

January 2011

Message from the President

Happy Holidays everyone!

I want to thank everybody for a wonderful Christmas potluck. We have such a great group of cooks; I can't wait for the cookbook to come out.

We will have a lot to talk about at the January meeting. (I hope the weather cooperates). I will be meeting with the program committee to discuss the programs for next year and have an updated schedule.

The January program will be a demonstration / workshop on folded kimonos to use all your great oriental metallics. You won't need to bring anything but your enthusiasm.

We will also begin to discuss the quilt show and I will have a list of all the committees and some sign-up sheets so be thinking of what you want to do to help make next year's quilt show better than ever.

Well, I am off to bed now, I don't want Santa to know I'm still up or he won't leave any quilt fabric under the tree for me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Andrea Blaisdell

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Block of the Month
Barbara O'Toole

Common Threads
Quilt Guild
meets the first Thursday of
every month
at 7:00 PM at the
Sterling View Club House
in Hyde Park
Dues are \$15 annually



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report October 15, 2010 to December 14, 2010

INCOME

Cash Forward \$ 5,138.13

Income:

11/10/10 Deposit (10% of quilt appraisals) 160.00

12/3/10 Membership Dues 240.00

12/3/10 Quilt Raffle \$157.00; -Christmas donations \$475.00 632.00

Total Income \$ 6,170.13

Expenses:

10/18/10 Ck. #102 Lanpher Memorial Lib. (memoriam Carroll Page) \$ 25.00

11/4/10 Ck. #103 Anita Roberts (charity quilts \$37.42; meals, S. Palmer \$25.00) \$ 62.42

11/4/10 Ck. #104 Julie Rohleder (newsletter \$28.43; postage \$43.56) \$ 71.99

11/8/10 Ck. #105 Lanpher Memorial Lib. (memoriam Connie Page) \$ 25.00

12/2/10 Ck. #106 Barb O'Toole (side for tent) \$ 32.09

Ck. #107 Ginny Moody (Challenge \$40.04; X-mas party \$19.11) \$ 59.15

Ck. #108 Julie Rohleder (postage \$4.48) \$ 4.48

12/6/10 Ck. #109 Lamoille Food Share (Christmas donation) \$ 200.00

Ck. #110 Johnson Food Shelf (" ") \$ 200.00

Ck. #111 Lamoille Family Center (" ") \$ 200.00

Total Expenditures \$ 880.13

Cash Balance December 14, 2010 \$ **5,290.00**

Respectfully Submitted, *Rita Lehouillier*

Secretary's Report

On November 4, 2010 the Common Threads Quilt Guild met at Sterling View with 31 members present and 2 guests. Motion was made by Annie Morgan to accept the Secretaries report, seconded by Mary Dick.

Cornetia Sweetser won "Just for Coming" and Rhoda Reed won foe Canned Goods"

Julie will not be doing a newsletter for December.

One Sunshine card was sent out.

Anita reported that the workshop was successful and that quilts are ready to be tied and ready for binding.

Ken Harvey will be invited to the Christmas party and given a quilt. Also we will each donate \$10.00 to the food shelf in lieu of a gift exchange.

Ginny Moody is our new Vice President as well as being in charge of Program Committee.

Rita will be sending a donation to the library in memory of our dear Connie Page.

Lastly we made decorations foe the Christmas tree at Helen Day Art Center

Respectfully Submitted, *Ruth Weselaw*, Secretary

Calendar

- Jan 6th Regular Guild Meeting, 7PM
Sterling View Clubhouse
- Jan 15th & 16th Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days
Contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384
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- Jan 18th Sunshine Quilts Cutting Workday
Sterling View Clubhouse, 9AM-3PM
- Feb 19th & 20th Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days
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- Mar 5th & 6th Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days
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- April 2nd & 3rd Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days
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JANUARY – FOLDED KIMONOS

Come learn how to use you oriental metallic fabric to make folded kimonos!

Food Shelf Wish List

(Straight from the Food Shelf)

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Spaghetti Sauce | Toothpaste |
| Canned Fruit | Toothbrushes |
| Soup | (for children, too!) |
| Canned Vegetables | Tomato Paste |
| Soap | Baked Beans / Bean Soup |
| Shampoo | Peanut Butter |
| Tuna | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Cereal | Brown or White Rice |
| Noodles | Toilet Paper (pre-wrapped) |
| Oatmeal | Noodle Soups |
| Whole-wheat flour | Quick Bread or Muffin Mix |
| Shredded Wheat | Barley |
| Cream of Wheat | Mustard / Ketchup |
| Cornmeal | Granola |
| Pretzels | Pancake Mix |
| Dried Milk | Biscuit Mix |
| Crackers | Rice Pilaf |
| 100% Juices | Raisins or Peanuts |
| Baby Food | Canned Tomatoes |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Marylin Bennett
Donna Young
Carol Moulton
Anita Morris
Phyllis Fletcher

Jan 10th
Jan 19th
Jan 23rd
Jan 24th
Jan 28th

A "CUTTING" WORKDAY - TUES., JAN. 18TH

We have lots and lots of fabric that needs cutting, so we have scheduled a Workday for cutting out blocks. It will be on a **Tuesday** this time, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Tuesday, Jan. 18th** at the Sterling View Community Center. Please bring cutting boards, rulers, rotary cutters, and your lunch. Perhaps we will have time to assemble some kits for members to pick up at the next meeting.

