



APRIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Fairborn Senior Center
325 North Third Street
Fairborn, Ohio
Visitors Welcome

NOTICE: Meeting will be cancelled if Fairborn schools are closed for severe weather.

Stories of Men Who Quilt

We have a very special program this evening. We are blessed to have two manly quilters in our midst here at Miami Valley Quilters' Guild. Both **Ron Lundquist** and **Ed Chamness** are members of our guild and, if I am correct, they have both served as past presidents of the guild.

Ron and Ed are going to share their stories and quilts with us.

I'm looking forward to hearing how they got started and where they are now. Many of you may already know them quite well and have worked with them in the past. This is the opportunity to ask them questions and see some of the quilts you didn't know they had created.

See you all in April and visitors are welcome.

Shari Brindley

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A Note from the President

Happy Spring. Isn't it great to have that fresh smell of spring in the air? I just love it. Well, I've gotten a few ideas for a title of the 2010 Quilt Show. I would like some more. There will be paper out in April.

Thanks to the members who shared their talents at last month's meeting. It is always much more enlightening to be able watch a technique rather than read about the process. And the added tips or hints were a nice bonus!

It will be a treat to see quilts by our two men in the guild, Ron and Ed. I'm looking forward to hearing how they both became interested in quilting. Do they have as many UFO's as I do? Whose stash is bigger, Janice's or Ed's (ha, ha)? Has Ron always favored batiks? It should be interesting.

Come join us for an evening of fun.

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Membership

The 2009 MVQG's membership roster will be available for pickup at the April meeting. There were 69 members and 4 guests who attended the March meeting.

Information Request

If anyone has an address or phone number for Deb Lannen (former member) please contact Lyn Hunger at 969-8700.

Sunshine News

If you hear of a member who could use our support, please call Diane McLane at 964-4142 or e-mail dmclane(at)woh.rr.com. No news is good news! If you hear of a member who could use our support, please give Diane a call.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the following members who participated in the March Talents and Treasures night:

Phyllis Young

Hand Quilting with Sore Hands

Janice Chamness

Hand Piecing the 'Dear Jane' Quilt Blocks

Mary C. Miller

Bullion Roses-Brazilian Technique

Sue DeSantis

Trapunto Feathers

Kathy Bean

Hand Appliqué

I would also like to say a sarcastic "thanks" for adding more stuff to the never ending list of things I have to do...want to do...and yes, may never get done. You all have greatness in you and I appreciate that you shared it with us. (This includes **Janet Stohr** who was key to putting our talent night all together.) A big thanks to you too.

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Cut your address label off your magazine and give it and \$20 to **Karen Engel**. The guild gets \$5 for every subscription, so this gets your subscription while assisting the guild, too.

I will have a plastic shoebox on the sign-in table labeled "Love of Quilting" subscriptions at every meeting where you can deposit your labels and checks made out to MVQG. I will also have forms available to get the magazine for the first time. You will need to fill out your information and put the form and \$20 check made out to MVQG in the plastic shoebox.

This will be an ongoing renewal, so any time the magazine informs you that your subscription is about to expire, just remember to renew through the guild...it is a way for you to help keep the guild solvent.

Karen Engel

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Quilt Shows

April 22nd – 25th

25th Anniversary AQS Quilt Show and Contest

Show held at the Paducah Expo Center/Executive Inn. In addition to the juried exhibit of the finest workmanship and most creative quilts in the world, the festival features a merchant mall, workshops and special events throughout the community. Show hours are Wednesday thru Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.americanquilter.com.

April 28th – May 3rd

33rd Annual Quilt Show 2009 at Sauder Village

Show is located on 22611 St. Rt. 2, Archbold, Oh. The week is made up of the exhibition, a grouping of creative demonstrators as well as one or two-day workshops all set in the charming setting of Historic Sauder Village. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, call or email Jan Nofziger at 800-590-9755 or [jnofziger\(at\)saudervillage.org](mailto:jnofziger@saudervillage.org).



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September 12th and 13th

Annual Quilt Show

Quilting guild, Cal-Co Quilter's show will be held at the Marshall Activities Center (MAC), 15325 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, Mich. just west from I-69 and Michigan Ave. exit. Over 200 quilts, 10 plus vendors, demonstrations, a display for our Quilter of the Year, challenge and a Country Store of members items for sale. There are also 3 quilt shops in the immediate area. Contact Terry Doty at 269-274-3674 or email www.turkey-tracks.org for more information.

