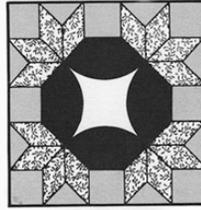


Miami Valley Quilters' Guild

Quilters' Quotes



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

December 8, 2015
7:00 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
325 North Third Street
Fairborn, Ohio

Visitors Welcome

REMINDER: All meetings are now SCENT FREE, thank you.

Celebrate Holidays at Carry-in Dinner

The December 8 Christmas pot luck dinner will begin a half-hour early at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your favorite drink. Tableware will be provided.

There will be show and tell at the December meeting, and we will have the drawing for our block raffle. This year's block is the nine-patch. Use your Christmas fabrics or colors. Blocks should be 6 ½ inches to finish 6 inches. Use 2 ½ inch patches with ¼ inch seam allowances. Use 5 dark fabric squares for the "outside" and 4 light or neutral squares for the "inside." Make two blocks and receive a raffle ticket for each (but you can make more). The winner will be drawn at the December meeting and, if present, will win all the blocks. If the winner is not present, additional tickets will be drawn until someone present is selected. This individual will be awarded half of the blocks with the remainder going to the original winner.

There were 80 members signed in for the November meeting featuring authors Diana Forrester and Mary Clark who write under the name Alma Lynn Thompson. There were 9 guests and 1 new member: Dana Jo Tabayoyon, 411 Darst Rd., Dayton, OH 45440, phone 406-231-5951, and e-mail (danajo79@gmail.com).

NOTE: Meetings are cancelled if Fairborn Senior Center is closed.

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340 Blocks Start 2016 Quilts of Valor Activity

November was the biggest month for our Quilts of Valor project yet! Starting with the November guild meeting, our 4th Annual Block Drive yielded 340 blocks (the most ever!). These blocks will be divided into kits and will be available at the January meeting for anyone who would like to piece a QOV top (along with the fabric bin for sashings, borders, alternate blocks).

Eighteen people made the blocks, which included 150 made by Phyllis Helm, 60 made by Kathy Perkins, and many others who made more than 12! Thank you for your sewing!

These blocks enable us to put tops together quickly, which is a bonus, as we keep receiving QOV requests!

Next came our first ever group presentation on Nov. 12 at the Main Elementary auditorium in Beavercreek. Nineteen veterans who were nominated by members of the Beavercreek City Schools Transportation Department were awarded Quilts of Valor in a ceremony attended by family and friends and over 20 guild members! This evening was the

culmination of practically a year's worth of sewing and organizing. A big thank you goes out to Connie Combs, who was a liaison between the guild and the Transportation Department and did a lot of legwork in managing details of the veterans and their families. Also, many thanks go to Susan Hill, who provided the Ankeney Middle School students who did a spectacular job singing the National Anthem (and thanks to her husband R.K. for organizing the quilt racks).

Rosemary Ramsey was our official photographer for the evening and edited pictures to be posted on our Facebook page (thanks, Ed!). Sue DeSantis, Martha Ullmer, Diana Frye, Kathy Perkins, Debbie Bertke, Joanne Prinz, Carol Mathews, Karen Sipos, Linda Morgan, Norma Swanson, Nancy Smith and her daughter, and many others were there greeting the veterans, organizing, awarding, and making everyone feel welcome (I apologize if I left out your name!). Also, thank you to all who were involved in the making of the nineteen quilts that were awarded. The pictures that show the smiles on many of the faces sum up the evening perfectly! The guild has received many wonderful comments about the evening.

Our next QOV Sew-In will be Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at The Little Shop of Stitches in Miamisburg. Several of you signed up during the November meeting. I won't have a sign-up sheet at the December meeting because of the holiday dinner, but if you haven't signed up and plan to go, please e-mail me (debgins@aol.com). The Miamisburg Christmas parade will be at 11:30 that morning, which won't affect us as long as we are parked by 10:00. I'll contact you about our lunch plans, as eating out might be a little difficult. But it will still be a fun day of sewing, which will be a nice break from all of the holiday craziness!

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday - Saturday - January 28 - 30, 2016. Our QOV project has been asked to be featured at the Wright State Women's Studies Quilt Show - more info to follow!

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Sign Up Now for Cabin Fever Cure Retreat

Thanksgiving is long gone; all the hustle and bustle is over with. . . for now. Now, you find yourself caught up in the Christmas rush. Buy a present for Uncle Mike; decide what to get Aunt Jane. And then there are the kids and grandkids.

We have so many people to think about, we are on overload and will all be spending the next few days going out to purchase presents and stock our kitchens with holiday goodies. In fact, we find ourselves so busy most of us are wishing for a slow down, for time to sit and relax so we do not have to venture forth for awhile.

Be careful what you wish for. Once we are a couple of weeks past New Year's, we will begin to settle in, but we won't be enjoying the gray, cold days of winter. No, we will be yearning to go out, to do something besides sit in the house because we are sick of looking at the same four walls. And, as luck would have it, your guild has just the medicine for you: your Cabin Fever Cure Retreat.

