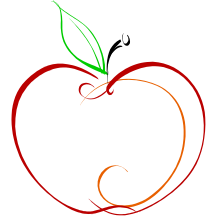


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## **DECEMBER MEETING**

Tuesday, December 1st

Happy Hour 6:30pm; Meeting 7pm

Classic Cafe Event Center

4832 Hillegas Road

Program: Christmas and Holiday Party

### **Meanderings by Michele**

'Tis the Season

We will be voting at our December member meeting on a bylaws change regarding committee names. In order to offer more options for our good deed doers (that means you!), the board is proposing consolidating the Charity/Kids Quilts and Red Cross Committees into one committee called simply, Philanthropy. Try to say that three times quickly!

The chairperson will be the administrator or delegator of all the philanthropic efforts of the guild, with committee members helping in implementing the programs. The committee could possibly have three divisions: Kid's Quilts, Collections, and Donations.

Kids Quilts would continue to operate with the form it currently has. Collections would include efforts such as the December collection of winter wear for area school children. We could think about having a collection of items for various causes such as cans of food for the food pantry, toiletries for homeless shelters and animal care items for animal shelters. Donations would be member-made quilts or quilted works, usually made jointly and given to charitable organizations for their fundraising events. The donated quilt is typically auctioned or raffled off by the recipient group for their monetary benefit. We could even consider making more than one quilt and benefiting multiple groups each year.

The opportunities are limited only by our own imagination. The AQQ Board is currently researching nonprofit organizations that AQQ would be honored to support.

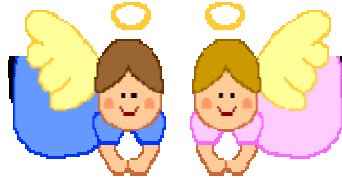
We have entered the season of gratitude and giving and sharing. I have known few people more generous with their gifts than quilters. Have you ever met a quilter who would not share? I think

quilting is all about friends. I just spent the afternoon with a new friend who invited me into her home to learn a new craft. She turned on the sewing machine, plugged in the Bedazzler, opened up her coffers of beads and findings, and we sewed, and beaded, and glued. How wonderful to be a part of a group so generous and caring. We all know the golden rule. I think the silver rule may be: If you need help, ask a quilter.

Thank you, all you do-gooders for all the do-gooding you do! The more Appleseed grows, the more good we can accomplish. Aren't you glad to be a part of something so good?

May you have the happiest of Holidays.

Michele Williams, AQG President



## **DECEMBER DOIN'S**

Our December meeting is our **Christmas/Holiday card or Christmas ornament exchange**. Join in the fun of exchanging something you have made with your quilting friends. If you can't think of anything to make, cut fabric circles, add batting and use your decorative stitches to stitch across it with various designs. After stitching, use tear away stabilizer on the back and satin stitch around the outside; add a ribbon loop and you have ornament. Give your creative spirit a chance.

### **Oh, Bring Us Some Figgy Pudding ...**

... or not! As is our tradition in AQG, we will have cookies at our December meeting again this year. However, we are adding a new twist. Instead of each of us having to bake and transport a few dozen cookies to exchange and enjoy, the kind folks at Classic Cafe will be providing our sweets for the evening. Plan to join us for some Christmas cookies and punch as we welcome the holiday season. Imagine -- all the goodies, none of the work!

**Robin Plasterer and Debi Potts**, Hospitality Committee

**A Warming Gift:** Appleseed has a tradition each Christmas holiday season to collect winter wear such as hats, mittens, scarves to donate to needy children. These are distributed to area elementary schools for children who come to school inadequately dressed for the weather. Teachers and administrators will identify the need and offer these items to the children that can benefit the most. Bring these items to the December meeting and we'll play Santa for you.



Warm hearts do make warm hands. Thank you



## SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Our condolences go out to **Carol Malone** whose sister died of cancer. Last month this newsletter reported the death of Carol's father. Carol will treasure the memories of the Alaska trip she took this summer with her father and sister.

Condolences to **Georgianne Renella** on her mother's death.

**Jan Johnson's** hip surgery is scheduled for early December.

Congratulations to **Louise Misgades** on her retirement.  
Healing wishes are sent to **Liz Nickle**.

Speedy healing wishes to **Robin Plasterer**, who fell.

You can give your healing wishes to **Ann Williams** for her foot surgery only if you can catch her as she speeds around on her wheeled knee walker! Maybe she won't want to give that up so she can use it for her next half marathon running event.

Do you know of someone in the guild who could use a little sunshine? Perhaps someone who has been ill or suffered a loss in the family? Call Michele Williams or Toni Kring.

