find tutorials on-line; each block can be customized with any imported fabric; create own block templates from scratch, resize, rotate, and flip blocks into place; add borders comprised of quilt blocks; adjust sashing width, add cornerstones, flip and rotate blocks; and link matching blocks.

Reviews of this app are available at the following sites:

<http://thefibarnation.blogspot.com/2013/07/review-quiltography-ipad-app.html>

<http://sew-was-i.blogspot.com/2013/08/quiltography-app-for-ipad.html>

<http://codmansquarecreations.blogspot.com/2013/05/playin-with-quiltography-app.html>

There are also numerous reviews at the Apple App Store.

Quilt Studio by Subtractive Art

Cost: Free to install; Basic Expansion \$12.99; Unlimited Storage \$29.99

The free version of Quilt Studio allows you to create and change a single quilt, including one custom fabric set and two custom blocks.

The Basic Expansion version provides up to 10 quilts, 10 custom fabric sets, and 20 custom blocks. The Unlimited Storage version allows as many quilts, fabric sets, and blocks as you want.

Quilt Studio is also only available for the iPad in the Apple App Store. This company provides several video tutorials accessible from their web site,

http://www.subtractiveart.com/Subtractive_Art/QuiltStudio.html.

These tutorials include Studio Screen, Quilt Editor, Block editor, Choose Fabrics from Hancock's of Paducah, Search Fabrics, and Quilt Info. According to the web site, Quilt Studio is designed to help experienced quilters design and sew quilt tops without having to worry about estimating fabrics, figuring out piece dimensions or drawing templates. This program provides a "Knowledge Base" that covers 15 different topics.

Quilt Studio allows the following: Design pieced patchwork quilts with your own custom blocks; choose from hundreds of fabrics from Hancock's of Paducah and order on-line; change block settings, sashing, borders and binding; have block diagrams, fabric estimates and templates done for you automatically; e-mail quilt information PDF file to print or share (paid feature).

Reviews of this app are limited. There were only 6 available in the Apple App Store.

QuiltWizard by Wattlebird Designs:

Cost \$4.99 Quiltwizard Companion: \$1.99

QuiltWizard lets quilters create quilts, block by block, while also letting them incorporate actual fabrics into the design. Quilt Wizard companion is an extension of the original Quilt Wizard app so the quilter can send creations onto the original app to play with fabrics. The website, <http://blog.wattlebird.com.au>, offers limited Q & A, but it does provide a User Guide. Just click on the QuiltWizard tab at the top of the page. As far as I can tell, the site offers no video tutorials.

QuiltWizard allows the following: images of fabric to be imported into the design; a library of ready to use block designs that can be filled in with fabric choices; and unique features that let quilters design quilts quickly.

A full review of this program is available at:

<http://www.technologyguide.com/softwarereview/quiltwizard-the-best-quilt-designing-app-for-modern-and-traditional-quilters/>. There are no reviews available at the Apple App Store.

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