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Guild Newsletter

April 2007

Lines from Lou

We're turning twenty! And we initiated the commemoration of our 20th anniversary with a smashing 2-day event—our free Turning Twenty workshop where we learned the turning twenty technique, had our machines tuned up and scissors sharpened by Steve (from Steve's), received massages, ate too much (at least I did), received design advice from each other, and generally had a fantastic time! Kudos to Chris Candello who pulled it all together! Watch for further opportunities to mark this milestone in our guild's illustrious history.



Lou

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April Guild Meeting Information – 4/17/07

To celebrate spring, we'll have a ROUND ROBIN at our upcoming April meeting. The Round Robin will consist of 4 mini workshops from which guild members will choose two. Our mini workshops include the following: Quilted Postcards with Linda Hamel, Decorating with Quilts by Judy Snook, Embroidery Stitches with Sally Rapp, and Machine Stippling with Rosemary Geisler. In past years, these "round-robin" activities have been a big hit.

Refreshment assignments

Hors d'oeuvres	Sweets	Beverages
Sandy Dounce	Gail Foster	Marsha Bullwinkle
Susan Gustafson	Becky Weiland	Rosemary Geisler
Nancy Hannum	Norma Brechbiel	Judy Snook
Sandy Darlington	Barbara Sherman	Cathy Fennell

Block of the Month

Dimensional Whimsy #5 for May is available on the website and will be presented at the April meeting. Paper copies of Dimensional Whimsy #5 will be at the BOM table. Bring your April block, to the guild meeting and you could win a prize.



April

May

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on April 10, 2007, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Susan Glaser, 135 Sullivan Road, Wayne, PA 19087. Everyone is welcome 610-687-0928. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, and chat.



Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Rosemary Geisler, 305 Tavistock Drive, Royersford, PA 19468, 610-792-3436, will host the April Evening Bee, on April 24, 2007 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Work on your own projects, get help and advice and refreshments, and enjoy the company. Hope to see you there!

What a Time We Had!

Thank you, Chris, for a fabulous weekend of quilting, camaraderie, and all-around fun. In case you missed the Turning Twenty Workshops, Chris Candello arranged a spectacular two-day event to kick off the commemoration of our 20th Anniversary. She invited Steve to come both days to service our machines and sharpen our scissors, as well as a professional masseuse to relax us. Chris asked Generations to provide many fat quarters which we could buy to complete our quilts. Chris and Beth bought many delicious treats including an anniversary cake. And, as if that weren't enough, those who attended also brought goodies. Some members came one day, and some came both days. A fantastic time was had by all!

Gloria



Fat Quarter Raffle

As announced earlier, the fabric theme for the upcoming April Fat Quarter Raffle drawing is Batik fabrics. To participate, simply bring a fat quarter, place it in the designated basket and your name will then be entered to win them all! You will receive one chance to win for each fat quarter you contribute. The guidelines are simple:

1. The fabric must be a fat quarter measuring 18" X 22".
2. It should be washed and ironed
3. It must keep to the announced theme
4. It should be "quilt-shop-quality" fabric

Any questions, contact Linda Hamel.

Birthdays

April

- April 2 Marsha Bullwinkle
- April 4 Rosemary Geisler
- April 6 Arlene K. Greenwald
Marge Quinn
- April 7 Norma Brechbiel
- April 9 Jean Corday

May

- May 2 Beth Quigley
- May 5 Shirley Horning
- May 6 Cynthia DiLorenzo
- May 14 Ruth Heslin
- May 18 Kate Hill
- May 22 Carol Dilks
- May 23 Edith Neal
- May 26 Irene Pettigrew

Welcome to New Members

Jean Corday lives in Colledgeville and heard about us from Chris Candello. Jean's grandmother taught her to sew and her favorite quilting projects are table runners, gift items, and bed size quilts. She enjoys cooking, reading, gardening and exercising. Jean works in accounts payable. Jean's family includes her husband, Rich, her daughter Christy (who is engaged to be married to Tom), and her son, Jason. They also have a yellow lab named Bailey.

Welcome to Florence Ham who also heard about us from Chris Candello. Florence has been quilting for six years and got interested when she was in Arizona in 2000. She enjoys patchwork the most and has made many bed-size quilts. She also enjoys knitting. And, since she's retired, she has time to enjoy both.

