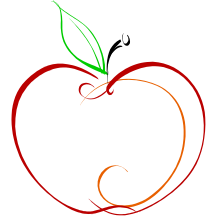

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FBERUARY MEETING

Tuesday, February 2nd

Happy Hour 6:30pm; Meeting 7pm

Classic Cafe Event Center

4832 Hillegas Road

Program: *Kent Mick "Quilting From a Man's Perspective",*

See Program Notes below

Meanderings by Michele

I Resolve

We have entered into a new month, a new decade, and a new year. Given a little bit of time and practice I can get used to anything, such as adjusting to writing and saying January and "twenty ten" (Apparently that is the correct terminology to refer to this year.) With the turning of the year, our thoughts naturally turn to those traditions such as making New Year's resolutions. We all have the usual hopes of losing weight, spending more time with family, exercising, and quitting smoking.

I've not always been a resolution maker. I usually figured if I couldn't commit to something at the moment, why would a special day on the calendar make a difference?

Well, as it turns out, setting a date can make a difference. With smoking cessation, setting a quit date can lead to mentally preparing oneself to making the honest commitment in effecting a healthy lifestyle change. If you say you'll wait to do it when you are ready, you may find that life is busy, and there is never a good time or the right time. The perfect time never arrives.

I do definitely need a date or deadline for things like a newsletter column. If it were up to my schedule you might be reading one presidential message this year and not 12. You might say that would be preferable! But, Susan, our esteemed editor, is helping to keep me on target so you're stuck with me for a bit more yammering this year. Whatever help I can get for self improvement is a good thing. Thanks, Susan.

I am a list maker. It seems to work for me to keep a little notebook in my purse with ideas and a to-do list that keeps this wandering brain in focus for some of the time. I have one list with achievable tasks

and attainable goals. Perhaps they are resolutions with a less rigid mind set. They might be something as mundane as a weekly car wash in winter.

A much more interesting one and a very attainable one is to enter my quilts in our Appleseed quilt show this year in August. Another goal is to have a couple of my quilts entered into the judged category this year. It does seem a little scary to put myself out there to be seen and looked at, wallflower that I am and prefer to stay! I know if I wait until I think my quilts are good enough to be judged, I may have to live to be Noah's reputed age of 950 years. We are often times our harshest critic. I want to be in the group that is willing to risk trying *something*, rather than those who try nothing and succeed.

I do know that the judges are trained to do their best to comment on the best features of a quilt as well as to give a constructive evaluation. The worst thing to happen is I may learn something and improve my quilt making. Gosh, that sounds like a winning combination.

I urge you to consider using *your* quilt show as an opportunity to share your handiwork with us as well as joining me in taking advantage of the special opportunity in choosing to have one or two of your quilts judged.

Our guild has grown to over 135 members. What if we each put one or two of our quilts in the show? We have a lot of talent individually and collectively, look at our diversity, and originality! Let's show our own unique Appleseed flair and distinctive creativity to make another fabulous Appleseed quilt show. It is said a whole lot of nothing happens in August... well not this year. The best of August will happen at the Memorial Coliseum with the Appleseed Quilt Festival August 12th, 13th, and 14th.

As far as those resolutions that haven't worked out so well, remember that every day is a new day and if you want to change something, begin today.

Michele

PROGRAM NOTES

February 2nd: "Quilting from a Man's Perspective," presented by **Kent Mick**. Kent is a local artist from Roanoke. He has been quilting for seven years. Kent designs all his own quilts and says that one quilt takes from 6-14 months to complete. He will be presenting a trunk show which will include several award-winning quilts.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to take classes from the national teachers in March and May. The charge for these classes is \$40, which includes lunch. The time is from 9am to 4pm with an hour lunch. Sign up now for the following classes:

On Tuesday, **March 2nd**, **Pat Speth** will teach "Flying Geese Units". Just a couple of openings remain.....

