

OUR MONTHLY QUILT TALK

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President's Message

I'm excited – only one month til Quilt Mania. Is it too early to begin packing? At least I can get out the quilts I want to work on. Myrna sort of finalized it for me at the February meeting. I had already sent my check in as soon as the application came in the February newsletter.

Speaking of the newsletter – isn't Beth doing a great job as newsletter editor? We need to thank her for all the work she does. She's pulling double duty this year as Newsletter Editor and Guild Secretary. Please thank her the next time you see her.

Haven't the 5:30 workshops been fun? I love going around to the different tables and seeing what everyone is demonstrating. I always see something I want to try. Charlotte is doing a good job coordinating the tables.

Thank you to all you ladies. Our thanks to Cathy Faulkner, too, for the timely membership list. It's looking good. You did a good job, Cathy.

Well, that's all for now. See you next time. Jo

KIDS QUILTS KITS UPDATE

Your response to kits for the Kids Quilts was overwhelming. Pat and I worked 2 days and only got enough kits cut for half of you. Sondra and Sidney worked with us and found backs for all the quilts. I will work at Sidney's on Kids Quilts day and put together some more kits but they will be just fabric for you to do your own thing or six inch squares instead of the tumbler blocks. We have had several of the tops and some of the completed quilts returned from those who attended the Saturday workshop.

Thank you!!!!!! from Sidney and Fay

First Wednesday - March 7 - Shirley Miller - Hostess

1632 Matt Lane -Maple Creek Farms - Hensley, AR 72065 - 501-888-5111

From Benton the back way:

Head east on Hwy 35 (Edison) and continue past the stoplight. There is now an overpass over the railroad track and another stop light as you come over the overpass. Just keep going straight on Hwy 183 (Edison).

Turn right at the stoplight which is W. Sardis Rd and continue approximately 7 miles.

Turn right on N. Sardis Rd and drive approximately ¼ mile and turn left on East Sardis Rd. Continue driving approximately 4 miles.

Turn left on Arch Street. (There is no street sign) and drive about 200 yds. Turn right on East End Rd. Drive about 1 mile

Turn right on N. Springlake Rd. about 100 yards

Turn left on W. Woodson Lateral Rd. Cross Hwy 167 at light and continue on E. Woodson Lateral Rd. about 2 miles

Turn left on Matt Lane and go about a quarter mile and turn right at 1632. **When you get to the end of the driveway drive out into the pasture and park. Please do not park on the grass in the driveway.....**

From Little Rock:

From I-30 take I-530 South towards Pine Bluff. Drive about 12 miles and take Exit 12. Turn right on Woodson Lateral Rd. and drive about half a mile and turn right on Matt Lane. My house is about a quarter mile on the right.

When you get to the end of the driveway pull out into the pasture and park. Please do not park on the grass in the driveway.....

If you would like to host a First Wednesday Potluck, please see Rita Rich or e-mail her at:

rrich6131@sbcglobal.net

April – Quiltmania, no meeting

June 6 – Beth Lane

August 1 – Hostess needed

October 3– Dorothy Richards

December-Voted not to have First Wed. Potluck this month.

May 2 – Gwen Rogers

July 4 – Holiday, no meeting

September 5 – Hostess needed

November 7 – Jo Schlect

QUILTAHOLICS ANONYMOUS - MARCH 5 - 9 AM TIL ?

SALINE COUNTY LIBRARY

You can be working on kids, bringing problems, hand work or machine work. If you need assistance with anything, there will be quilters there to offer advice.

DAYTIME STITCHERS

Daytime Stitchers will meet at 9:30 on Monday, March 26th. Jane Hammonds will be doing our demonstration this month. We will begin to gather in the meeting room at the Saline County Library at 9:00. Bring your lunch and plan to spend the day with us!

SUNSHINE

Contact Marilyn Payne at 501-922-0632 or email her at mjp126@att.net for her to send a card.

5:30 Workshops - March

Fay Poe will be doing a demo on needle turn. **You need to bring 6 1/2 inch muslin squares and fabric of your choice to make the heart, needle and thread to match heart.** Fay will have patterns and marking pencils. This will allow you to participate and learn.

Sondra Curtis will demo putting a zipper in a small purse or make up bag.

Charlotte Williams will have the second step in the Mystery Quilt. This quilt is easy and simple. I would like to see some of you use your scraps and make this as a children's quilt.

Saline County Scrappy Mystery 2012

You will need a background that stands out from your other fabrics; you can use muslin, white, or black. (If you use black, your scrap colors should be bright to stand apart from the background). If you use muslin make it a good grade of muslin.

Month One – Make scrappy four patches using 2 1/2" squares.

Baby quilt 42 x 58 (with 5" of borders on each side) – make 48 four patches. Need 1 yard background.

Throw 60 x 76 (with 6" of borders on each side) – make 96 four patches. Need 1 3/4 yard background.

Full/Queen 80 x 96 (with 8" of borders on each side) – make 160 four patches. Need 2 3/4 yard background.