Barbara Melnyk has been sewing since elementary school and found us through Steve's. Barbara made her wedding dress and has also made bathing suits to winter coats. She got interested in quilting through her sister and sister-in-law. She enjoys any machine-sewn projects and has made a few quilts. She also enjoys knitting and reading. Barbara is an account administrator at Aetna and has been married to Mike for 23 years. She has a daughter Julie who just turned 16 and is learning to drive. They have a la/Sheppard mix dog named Lisa who is eleven-years-old. Barbara once owed a flower shop and she is also a Girl Scout.

Welcome to Linda Reese who heard about us through her friend, Barb Jones. Linda sewed about 25 years ago but recently has become interested in quilting. She also enjoys reading, music, and making things for her granddaughter. Linda was a school bus driver for 22 yrs. She has three sons, one is married, 1 granddaughter, two dogs, and two cats.

May Meeting Preview – May 15, 2007

Stars by Magic presented by Nancy Johnson-Srebro. For more information about Nancy and her books visit <http://www.nancyjohnsonsrebro.com/>.



Members running for office will speak to the group.

The Singing Quilter

The Singing Quilter, Cathy Miller, and husband John, will give a 2-set performance on Friday, April 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. At the Community Music School, 775 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA. Tickets will cost \$12 from Sally Rapp or \$15.00 at the door. For more information about Cathy Miller, visit her website.



Call for Photos & Scrapbooks

As mentioned earlier, in preparation for our 20th anniversary, we are seeking out guild photos and history books that past historians may have. If you have these, please contact Cathy Fennell and she will take them off your hands. The books will then be archived in the library at Rosemont College.

Alex Anderson Lecture

Alex Anderson will present two lectures on Wednesday, May 9th at the Shady Maple Banquet Facility. Tickets are \$15 ea (or \$12 ea for a group of 20 or more) and you have to choose whether to see her from 9-11 am or 2-4 pm. Send ticket requests to John or Donna Groff, 307 S. Summit Ave., Quarryville, PA 17566. Please include check made payable to John Groff, your requested time, address, and phone number. For more information, contact the Groffs at 717-786-3771 or jogroff@ptd.net.

Karen Kay Buckley Workshop

Homemaker's Country Quilters is sponsoring a workshop with Karen Kay Buckley on April 13, 2007. For more information contact Kathy Graff, 610- 631-5305.

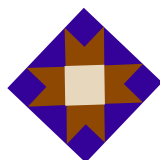
Guild Workshops – Mark Your Calendars!

Braided Quilt As You Go – Rosemary Geisler and Judy Snook

DATE: April 21, 2007 TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA
COST: \$10.00
BRING: Supply list will be provided upon payment to Jean Hayden

Stars by Magic – Nancy Johnson-Srebro

DATE: May 16, 2007
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
PLACE: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Trooper, PA
COST: \$25.00
BRING: Supply list to be provided upon payment of deposit to Jean Hayden.



Are You Up to the Challenge?

We all have 5 months remaining. Ample time to prepare our entries for this year's challenge. It's a uniquely fun theme this year and everyone is looking forward to seeing how members come up with their interpretations. In case you've forgotten, below are the rules:

VFHQ Challenge 2006/2007— The Proverbial Challenge

- Choose a proverb that you enjoy or that has some meaning to you and devise a way to creatively express it in a quilt (which you will, of course, design and create).
- Your interpretation of your proverb may be a literal representation, or an ironic portrayal, or a somewhat esoteric depiction, etc.
- Use any construction technique and any fabric you wish. And you may use components that are appliquéd, pieced, embroidered, cross-stitched, painted, embellished, etc., or a combination thereof.
- You must include with your submission a typed description identifying the proverb you chose

Comfort Quilt Workshop- Shirley Horning *re-scheduled from show-interrupted date*

DATE: May 19, 2007
TIME: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA
BRING: Your sewing machine, normal sewing supplies, and your lunch. We will also need extra mats, rotary cutters, Irons and ironing boards and power strips/extension cords.

