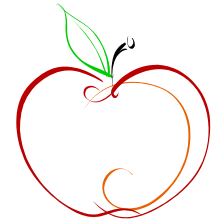


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## AUGUST MEETING

Tuesday, August 3rd

Happy Hour 6:30pm; Meeting 7pm

Classic Cafe Event Center

4832 Hillegas Road

Program: Doris Goins, "Quilters Seeking Blue Ribbons"

## MARY ANN'S MORNING MUSINGS

Morning Musing for August 2010

Once again, it's time for my Morning Musings. I'm not getting off to a very good start this month, it's already afternoon of musing day!

I really want to tell you all that I'm so proud of us as a guild that really works together and supports each other. The quilt count for the show is 314! I know for sure that some of you who put quilts in the show, have never done that before and were "afraid" to do it. Congratulations for not letting that little voice have a victory and for jumping in with your quilt form in hand. I personally guarantee you that when you round the corner at the quilt show and see your own quilt hanging there, you're going to be so pleased with yourself and your decision to enter your quilt in the show. It's so important for all of us to participate because after all it is a quilt show, not just a vendor mall and snack bar.

The Appleseed Quilters Guild Board is making my job as President so easy. I appreciate all the dedicated people and the work you're doing for the guild. Believe me, board members, people notice how smooth the meetings run, how friendly we are, how organized the room is with all its stations and how ready you all are when it's your turn to speak. I appreciate you all very much.

Mary Ann Skinner, President



## SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

If you have information for Sunshine and Shadows please report it to Cathie Phillips or Anne Tinkel.

### THANKS

To Appleseed Quilters Guild Members

Thank you to all of you for the lovely quilt you presented to me at the conclusion of my year as president of AQG.

It is a beautiful thank you that means all the more to me knowing you made this especially for me.

It truly was my pleasure serving as AQG President.

Thank you for your support this past year and for this beautiful reminder of my 2009-2010 Appleseed year.

Michele Williams

### PROGRAM NOTES

**August 3, 2101** program will feature Doris Goins, National Quilting Association Certified Judge. Her program is "Quilters Seeking Blue Ribbons". Have you been an "armchair judge" as you tour quilt shows and wonder why some quilts are winners and others are not? Doris will share what judges look for when they select ribbon winning quilts, and she will also include general quilt making tips.

**September 7, 2010** is Appleseeds' 17<sup>th</sup> birthday! We will celebrate at our meeting with birthday cake for all. That evening also includes a "Bed Turning" featuring Lois Fegleys' quilts. Nancy Gipson, daughter of Lois, will assist her mom with the stories about her quilts on the bed. Lois was the featured quilter at the 2008 Berne Quilt Show and is guest speaker at the Maumee Valley 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show, August 19-22, New Haven, IN. She was also a prize winner in the last Appleseed Quilters Show in 2008.

Another special presentation that evening will be a slide show about the 127 kid's quilts we sent to Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do. Seeing a child at camp proudly displaying the quilt that he or she has selected (and that one of us contributed) gives each quilter a really special feeling. All that time and effort in constructing the quilt was so worth while! Thanks to Dawn Shepherd and her committee for providing this heart warming part of our evening.

### October 5, 2010

Nationally known speaker, Karen Kay Buckley will be here October 5th and 6th, 2010! Her lecture at the guild meeting on October 5th is "To Border or Not to Border". She will be teaching "Drafting Appliqué Patterns" on Tuesday, October 5, from 1 - 4 pm. On Wednesday, October 6, from 9 am - 4 pm, she will be teaching "Kansas Rose Appliqué." Sign ups for these two classes began at the July Appleseed Quilters Guild meeting.