It has been a very busy month! Because we were unable to thank Ken Harvey and the members of his office staff for the use of the Community Center at our Dec. pot luck dinner, Elaine Foster and Anita Robert went to his office Dec. 10th and presented lap quilts and thanks to Ken, Debbie, Martha, Jaye and Lydga. (Ken had been sick on the day of the pot luck.) They just love the quilts and want you all to know that they appreciate them very much.

In addition to these 5 quilts, many others were donated within the last month. A list of all recent donations:

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|--------------------------------|----|
| Harveys | 5 |
| Greensboro Nursing Home | 6 |
| Home Health & Hospice | 10 |
| Out and About | 12 |
| Copley Nursery | 8 |
| Copley Oncology Dept. | 7 |
| Meals on Wheels | 12 |
| Squier House, Residential Care | 8 |
| Mary Giuffre (Cancer Patient) | 1 |
| Total of recent donations | 69 |

At the risk of forgetting someone, an acknowledgement of the recent, consistent generosity of our guild members and friends should be made to thank these people for all manner of donations. This includes: Phyllis Fletcher for long arm quilting the Lady Bug Quilt; Ann Harmon for offering to do some long arm quilting and 2 bags of batting; Madeline Hooper for fabric and blocks; Barbara O'Toole for a queen size quilt, completely quilted; Ginny Moody for fabric, 3 bed size tops, and labels for the Sunshine Quilts; Donna Phelps for fabric and 1 bed size top; Annie Morgan for a bed size top; Pat Slack for beige backing material; Marion Seasholtz for a bolt of backing fabric and for procuring batting for us from her wholesaler; Rhoda Reed for a bolt of white muslin; Elaine Foster for making the Sterling View raffle quilt; Bonnie Lefevre for fabric; Cormetia Sweetser for blocks; Julie Rohleder for fabric; an anonymous donor for 3 tops; and Judy Thomas of Yankee Pride Quilts, who has made several donations for a total of 20 items, which includes a variety of lap quilts, bed size quilts and tops, and baby quilts, both finished and unfinished. Judy said these are from quilters who give things to her to be donated to "whomever". Also, of particular note is the amazing number of beautiful lap quilts that Barbara Scribner continually donates....this year alone well over 10.

As you can see, many, many people contribute to the success of our Sunshine Quilt Project. This includes those who prepare for and participate in workdays and make tops from the kits and their own fabric. We sincerely thank you all. If someone has been forgotten, please accept my sincere apologies, and let me (Anita) know! Time has done ugly things to my memory.

Hope to see you on Tuesday, January 18th.

Elaine Foster Joyce LaRow
Anita Robert Barbara Scribner



Next Meeting: January 6th

Things to remember:

- 1. Bring a canned item for the food shelf*
- 2. Bring your Show & Tell*

Quilt Show Organization

Folded Kimono Demonstration

Round Robin Challenge

There are several different ways to run a Round Robin Challenge. Here are the basics followed by some variations:

A group of quilters sign up to take part in the Round Robin Challenge - ideally the number can be divided into exchange groups of 5 or 6. 7 would be the maximum number in an exchange group. The number of people in the group determines how many rounds to the challenge. Give each group a name & give a number to each member of that group. However many participants there are the same number of brown paper sacks will be needed. Each sack should be marked with the individual Group name & should have the numbers 1 - 6 (as appropriate) listed.

Each quilter makes a quilt block of a pre-agreed size and any pattern they choose. Between 12 & 20 inches square works well. The quilter puts her block and any related fabric she wants others to use in her quilt, into a brown paper sack. She puts a check and the date by her number. She brings this to the Guild Meeting at which the Challenge is to start.

We will call this meeting Month 1. In Month 1 the members of each group pass their sacks on - Sack 1 goes to member 2 etc. If there are 6 quilters in the group then sack 6 goes to member 1. Do not open these at the Guild Meeting. The idea is to keep an element of surprise for the owner of the block. During that month each quilter adds a border to the block in the sack she received. She uses her own fabric together with some of the fabric provided if any. She can put some of the fabric she used into the sack too if she wants to. Before handing on the sack she should put a check & the date next to her number.

Next month and subsequent months, Sack 1 goes to member 3 etc. The process is repeated with each quilter adding a border to the quilt she receives until the final month when sack 1 is returned to quilter 1 and the completed quilts can be revealed both to their owners and to the rest of the Guild.

Variations

- A pattern is chosen so everyone makes the same block to start the challenge.
- A color theme can be chosen for the block
- A theme fabric can be chosen to be used in the block & perhaps continuing into the borders
- A theme can be chosen for the whole project
- Each participant can choose their own theme e.g. 'My favorite things'
- Specific piecing styles can be selected for each border round i.e. round 2 must use triangles, round 4 must include appliqué etc
- A notebook can be included with the block and the block maker and everyone who works on it can add notes about the process if they choose to.

However the Round Robin is run the idea is that the contents of each sack are not shared with the whole group until the end when each quilter gets her own Quilt back. A minimum & maximum size for each border should be agreed. One person signed up to the challenge should be chosen to coordinate the whole process.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The Quilt Book Library is being disbanded.

If you loaned any books to the library which you would like to keep, please pick them up at the next meeting. If you can't attend, get your list of titles to a friend who can to pick them up for you.

If anyone has the index card file, please bring it to the meeting in January. If you took a box of library books home after a meeting, please bring them to the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting in January, please get the books or index file to someone who can attend.

Thank you!

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