Christmas in July – Beth Quigley

DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA
PRICE: \$10.00
BRING: Supply list will be provided upon payment to Jean Hayden

and explaining the rationale for your design. Your description should be between 50 to 75 words (no more than 100 words) using 12-point type (or standard typewriter size), on a card or paper no larger than 8½ x 8½. (If you don't have access to a computer or typewriter, a neatly hand-printed description will be acceptable.)

- Your creation can be any quilted item (including jacket, bag, etc.).
- The size of a quilted wall hanging should be no larger than 50" on any given side.
- Your creation should be something made during the coming year (between 10/2006 and 9/2007).
- As usual, one entry per-person will be accepted.
- Completed challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September guild meeting in 2007.
- All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Linda Hamel at 610.454-1283 or dhamel1283@aol.com

Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2007

- Cathy Fennell welcomed all including 4 guests
- BOM winner - Sally Rapp. Shellie Blake announced that the BOM for April is flower. The directions for the block and the picture of the whole quilt are now available on the web.
- Door Prizes - Vickie Lopresti and Gail Forster
- The evening bee, Tuesday, April 27th 6:30-9:00 at the home of Jean Hayden
- The afternoon bee, Tuesday, April 10th 12:30-3:30 at the home of Susan Glaser
- Jean still has openings for workshops.
- Turning 20 at Good Shepherd on Sat. March 31 and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Trooper Fri. March 30 9:30-4:00. Everyone is invited to come and work on any project. There is room for 25 sewing machines. Steve will be there to sharpen scissors and talk about care of machines. Mini chair massages and pillow case construction by Chris will be available.
- Magic Star- Wed., May 16 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Trooper- \$25. Jean collected money. There were 2 openings.
- Braided quilt as you go- Trinity Reformed Church in Collegeville- April 21- \$10 + pattern. Jean collected money and gave out patterns and supply lists
- Comfort quilt workshop rescheduled for May 19th at Good Shepherd
- Everyone was invited to enjoy the refreshments.
- Sally reported that only 2 people had signed up for the get away weekend and 24 people are needed. Money needs to be in by April 10th. Date May 3-6, 2007.
- Secret Pal? Discontinued this year because of insufficient participation.
- Program: Mary Anne Ciccotelli led a step-by-step folded hexagon block demonstration.
- Next month-- members will choose two of our four mini workshops. Choices: Linda Hamel - quilted post cards, Rosemary Geisler - stippling, Judy Snook - decorating with quilts, and Sally Rapp - embroidery
- Cathy Graff reported that Stars by Magic is no longer available at AQS but can be purchased at Joann's.
- Linda Hamel needs 5 members of NQA for our club to remain an NQA guild. Please see her if you are a member. Our members are offered a special subscription rate of \$15 to Fons and Porter's magazine and receive 2 spools of thread. See Linda if interested.
- Bring batik fat quarters for the April fabric raffle.
- Cathy Miller, the singing quilter will be at the Community Music School in Trappe on April 20th. See Sally Rapp for tickets.
- JoAnn Thomas announced that CHOP is in need of caps for children. Instructions will be in the next newsletter.
- Show & Tell: lots and lots!
- Adjourned: 9:35



Respectfully submitted
Nancy Hannum, Recording Secretary

Main Line Quilters Guild Events

The Main Line Quilters Guild will host Ruth Prest as she presents Characters from Cloth, an adventure in making fabric dolls and animals. This meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Friday April 20 at The Courtyard by the Marriott Devon, 762 W. Lancaster Avenue, Wayne. Guest fee \$3. Contact Ruth Lazarus 610 688 5388 for information or visit mlq.whitecarp.com

Main Line Quilters is also hosting, Kris Gregson Moss, presenting a program/workshop entitled "Wanderings of a Fabric Artist" Friday May 18, 9:30 am meeting/lecture, guest fee \$3. Also offered is a "Squiggles" workshop, work with reverse appliqué and embellishment to produce a small art quilt. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Location for the day: Berwyn United Methodist Church, 140 Waterloo Ave, Berwyn. Registration fee \$25, machine required, kit fee \$10 optional. visit krisgregsonmoss.com. Contact Vicki Nunez 484 461 7606 for registration, general information Ruth Lazarus 610 688 5388.

