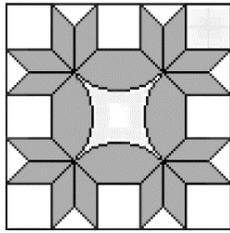


Miami Valley Quilters' Guild

Quilters' Quotes



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

December 11, 2012
~~7:00 P.M.~~ 6:30 P.M.
Fairborn Senior Center
325 North Third Street
Fairborn, Ohio

Visitors Welcome

Reminder: Guild meetings will be cancelled if the Fairborn Senior Center is closed.

Holiday Carry-in Dinner, Open to Members & Guests

Our December meeting is the Guild's traditional holiday carry-in dinner. We are welcoming guests to attend. If you invite a guest or guests, please keep in mind that your carry-in should reflect the additional participants. Bring a covered dish to share and your own drink. The Guild will have plates and tableware available. Remember the earlier, 6:30 p.m., starting time. Set-up help also is appreciated.

Also, rather than a fabric or gift exchange, we want to encourage members to bring star blocks for the Quilts of Valor project or to donate backing or large pieces of appropriate fabric for the Quilts of Valor or for our Community Quilts. If you can't bring star blocks or fabric to donate, consider pledging your time to help put together the Quilts of Valor or a Community Quilt.

There will be an exchange of Oriental fabrics for members who plan on working on this project for Retreat (or on their own). Lesa Bame is heading this project and there are more details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Remember that the January meeting will be devoted to Community Quilts and our new chairs, Linda Dearie and Leanne Heagle will be providing more information in next month's newsletter.

Merle Scribner, Vice President

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242-2645 (New Number)

A Note from the President...

Has it already been 2 years? I want to say a big THANKS to everyone for all your support. The guild has many dedicated members and it makes this position so easy and rewarding. Members have come up with some really great ideas and followed through.

I do want to ask one thing of everyone in the guild. If you see something that is not working quite right please let us know not only the problem, but some solutions to 'fix' it. We really have some wonderful people and we all want to belong to the best guild in the area.

Since joining the guild 7 or 8 years ago I have been blessed by the many things this guild does. You are an amazing group of quilters and have been both a blessing and inspiration to me. If you are new and don't feel you know anyone and want to meet some of these inspirational people get involved in a committee.

Thank you for having me as your president.

Shari Brindley, President

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Quilts of Valor Project: Make a Star for a Veteran!!

The response to this effort has been truly overwhelming! At the November meeting, over 110 star blocks (made by 26 members) were donated, plus several unfinished tops, and many yards of fabric to be used for backings, sashing, etc. The blocks are so diverse and beautiful – so many talented quilters in this guild!

If you did not hand in your block(s) in November or feel moved to make more blocks, they will still be collected at the December meeting. The sign-up board and the donation bin for fabrics will also be available at that time. Tone-on-tone or solid fabrics (red, white, blue, or gold) would be helpful for sashing and borders.

Piecers will be contacted in early January and blocks will be passed out at the January meeting to be made into tops.

Four area quilt shops donated \$10 gift cards as an incentive to make star blocks. Please thank The Mason Jar Quilt Shoppe, Sew-A-Lot, Sulphur Grove Quilt Shop, and The Little Shop of Stitches for their generosity the next time you stop in. Congrats to Karen Bergeron, Sherry Gorby, Everett Combs, and Kathy Perkins – the gift card winners!

Many thanks to all of you who have sewn blocks, donated fabric, and volunteered your services in the creation of these quilts! It will be exciting to watch the progress!!

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If there are any questions, please contact:

Debbie Ginsburg
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Third Monday Stitch-in

There will be no Third Monday stitch-in in December because of the holidays.

The next stitch-in will be Monday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Helen Stevenson, 48 Lavender Place, Tipp City - 669-1907. If the weather is questionable, please contact Helen that

day to be sure that the stitch-in hasn't been canceled.

Youth Projects Seeking Volunteers

The Youth Projects team has room for more people who would like to help young people learn how to make simple quilts.

We have a group of kids who will need us on every Thursday in November from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at a church in Xenia. If you can lend a hand please let me, Shari Brindley, know.

Not all on this team can commit to everyday and every time a group will need us. Whatever commitment you make will make the team that much more successful.

Shari Brindley

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Membership News

Susan Miller has accepted the position of Membership Chair and will be handling all of our membership duties. We need to thank Debbie Arrington for the tremendous job she has done for the past several years.

There were 82 members signed in at the November meeting and one new member joined the Guild.

Please add this new member to your roster.

Judy Walker

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Also, the following information has not previously been available on a new member from several months ago.

Jackie Spinks

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Vice President Merle Scribner has a new phone number: 242-2645.

Membership renewals for 2013 are being accepted. Please remember that membership dues are to be paid separately from payment for Retreat or Workshop registration and dues must be paid by January for Retreat attendees.

