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JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 6
Happy Hour 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm
American Red Cross 1212 California Road
Program: Caroline North from Caroline's Cottage

This N' That from Joyce

Well it's that time of year, Christmas is over, the holiday rush is off, life is less hectic and now what? A New Year is starting and it's time for the ole New Year's Resolution.

I learned a long time ago not to vow that I am going to lose weight and get back into shape, not going to happen! I have found that if I keep my resolution to something I enjoy doing; there is a much better chance of succeeding. A few years ago I decided that my resolution would be to try some new quilting technique that I had not done before, it works! I decided I wanted to make a quilt with an appliquéd border, now it took a couple of years to finish, but my sunflower quilt was the result. There are a lot of things you could use in this manner, paper piecing, hand quilting, appliqué, Y seams, new color combinations; just think, it is limitless the things you could do involving quilting. You could even vow to finish all of your UFOs this next year!

Whatever your resolution, please do not set yourself up for failure, choose something you enjoy doing, even if it is exercising! I think you will find the sense of accomplishment you get from fulfilling your resolution will spill over into everything else you do.

Joyce Goodman, President

January Program Notes

Great job ladies! We had almost 100 percent participation in our card and ornament exchange.

We start 2009 off with Caroline North from Caroline's Cottage Cottons in Rome City coming to teach a class in working with wool. The class is on Tuesday January 6th from 1 to 4 pm at the St. Joe Township Hall. If you signed up for the class, you are asked to bring a couple of cans of food for their food pantry. There is still some room in the class, the charge is \$15.00 and this includes all supplies. Caroline will also lecture at our meeting in the evening and will be talking about the many uses for wool in quilting and crafts and giving us a peek into her shop by bringing some goodies from the shop.

I will begin taking sign-ups for Sue Nickels' classes in June. If you are planning on signing up for one of her classes please plan on paying for the class when you sign up. You will get your supply list only when you have paid. Too many are signing up for classes and not paying and it makes my job more complicated and is not fair to ones who want to take the class and the class is full. Right now I have some who have signed up for Carol Vinnedge's class and have not paid. I have waiting list for this class, so if you do not pay by the January meeting your spot will go to someone on the waiting list.

Eunice Scully, Beth Gilles, and Marge Gludemans, Co-Chairwomen

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The latest report of Appleseed Quilters Guild membership is a whopping 115!! Thanks to all who recruit as you shop and talk to quilters, it's showing. Kathy Mruk rejoined the Guild in December and we're glad to have her back as a member along with her show and tell. The members who wore name tags enjoyed a large selection of wrapped door prizes at the December meeting. Thanks again to all who donate door prizes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, see you all next year.

**Membership/Directory Committee
Janet Ditton and Mary Ann Skinner**

Monthly Mini

We have a lovely mini for you at the January meeting. Be sure to check it out.

Marge Gloudemans, Chairman

Block of the Month

The Red Cross

January is the start of a new year and a new set of six blocks. I had to draft my own instructions and they are available at our meeting. January's block is "The Red Cross," appropriate I thought since we meet there every month. The original block in Carrie Hall's book is the same colors we are using this month, red, white and yellow. The first published pattern was in the *Ladies Art Journal*, circa 1897. If they could make it in 1897, you can make it today.

The pattern is simple, 4 red rectangles 2.5 X 4.5 in unfinished 10.5 block

1 white square 2.5 in

8 white 2 7/8 squares

8 yellow 2 7/8 squares

16-1/2 sq patches from
the 8 white & yellow sq.

Assemble a 4 patch for the corner; remember that the outer corner triangle is White and the four squares make an hour glass in the center. Use the red as "sashing" and the white square is in the center. Easy!!

Happy New Year and Happy Quilting

Beth Gillies, Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mary Hill and Eunice Scully – For being awarded the December Monthly Minis
Carolyn Isaacs – For being the lucky recipient of the Blocks of Month



December Mini Minutes by Donna

This year's Christmas and Holiday Party was one of the best ever from the wonderful assortment of cookies and other goodies to a great assortment of Show and Tell. In between, the Membership Committee went all out with twenty-two door prizes. Beth Gillies had the next six month's block patterns available, they will also be available at the January meeting.

Donna Sievers, Recording Secretary

A Warming Gift

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity in donating much needed winter wear for children in our fair city. We all have many important projects and give to many needy causes in our lives. We wish it didn't have to be but this is an immediate need close to home. Luckily it is one that is easily solved. As is often the case, when we put the call out, quilters respond with a helping hand extended. We collected a giant oversized bag at the December meeting of mittens, hats, gloves and scarves in a variety of sizes and colors and designs for both boys and girls. This will make a huge difference in the comfort of icy cold hands and ears in the middle of winter. Thank you to all of you.

If you weren't able to attend last month, and have some things you'd like to donate, bring them to the January meeting. We'll be sure to get them to school.

A special thank you to member, Julie Farrimond, who works at FWCS Administrative Building. She helped in the distribution of the donations to several schools with the greatest need.

