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FEBRUARY MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Happy Hour 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm
American Red Cross 1212 California Road
Program: Caroline's Country Cottage

This N' That from Joyce

Where has all the SUNSHINE gone? Here it is the second month of the New Year and I am sick of snow and gloomy days already! In this kind of weather it is great to be able to sit down and do something you love, QUILT. Quilting takes your mind off of the gloomy days and brings joyful color to it instead. This is a great time of the year to sit and sew, sew, sew, or plan projects, clean that sewing room, start that hand quilting project just to keep warm. I'm sure we all sit and day dream about those new fabrics, patterns, and gadgets we see in our magazines and catalogs, now is the time to plan a project with these items. Our love of quilting brings us so many small joys. Use this time to make something for someone you love and show them your love of quilting. Nothing warms the heart like a quilt.

Joyce Goodman, President

February Program Notes

Caroline North from Caroline's Country Cottage had a death in the family and was unable to teach the class or be our lecturer for the January meeting. So if you are interested in taking the pincushion class you can take it on Feb. 3 and she will also be our lecturer for the meeting in the evening. This class will be at the St Joe Fire Station. Please remember to bring a couple of food items for their food bank. Give Jan Johnson a call or e-mail her, as I will be leaving for warmer weather for the month of February.

Bravo and big thanks to Mary Ann Skinner, Karen Hanky, Karen Broski and Cindy Loos for coming to my rescue and doing table toppers for the January program. I have received many positive comments on that program.

Jan Johnson is going to help with programs and she will be the one to see at the education table for the February meeting. So go over and say hi and sign up for one of our great classes we have coming up. In April we will have Brenda and Krista Fandrei from Lee's Lines. They were at the quilt show with all of the beautiful ribbons and laces etc. They will be teaching 2 classes in Crazy Quilting on Monday and Tuesday April 6th and 7th. They will cover crazy quilting from piecing to adding adornments.

In June we have Sue Nickels coming to teach for 2 days. The classes are Machine Quilting Essentials and A Folk Border. We have several signed up already for these classes. If you want to sign up for any of these classes remember you have to pay when signing up.

Eunice Scully, Program Co-Chairwoman

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The snowy and icy January 6 Appleseed Quilters Guild meeting saw 50 faithful members, 7 brave guests and 2 very welcome new members. Our Guild membership is now 117!! We are so happy to welcome into membership, Kathy Doran and Marda Gerardot. We hope you two will feel welcome and become a working part of the Guild soon. Just jump in and volunteer when you hear of a need. Every member wearing a name tag enjoyed the chance at many door prizes again this month, thanks to the generous donations of our Appleseed members.

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

Monthly Mini

Joan Olinghouse donated the two purple binders last month. They were perfect for getting organized early this year. Thank you, Joan. Linda Mulpagano has a red circle embellished wall hanging for February – the valentine month.

Marge Gloudemans

Block of the Month

Four X Star

This block is actually one of the earlier blocks published by Ladies Art Company, a mail-order quilt pattern company out of St Louis. It is unsure when the first catalog was published, but shows it to be around 1895. You know, whenever I am checking out antiques stores for that “great find”, I always look for old Needlework pattern or magazines. I have never seen one of their patterns. Maybe someday.....

Four X Star is a close cousin to the “New England Block” and “Father’s Choice”, depending on how you place the colors in the same patch work block.

Simply cut: 9-2.5 inch squares in Black with white print
8-2.5 inch squares of White with black print
4-2 7/8 inch squares of White with black print
4-2 7/8 inch squares of Red

Make half square triangle patches with the 2 7/8 in squares in the white print & Red, so there will be 8 patches total.

Construction is a simple checker board basically, center is black and the outer corners are white along with the red next to the outer square of white, call me if you have questions. I can’t wait to see how they all turn out.

**Stay warm.
Beth Gillies**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Darlene Hawkins and Patsy Hanauer – For being awarded the January Monthly Minis
Diane Lambert – for being the lucky recipient of the Block of Month**

02/01...Marge Glouderman

02/02...Bev Gunn

02/05...Dawn Shepherd

02/15...Kathy Bogert.

Happy Birthday



t 02/15...Sandra Riedinger

02/21...Debi Potts

02/21...Margaret Jenkins

02/26...Ann Williams

JANUARY Mini Minutes by Donna

President Joyce Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. We were surprised with a change in the program for the evening. Eunice did a great job in getting together five of our members for table top demonstrations. Karen Hankey showed us how to put wavy borders on our quilts, Cindy Loos demonstrated curved piecing. Karen Broskie showed "quilt as you go" techniques. Mary Ann Skinner demonstrated her binding method and Eunice Scully showed Seminole piecing. (I heard several comments that this would make a good class).

Beekeeper, Carolyn Issacs reported on the organizational meeting planned for January 24 at the Aboite Library.

The meeting adjourned after some wonderful Show and Tell items.

Donna Sievers, Recording Secretary

A Note from the Library Keepers

We hope you had a chance to view or check out one of the eight new books we have added to the library. There's something for everyone.

We are happy to report that we have received two new books that have been donated by members of the Guild. They are:

Beyond the Block by Crafty Ol' Broads a.k.a. Linda K. Johnson and Jane K. Wells. The sisters have autographed it for us.

The much sought after *The Giving Quilt, Fast Quilts for Comfort and Healing* by Susan Ziegler that was donated by Bev Gunn.

We have also received two books from the estate of Ramona Ramsey. They are:

Quilts – Their Story and How to Make Them by Marie D. Webster.

Bargello Quilts by Marge Edie – There is a copy of this book in our library. So this copy will be given to the Membership Committee to be used as a door prize.

Thank you to Linda and Jane, Bev, and the estate of Ramona Ramsey for the donations.