Membership dues, changes of contact information and all membership inquiries can be directed to Susan Miller, 2077 Fairknoll Drive, Beavercreek 45431, phone 429-5668, e-mail dpmsam@sbcglobal.net.

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

December Sew-in at Senior Center

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no sew-in at the Senior Center this month.

All are welcome to attend a monthly sew-in for the Guild at the Fairborn Senior Center. The sew-in is the 4th Monday of every month. The next sew-in is on Monday, January 28, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 for Guild members (\$1.00 for members of the Fairborn Senior Center).

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!!!

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Calling All Secret Stitchers

Don't forget your Secret Stitcher gift exchange for the December meeting.

This is a fun way to get to know another guild member. Each month participants bring a small gift such as a fat-quarter, sewing notion, a treat, or other inexpensive item for their assigned Stitcher, and receive a gift from their own Secret Stitcher. In May the identities of the Stitchers are revealed.

The Secret Stitcher basket is located on the shelf by the kitchen for each meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Carruth at jccbsc@gmail.com or at 254-8136.

Quilt Book Submissions Open

Lisa Quintana has asked that members consider the following request for submissions for traditional quilts for possible publication:

Karey Bresenhan is looking for traditional quilts to publish in Lark Publications 500 Traditional Quilts. While you may be familiar with 500 Art

Quilts, this is similar, but for traditional works. Take a look at the prospectus and enter....however, make sure your photos are VERY good. Deadline is February 28, 2013. Spread the word please. I'd love to see someone I know included!

<http://www.larkcrafts.com/submit/calls-for-submissions/>

Lisa Quintana

2012 Retreat Update

We still have a very few spaces available for Retreat. Sign-ups and payments will be taken at the December meeting.

We are contemplating a quilters' yoga time. If you would be interested in this please see Shari or Lesa at the guild meeting or via the guild's Facebook page. If there is enough interest we have the name of an instructor who will accommodate us.

Plans are moving along. We are trying something else new based on questions and suggestions from last year: **Chinese Market**

For the Chinese market, you (or you and a partner or two) are welcome to bring in a card table to sell some of your quilting items.

You will be in charge of everything that has to do with your table. All we are providing is the opportunity, space and time in the fireside room. There is a limit on space so it will be a first come first serve opportunity to sell you items.

A 4'x4' table space is what we have planned for each person or group. Quilt related items only please. A couple of exceptions are cross stitch, embroidery, buttons ... crafts that can be used as quilt blocks or embellishments. As much as I would like to see someone try, household items like toasters, blenders, etc. are not used for quilt blocks.

Please contact Barb Carruth to reserve your space. *Exact date and time set aside for this during the retreat will be announced later.*

Shari Brindley, Retreat Chair

Asian Quilt Project for 2013 Retreat

For those who are interested, we are going to swap Asian squares of fabric over the next few months (December, January and maybe February). That way you don't have to try to find 30 different Asian prints to make a really cool quilt. This is a PERFECT quilt for those large prints you love but have no clue what to do with because you don't want to cut them up. SO:

I'd take 2/3 yd of fabric and cut (6) 12" squares, you keep 1 and bring 5 to swap. Maybe do that with 2 or 3 different fabrics and see what happens. You can always bring them back the next month and swap with someone new who brings fabric. The more people we can get to swap the better your quilt will look. Talk to your friends and see what we can do to get them to play too.

I'll be at a table and people should put an address label on the fabric so you can get your extras back and none get lost. Meet back there before the meetings and maybe at break and see what people have and swap. If you would prefer a centralized swap tell me at the meeting and we can do that too/instead.

Lesa Bame

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 stephensloretta@yahoo.com or call her at 532-5578. She will send out a card and we will let the membership know.

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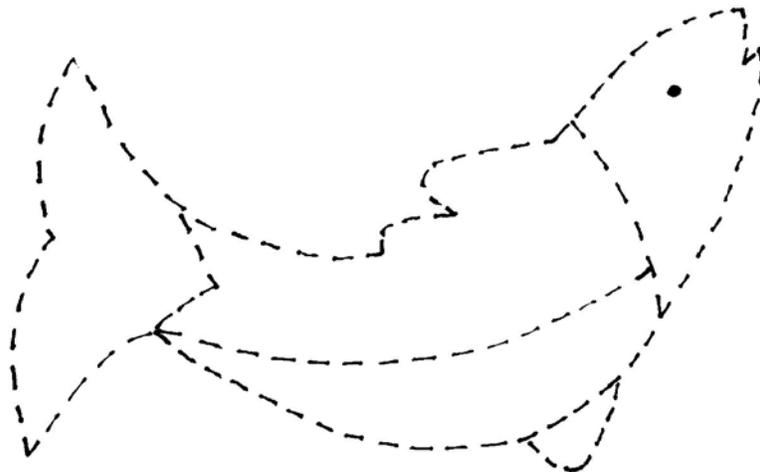
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