If you want to get into either one of these classes, don't put it off! Her classes will fill up fast, and in September they will be open to the public. Karen Kay Buckley is a popular teacher and we're privileged to have her speak at our guild meeting. Check out her website to see more information about the 2 classes she will be teaching for us: <http://www.karenkaybuckley.com/index.php>

Programs, Janet Ditton, Jan Johnson, Jane Wells and Toni Kring

### BUZZ FROM THE BEEKEEPER

We will have another Sit N Sew in August. Join us for Sit N Sew before the August meeting from 11AM until 4PM. Bring your last minute bindings and labels to sew on for the show, and join us for a little R&R.

## **PARADISE RETREAT!**

Do you long for the opportunity to sew, undistracted, for two whole days with no kids, no husbands, no cooking, no responsibilities, no distractions, and quilt stores 5 minutes away? Sounds like paradise, doesn't it? I am giving you the opportunity to go to Paradise!

Appleseed is sponsoring a retreat the weekend of January 28th through the 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana. The cost will be \$137.50 for a double room for 2 nights, with 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts included. A triple will be \$117.00 for 2 nights, with 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts. Lunch will be on your own both days. A \$35.00 deposit will hold your reservation, payable by the November meeting.

You will have your own banquet table to sew on, in a very well lighted and open room overlooking a green lawn. Ironing boards and cutting tables will be set up for you, so you don't have to worry about taking "all the gear". Extension cords will be provided at each of the sewing tables.

Yoders is within 5 minutes walking distance for anything that you forget. The distance to Lolly's is walkable for those that want a little more exercise, or certainly is drivable.

January can be a 'let down' after the Holidays so give yourself something to look forward to and sign up for the Retreat. There is limited room, so be sure to get your \$35.00 to Cindy Loos, Retreat Chair, early. Any questions? I will be at the meeting, or call me.

Beekeeper, Cindy Loos

## **AUGUST EVENTS**

### **August 3rd**

11AM - 4PM at Classic Cafe

"Sit N Sew"

6:30pm at Classic Cafe

Appleseed Quilters Guild Meeting

### **August 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

Appleseed Quilt Show at Allen County Memorial Coliseum

Thursday & Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-4

### **August 17th**

6:30pm at Mary Ann Skinner's house

Address and phone number are in the directory

AQG Board meeting

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Membership renewals continue, and as of July 6<sup>th</sup>, we have 111 memberships paid for the 2010/2011 year. This is great news! We plan to have the membership directory published for our September meeting, so the deadline to pay dues and have updated information in the directory will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cost for advertisements to be included in the Membership Directory is \$50.00 for a full-page ad, \$25.00 for a half-page ad, and \$15.00 for a business-card-size ad. If you are interested in a business advertisement,

please mail your check with ad artwork to Appleseed Quilters Guild, Attention: Membership Committee, P.O. Box 10484 Fort Wayne, IN. 46852-0484. Deadline is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We had two new members joining July 6<sup>th</sup>: Diana Hull and Karen Holdeman. Welcome, ladies!

We had ten guests attending our July meeting: Lois Eubank, Brittany Cambron, Diana Hull, Lois Mahoney, Diane Mackel, LaDonna Ousley, Virginia Smith, Cynthia Chesterman, Amy Figliola, and Peggy Weidler. We hope you will join us again!

Eighty-eight guild members attended the July meeting!

Door Prize Winners: Sandra Millner, Kathy Doran, Mary Ann Skinner, Cheryl Unger, Jane Reff, Jan Johnson, Cathie Phillips, Carol Freeman, Sandy Taube and Doris Regnier. Congratulations, ladies!

Sharon Edwards, Cindy Houser, Karen Wolfgram – your membership committee

## **MONTHLY MINI**

Patsy Hanauer will be hanging the darling Patriotic mini made by Robin Plasterer on her front door next July 4th. Carolyn Isaacs has donated Mother and Daughter aprons for August. Many thanks go to our creative and generous members.

Carol Freeman

## **LIBRARY**

Take a minute at the next meeting to visit the Library table! There have been 3 new books added to the collection:

“Memory Quilts in the Making” from Leisure Arts

“Quilt A Gift” by Barri Sue Gaudet

“Hooked on Feathers” by Sally Terry

We are enjoying the hunt for books of interest to the group and look forward to finding more for the next meeting!