## PROGRAM NOTES

Upcoming Programs:

**January 5<sup>th</sup>:** "Every Quilt Has a Story," presented by **Jo Crace**. Jo is a local artist from Columbia City who has over 20 years experience quilting. She is a frequent speaker, teacher, and retreat leader for a variety of quilting opportunities. Her specialty is hand-work. Jo has just returned from western Montana, where she studied the Cherokee influence of Native American quilting, as well as stories about the patterns. If you have not seen any of Jo's work, you will be amazed by her lovely artistic endeavors.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** "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.

Jan Johnson, Program Chair

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Last month we had 72 members, 12 guests, and three new members present. Our new members are **Cathie Phillips** from Leo, Indiana, and **Dixie Babcock** from Hudson Indiana. **Cheryl Templeton** from Fort Wayne is a returning member. Welcome and Welcome Back!

There seemed to be some congestion at the sign-in table at the November meeting. We are attempting to make this a better process. Part of the issue was that many of us, me included, did not know what the program for the evening was. I went back to check the November newsletter - and YES - it explained everything in the newsletter. So please take a glance again before coming; this will help speed people along at check in.

Our December meeting is right around the corner. Bring a new friend and introduce her to our club.

Ann E. Williams, Membership Committee

## **CHARITY QUILT CHALLENGE**

In 1993, the Appleseed Quilters Guild began holding their monthly guild and board meetings at the American Red Cross. We were also allowed to use one of their meeting rooms for classes, and all this at no cost to us. In appreciation, Guild members made a quilt each year for the Red Cross Auction or other money-making activity. As the Guild grew in membership, we began being pressed for space at the Red Cross, and now have found spacious accommodation at Classic Cafe.

We will continue with this charitable donation, but we may find another organization which would benefit from our efforts. That decision will be made in the coming months, but we need to begin working on a quilt now.

**Donna Sievers** has volunteered to chair this committee, and has asked the guild members to make blocks which will be set into a quilt. Each member who makes a block for the quilt will be given a ticket for a drawing which will be held when enough blocks are collected for the quilt top. The winner of the drawing will receive a small wall hanging donated by Donna. The more blocks you turn in, the more chances you will have to win!

Instructions for the Split Nine Patch:

We are using the 9" Split Nine Patch found at [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com). This is a very simple block to construct and can be set several ways to make a stunning quilt.

**Please use a variety of medium to dark reds, and light to medium creams and ecru fabrics in making your block.**

The blocks can be turned in beginning at the December meeting. We hope to have enough blocks by February to begin setting them into a quilt.

Remember, the more blocks you make, the more chances you have to win a quilted wall hanging or table topper.

## **KIDS' QUILTS**

### **Where the Wild Things Are**



The Kids' Quilts theme for camp this next year is "Wild Things". And that would be anything wild: wild hair, wild animals, wild clothes, wild colors. You get to choose. Each day at camp will be something wildly different. You can't go wrong with this one since lots of fun and innovative ideas will work for this theme. We invite you to join us in February at Classic Cafe for a wild workday making wild quilts with your wildest quilting friends.

Our blessings are always abundant if we are only willing to look and open our eyes to the world around us. We share our wonderful blessings with the children that attend Camp-Watcha-Wanna-Do with our crafted versions of a bit of warmth. As we enter this season of cold and darkness, may we be reminded how very fortunate we are in whatever way we choose to celebrate life and family. The kids' quilts we donate are one of many special perks of camp that the children look forward to. You need to see how a child will race to choose the quilt that "speaks" to them when they arrive at camp; the quilt that you have lovingly made just for them. Imagine a child wrapped in the warmth of that cozy quilt that you sewed when you plan, cut and sew that special wild thing quilt.

You are sharing a special joy with every stitch that you take.

## **NOVEMBER MEETING MINI MINUTES**

The November meeting featured demonstration of Christmas items which could be used as gifts. There were 71 members present and 12 guests. **Kris Thomas** delivered the Block of the Month to **Liz Nickle** who couldn't attend. **Cathy Franklin** and **Dawn Shepherd** were awarded the Monthly Minis. The evening concluded with Show and Tell.

Donna Sievers, Recording Secretary

## MONTHLY MINI

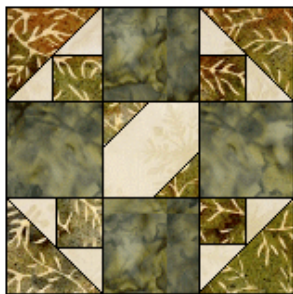
The lovely November mini, made by **Cindy Loos** was taken home by **Cathy Franklin**. A unique embellishment/ jewelry piece, made and donated by new member **Cathie Phillips**, was awarded to **Dawn Shepherd**.