Quilt Shows

Wild By Design: 200 Years of innovation and artistry in American Quilts at the James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope, PA on Friday, Feb 16 through Sunday, June, 3, 2007. This lively exhibit, which was organized by the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presents quilts from the early 1800s to the present day that explore innovations in color, abstraction, figuration, and other models of expression. The selection of works in the exhibition affirm that American quilt artists' greatest aesthetic legacy is that their work is in every sense of the term, Wild by Design. For more information: call 215-340-9800, Ext 140 or email dambrose@michenerartmuseum.org.

Quilts in a Material World: Selections from the Winterthur Collection. March 10 – September 16, 2007 at the Winterthur Museum and Country Estate, Route 52, Kennet Pike, Winterthur, Delaware, 19753. Discover Winterthur's outstanding collection of quilts – some considered to be icons in the field. Ranging in dates from the 17th to the 19th century, more than 40 quilts will be on view – many for the first time.

"A Quilt Sampler" at the Chester County Historical Society located at 225 N. High St. in West Chester - March 29 through Sept 16, 2007. For more information visit their website: www.chestercohistorical.org.

April 12-15 - Quilter's Heritage Celebration, Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Classes begin April 11. (Barber Diversified, PO Box 503, Carlinville, IL 62626; 217-854-9323; fax 217-854-2209; rbbbarber@qhconline.com; qhconline.com)

Vermont Quilt Festival – June 28 – July 1 in Essex Junction, Vermont. This is New England's largest quilt event and features hundreds of dazzling quilts on display, classes, lectures, appraisals, a merchant's mall, and much more. For information: www.vqf.org or (603) 444-7500.

July 26-29 - Quilt Odyssey 2007, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania. (QO 2007, 15004 Burnt Mill Rd., Shippensburg, PA 17257; phone/fax 717-423-5148; quiltodyssey@supernet.com; quiltodyssey.com)

October 12 & 13, 2007 - How Sweet It Is quilt show, presented by Keystone Quilters, Inc., at Quakertown Christian School (new location!), 50 E. Paletown Road, Quakertown, PA. Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5. Contact topothehillfarm@hotmail.com or www.keystonequilters.org

Newsletter Submissions

Inclusions for the next newsletter must be received by the 1st day of the month. (If e-mailing your article, an MS Word file as an attachment is preferred. Articles embedded in e-mails are acceptable, of course, but require more work on our end.)

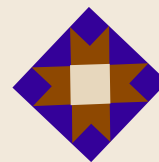
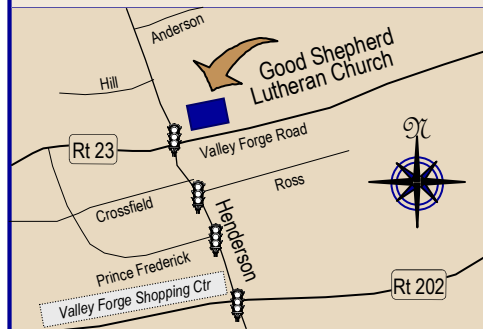
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Guild Meetings

DAY: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
King of Prussia, PA



Guild Officers

PRESIDENT – Lou Chandler

VICE PRESIDENT – Cathy Fennell

TREASURER – Linda Hamel

RECORDING SECRETARY – Nancy Hannum

CORRESPONDING SEC – Chris Candello

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Gloria Clark

Committee Chairs

PROGRAM CHAIR – Gloria Clark

WORKSHOPS – Jean Hayden

NEWSLETTER – Cathy Fennell
& Lou Chandler

WEB MASTER – Susan Glaser

REFRESHMENTS – Paula Pettyjohn

SET-UP – Mary Beth Bullwinkle

HOSTESS/ DOOR PRIZES – Susan Glaser
& Nancy Dietch

HOSPITALITY – Donna LeBlanc

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Shellie Blake

QUILT SHOW – Jean Hayden

QUILT BEES – Jean Hayden (day)
Beth Quigley (night)

ADVENTURE – Sally Rapp

COMFORT QUILTS – Shirley Horning

PUBLICITY – Nancy Hannum

HISTORIAN – Patti Fulton

LIBRARY – Art & Ethel Hutchison

AQS BOOK SALES – Kathy Graff

SUNSHINE – Norma Brechbiel