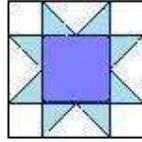


The Stitch Line

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Note from the President

I wanted to write something inspirational so, like many of us do these days, I turned to the World Wide Web for inspiration. When I read the saying below, I had to pass it on.

My wish for all of you is a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at the mall. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the parking lot until we see a shopper emerge from the mall, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2,000 years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space.

Dave Barry

Block of the Month

Congratulations to Nancy Geiger, who not only won the December blocks but drew her own name out of the bucket. In December we had only 14 blocks handed in. Please keep in mind that the committee is trying to put together full kits to be raffled off in June so they need your support each month.

Fabric colors are pink, chocolate, and tan. In some months turquoise is added. Each block is a different star. Patterns are posted to the website.

Background fabric is still available at \$5.00 a yard. It is never too late to participate.

Challenge

“Around the World”

Let's go “Around the World” through our quilts. Where have you been? What have you seen? Where will your dreams take you? Let your imagination soar.

Rules are posted on our website. For questions regarding this year's challenge contact Susan Duryea at 908-689-3252 or by email at susan_duryea@yahoo.com

Directory of members

The directories have been handed out and posted on our web site. They are password protected. You are welcome to print out the directory at any time.

Please send additions or changes to sharon.kubich@hp.com or call her at (908) 859-1629.

Financial Report

Beginning balance Nov. 10, 2008 - \$7321.46

Ending balance Dec. 9, 2008 - \$8657.48

Monthly financial reports are on our website. If you have any questions regarding the financial report contact Cindy Smith at 908-362-8598 or cascpa@nac.net.

Gadget Bag Workshop

Jane Merkel has offered to teach a **Gadget Bag Workshop** for us on Jan. 10, 2009. The workshop will be held at Belvidere High School in the cafeteria. These bags are constructed of heavy netting and fabric. Jane has very graciously offered to do this workshop at no charge. Therefore the only cost to participants will be a small fee for supplies, which include the netting and zippers that Rosemarie will purchase for us. Rosemarie had samples at the December meeting. If you would like to sign up contact Rosemarie Greg at 610-252-8252 or email her at rosemarie1025@rcn.net.

Happy Birthday to the following members

Karen	Alonge	1/7
Jayne	Bodolsky	1/11
Dorothy	Rowe	1/14
Dawn	Kaniper	1/15
Leana	McCutcheon	1/28
Judy	Zeitler	1/28
Miriam	Dilts	1/30
Cynthia	Smith	1/30

Holiday Party

The holiday party was just what we needed to get us in the spirit. The punch was flowing, the food incredible, the gifts were perfect and the door prizes were plenty. Music was playing, members were conversing and laughter filled the room.

Thank you to our hospitality gals, Sharon and Trina, for organizing the food. Thank you to all of you for bringing the food. Thank you to Theresa and Cindy for shopping for the door prize fabric and last but not least, thank you to Marlene for making up five baskets and bringing two mystery gifts which were also given as door prizes.

We collected **104 Premie Quilts**, 80 of which will be delivered to the Morristown Hospital where Marlene's daughter works. The other 24 quilts will be going to the University of Virginia Neonatal unit where Sharon Kubich's daughter, Dena, works.

We presented Kathy Mills from Meals on Wheels of Warren County with 39 placemats. Kathy told how our placemats make the special Christmas dinner the homebound receive just a little more special. She also said that she delivers to some married couples and it will be nice to be able to give them a matching set of placemats.

Hospitality

Thank you EVERYONE for bringing such wonderful food for our party. It was the best! Please consider putting your recipe on our website.

January hostesses are: (Food) Irene Compton and Lucy Kise (Beverage) Marilyn Barnes and Audrey Planer. If you are unable to keep this commitment, please ask someone to fill in. Thanks.

If you would like to share the recipe for the dessert you contributed to the food table at our meetings, email Bill Roehrig at webmaster@esgg.com to have it posted on the web site.

Mystery Quilt

Mystery Quilt workshop will be held on February 7, 2009 at the St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. You should have already had your Fabric Requirements and Cutting directions. Step one and step 2 were handed out at the meeting. Contact Lucy if you did not receive yours.

Newsletter

This is your newsletter. If there is something you want published, please let Sharon Kubich know.

Pat Knoechel

Pat Knoechel has agreed to come back in June 19, 2009 to do a lecture for our guild. We are very excited to have Pat join us again.

The Belvidere High School was not available, so we will be hosting Pat at the St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. Audrey says there is plenty of room to host members and guests as well. Tickets will be available from Audrey in the near future.

Programs and Workshops

Calendar Year 2008 – 2009

Please give your feedback on our speakers to Rosemarie Greg. Rosemarie and Solvai will be attending the MAQGNNet meeting in the near future and they will be asked for our opinions.

- January** Barbara Burke
Drunkards Path – demonstration and trunk show. Cost \$200.00 plus mileage
- February** Kris Ensminger and Dennis Hite
They own an Alpaca farm and will lecture and demonstrate on batting. No charge
- March** Quilter's Tag Sale
We will be inviting other guilds and quilters. Please invite your quilting friends and family as well.
- April** Trish Chambers
The Legend of Freedom Quilts and the Underground Railroad – the presentation discusses the history, legends and personal stories that make up the rich heritage associated with the Underground Railroad. Cost \$300.00 plus mileage
- May** Eleanor Levie
Not for Mother's Day Only – quilts by famous or award winning quilters that celebrate women, capturing the joys, tribulations and memories of family life, whether sentimental or comically quirky. Cost \$350.00
- June** Closing Meeting and Challenge

Quilts of Love (QOL)

WE DID IT!!!!!! Our guild members rock! Nancy Murphy, Deb Dockendorf, Pam Willever, Sharon Kubich, Rosemarie Greg, Susan Duryea, Trina Hobbie and Patty Kristoff will be attending Christmas dinner on December 15th at 5:15 at the Children's Home of Easton with the children from the home. Two women will be assigned to each unit; they will eat dinner, watch a skit put on by the children and present the children with their quilts.