Thanks for taking advantage of the great collection we have and don't forget to return books the next month! Thanks.

Jody Gaerte and Cindi Fletcher

## **JULY MEETING MINI MINUTES**

Ann Williams stated that she made a suggestion to Jennifer of Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do for the kids quilts for the coming year: an Americana theme. No theme has been decided as yet.

Quilt Show - Janet Ditton awarded material and patterns to Lois Schwartz, Judy Yarnelle, Nanci Gilbert, and Sue Rohling, in appreciation for their quilt entries. Janet explained that we had reached our goal of 250 quilts, with a total of 314.

All Apple awards need to be returned to Karen Hankey.

Teresa Wade has the list for volunteers. Teresa will distribute the free parking passes at the next meeting.

Chris Lowe mentioned that the Appleseed Boutique has 95 different items.

Toni Kring will “spruce up” the People's Choice voting box.

Philanthropy - Donna Sievers said that the soaps and lotions to be collected in September will be donated to the Shelter for Abused Women. She also contacted the Animal Shelter and found that they need old sheets and cloths.

Lois Eubanks was our speaker for the night and described the restoration of quilts.  
Show and Tell ended the evening at 9 pm.

Linda Mulpagano, Recording Secretary

## **JULY BOARD NOTES**

Reports were presented from each committee.

Membership - The new directory is planned for September/October. The committee is currently working on getting more ads.

Beekeeper - Cindy Loos was not present but reported to Mary Ann that she had made arrangements for the August Sit and Sew and for the quilt retreat in January at the Farmstead Inn. Full details are in the beekeeper section of this newsletter.

Adviser - Michele commented on the enthusiasm of the Guild.

Historian - Kat suggested that the scrapbook be kept online and is working toward that goal.

Hospitality - Robin is working with Classic Café on plans for the September party.

Philanthropy - Donna explained that old sheets, towels and cloths would be accepted in September for the Animal Shelter. A paper-pieced quilt is planned for January that will be donated to an organization of choice.

Kids Quilts - Bobbi suggested a Sit-and- Sew for work on a kids quilts. Bobbi also mentioned that we could have a Sit-and-Sew prior to one of our meetings for the same purpose.

Quilt Show - Janet explained that there will not be a display of President's quilts, and that there will be ads on PBS.

Old Business- A suggestion was made for signs to be used on the tables (IE-Kids Quilts, sign up for classes, etc.) Teresa Wade notified the Board that the Sound System had been sold for \$100.00. Teresa also purchased scaffolding for the Guild to be used when hanging quilts.

New Business- Mary Ann suggested that the August Board meeting be delayed one week until August 17<sup>th</sup> (due to the Quilt Show.) Mary Ann also reported that Mary Ann Gates had resigned as Publicity chairperson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Linda Mulpagano-Recording Secretary

## **QUILT SHOW NEWS**

I want to express my thanks to all of you who submitted quilts and encouraged friends and family to submit quilts as well. We surpassed our goal by 53 quilts! I then worried that we would not have enough room to hang all of them. That's a good problem to have.

### **Volunteers needed**

We still need volunteers to staff the show. Please see Teresa Wade at the August guild meeting and sign up. We have many jobs that allow you to sit if that is an issue.

### **Lunch on set-up days**

On set-up days, Tuesday and Wednesday, some of us will spend a good part of the day at the Coliseum. We cannot bring food and beverages into the Coliseum. So, the options are: to go out for lunch, bring your own and eat in your car or outside, or on Tuesday get a boxed lunch from the Coliseum food vendor, Aramark. On Wednesday, Aramark will have a concession stand available in the Coliseum from 11 AM until around 2 PM. If you want a boxed lunch for Tuesday you must sign up for it and pay in advance. The box lunch includes a

whole fruit, potato chips, a wrap of either turkey club or ham and Swiss, pasta salad, and a gourmet cookie. The price is \$10 for the box lunch and an additional \$2 for a drink. The guild meeting will be the last opportunity to arrange for a boxed lunch.