King 102 x 102 (with 11" of borders on each side) – make 200 four patches. Need 3 1/2 yard background.

If you do not wish to purchase borders make more four patches, this quilt will look great with little or no borders.

Charlotte Williams (501) 847-4177 pinwheelfabric@sbcglobal.net

MARCH PROGRAM - IT'S TIME FOR QUILT BINGO!!!!

The March program will be Quilt Bingo. Please make a block (or several) according to the directions in last month's news letter and on the WEB site. If you do not make a block but would like to participate, contact Sondra Curtis and for a \$1 donation she can furnish you a block. Each person should bring a fat quarter per block that they will play the Bingo. Those fat quarters will be collected as the grand prize. There will also be more prizes as the game progress. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

Also, we would like to thank each and every one who participated in the February Fat Quarter Exchange. Lots of really nice projects were shown.

Thanks, Jane Hammonds, Sondra Curtis (501-326-4010), Chris Lucas

Quilt Guild Bingo Game Card Instructions: Cut 2 1/2" squares: 5 assorted green, 5 assorted blue, 4 assorted pink/purple, 1 black, 5 assorted red, 5 assorted yellow/orange. Each fabric needs to fall into one of the following categories: batik, floral, geometric, heart, leaf, dot, metallic, holiday, novelty, paisley, plaid, sold, star, stripe, or 1930's print. Sew squares into a 25 patch block by arranging fabric from left to right: 1st column from top to bottom - green; 2nd column - blue, 3rd column - two pink/purple, one black then two more pink/purple, 4th column - red, 5th column yellow/orange. The black center square is a free space. Your block will measure 10 1/2 inches.

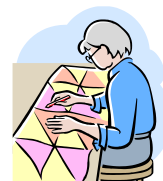


Marge Dixon found a video lesson by Mary Dattore for making quilt labels that might be of interest to you.
<http://vimeo.com/11332444>

QUILTMANIA!!!!

Here is a check list from Myrna, Gwen, Pat and Shirley:

- _____ Bags packed
- _____ Your bed pillow from home
- _____ sewing machine, complete with all necessary parts and attachments
- _____ notions: pins, scissors, rulers, rotary cutters, mats, thread, fabric and/or kits
- _____ Project - quilty dolls Gwen R
- _____ Project - 2 fat quarters Pat W and Troyetta W challenge
- _____ coffee
- _____ snacks

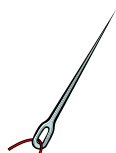


QUILT MANIA CHALLENGE 2011/2012

Don't forget to bring your project made from the two fat quarters you drew last year. There will be a viewer's choice vote and prizes will be awarded.

Quilty Friends Block exchange update: At last count we have 25 participants. If you DO NOT plan to be at Ferndale, please bring your *signed* blocks in a zip lock bag to the March Guild meeting. For those attending Quilt Mania, please bring your blocks to Ferndale. I will make the exchange on Monday. If you'd like to collect signature from others who are not participating in the exchange, please feel free to make extra blocks. You will need to bring a Micron pigma pen with you to collect those signatures. (The pigma pen or a pen formulated specifically for writing permanently on fabric is best to use for signing your blocks. Please DO NOT use a ball point pen or a magic marker even if it is a fine point. These tend to bleed out when washed.) If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Gwen: sewgenie2@yahoo.com

Check this out.....



Johanna Wilson became a quilter after moving to a farm near Walnut Grove, Minnesota. (Long cold winters prompted her learning to quilt!) Many of us have met Johanna who lives in the Village and presented a guild program for us some time ago.

The Wilsons began their Plum Creek Patchwork business "directly across the fields" from the Plum Creek site where Charles Ingalls built the family dugout in the 1870s. Reading Mary Ingalls Wilders' books gave Johanna the ideas for the quilt projects in the two books she has given to our library. The patterns are suitable for vintage or more modern fabrics. I especially like the blue and white "Dove in the window" set on point.

So, check these out!

PRAIRIE QUILTS: Projects for the home inspired by the life and times of Laura Ingalls Wilder

PLUM CREEK PRAIRIE SAMPLER: 27 projects to quilt for your home.

OTHER NEWS, especially of interest to those who only attend the Daytime Stitchers group of SCQG.

I am offering to help you use our library. You will find a listing of our books on our website: (quilttalk.net) If

you would like to borrow one of the books, notify me at least three (3) days before our guild meeting so the book can be brought to the 4th Monday's day meeting.

Books may be checked out for up to 2 months.

Marge Dixon, librarian (778-0777) email: margedixon@gmail.com

Pat Wade found this: If you like houses, here is link for a free block of month from Shabby Fabrics. Blocks are appliquéd and finish 12 inches. You can download instructions, blocks one and block two now. New ones will be added around the 7th of each month. Sign up for the newsletter to get a notification when a new pattern is added. Know a great site? let Beth know so she can post in our newsletter.

Minutes of the Saline County Quilter's Guild on February 20, 2012.

5:30 workshop comprised of demos by Charlotte Williams, Missy Paulette and Phyllis Kirtley.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Jo Schlect, President.