A writer from Express Times attended our December meeting and is preparing an article for the paper. The Express Times is also sending a photographer to the Christmas dinner hoping to capture the faces of the children opening their quilts.

Kudos to the committee and to our members for pulling this off! I am so proud to be your president!

Quilt Show 2009 **“Harvest of Quilts”**

A committee meeting was held on November 25th. Vendor letters have gone out. The gym floor was measured and floor plans are being designed. Our café has been named “The Quilter’s Café”. Not bad for our first meeting.

The next meeting will be held on January 27th. All of the meetings will be held at the Belvidere High School library at 6:30 PM except during the summer when they will be held at Briarwood Senior Center in Belvidere.

If for some reason we can not hold these meeting at the high school, I will communicate to you where they will be held. We have two other locations available to us, but Briarwood Senior Center in Belvidere would be our first choice.

It is vital that all chairwomen attend these meetings or send a member of your committee to report for you.

Please remember all quilt show meetings are open to all guild members and it is recommended that members attend if at all possible.

Meeting schedule going forward is: Jan. 27, March 24, May 26, July 28, and Sept. 29.

Quilter’s Heritage Celebration ***Lancaster Quilt Show - Bus Trip***

We will be running a bus to the Lancaster Quilt Show on Saturday April 4, 2009. In order for us to keep the cost down we will need 40 paid attendees to run the trip. At this time we have 16 people participating. The cost of the trip will be \$65.00 for members and \$68.50 for non guild members. Included in the price is the bus, ticket to the show, dinner at Plain and Fancy and driver tip.

The bus will be leaving the Phillipsburg High School at 7:00 AM, and if necessary will make a pick up at the Top Star Mobil in Hellertown, I-78 and Rte 412 at 7:35 AM. We will arrive at the show at approximately 9:00 AM.

Deadline for sign-up is March 1, 2009. If we do not have our numbers by March 1st the trip will be canceled.

Raffle Quilt

If you have already sold the 18 tickets you were given, please hand your stubs into Lelane Hoose. Lelane has less than 400 tickets that have not been handed out or sold. If you need more tickets, please ask Lelane. She will be happy to get them to you.

“A Walk in Time”

Margaret Grande and Fran Visicaro have started on the 3D flowers that will be placed on the raffle quilt. They will be making up flower kits for us. If you would like a kit please email 2margg@comcast.net or call Margaret at (908) 689-2108.

Ricky Tims

Sharon Kubich confirmed our registrations have been received. Our guild is considered a “large group” for the Ricky Tims seminars in Frederick, MD on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 30 to May 2. Anyone interesting in attending can now register for the weekend of seminars at a rate of \$179.00.

Along with Ricky will be Alex Anderson and Libby Lehman.

Fliers can be found on the information table at our meetings. All the information regarding the weekend is posted on our website. Members registering will be responsible for securing their own hotels. We will be organizing car pooling when the time is closer.

This seminar is known to sell out fast so if you are planning on attending send your registration in as soon as possible. For more information visit <http://www.rickytims.com/>

Row Quilts

Remember, no peeking!

Saturday Stitchers

Our next Saturday Stitchers is March 21st at the St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ, 9:30am. See Patty Kristoff for more information and to sign up. If you'd like something other than coffee or tea, please bring your own drink. Future dates are ***April 18 and May 16.***

Sunshine

Sharon Roehrig needs your help. If you know of a member that needs a little sunshine from the guild, please inform Sharon at 908-454-5804 or katznquiltz@earthlink.net.

Tag Sale

Fliers were available at the December meeting for members to take to pass out to fellow quilters that may be interested in attending our Tag Sale. We will be advertising to other quilters and guilds. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested.

Here is how it works: Guild members bring in sewing and quilting items they would like to sell. The member marks the item with a For Sale price and someone purchases it. Members keep all the profit from their sales.

Warren CountyFair

The theme for 2009 is Cowboys and the Wild Wild West!

Ways and Means

We did not have a Ways and Means collection at the December meeting.

Web Site

If there is something you would like posted to our web site feel free to contact Bill Roehrig at webmaster@esqg.com or 908-454-5804.

List of Committees

APQ Workshop
BOM
Challenge
Charity Quilts
Hospitality
Mystery Quilt
New Member Liaison
Newsletter
Programs/Workshops
Raffle Quilt
Row Quilts
Saturday Stitchers
Sunshine Girl
Victorian Days
Warren County Fair
Ways and Means

Rosemarie Greg and Sharon Kubich
Carol Marks and Marlene Marlowe
Susan Duryea
Nancy Murphy, Pam Willever and Deb Dockendorf
Sharon Roehrig and Trina Hobbie
Lucy Kise
Patty Kristoff
Sharon Kubich
Rosemarie Greg and Solvai Sanchez
Margaret Grande and Fran Visicaro
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Patty Kristoff
Sharon Roehrig
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Feel free to make suggestions for things you would like the guild to offer. We want to keep the guild interesting and exciting for all of you. All of your ideas are welcome and will be seriously considered.

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