### **Boutique**

Items will be juried again at the August meeting.

### **Quilt Show Signs**

We have 75 corrugated yard signs that we would like to have on display by the last week of July. Do you live on a street or road that has a lot of traffic? If so, please consider placing one of our signs in your yard. Do you know anyone else who might display a sign? For the last show I placed a sign at the bank branch where we do the Quilt Show banking, and on my church's property. But, I asked permission before doing so.

### **Sign rules:**

**Signs may not be placed on public property.**

**Ask permission before placing a sign.**

Please contact Michele Williams or me ASAP if you can take a sign or signs and we will see that you get them.

Please stop by the quilt show table at the meeting if you wish to set up an appointment with Donna Kooistra, an AQS certified quilt appraiser, to have your quilt appraised at the show. You may also make an appointment when you attend the show. Donna is also able to appraise a quilt that is hanging at the show. Appraisals are \$40.00 for a written appraisal for insurance purposes, or \$20.00 for a verbal appraisal.

Janet Ditton

### **LEO / Quilting**

#### **Christmas Quilting?**

Longarm schedules are filling up for the holidays. If you are doing quilting for Christmas presents beat the rush and get your quilt scheduled now.

Call or email Cathie Phillips of Leo Quilting

Call 260-627-3545 or 260-760-8431 (cell).

Or email [leoquilting@verizon.net](mailto:leoquilting@verizon.net)

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### **MYSTERY BLOCK**



Clue: Catch a dozen of these, and you'll have some good eatin'.  
Answer can be found on page 7.

## WANT TO SELL SOMETHING?

Put it in the Appleseed pages. You can advertise in this newsletter. The cost is:

1/8 page – 2 1/4"x3 1/2" - \$10 month

1/4 page – 3 1/2"x4 3/4" - \$15 month

1/2 page – 4 3/4"x7 1/2" - \$20 month

Yearly fees also available. Contact Cathie Phillips or Anne Tinkel.

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

It was a great response to the July Block of the month. 15 blocks went to Donna Sievers to make a quilt.



August is a fun block, Eight Pointed Star Variation and it goes together easily. You only need to make flying geese and plain squares. The colors are blue and yellow. You can find it in Quilter's Cache

<http://www.quilterscache.com/E/EightPointedStarVariationBlock.html>

The September block is Mississippi. The star points are created by placing the 2 1/2 inch square on opposite corners of a 4 1/2 inch square (creating a small star corner).

The October block is Shooting Star 2. The size of the pieces is very, very important, as you all know. I made my 3 1/2 inch pieces 7 inches by mistake somehow and got panicky. Anyway, Donna helped me by saying, "Be sure that your 6 1/2 inch rectangle is 6 1/2 inches before you put the 3 1/2 inch square on it". Hopefully this advice will help you! Colors are Burgundy (or maroon) and cream. Enjoy!

Joan Olinghouse



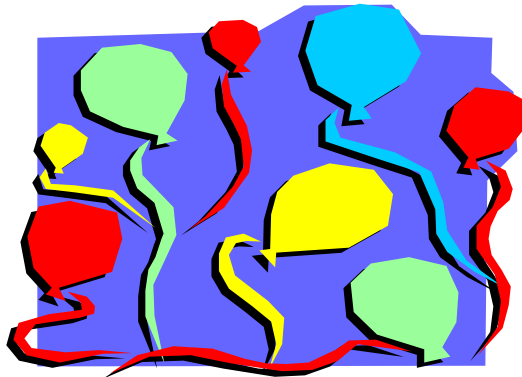
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8/5 Becky Stroup  
8/9 Marcia Brindel