May 1st – 30th

11th Annual Loveland Quilt Show

Show is sponsored by Friends of the Public Library and is held at the Loveland Branch Library, 649 Loveland-Maderia Road, Loveland, Oh. For more information, call 513/369-4476 or email

www.cincinnati.library.org. For more information, contact

[joan.luebering\(at\)cincinnati.library.org](mailto:joan.luebering(at)cincinnati.library.org)

June 18th – 20th

40th Annual NQA Quilt Show

The National Quilt Association's show will be held at Hall C, Greater Columbus Convention Center. The show features 400 judged quilts, special exhibits, vendors and classes galore.

For more information, go to www.nqa.org.

June 25th and 26th

World of Quilts

Show sponsored by Middfest

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[donnamcdade\(at\)cinci.rr.com](mailto:donnamcdade(at)cinci.rr.com). Website is www.middfestinternational.org.

August 27th – 29th

Quilting, Stitches & Craft Expo

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Pointers & Tips for Quilting

Correct Grain for Backing:

When constructing a perfectly flat backing for quilts, try to make sure that the lengthwise grain of backing fabric is going up and down the length of the quilt. Crosswise construction may sometimes save fabric, but there is more stretch in the crosswise grain and the

backing does not turn out quite as nice. Stitch the backing sections together with about a 3/8" seam (that's the width of most presser feet) and press the seam open for a nice flat back.

Basting for Machine Quilting: Basting with safety pins has become the accepted way to get your quilt ready for machine quilting. Thread basting is not strong enough to hold the layers together through the machine without shifting and the thread can also get caught on the toes of your presser foot, creating puckers in your work.

Watch Stitching Direction: When stitching sashings, make sure that you stitch both sides of the sashing in the same direction (i.e., top to bottom or left to right). If you stitch each side of a sashing in opposite directions, you get "fabric shear", an unattractive diagonal pulling of the fabric.

Bobbin Thread: If you choose to use monofilament thread in the bobbin, be sure to wind the bobbin at half speed so that you do not stretch the thread as it winds onto the bobbin.

Stretching the thread as you wind the bobbin causes the thread to contract when it comes off the bobbin and thus puckers when it is stitched into the quilt.

Treasured Textiles

A new temporary exhibit, "Treasured Textiles - from the Collections of Dayton History" is now open at Carillon Historical Park! For a limited time, visitors will be visually delighted by a diverse collection of quilts and comforters.

These selected works of art illustrate many of the sewing and quilting techniques that have been practiced for centuries. This exhibition highlights examples of applique and embroidery as well as pieced works. Well known, time-tested patterns like Dresden Plate, Blazing Star and Log Cabin are also featured.

The fragility of these artifacts limits the amount of time we have to exhibit them.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!



For more information,
please call (937) 293-2841
or visit www.daytonhistory.org

Fabric Shopping: The key to easier fabric shopping is simple. Use a safety pin to attach fabric swatches to a key ring. You can carry your quilt-in-progress with you for those unplanned quilt shop stops!

Machine Maintenance: Maintain your sewing machine at regular intervals by winding 10 bobbins. When the bobbins have been used up, it's time to clean and oil your machine, put a new needle in, and wind 10 new bobbins.

Sewing with Sponges: When machine-quilting, hold a 3x5" kitchen sponge in each hand to easily maneuver the quilt around the sewing machine bed.

Quilt Pins

Quilt pins are available at each meeting from Kim Gros. Each pin is \$3, up to 2 pins. After that they are \$5 apiece.

Deadline for the May 2009 Issue: Monday, April 20

All articles are subject to editing and approval by the editor. Materials received after the published deadline date will be considered for publication only if space and time permit.

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2009 Board Meetings

February

May 6, 2009

August

November

Note: 6:00 p.m. at Beaver Creek Library, 3618 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beaver Creek.

No Food or Drinks

The Miami Valley Quilters' Guild Board includes: The elected officers President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer plus the chairs of the standing committees, the immediate past president of the guild, and the founder of the guild, Suellen Wasseem.

All officers and committee chairs are expected to attend the Board meetings which are held quarterly as announced. All Guild members are invited to attend.

Minutes of Board meetings are posted in the News section of the website.

Quilting stories, ideas, news?

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