On Tuesday, **May 4th**, **Leigh McDonald** will teach "Adventures in Curves".

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 2nd

11am – 4pm Sit-and-Sew for members

6:30pm at Classic Cafe

Appleseed Quilters Guild Meeting

February 9th, 6:30pm at Aboite Branch Library

AQG Board meeting



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Condolences to **Linda Mulpagano** and her family on the death of her father-in-law, Frank. He lived a full life for 98 years. He will be sorely missed.

Robin Plasterer's mother Annabelle passed away. She was a lovely compassionate person who received recognition for her good deeds including the Whitley County Heart of Gold award for her generous volunteerism. We're so sorry for your loss, Robin.

We send to **Karon Sheehan** our healing wishes as she fights an illness.

Michele Williams visited AQG member, **Chris Kinderman** at her lovely home in far off snowy Peshtigo, Wisconsin. There certainly is a reason they call it the Great White North! Chris is settled in and Sadie is very happy and busy in her new work space. Say hello to Chris when she's back visiting us in February.

Safe traveling wishes to **Debi Potts** and husband Scott while they are back and forth to their home state of Colorado. They are retiring there this year and are on the market for the perfect house. Good Luck

HELLO, HELLO WARM and COZY

Joyce Goodman, Appleseed's past president, moved last summer to Montoursville, Pennsylvania when her husband accepted a new job. We were sorry to see her go because we knew we'd be missing a good friend and a devoted AQG member. Joyce was always there to help wherever it was needed and she served in many capacities on the board. We showed some of our gratitude to Joyce with Appleseed's traditional presidential thank you quilt at the end of her term. She recently sent us a note from her new home:

"Well, this year has been one fast moving year for us. It has flown by so fast. We're finally settled in here, and looking forward to the new year. I wanted to write and thank every one of you for my beautiful quilt. It is in the living room over a chair and I look at it every day.

I miss all of my friends there and look forward to making new ones here. Hope to see everyone when we come to visit.

Once again, thank you very much. It was a pleasure being involved in the guild and making so many friends."

Joyce, the pleasure was all ours.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As a fairly new member of the guild I really enjoy hearing the speakers talk on quilting. They can talk about techniques, colors, patterns, books, but sometimes, well a lot of the time, it is the human interest side of quilting that make the speaker so intriguing. Last month Jo Crace, from Columbia City, left a lump in our throats with her stories about quilts. I am sure our speaker this month, Kent Mick, will have a slightly different slant speaking from a man's perspective, and I am sure we will be touched by his story.

Last month we had 50 members join us on the cold blistery night. We had two visitors and one new member, **Jennifer Day**.

Welcome Jennifer!

Have a good day! Ann E. Williams



2/1 Marge Gloude-mans
2/2 Bev Gunn
2/5 Dawn Shepherd
2/15 Kathy Bogert
2/15 Sandra Reidinger
2/21 Margaret Jenkins
2/21 Debi Potts
2/26 Ann Williams

JANUARY MEETING MINI MINUTES

President **Michele Williams** opened the meeting by welcomed the 50 members and two guests who braved the weather. **Mary Ann Skinner** talked about the President's Quilt and said she would have more information on how the members can participate in making the quilt.

The All-Guild Bee which was held at Classic Café from 1 to 4 p.m. today was a success and will be held each month on the day of the Guild meeting whenever a class has not been scheduled that day.

Robin Plasterer was the lucky winner of the Blocks of the Month. Next month's block will feature the colors magenta and green.

Janet Ditton spoke briefly on the 2010 Quilt Show. Up to eight quilts can be entered by each person. We now have contracts with seventeen vendors. Raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt are available and can be picked up. Each member is asked to sell ten tickets.

Our speaker for the evening, Jo Crace, gave a very interesting talk on "Every Quilt Has A Story" and showed a few antique quilts from her collection.

Show and Tell ended the evening.