8/11 Carol Vinnedge  
8/16 Chris Kinderman  
8/16 Mary Panazzo  
8/16 Susan Niehaus  
8/19 Anne Tinkel  
8/22 Diane Lammert  
8/26 Rita Gallegos  
8/26 Sandra Millner  
8/31 Donna Belcher



**VERA BRADLEY FABRICS FOR SALE:**

Pieces and remnants of Vera Bradley fabrics, also bundles of trim. These are older designs, possibly 6-7 years old. If interested in seeing them, please call for an appointment. Jean Kruse – 484-6736



**AREA QUILT SHOWS: MAY-OCTOBER 2010**

**May 31<sup>st</sup> – Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

Quilt Garden Tour

Amish Acres

Nappanee, IN

<http://www.amishcountry.org/QuiltGardens>

**July 30**

**9 am – 6 pm & July 31<sup>st</sup> 9 am - 3:30 pm**

Berne Swiss Days Quilt Show

South Adams High School

Berne, IN

Admission: \$3

<http://www.berneswissdays.com/default.htm>

### **July 30-31**

One Stop Shop Hop

27 shops all under one roof.

Fabric & Fun, Games, Demos & Prizes.

Friday 9 am-7 pm & Saturday 9 am-4 pm

Kokomo Events Center Kokomo, IN

Admission \$5.00.

### **August 12-14(New listing)**

Essenhaus Quilt Show, Middlebury, IN

Thursday 3pm to 8pm, Friday 10am to 8pm, Saturday 10am to 8pm.

### **August 13-15**

Wheels of Yesteryear(Bee Happy Quilt Show)

Wells County 4-H Park

**State Road 1, Bluffton, Indiana**

<http://www.wheelsofyesteryear.com/showschedule.htm>

### **August 21<sup>st</sup>(New listing)**

A Legacy Quilt Show

Noon-4pm Soul's Harbor Baptist Church

115 Caywood Road

(off SR 26 past Broughton's Dairy)

Marietta, Ohio

This show will include over 70 of the 250+ quilts made by Thelma Scott, age 93, of Marietta, Ohio. She has been making quilts for over 75 years. Her seven daughters, many of whom are also quilters, will host this birthday event by sharing these family treasures with you; admission is free. I included this, even though it's across state, because one of those seven sisters is Lois Mahoney, a local longarm quilter and a new member of Appleseed Quilters. The show will also include many of the sisters' quilts.

### **August 19-22**

24th Annual Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Association Quilt Show

Jefferson Township Park, New Haven, Indiana

Guest Speaker: Lois Fegley

"Bed Turning" Lecture at 10:00 am on Saturday, Aug 21st

On display will be Quilts of Valor quilts.

Admission pass to those who enter a quilt in the show.

### **August 26-28**

Stitch 'n Chatter Quilt Show

Art's Place

131 E. Walnut St., Portland, IN

Thus-Fri 10:00-8:00, Sat- 10:00-4:00

### **September 9 – 12(New Listing)**

Quilts in the Park - Pendleton Historical Museum in Falls Park

Sponsored by the Spring Valley Quilt Guild.

\$3 donation at the door.

For information call Suzanne Hagan 765-778-1818

**September 11 - 12(New Listing)**

A Quilter's Harvest

Marshall Activities Center 15325 W. Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI

Show hours Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4

Admission \$6.00

<http://www.turkey-tracks.org/>

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Quilter's Reunion luncheon and lecture

Guest designer is Karen Montgomery of Timeless Treasures fabric line.

Timberridge Country Club, Bluffton, IN

Must register by September 1st

Admission: \$30.00

Opens at 11:00

(260) 565-4438 for information or registration

**September 18-19<sup>th</sup>(New Listing)**

Quilts Along the Wabash

Terre Haute Family Y, 951 Dresser Dr., Terre Haute, IN

For information call: 812-478-1503

**Sept 24-Oct 2**

Autumn Colors Shop hop

9 shops

[www.statelinequiltshops.com](http://www.statelinequiltshops.com)

**October 1-2(New Listing)**

Harvest of Quilts in Bedford, IN

931 15th St., Bedford, IN.