Time is passing quickly, so if you have not signed up for the retreat, you still have ample opportunity. Fortunately, you can use this month's meeting to secure your healthy spot at the retreat. Join old friends, meet new quilting enthusiasts, come on out and enjoy the fun of the Cabin Fever Cure Retreat.



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If you have already signed up but have not paid in full, take the opportunity this month to do so, and don't forget to pay your guild dues for 2016.

We look forward to seeing you Feb, 13, 14, and 15, 2016.

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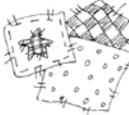
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Third Monday Stitch-In

The 3rd Monday stitch-in will not be held in December because of the holidays. The stitch-ins will resume in January and the location will be announced in the January newsletter.

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Return, Pick Up Library Requests at December Meeting

The MVQG Library is taking the December meeting off to enjoy the dinner and fellowship. If you requested books, Tere will have them for you. Tere will also accept your returned books. The Library will be back in full swing at the January meeting. Remember, check out the library list on the MVQG website and email Tere if you find something you would like to check out. She will bring it to you at the next meeting.

Read something super cool lately you think others may enjoy? Send me an e-mail and tell me about it.

Tere Homer

Librarian

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Weekly Sew-In Days Scheduled at Senior Center

Come join the MVQG Sew-In days at the Fairborn Senior Center for each Monday. We are able to sew from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every week. Also, we have outgrown the other room and we have moved into the large room. Yeah!! We have more room to sew and to layout quilts.

The price is \$2.00 to sew. If you are a member of the Fairborn Senior Center it is \$1.00. For those who may be interested, the Fairborn Senior Center has lunch available on Mondays for \$3.00. You must call on the Friday before to be put on the list for lunch.

All are welcome to attend the weekly sew-ins. Come and get to know other members of the guild. You can come for a few hours or stay all day.

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!!!

Just as with guild meetings, the sew-in will be cancelled if the Senior Center is closed or dates may be changed during holiday periods.

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

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Membership News

There were 80 members at the November meeting featuring authors Diana Forrester and Mary Clark who write under the name Alma Lynn Thompson and have individually and together published other fiction and non-fiction work.

One new member joined the guild:

Dana Jo Tabayoyon, 411 Darst Road, Dayton 45440, 406/231-5951, danajo79@gmail.com.

Guild membership is based on the calendar year, January through December. We will continue taking renewals for 2016 at the December meeting.

If you will not be attending the December, January or February meetings, please send in your renewal. All membership dues must be paid before attendance at the Retreat in February.

Mail your check to: Karen Bergeron, 3376 Darbyshire Drive, Dayton 45440.

Make checks (\$20.00) 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 receipt and membership card mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Membership questions can be directed to Karen by phone at 681-1126 or e-mail her at mkbergeron1@aol.com.

In general, if you have problems receiving Guild information sent by e-mail please contact Ed Chamness by e-mail at mrandmrsquilter@aol.com or call 470-4276.

Quilt Show Expands Wearable Art Category

Well, we are doing well getting ready for the Quilt Show. Our biggest effort at the moment is selling the raffle tickets. If everyone could sell at least \$10 worth, we would be set going into the show. We have an incentive of \$25 gift certificate to each person who sells \$100



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worth of tickets. Each year we have several people who accomplish this!! For those of you who haven't been able to pick up your tickets, we are going to send them to you after the first of the year.

Don't forget we are not doing the Boutique.

In 2014 we had a booth that sold a baggie of fabric for \$5. This was a great fundraiser at our show. If you have fabric you would like to donate to this booth, just call Fran Nees (420-3315). She is chairman of this booth.

And lastly, at each show we have a category called Wearable Art. This is has been primarily for jackets and we have included purses and totes. We are trying to get more entries in 2016. So, now is the time to get started on your jacket, purse or tote!

Kathy Evens will be at the December carry-in dinner and you can turn in ticket sales to her. If you need more tickets, let me know.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Susan Hill

Quilt Show Chair

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STS (Save Those Scraps) for Quilt Show

In conjunction with the 2016 Quilt Show we will again be having a sale of bagged fabrics. This was extremely popular in the 2014 and added considerable to the guild's profit from the show.

Fabrics will be sorted and packaged and sold at \$5 each. All proceeds go to the guild. Bring your leftover cotton quilting fabric, including flannels, to a guild meeting or contact Fran Nees - 768-9998 or fnees@woh.rr.com.

Magazine Subscriptions Benefit Guild

Just a reminder...when your "Love of Quilting" magazine subscription is up for renewal, help our Guild by renewing through us!

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.

Make a check for \$20 to MVQG and mail it to Karen Engel at 5259 Olentangy Drive, Riverside, OH 45431. She will subscribe or renew for you and you will be donating \$5 to your guild.

Karen Engel

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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 loretastephens93@yahoo.com or call her at 532-5578. She will send out a card and we will let the membership know.

Are you on Facebook?

If you are, be sure to "like" our page for the Miami Valley Quilters Guild. This can be an important tool for communication among Guild members and with quilters around the world.

Quilting stories, ideas, news?

Send information to:

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Articles are subject to approval and to editing. Materials received after the published deadline date (Monday following monthly meetings) will be considered for publication as space permits.

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