Donna Sievers, Recording Secretary

CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL TRIP

Are you ready for a fun, fabulous fabric frenzy!! We are planning a bus trip (we filled a bus last year) to the Chicago International Quilt Festival this year on Friday, April 16th.

For the cost of \$60, Kathy the Bus Goddess and I will provide a wonderful adventure that includes a continental breakfast and an admission ticket into the quilt show. We will depart from Meijer's on Lima Road in the morning and arrive back in the evening (times to be finalized later).

Please email or call me (see Directory) to reserve your spot. There are 50 seats available on the bus--let's fill two--the more the merrier!! **Chicago here we come!**

Marla Knepper

MONTHLY MINI

Thanks to all who will be donating monthly mini projects during the year 2010. We have filled the entire year with Guild members who have volunteered to make a mini donation.

Cathie Franklin took home the lively, original donation by **Ann Williams** at the January meeting. **Donna Sievers** has donated two beautiful Valentine quilts to be raffled in February, two chances to win.

Carol Freeman

Sit & Stitch - Kids' Quilts Wild Things Workshop February 2, 2010, 1-4 PM, Classic Cafe

There are still a few open spots for this workshop. If you need to get your kids' quilt started, come on over to the workshop. Appleseed Quilters will have some spectacular quilts with the wonderful theme of "Wild Things" to donate to the kids at Camp Whatcha Wanna Do in June 2010. Wild flowers, wild colors, and the theme that comes to my mind first is - wild animals. Go wild in your selection of fabric. This quilt starts with a dozen fat quarters that rapidly evolve into a dozen blocks. The project is perfect for beginners and more experienced quilters will get their kids quilt taken care of quickly as well.

Class size is 15 people. Supplies list can be e-mailed. If you're interested in attending this workshop, feel free to give me a call. My phone number and e-mail are in the Directory.

Teresa Wade

FOR EVERYONE'S EYES (EXCEPT MICHELE, THE PRESIDENT!)

It's nice to get a thank you quilt ready for our outgoing president without having to sneak around to do it. We're out in the open; it's time to get a thank you quilt ready for Michele's last meeting as President. That means we need to get busy. I have an appointment with Kat Waterson to have it quilted on May 10th. The Guild year is over in June, and the presentation of her quilt needs to be at the June 8th Guild meeting.

Here's my plan: I'll be at the February 2nd sewing day at the Classic Café, where we have the Guild meetings. I'll have patterns and some fabric. We will get started and I'm hoping everyone will make at least one block. I will also have patterns and information at the Guild meeting that evening of February 2nd. OK, now I just need to select the pattern and color pallet. I will get that done and be there ready to charge ahead with your help. This is our way to thank Michele for her wonderful, quiet, strong way she runs our meetings and guides us.

Thanks, Mary Ann Skinner, Past President, standing in for Joyce Goodman, most recent Past President, now residing in PA.

What will your legacy be? A collection of beautiful finished quilts, or a stack of unfinished odds and ends that no one knows how to handle? Let me help you complete your legacy with machine quilting.

Call or email **Cathie Phillips of Leo Quilting**
and get 25% off your first quilt.
Call 260-627-3545 or 260-760-8431 (cell)
email leoquilting@verizon.net



BEE NEWS

Appleseed Guild welcomes members on February 2nd to the Appleseed Bee at Classic Cafe. The hours have been extended this time from 11am to 4pm with the meeting following at 7pm. This will allow time for attendees to go out for something to eat and return between 6:30 - 7pm. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Yours in quilting, Linda Mulpagano

QUILT SHOW

Calling all members! Please consider displaying your quilts at the show this year. Lots of beautiful quilts are what make the show successful. We see beautiful quilts each month at Show and Tell. We want you to show them off at the Quilt Show as well where we have a much larger audience.

And, think about having a quilt judged! Why? I can think of two reasons. First, get some constructive criticism (or praise) to find out how to make your quilts even better. Second, win a ribbon and a prize for your quilt.