Hours 9-6 Oct 1, and 9-5 Oct 2.

For more information, visit [quarryquilters.home.comcast.net](http://quarryquilters.home.comcast.net)

**October 1-3(New Listing)**

Quilts on the Grand

Fri:10-8, Sat:9-5, Sun: 12-5.

DeltaPlex Arena, 2500 Turner NW,

Grand Rapids, MI.

\$8 entry good all weekend, free Parking

For more information, visit [www.wmqg.org](http://www.wmqg.org)

**October 1-3(New Listing)**

Harvest of Quilts in Greenville, OH

Darke County Fairgrounds

800 Sweitzer St.

Call for information: (937) 692-6582

**October 8-9(New Listing)**

RSVP Quilt show, Auburn IN

First United Methodist Church, 1203 East 7th St., Auburn, IN 46706

Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

For information call: Shirley Johnson 260-925-0917

Admission is \$5.00 to benefit RSVP.

2010 Hoffman Challenge will be featured at this year's show. A Wearable Art Fashion Show will take place at 11:45 each day. Classes will be offered each morning and afternoon.

**Oct 15 – 16(New Listing)**

Grouseland Quilt and Fiber Arts Festival  
Green Activities Center, Vincennes University  
3 West Scott Street, Vincennes, IN  
For information call: 812-890-1572  
[http://www.grouselandfoundation.org/Grouseland/Festival\\_of\\_Quilts.html](http://www.grouselandfoundation.org/Grouseland/Festival_of_Quilts.html)

**October 15-23(New Listing)**

Shades of Fall Shop Hop

Mystery block answer: Fish Block

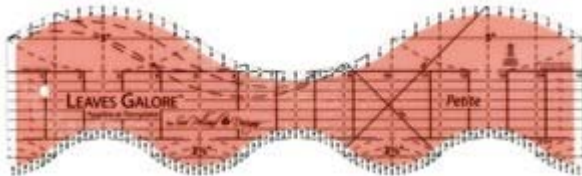
**October 23-24 (New Listing)**

Callithumpian Quilt Show  
Riverside Center, 231 E. Monroe St.  
Decatur, IN  
Sat 9 - 5, Sun 12 - 4  
Admission: \$2.00  
Call: Suzy Wilder, (260) 724-3948

**October 29-30(New Listing)**

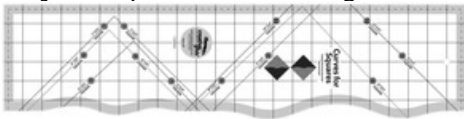
UFO Retreat at the Geneva Center in Rochester, Indiana

**NEW PRODUCTS**

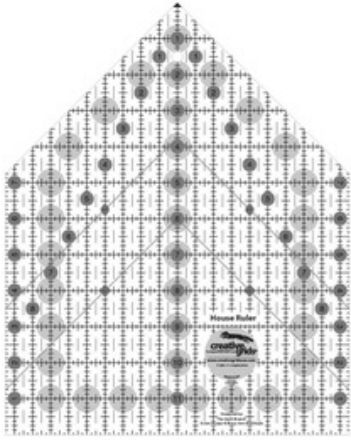


Celebrate your curves with these cutting edge products. Sue Pelland has designed this ruler, which comes in 3 sizes to help cut curves like those found in leaves, tendrils, vines, and ribbons.

Do you like quilting with wonky, curvy blocks, except that they require you to cut freehand curves with your rotary cutter? Creative Grids now has new curvy 6"x24" rulers that assist you in cutting those curvaceous lines on your square and rectangle blocks.



And now Creative has the "House" ruler, so called for its shape.



It assists in cutting shapes like half-square triangles, quarter-square triangles, trapezoids, parallelograms, diamonds from rectangles and squares, house shapes, and barn shapes fast, easily and accurately.