Until our February meeting, stay warm and safe!

Happy quilting,
Darlene Hawkins and Gail Keuneke

KIDS' QUILTS

I don't know about you, but I have some rules to live by when it comes to my quilting. Some of them include: 1) don't sew when you're tired, 2) don't sew when you're sick, 3) don't sew when you're distracted. Sometimes, however, I don't tend to listen to my own rules. This happened to me this week.

It's a new year, with lots of energy and new goals. I was excited to get back to working on my kids quilt. So, even though I had come down with a cold, I decided to get it out and go to work! Into the evening I worked on it. At the same time, I was on the phone with my sister. No problem, I thought. It's a simple block to work on. I got all the pieces put together, and then started to line up everything. That's when I discovered that breaking the rules is a really dumb thing to do. Half of the colors were backwards. Sigh.... My husband teased me that I spent more time ripping out seams than I did putting them in. He's probably right. I hate to admit it, too! So, I got everything taken apart and then went to bed. No way was I going to try to put them back together again on the same night.

I am happy to report that since that evening, I have paid more attention to what I'm doing. My blocks are now going together properly! It won't be long now before I will be able to bring it in for show and tell! When I am finished with this quilt, I already have an idea for another kids quilt. The current one is most likely going to be chosen by a girl. So, I wanted to make a second one that would most likely be chosen by a boy.

If you are new to Appleseed Quilters Guild, please take a few moments and read the information in the directory concerning Kids Quilts. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask! As you work on your kids quilt, I hope that you have fun and don't run into the same problems that I did!

Kids' Quilts Co-Chairwomen
Karen Broski and Melanie Schulze

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Two dormant guild activities were discussed at a recent board meeting. They will require members' consideration for their potential resurrection through a vote at our next meeting. Members' votes will determine which one (if any) will be chosen. To that end, some explanation is necessary.

The first idea is called a "Chinese Auction." Quilting materials, relevant books, patterns, and quilting paraphernalia donated by guild members are sorted and bundled into numbered collections by a small volunteer committee. Then, on the evening of the "Chinese Auction", guild members purchase tickets (at fifty cents each) and put their ticket into a bag whose number matches each collection. A ticket is drawn from the bag, and the winning ticket holder gets the collected materials. In past years there were over 70+ collections and bags, so many members won (often multiple times). Of course, the success of any "Chinese Auction" depends on the quality of donations and the willingness of all guild members to be actively involved in providing quality goods. It's a fun event, and many of the collections of new or gently used quilt books, fat quarters, or actual quilts are treasured by the winners.

The second idea is to simply have a kind of guild member Flea Market. In the past, tables were rented for \$10.00 (or two people shared one for \$5.00 each), payable to the guild. The table owners then offered their quilt-related objects, boutique items, material, books, etc. for sale to their fellow members. Money earned from the sales is kept by the seller, and many quilters go home with inexpensive treasures. Closets are cleaned out, stashes are lessened (or increased depending if you are a seller or a buyer) and people go home happy.

A proposal was made at January's board meeting that in July, either a Flea Market or a "Chinese Auction" would be held at the Red Cross Building. The guild members should choose which of the two activities they prefer. To that end, at our February meeting a vote will be held and the majority of votes will decide which event will take place in July. Should there be insufficient interest in either one of the choices, that decision too will be respected and followed.

Betsey Williamson

FYI

The rescheduled time and location of the the Confetti Log Cabin Class is February 7 at the Aboite Township community room. We will start at 9 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and let's sew all day!

Michelle Williams

It is time for elections, if anyone is willing to be on the nominating committee, please contact Joyce Goodman to tell her of your interest in serving this way. Or if you have an interest in running for an office also let Joyce or anyone on the nominating committee.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Guild has received two thank you notes that I would like to share with each of you.

Tish Foster from Abbett School wrote: Thank you so much for the gloves and hats. Our Abbett Students and their parents appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. As this winter weather rages on, our students will be a little warmer thanks to your organization.

This was followed by a note from Elizabeth Terveer, who wrote: On behalf of the students at South Wayne Elementary School, I want to thank you for the hats, gloves, and scarves that we recently received from your group. Numerous students have benefited from your generous donation! Thank you for your generous gift of warmth. It is truly appreciated.

Ladies, let me add my thanks for your generosity, it warms my heart to be surrounded by such caring people as you all are.

Recipe for Quilters Chicken Fling

Need: chicken, casserole dish, jar of apricot jam or orange marmalade and packet of Lipton Onion soup mix

To do:

Fling chicken into dish

Fling soup mix on chicken

Fling marmalade on chicken

Fling cover on dish

Fling dish in oven @350

Tell kids to set table

Sew for 30-40 minutes or more

Fling chicken on dishes

Eat and enjoy

February

Feb 02 Groundhog Day
Feb 3 APPLESEED QUILTERS GUILD MEETING, 6:30PM
Feb 7 Confetti Log Cabin Class
Feb 10 APPLESEED QUILTERS GUILD BOARD MEETING, 6:30PM
Feb 14 Valentines Day
Feb 16 President's Day

CLASS ACTS

A Quilt of Many Colors – 627-2907

Feb 5 Beginning Quilting
Feb 7 Folded Fabric Sampler
Feb 24 Underground Railroad Series
Feb 28 Wheel Of Mystery

Country Creations – 260-547-4535

Do you need a place to hold a class? Give Bev a call and schedule her classroom. She will even help you get the supplies and best of all, during breaks; everyone can browse thru all Bev's lovely fabrics, patterns, and books.

Edwards Sewing Center – 486-3003

Call for class list or check Edwards Web Site

Pieced Together – 486-4217

Call or stop in the shop for class listings

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