You do not have to be a member to display a quilt in our show.

Don't forget the Boutique. We are looking for quilt related items made by our members to be sold in the Boutique. Items will be juried. Bring a prototype to the meeting and have it approved. At the 2008 show our members had about \$3,000 in sales.

Janet Ditton

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Lesson #8 Complementary Partners: A Marriage of Colors

Colors that lie opposite each other on the Ives Color Wheel complement each other extremely well, and are especially beautiful together. When two opposite colors are used together it is called a "complementary color scheme. A way to really dramatize a complementary scheme and create a stunning block is to use the pure colors along with the tints, shades, and tones of the pure colors. It is very important that you choose colors that lie directly opposite on the color wheel. Joen Wolfrom's *3 in 1 Color Tool* takes the guess work out of finding a colors' exact opposite. You can purchase this tool as some of the local fabric shops as well as online at Amazon.com.

When creating a complementary block, it is also recommended that you choose a dominant color. Complementary colors work better together when one pops out and the other is the quiet background. The reason you need a dominant color is when there is no dominant color the viewer's eye jumps from one spot to another with no place to rest. This causes an uncomfortable feeling and your quilt will be disappointing.

This month's colors are magenta and green, with magenta as the dominant color. The block is called Bachelor's Puzzle and should be very beautiful when put together.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me; my contact information is in the Directory.

Have Fun....and Happy Quilting!
Kat Waterson, BOM Chair

WARM HANDS and WARM HEARTS

You're probably familiar with the expression, "cold hands, warm heart." Now there's science to show the opposite is true.

Two studies conducted on college students to assess how temperatures affect emotions found that how physically warm you are has a direct correlation to how nice you are to people. Even holding a cup of warm coffee seemed to help lead people to be more generous and charitable. Physical warmth can make us see others as warmer people, but also cause us to be warmer - more generous and trusting - as well.

I'm not suggesting that we need any explanation as to your consistent and unrelenting generous nature, but we may have been all warm and cozy in December when we filled three large bags with hats and mittens for school children in Fort Wayne.

We received this note from the staff and students at Fairfield Elementary School for all the winter wear that we collected and delivered to them:

"Thank you so much for the hats, scarves, and gloves that you donated. Some of items went into gift bags for 7 families and 16 kids. The other mittens, hats and scarves have been flying from my room to lots of little ones! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these children! Jennifer Hayes, Case Manager. "

It's quite rewarding in these challenging times to step up to the plate and lend a helping hand. We just try to help in small ways and sometimes that can make a huge difference in someone else's life. It's wonderful to have such caring members thinking about community needs. Pour me another cup of coffee, please.

MEMBER LOOKING FOR FABRIC

I am looking for *Flea Market Fancy* by Denyse Schmidt for Free Spirit. I am willing to buy or trade for the fabric.

I am looking for any of the prints, but especially the bouquet and seedling prints. The fabric is from 2006.

Here is a link to the fabric:

http://www.dsquilts.com/fabric_and_patterns.asp?PageID=79

Thanks, Jenny Rekeweg

AREA QUILT SHOWS: JAN-APR 2010

Jan 23rd – Feb 21st, 2010

Women in Fiber, From Craft to Art

Marietta College Fine Arts Dept

Hermann Fine Arts Center

Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio

Admission: \$1

Mar 4th-6th, 2010

19th Annual Indiana Heritage Quilt Show

Bloomington Convention Center

Admission: \$7/day or \$15/3 days

Information: <http://www.ihqs.org/2010GenShow.html>

Mar 20th, 2010

20th Annual Gathering of the Quilters

Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds

17746-E CR 34

Goshen, IN 46528

www.amishcountry.org/GatheringofQuilters

Guest Speaker: Brenda Papadakis

NEW ADDITION:

Mar 27th-28th, 2010, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Quilts in Bloom

The Porter County Expo Center

215 E Division Rd, Valparaiso IN 46383

(One mile South of Highway 30 on Highway 49).