### **TIPS and TECHNIQUES**

Quick tip - cookie cutters make great templates for designs, as do children's coloring books.

This next tip is not a quilting tip, but many of us share files back and forth, which is now complicated because the new version of Microsoft Office writes files that aren't compatible with the older versions. Microsoft has written a patch, or fix, that can be downloaded and installed on your computer to let your older version read the newer file formats. For the download and complete instructions go to: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word-help/open-a-word-2007-document-in-an-earlier-version-of-word-HA010044473.aspx>

One of the biggest Ah-ha moments I had this year was at Pat Speth's class. It wasn't about how to cut or how to sew, it was about focus. Pat is a prolific quilter who has written and published a few books. As I looked at her immense amount of work I realized that along with her boundless energy, she had used focus to help her achieve as much as she has. She focused on some simple shapes and has stuck to using combinations of those shapes for all of her lovely quilts. All of her stash purchases are bought with that focus, all of her designing, her cutting, her stitching left over half square triangles together, are done with that focus in mind. So I thought back to Carol Taylor, another speaker we had this year, who has made close to 500 quilts in her career. I remembered that she said she works in phases until she was "done" with a particular type of quilt or design. All of her quilts, while in that phase, had the same look, with a small change or twist, but always noticeably similar. This allows for an economy of thought, of purchasing, of design, and of actual work. This focus can really help get things done.

I've never been like that. I've always done drastically different hobbies, each with its own patterns, tools, and supplies. My house reflects that: I have craft supplies and tools in every room. I rarely repeat the same sweater or quilt. I hop from one technique to the next, which causes more patterns, more colors of yarns, paints and fabrics, disorganization and clutter all over the house, and more WIP in various crafts tucked away. Here are a couple of ways to focus that a friend of mine has been using:

For shopping: She keeps a small notebook in her purse. Some call this a paper brain. She keeps purchasing notes there, swatches of fabrics she needs to match with new fabrics, yardage requirements or sewing notions she needs for her projects, pattern numbers, and book titles. Then when there is a sale, or she happens to be in a shop that has "just the right color of blue" she can pull out the swatch to be sure and double checks for yardage requirements. It helps her focus on the projects at hand, rather than just buying various fabrics of estimated lengths. She also writes down any special laundering instructions for her fabrics from the instructions on the bolt.

Have you ever tried to shop for patterns in the middle of a 99 cent pattern sale? That is the wrong time to be looking. She shops for patterns during off-sale days, writes the brand and pattern number in her little book. Then during the sale, she just reviews her book, pulls those patterns out of the drawers, and avoids the frenzy at the pattern books.

This saves time and frustration. The book also helps her avoid repurchasing something because she checks the item off once the purchase has been made.

Review your projects and your available time, making a mental note of which projects can be portable, and which can be done in small snippets of time. Put your portable projects in a tote that you can grab on the run, along with needles, scissors, etc. Take your portable project to the doctor's office and work on it instead of reading that germy old "People" magazine that is sitting in the racks, or sneak in a few stitches while waiting:

- in line at the DMV
- between meetings
- during a car pool
- while chatting with friends
- during a coffee break
- at the soccer game

For those not-so-portable projects, keep a mental note of those small snippets of time at home when you can do just a few minutes of sewing or cutting. If you need help with ideas, Nancy Zieman has a whole book on the subject of arranging your sewing to fit in minutes, titled "10-20-30 Minutes to Sew". Slip in a few stitches:

- before the kids get up
- while everyone else sleeps in
- before breakfast
- while the coffee brews
- while the computer boots
- waiting for water to boil, casserole to bake
- waiting for the pizza to show up
- waiting for laundry
- while on the phone
- while watching TV
- after everyone else is in bed

Got a favorite tip or new product news that you would like to share with the group? Contact Anne Tinkel or Cathie Phillips.

Happy Quilting!

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