



MARCH MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

Happy Hour 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm
American Red Cross 1212 California Road
Program: Bernie Miller Presents Bargello Quilts

This N' That from Joyce

I, for one, am pleased that March is here. I look forward, even though I'm not a big outdoor person, to the nice weather, which is just around the corner. Our Guild is getting ready for a spring change as well. The Nominating Committee, which consists of Janet Ditton, Julia Schulz, Debi Potts, Marcia Brindel and Linda Mulpagano, will soon be calling members and asking a very important question. Would you be willing to serve the Guild on a committee or in an executive position on the Board? It is important to take the time and think about serving on the Board. It is an excellent way to get to know many members. It is fun! It is a way to share your quilting knowledge or special talent. It is a way to expand your quilting experience. I know, I know, I know -- some of you haven't been in the Guild long and you don't know many people, but this is a great opportunity to get to know more of our members. New people in the various positions bring new ideas with them, and our Guild stays fresh and innovative. Just because you are new to the Guild doesn't mean you won't come up with some great new programs. This is exactly how our Monthly Mini and the Chinese Auction came about. Many of the positions have co-chairs so you and a friend could join forces. I find people are usually surprised that holding a position isn't what they thought it would be. Most of our members choose to stay in a position for two years or on the Board for two years and then cycle out so others can take a turn. This is your chance to grab a friend and help our Guild grow.

Joyce Goodman, President

March Program Notes

Thanks to Caroline North from Caroline's Country Cottage for an entertaining program at the February meeting. It was fun to see her projects and hear her quilting history. The pincushion class was informative and very successful.

Bernie Miller, a local Fort Wayne artist, will be our guest speaker at the March meeting. Her focus will be on Bargello. Many quilters who have seen her work guarantee that it will be worth being at the meeting. She will be giving a trunk show of her work, as well.

Don't forget to sign up for the April Crazy Quilt classes on Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7. You can take either class or both. The first day will cover the basics of crazy quilting. On the second day, the women will deal with embellishing the patchwork piece you made at the first class or perhaps a crazy quilt UFO that you have been wanting to finish.

Sue Nickels is coming to Fort Wayne in June and will be offering classes in machine-quilting and folk borders. Be sure to sign up if you are interested in attending and remember that payment is due upon sign up.

Log Cabin Class

The Confetti Log Cabin class joined 20 sewers with one of our own -- Appleseed's fabulous quilter and teacher, Carol Vinnedge. (Thank you, Carol.) We are always so lucky when she shares her lovely designs and mentors us for the day. Most of us sewed log cabins in whites/blacks and blacks/whites, but a few ventured outside the box to try batiks in shades of green, or imagine this design in an Amish color scheme. As usual, we are only limited by our own imagination. And you won't have to imagine too long, as the next few Show and Tells may reveal all. Several people expressed their satisfaction with a really fun day.

What I heard is that we take a class because we'd like to learn something new, and ultimately, we want to be doing what we love best: quilting and, better yet, quilting with friends. Come join us some time. Sign up for one or more of the classes that Eunice and Jan have arranged and enjoy Appleseed at its best.

Michele Williams

Membership News

Remember when, a few short years ago, we were hoping for 100 members by the end of the year? We now have 119 members with prospects of more next month! The word is out – Appleseed Quilters Guild is a good place to be on the first Tuesday of every month, and what quilter wouldn't want to be part of this growing and thriving group? We're welcoming back into membership past President, Nanci Gilbert, and new member, Angie Buckles. The Guild is so glad to have you both and hope you'll get involved in a Bee or some committee as you hear of a need. I did hear talk of a quilt show, so I'm sure we'll need your help there. In addition to the two new members, there were also four guests and 64 members at the February 2009 meeting, making a grand total of 70 in attendance.

A good time was had by all as many door prizes were awarded, thanks once again to generous contributions from the membership.

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

Monthly Mini

Thank you, Linda Mulpagano and Chris Kinderman, for taking the Monthly Mini job last month. It must have seemed like a bit of déjà vu. Thank you also, Linda, for the February donation.

Donna Sievers has generously given another offering for the month of March. Lucky us! Don't forget that you, too, can donate your creative accomplishments. See the sign-up sheet at the Monthly Mini display.

Marge Gludemans

Block of the Month

The Oak Leaf was first published in Carrie Hall's book, but the significance of the name dates even earlier with a historic reference to the Charter Oak. In 1687, the cavity of an oak tree was used as the hiding place for the colonies' charter. The charter was granted by King Charles II in 1662, and he granted them an unusual degree of autonomy. His successor, James II, wanted more control over the colonies, so he sent a Governor to demand the document. As the legend goes, the charter was "whisked" away in the dark and hidden in the Charter Oak. Enjoy the history while you make another Block of the Month. The background is tan, ecru or tone-on-tone light brown, and the leaf is rust, rich brown or brick in color.

Beth Gillies

February Mini Minutes by Donna

Guild Notes – February 3, 2009

A short business meeting was held before the evening's program.

