

MAY MEETING

May 12, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Fairborn Senior Center

325 North Third Street

Fairborn, Ohio

Visitors Welcome

NOTICE: Meeting will NOT be cancelled because of Ohio's beautiful Spring weather!

Getting Ready for Upcoming Programs

At the time this newsletter was going to press, the May program was still in the works. I know Shari will have something wonderful planned for our evening. She may have something later for Ed to e-mail and to post on our website.

Hello fellow quilters!

A couple of items to get ready for:

First, our meeting in June will be about the best and worst items we have in our quilting rooms. It is a big night of show-and-tell. Please bring your favorite tool and tell us why it's your favorite. A quilt that you have made using that tool is nice but not necessary. We also want to see the 'worst' tool in your sewing room and tell us why. Currently, I have a tool that I spent \$30 on that irritates me to no end. Perhaps it's the user (me) and not the tool and someone can help out with that. Not only will we see some great items to purchase at our local quilt shops, but we may be able to help others save some money.

Second, DONATIONS NEEDED! Spring cleaning is here, and it's time to go through our stash. Please help the guild fund-raiser by both donating items to 'play' with and participating in the fund-raising event in July. If you do not have quilt items to donate please bake a cake to raffle off. You are welcome to bring guests to play also. The more the merrier in this event which I am calling a QuAke walk. This will be a wonderful combination of quilting goodies and cake goodies to be used as prizes for July's fund-raising event.

Finally, I will begin taking Annette Kennedy Workshop payments in June.

I want to say a big thanks to the "guys" and to all who give so much of their time and effort in making this a wonderful guild to belong to.

Shari Brindley

Vice President

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A Note from the President

I think spring is finally here.

I hope everyone enjoyed seeing Ed and Ron's quilts. I loved it.

I just want to remind the executive board members that we have our quarterly board meeting at the Beaver Creek Library on Wednesday May 6, 2009, at 6 p.m. The library is located on Dayton Xenia Rd. See you there.

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**

Well, to recap the evening further, and to let those know who weren't there...I brought up for discussion the idea of moving the Quilt Show from the Coliseum at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds to the Greene County Fairgrounds on Fairgrounds Rd. in Xenia. I had several main points:

1. I believe our guild puts on a wonderful show. However, parking is a big issue. The Miami Valley Hospital has contracted with the Fairgrounds for those same parking spaces. So, we are very limited. When our patrons need to park down the hill, some drive right out and leave. Our attendance has dropped by 250-300 people, and we need to try to get these people back. The Greene County Fairgrounds have 300 parking spots just for our building. It is on flat ground and wheelchair accessible. There are also handicap parking spots by the building.

2. The cost of the Coliseum is \$3400. The cost of the Greene County Fairgrounds is \$1850. I will only be able to recoup \$250 (we will lose \$250) of the

deposit from the Coliseum. So, we will still save \$1300. This is a lot of money for our guild.

3. The facility at Greene County is very light inside. It is carpeted. There are electrical outlets on the floors and on the walls. We have several rooms we can use for small classes if we choose. We will have access to a kitchen. We will probably contact a caterer that will work with our suggestions. The caterer will not cost us anything.

4. We will have advertisement on the sign out front at least a week in advance, possibly more. We will be able to keep our same weekend. Please set aside the following dates: 13 May for set up and 14/15 May, 2010 for the actual show. Originally, we were told we would need to move the show one week but that isn't so.

I want to thank everyone for their support and great questions. But, if there are more question in May, please ask. We have a wonderful guild with a great bunch of people. Let's have a great quilt show! Thanks.

Susan Hill

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MEMBERSHIP

There were 70 members and 2 guests who attended the April meeting.

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Secret Stitchers Announcement

In May we will reveal the identities of the Secret Stitchers!

At the May meeting break time, come to the Secret Stitcher table for a treat and to learn who has been leaving those wonderful little gifts for you. I hope you had fun this year and will sign up again for next year to make another new friend.

Sign-ups for a new season of Secret Stitchers will begin in August and go through October with the first gift exchange in November.