Business Meeting:

The minutes of the January meeting were published in the newsletter. Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes? They will be filed as part of our history.

Correspondence was read from Pat Speth and the thank you letter to her. A letter from the VA thanking us for six quilts was also read.

Door prizes: Cathy Faulkner; Rita Rich; Peggy Moore

Committee Reports:

2nd Vice President - Betty Watterson Block made and showed an example for the 2013 donation quilt.

5:30 Workshops - Charlotte Williams, had nothing to report.

Programs - Sondra Curtis, March bingo; April, Chris Elliot; May, Barbara Bateman wearables; July, Linda Emory; and August, Donita Watkins trunk show. Don't forget next month is bingo and bring a fat quarter for a prize.

Saturday Workshops - Shirley Miller showed her rag Santa Quilt.

Door Prizes - Brenda Wall, April meeting is the spring theme auction. Fall in September for the fall theme. Your auction block needs to be a 12 ½ inch block. Several book donations were received for door prizes.

Hostess - Beulah Wright reported 59 members present.

Newsletter - Beth Lane reported that articles for the March newsletter are due tonight through Friday noon. Due to a conflict with software, the registration forms for Quiltmania were on the web site and also sent as a separate file when the February newsletter was emailed. Those who received the February newsletter via the post office had the forms in the newsletter. Thanks to all who have sent in articles for the newsletter.

Membership - Cathy Faulkner had membership sheets to hand out. She has 6 more to add to list. Please notify her of any errors to be corrected.

1st Wednesday - Rita Rich reported that 1st Wednesday will be at Shirley Miller's home. Members will probably need to carpool to Shirley's because of limited parking and please don't park on the grass. Rita needs hostesses for August and September.

Library - Marge Dixon reported that there are several books from the library that have been out for a while.

Two new books have been donated by Johanna Wilson.

Fund Raising - Donation Quilt - Norma Welsh had nothing to report.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay Carol Smith half of cost of quilting the Donation Quilt.

Kids Quilts - Sidney Morris showed the Saturday Workshop quilts. Eight quilts were made and 30 members wanted kits. Pat has 4 kits left.

Quiltmania - Myrna Yandell reported that this was the last meeting before deadline for paperwork.

Registrations are needed by March 3rd with March 9th being the deadline for refunds. Contact Myrna if you have to cancel. Read March newsletter for last minute information on Quiltmania. Shirley Miller is in charge of snacks and drinks. Pinwheel Fabrics will vend. Pat Wade is in charge of the fat quarter challenge. Gwen will take care of games and fun. Gwen Rogers asked that attendees remember that there will be an exchange of doll blocks. See her for the pattern.

Sunshine - Marilyn Payne sent several cards out.

Technology, Web site - Kathryn Hodge has directions to Shirley Miller's home on the web site.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

DOOR PRIZES Kathryn Hodge; Betty Watterson; Terri Dobbs

Program: Brown bag fat quarter exchange. Many gorgeous projects were shown.

Show and Tell: Tiffanee Noak; Gwen Rogers; Peggy Moore; Nancy Davenport; Cookie Brown; Jo Chenault; Sydney Morris; Margaret Elliott; Phyllis Kirtley; Sondra Curtis; Beulah Wright

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Respectively submitted, Beth Lane, SCQG Secretary

Marge Dixon shares the following information she got from a blog on line:

These products all contain natural corn starch: Faultless Regular Spray Starch, Faultless Heavy Spray Starch, Heavy Lemon, Magic Starch, and Faultless Sizing. Some of our ironing aids DO contain natural corn starch and (when used on items stored over long periods) are more likely to attract insects and rodents.

The Magic Sizing contains a synthetic film forming ingredient called CMC: Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose. This compound is derived from plant material, but the end product does not really physically or chemically resemble the original cellulose. Some critters can derive nutrition from almost ANYthing, but ironing aids without natural corn starch are less likely to attract pests. These ironing aids do NOT contain natural corn starch: Magic Sizing Light Body, Magic Sizing Extra Crisp, Magic and Faultless Premium Starches, and Faultless MAXX Starch.

Cely Slover shares the following Book Reading:

The Distant Hours by Kate Morton: A tale of buried family secrets. Twists of fate as told by a young girl. A letter lost over fifty years that arrives and the mystery of the contents and origin develops a journey of discovery. Kate Morton also wrote The Forgotten Garden and The House at Riverton.

Quiltsmith Longarm Machine Quilting
Using The Statler Stitcher
By Carol Smith

501-778-6354 Benton, AR
Carol2tj@att.net

Elizabeth (Liz) Goodwin
Let me machine quilt your Quilts.

501-317-9050
daneliz@clear.net

Please consider placing advertising to support the SCQG for 2012. Contact Beth Lane for details. 501-778-8727

Thanks for all the items sent in for the March newsletter. It can't happen without your support.

Items for April Newsletter are due by Noon on Friday, March 23, 2012. Send to Beth Lane, 1205 Cherry Ln, Benton, AR 72015 or email to lblane@prodigy.net.

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