Jan Johnson has taken over the duties of Program Chair while Eunice is out of town.

Janet Ditton announced that Darlene Hawkins has agreed to co-chair the 2010 Quilt Show and they will be looking for a third person who might be willing to chair the 2012 show. We will need to find a new date, since Shipshewana has chosen the last week of June for its annual quilt show. Everyone in the Guild was asked to help in some way. We will also be having another boutique, so it's time to begin working on your items.

The evening ended with Show and Tell.

Donna Sievers, Recording Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Cheryl Unger – For being awarded the February Monthly Mini

Happy Birthday

03/02...Judy Yarnelle
03/05...Michele Williams
03/11...Dru Field
03/17...Nancy Karrer

03/21...Julie Farrimond
03/21...Kathy Doran
03/28...Toni Kring
03/29...Sandy Williams
03/31...Jody Gaerte

The Wheels on the Bus Go ...

Are you ready for a wonderful spring quilting adventure? Join us on a bus trip to the Chicago International Quilt Festival on Friday, April 17, 2009. The trip is being organized by Marla Knepper, in conjunction with The Bus Goddess, Kathy Norris.

The bus will leave Meijer's on Lima Road at 7:30 am on Friday, April 17, to arrive at the Donald E. Stephens Center (formerly the Rosemont Center) at approximately 10 am, Chicago time (11 am, Indiana time), which is when the show opens. For \$50 (**must have 50 quilters participate for this price**), you will be treated to coffee, juice & muffins for breakfast on the bus, bottled water and your ticket into the quilt show. **If only 40 quilters participate, the cost increases to \$60.** The trip will be cancelled if the minimum of 40 is not reached.

Although our deluxe bus includes a restroom, rest stops both coming and going are planned. Please bring a sack dinner for the return drive, which you may bring from home or purchase at the convention center. We will depart the quilt show at approximately 6 pm, Indiana time (5 pm, Chicago time) and will arrive back at Meijer's parking lot around 10:30 pm.

This is a fantastic show that is not to be missed! Please contact Marla with any questions. Cash or checks will be accepted (written to Marla Knepper) at the time of sign-up during the March 3 Appleseed Quilters Guild meeting. Reservation and payment deadline is Friday, March 27, 2009.

Shhh, It's a Surprise!

It is tradition that the Guild honors our past President with a "Remember Us Quilt." This year it is particularly fitting, since Joyce Goodman plans to move out of state very soon after her term ends in June. The pattern is set and the fabrics selected, so come join us as we sew at the Dupont Library on March 14th and 28th. We only have the meeting room from 10 am – 1 pm each day, so be prompt. We will be cutting out the quilt, as well as sewing, so bring your sewing machine and thread; I will bring cutting boards and irons. Contact me with any questions. Thanks.

Cindy Loos, Advisor

Bee in the Know

A meeting was held on January 24 to start a Bee for the newest members of the Guild. If you missed the meeting and are interested in joining us, please contact me for more information.

Carolyn Isaacs

Tidbits

- It's easy to get your newsletter by e-mail. Just contact Brenda Linkhart, Editor. Save a tree and the Guild's cash.
- Read about the proposed bylaws changes that will be voted on at the March meeting in this newsletter. Please keep your questions and/or any discussion concise and to the point so that we can take care of this business in a timely manner.
- Mary Mavis, former Guild member, was recently nominated for Teacher of the Year. Way to go, Binky!
- Because Brenda is in Hawaii, a substitute editor put this newsletter together. Pleez 4give all erorz!

Kids' Quilts

Just wonderful quilts and colors! We received more quilts at last month's meeting. Each one is a beautiful work of art. We are now up to about three dozen quilts received; that leaves us with a need of about 80-90 more. The sooner we receive your quilt, the better. It will get it off your "list of things to do" and get us nearer our goal. The June meeting will be the last meeting we can receive quilts for this year's camp. Some members have generously donated more than one! "Thank you!" to those of you who have already fulfilled your obligation.

If you have questions, please just ask. Or look in your directory. There is a message in there regarding the Kids' Quilts program.

**Kids' Quilts Co-Chairwomen
Karen Broski and Melanie Schultze**

July's Bid for Fun!

The vote was taken at our January Guild meeting, and the result is that a "Chinese Auction" will be held at our July meeting. In preparation for this special event, please inventory those items in your stash, personal quilt library, pattern assortment, quilt-related notions, and /or orphaned blocks, and choose what you would be willing to donate – the more, the better! Then bring these quality items to the March, April, May and June Guild meetings, where there will be a large basket available on the table just outside the meeting room. The donations will be collected, sorted and prepared by a committee of your fellow Guild members. This fun project could use some additional helping hands, so should you feel so inclined, please contact me to join our happy band of volunteers. Remember that your fabric, patterns and books could be just the thing that someone would use and treasure. You could find, bid and receive something that you've always wanted, as well. Give generously to get more. It will be a win-win situation at July's Chinese Auction!