Michele Williams, 1st Vice President

Bee-Keeping

Have you thought about trying out a Bee but don't know anyone else who wants to be in a Bee? Do you just want to know what a Bee is all about?

We are going to have an organizational meeting to answer all your questions about Bees. This is for new and old members alike, whether you want to be in a Bee or just want questions answered. Join us on Saturday, January 24 at the Aboite Branch Library from 10am to 12 noon to have all your questions answered and possibly join a new Bee.

I have a project for people who are interested to do. Please see me at the January meeting if you would like to do the project. Or give me a call if you have any questions, I'm listed in the directory. Hope to see you on Jan 24 for a fun and informative time.

Carolyn Isaacs, Bee-Keeping Chairwoman

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to everyone for making the Christmas/Holiday Party such a success. The cookies were enjoyed by all. Not only are you all great quilters, you are great bakers also.

Betsey Williamson, Chairman

Red Cross Quilt

Surprise! The Red Cross Quilt top is complete!

The Red Cross Quilt top had its first showing at the December meeting because the dynamic duo, Marsha Ratliff and Jill Pesti, jumped right into this project as though it were a homework assignment due last week.

How does this happen? First let's design the top using the appliqué that Kim Diehl designed for Appleseed Quilters Guild as the center focal point. Let's next surround that with pieced stars. Take a trip to the store and sort through your fabric stash to find jewel tones, pair that with a mottled beige and oil up the machine. The very competent and talented sewing team of Marsha and Jill got underway and zip, zap, zoom. A little press of the iron and there you go, a gorgeous quilt. I hear that's how a quilt is made. Is it really that easy? Well, it is when the right folks are in charge. Boy, did we ask some of the right ones. Thank you, Ladies!

Not only was the design and construction time donated, the fabric and thread were also. Thank you, Jill and Marsha. You're incredible. Thank you also to Beth Gilles and Donna Sievers for fabric and color suggestions.

The top will next go to be quilted bound and then the final unveiling. Yeah!

Michele Williams, 1st Vice President

A Note from the Library Keepers

We hope everyone had a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and are now ready to get your UFOs finished (if you have any).

We have ordered a number of new books and should have them at the January meeting ready to be checked out. They are:

Strata Various Quilts
Batik Gems
Paper Piecing with Alex Anderson
Layers of Charms – for charm pack quilters
Let the Good Times Roll – for jelly roll quilters
Cottage Collection by Monique Dillard
Country Gatherings by Monique Dillard

Please remember that only one new book may be checked out at a time.

We are still looking for *The Giving Quilt, Fast Quilts for Comfort and Healing* by Susan Ziegler. It is not available through Amazon.com at this time. If you find it while shopping in your area please let one of us know. Thank you!

Until our January meeting, stay healthy!

**Happy quilting,
Darlene Hawkins and Gail Keuneke**

Kids' Quilts

Merry Christmas everyone! What a beautiful time of year! I am feeling overwhelmed with things to do. There are so many gifts to purchase and make. Cookies to be baked. Christmas cards to be mailed. Packages to be shipped. The list goes on and on. But, to me, this is part of what Christmas is about. All the hustle and bustle and then comes the calm of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A time to celebrate the birth of Christ and a time to be with those that I care about. I wouldn't trade it for anything!

At the December meeting, we received a few more quilts. A couple needed the final finishing touches and there were several women that came through for us! Thank you so much! We are so blessed to belong to a group of individuals who are willing to give of their time and talents!

As I am working on finishing up my Christmas projects, I do find myself getting bored doing the same thing over and over again. These are the times when I put aside those projects and work a bit on my kids' quilt. So, even in this busy time, I am able to do a little bit. It gives me energy to then go back to finish my gifts and keeps me excited about my kids' quilt!

Have a blessed Christmas season and we will see you next month!

**Karen Broski and Melanie Schulze
Kids Quilts Co-Chairwomen**

JANUARY

Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 5 Quilt Display ends at Downtown Public Library
Jan 6 **APPLESEED QUILTERS GUILD MEETING 6:30PM**
Jan 13 **.APPLESEED QUILTERS GUILD BOARD MEETING 6:30PM**

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CLASS ACTS

Call Stores for Complete list and class descriptions

A Quilt of Many Colors – 627-2907

Jan 6.....Beginning Quilting
Jan 13.....Hexagon Wall Hanging or Quilt
Jan 13.....Optical Illusion Wall Hanging or Quilt
Jan 22.....Bargello Jacket
Jan 24,,,,,Jacket Class
Jan 27.....Underground RR Study Series
Jan 31.....Fabric Weaving

Country Creations – 260-547-4535

Check out Bev's long arm quilting services and classroom facilities.

Edwards Sewing Center – 486-3003

Jan 8.....Stack N' Whack
Jan 10.....Raw Edge Applique
Jan 14.....The Joy of Rusting
Jan 17.....Rope Coil Baskets
Jan 19.....Bird of Paradise Wall Hanging

Pieced Together – 486-4217

Jan 10.....Big, Bold & Beautiful
Jan 12.....Beginning Quilting

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