This is a fun way to get to know another guild member. Each month you will bring a small gift such as a fat-quarter, sewing notion, a treat or other inexpensive item for your assigned Stitcher and you will receive a gift from your Secret Stitcher.

May 3rd Monday Stitch-In

The May evening stitch-in will be at 7:00 p.m. May 18th at Chris Kettler's home. The address is 6918 Morrow Dr., Dayton. Her telephone number is 890-6023.

Please call Chris for directions and to let her know you'll be coming. Enjoy an evening with friends and get some of your quilting and piecing done!

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May 1st – 30th

11th Annual Loveland Quilt Show

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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 Midifest International and held at Middletown City Building, One Dunham Plaza. Contact Donna McDade, 11 McKinley St., Middletown, Oh 45042 or call 513-424-7705, e-mail donnamcdade@cinci.rr.com. Website is www.midifestinternational.org.

June 25th – 27th

The Original Creative Festival Sewing-Quilting-Crafts Expo

Show held at the Sharonville Expo Center, 11355 Chester Road, Sharonville, Oh. For more information, contact www.pcmexpo.com, info@pcmexpo.com.

July 22nd – 25th

2009 Knoxville AQS Quilt Expo & Contest

Show sponsored by the American Quilters' Society and is held at the Knoxville, Convention Center in Knoxville, Tenn. For more information, contact www.americanquilter.com

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July 30th – August 2nd

10th Anniversary Quilt Odyssey

Show held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pa. For more information, contact 717-432-5148 or quilodyssey@embarqmail.com, www.quiltodyssey.com/contest.htm

August 27th – 29th

Quilting, Stitches & Craft Expo

Creative Girlfriends Productions is sponsoring the expo and it will be held at the Sharonville Convention Center in Cincinnati, Oh. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Expo will feature a vendor mall, Make-It and Take-It's, workshops, seminars, fashion shows, Charity Event "LoveQuilt Connection" and daily prize drawings. Pre-show classes Wednesday, August 26th Special Value "In the Spotlight" 15-30 minute sessions and 3 hr. hands-on workshops. For more information, visit their website at www.creativegirlfriends.com.

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.

16 Reasons For Buying Fabric

1. It insulates the closet where it is kept.
2. It helps keep the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills and quilt shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. Because it's on sale.
5. A sudden increase in the boll weevil population might wipe out the cotton crop for the next ten years.
6. I'm participating in a contest—the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
7. It keep without refrigeration. You don't have to cook it to enjoy it; you never have to feed it, change it, wipe its' nose or walk it.

8. I need extra weight in my car for traction on snowy, icy roads. This is important, even in Florida and Southern California—you never know when the weather will change.
9. Because I'm worth it!
10. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry hamper, the dining room table...
11. When the Big Earthquake comes, all the quilt shops might be swallowed into the ground and never be seen again!
12. Stress with dealing with the Fabric Control Officer (F-CO) (my husband) made me do it!
13. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.
14. Buy it now before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions.
15. A yard a day is all the quilt shops of America ask.
16. I NEED IT!!!



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Mamie Eisenhower's Million Dollar Fudge

Ingredients

4 ½ cups of sugar

2 tablespoons of butter

1 pinch of salt

1 tall can of evaporated milk

12 ounces of semisweet chocolate bits

12 ounces of German Sweet Chocolate

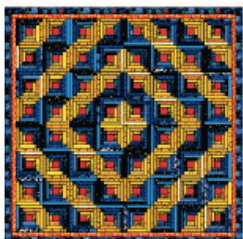
1 pint of marshmallow cream

2 cups of chopped nutmeats

Heat the sugar, butter, salt and evaporated milk over low heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Bring to a boil, and boil for six minutes. Put the chocolate bits, German chocolate, marshmallow cream and nutmeats into a heat resistant bowl. Pour the mixture you've been boiling over the ingredients you've just placed in the bowl. Beat until the chocolate has melted, and then pour it all into a pan. Let it stand for a few hours before cutting it into fudge sized pieces. Remember, it is even better the second day. Store in a tin box.

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.



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2009 Board Meetings

February

May 6, 2009

August

November

**Note: 6:00 p.m. at Beavercreek Library, 3618 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beavercreek.
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.

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