Admission: \$5.00

Mar 27th-28th, 2010, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Stitches in Time

Marshall Middle School

100 East Green Street

Marshall, MI

Admission: \$5.00

Apr 8th-10th, 2010; 10am-5pm

10th Annual Amish County Quilt Show

Buckeye Event Center

624 Henry St, Dalton, OH 44618

Admission: \$7.00

<http://www.amishcountryquiltshow.com/>

Apr 16th-18th, 2010

International Quilt Festival

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

5555 N. River Rd

Rosemont, IL

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=167950657209&index=1>

CLASS ACTS

Call shops, or visit websites, for class details and schedules.

A Quilt of Many Colors 627-2907

See website at <http://www.quiltofmanycolors.com/>

Pieced Together Quilt Shop 486-4217

See website at www.ptquilts.com

Edwards Sewing Center 486-3003

Check website for class schedule

<http://www.edwardssewing.com/>

Country Creations 547-4535

fabrics2@onlyinternet.net

The Creative Stitch Quilt Shop 982-1080

Feb 19th-21st : 2nd Annual Quilt Retreat with Penny Haren. Call for details

HELPING HAITI

I've been listening to the reports on the earthquake in Haiti and about the amazing search and rescue missions. There are teams systematically sifting through the rubble of crushed schools and grocery stores and hospitals. Here we sit in the comfort of our warm homes, listening for some good news of the recovery of survivors. There will be many stories, some wonderful and many horrific, that

will be told as the digging out continues. Right now the best we can offer to Haiti, along with our thoughts and prayers, is monetary donations.

If you wish to donate to the Haiti recovery efforts one good choice would be to the American Red Cross. The Red Cross has been favored by many of us as a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and providing relief to victims of disasters locally and world- wide. Appleseed has long been linked to the Red Cross in part due to their generosity in allowing us space to hold our meetings. Appleseed has reciprocated that kindness by aiding the Red Cross in their fund raising efforts through donated quilts each year and other hand-made articles such as pin parks.

If you would like to help though the American Red Cross International Response Fund, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to <http://www.redcross.org/en/>. Donors can designate their gifts to Haiti relief.

You can volunteer locally for the American Red Cross by calling the American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana at 484-9336

YOU'LL WANT TO SEE THIS!

The Allen County Sherriff's Reserve is the recipient this season of the AOG Charity Quilt. You've been busy sewing and have donated over 90 blocks to make this quilt. There are a multitude of settings that could be used with this block to make a really cool quilt. I wonder what would look best. All I'll say right now is, "you might want to show up at the February meeting!"

We received a thank you (and the quilt is not yet finished!) from the Reserves in anticipation of the quilt:

Dear Appleseed Quilt Guild,

The Allen County Sheriff's Reserves would like to thank you for your selection of our organization to be your first commemorative quilt project of 2010.

We feel honored.

Our members, like yours, come from many walks of life. Some have rarely, if ever, seen a quilt outside of photographs and have little concept at this moment of the significant fund-raising potential it represents. While others are literally staggered by the monetary impact such a thoughtful and creative donation could make on our 2010 finances.

But no matter where an individual member's life experience has placed them on that particular continuum, all of us are touched by the appreciative recognition of our service it represents. In the past we've been called Allen County's best kept secret. It's nice to realize that's not quite true this year with your members.

Thank you for the wonderful creativity you all will bring to this project. We are excited to begin watching it grow into the tangible, artistic expression of your organization's kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,
Michael Foster
Chief Deputy
Allen County Sheriff's Reserves

MYSTERY BLOCK CHALLENGE



What is the name of this month's Mystery Block?
Hint: You might be hit by one this month!

Mystery Block Answer: Cupid's Arrowpoint

Dawn's Quilting Clip Art
<http://www.dlstewart.com/clipart.htm>