Please consider making and donating a mini in 2010. You will be an inspiration to your fellow Guild members

Carol Freeman

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### Lesson #6 Changing A Color's Temperature



Colors can elicit feelings of both warmth and coolness. Warm colors are associated with summer sunshine, a crackling fire, and happy, joyful feelings. Cool colors are associated with relaxation, misty nights, and shadowy woods on a fall day. Warm colors, more so than cool colors, have the ability to be luminous. Warm colors advance visually, while cool colors tend to recede into the distance. If you manipulate colors adjacent to one another, the hues can be made to look cool or hot.

Think of colors as fluid, changing depending on other colors around them. If you want the warm colors in your quilt to appear even warmer, place them next to obviously cool colors. If you want to accentuate cool colors, place them next to very warm colors. Find a color that you would normally consider warm and set it next to another warm color; see which one seems warm and which one appears cool.

Mother Nature does this exceptionally well with the gorgeous sunrises and sunsets we are blessed with most evenings. Start making it a habit to watch these spectacular interplays between warm and cool colors. Then, use them as your color inspiration for future designs.

This month's block is the 12" *Cedars of Lebanon* found in the Quilters Cache. It is a simple and easy pattern to put together. December's color palette is violet-reds, violets, and red-blues.

An alternative color palette is the yellow-greens, blues and blue-greens that I used in my block (shown at the November meeting). I did the same thing, except with the cooler palette of blues and greens.

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

Have Fun....and Happy Quilting!

Kat Waterson, BOM Chair

## **DIVERSITY QUILT CHALLENGE**

Calling all those with fabric stashes...

**Millie Baumgartner**, of Southern Illinois, is making a diversity quilt, the border of which will contain a piece of fabric depicting each of the 50 states. She has requested that we send her six inch squares of fabric that show something unique about Indiana.

Some thoughts for this are Indy 500 or race car fabric, cardinal (state bird) fabric, and apple fabric. I am sure your creative minds can think of more. Please bring your contributions to the Monthly Mini table at the December meeting. She promises to give credit to all contributors, so please put a name tag on your square.

Thanks so much for helping with this effort to reach out to fellow quilters.

Carol Freeman

## **AREA QUILT SHOWS: DEC/JAN**

**Jan 23 – Feb 21**

*Women in Fiber, From Craft to Art*

Marietta College Fine Arts Dept

Hermann Fine Arts Center

Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio

Cost: \$1

## NEWSLETTER NOTES

As I was going through the birthday list and comparing it to the new Directory, I noted that some members have dropped their birthdate from the Directory. It led me to wonder if there are some members would prefer their birthdays not be mentioned in the newsletter. If you do not wish to be recognized in "Happy Birthday" (or in "Sunshine and Shadows" should the occasion arise), please notify me so that I may drop your name from the list.

Susan Jarvis, Newsletter Editor

## DECEMBER EVENTS

**December 1st**, Appleseed Quilters Guild meeting  
6:30pm at Classic Cafe

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**, AQG Board Meeting  
6:30pm at Mary Ann Skinner's home



12/3 Betsey Williamson  
12/10 Susan Hague  
12/18 Cathie Franklin  
12/25 Christine Lowe

12/9 Mary Cummings  
12/16 Barbara Webb-Smith  
12/24 Dodie Zonakis  
12/27 Jody Warner

## CYBER QUILTING

If you don't feel like quilting and need to invest in some good therapy time, drop by these websites to get a healthy dose of creativity, inspiration, window shopping or an outright shopping spree. There are free patterns, tools, gifts, and lots of fabric to get you back in the spirit of quilting!

Here are some new ones for this month!  
Teresa Wade

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[www.amisimms.net](http://www.amisimms.net)

**LEO / Quilts** 10/10

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## **Quilt Show- Boutique**

Time is hurrying past. I am sure that you are focused on the holidays, but I want to suggest to you that this winter might be a good time to make items for the boutique. August will be here quicker than you can believe.

I am currently planning several items to submit for our jury. I invite you to do the same. We will be sharing the items that are already accepted at the December meeting, in hopes of encouraging you to participate.

If you have any questions, please email me. My address is in the directory.

Thanks. Chris Lowe



## **CLASS ACTS**

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

[A Quilt of Many Colors 627-2907](http://www.aquiltofmanycolors.com)

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

Pieced Together Quilt Shop 486-4217

See website at [www.ptquilts.com](http://www.ptquilts.com)

Edwards Sewing Center 486-3003

Check website for class schedule (December not posted at time of going to press)

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

Country Creations 547-4535

[fabrics2@onlyinternet.net](mailto:fabrics2@onlyinternet.net)

The Creative Stitch Quilt Shop 982-108

## **MYSTERY BLOCK CHALLENGE**

What is the name of this month's Mystery Block?

Hint: See Michele's article – let's spread some of this around!



Dawn's Quilting Clip Art

<http://www.dlstewart.com/clipart.htm>

**Mystery Block Answer:** Prosperity