Betsey Williamson

Red Cross Quilt Update

The Red Cross quilt is almost complete! Jill Pesti and Marsha Rattliff organized, designed and made the quilt top. Kat Waterson professionally machine-quilted a beautiful flower motif across the top and used heirloom quilting around the Kim Diehl-designed center appliqué. Joan Olinghouse is sewing down the binding as this article is being written. The beautiful and elegant label (with very appropriate needles in the design) was created by Teresa Wade. The next step will be to apply the label, and then it will be time to part with this gorgeous quilt.

This year our project was done by a small group of very dedicated and generous members. They all quietly agreed to participate and immediately went to town to complete the quilt. Material and labor were donated by all these members. Thank you all very much.

This is a labor of love we do so willingly each year to thank the Red Cross for their incredible generosity in allowing us the use of their building for our activities. The Red Cross auctions or raffles the quilt as a fundraiser for their projects. What a nice win-win situation for all of us. Thank you, Red Cross.

Michele Williams

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the donation to our camp. Also, a big thank you to your members who donated items for our Silent Auction! Liz and Donna's quilted items raised over \$150 for camp. Until there's a cure, there's camp. *Jennifer Fisher, Program Director, Camp Watcha Wanna-Do.*

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana thanks you so much for your generous time and gift of \$1200 after the 2008 Appleseed Quilt Show. We are touched and grateful by all of your efforts to raise much needed funding for those in our community whose lives are affected by cancer. Your gift allows Cancer Services to provide emotional support and practical resources to many families. We thank you, our clients thank you and the community thanks you. *Brenda S. Betley, Development Director*

We, the staff and students of Washington School, would like to say thank you for your generous donation to our school. Thanks again! *Lawrence Jordan, Case Manager*

Thank you for your donation for all the hats, clothes and all the other stuff. We all appreciate what you have done for us. PS Thank you. *Pablo, Washington Elementary School*

March

- Mar 3 APPLESEED QUILTERS GUILD MEETING, 6:30PM**
Mar 5-7 Indiana Heritage Quilt Show, Bloomington Convention Center,
Bloomington IN, klbquilter@hotmail.com
Mar 8 Daylight-Saving Time Begins
Mar 10 APPLESEED QUILTERS GUILD BOARD MEETING, 6:30PM
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20 First Day of Spring
Mar 21 19th Annual Gathering of Quilters, Allen County War Memorial
Coliseum, sisofcloth73@hotmail.com
Mar 21 Tri-State Quilters Day, Southern Indiana Career and
Technical Center, Evansville IN, 812-490-0802
Mar 28-29 Quilt Show, Huber Opera House, Hicksville OH

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CLASS ACTS

A Quilt of Many Colors – 627-2907

- Mar 7 – Sun, Moon and Stars Technique Class
Mar 11, 18 – Optical Illusion
Mar 14, Apr 18 – Double Wedding Ring
Mar 27 – Amish 9 Patch
Mar 28 – Fabric Weaving

Country Creations – 260-547-4535

Do you need a place to hold a class? Give Bev a call and schedule her classroom.

Edwards Sewing Center – 486-3003

- Mar 2 – Bird of Paradise
Mar 3 – Fantasy Fabrics
Mar 4 – Purse Class
Mar 10 – Seminole Quilting
Mar 20 – Woven Table Topper
Mar 21 – Seasonal Quilts Wall-hanging
Mar 30 – Denny's Quilted Purse
Mar 31 – Beginning Quilting

Pieced Together – 486-4217

- Mar 7 – Big Bold & Beautiful and Friendship Garden, Finish-up help
Mar 14 – Big Bold & Beautiful
Mar 28 – Dancing with the Stars

Bylaws Changes

The Board of Directors proposes the following changes be made to the Guild Bylaws:

Article IV – Officers and Duties

Current bylaw:

Section 3. The First Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence. First Vice President may also serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

Proposed change:

Section 3. The First Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence. First Vice President may also serve as ex-officio member of all committees. In addition, the First Vice President, along with the Second Vice President, will serve as co-chairperson of Programs. The co-chairpersons will choose a committee of two to four persons from the general membership to help organize and carry out program duties.

Current bylaw:

Section 4. The Second Vice President shall act as Advisor to all events which are not regular programs or workshops.

Proposed change:

Section 4. The Second Vice President, along with the First Vice President, will serve as co-chairperson of Programs.

Other Recommendations

1. Program Committee and Newsletter Editor become members of the Executive Board, rather than Standing Committees
2. Corresponding Secretary become a Standing Committee, rather than a member of the Executive Board

Emails to Our Web Site

We are trying to recycle or reuse our fabric so our company may be recognized as a "Green" company. We didn't know if you could use scrap fabric. We make outdoor patio cushions, umbrellas and couch cushions. Please let me know if you are interested. If you are not but you know persons who may be, please give them my email address.

Thank you!

Tricia McKinley

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My name is Ilona and I have recently started an online fabric store for quilters. I am a quilter myself and know the need for quality fabric at an affordable price. Please check out our site.

Thank you!

Ilona

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