



Stitchers Quilt Guild Newsletter



STITCHERS QUILT GUILD

March 2008

A HARDIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HOMEMAKER CLUB

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6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Hardin County Extension
Office — **Auditorium**

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Teachable Moment: Common household items work well in your quilting studio

Retractable Reel Clips -- These handy items are available in the office supply department -- a package of three is less than two dollars. They are for clipping ID and name badges to your clothing but they also work great for clipping a small pair of scissors to your clothing. Then when you are machine stitching or quilting you simply pull on your scissors and they are right where you want them. Then they retract into the little reel keeping your scissors handy at all times.

Child's Slate -- These slates are available in the toy section of the store. They are a clear vinyl layer with a base that can be written on with a plastic wand. When you wish to erase the slate you simply lift the vinyl sheet and the writing disappears. These slates are great for practicing free motion quilting designs. You can draw a design similar to quilting and simply erase it and practice again. Your brain gets used to the direction and flow of the quilting design and there is no waste or mess. So when you are ready to quilt that design your hands will coordinate with your brain from "patterning".

Pill Box -- Buy a large one that has seven or more compartments for sorting medications by the day and week. Cover the lettering with contact paper, plain white sticky labels, or pretty stickers and you have a great container for storing sewing machine presser feet or for small buttons and embellishments.

Pants Hanger -- I have a plastic pants hanger that clips the entire width of the pants cuffs -- not the kind with two clips or clothespins. If you purchase several fat quarters, simply fold them in half at the selvage and clip them to a pants hanger. Swish the fabric including the pants hanger in a basin for a few minutes, rinse and drip dry. Your fat quarters are preshrunk and they can be ironed easily as they are not at all wrinkled.

Taken from "Quilter's Paradise Newsletter": <http://www.quiltedparadise.com/n/214-ukz.jsp>



Stitchers' Bulletin Board cont'd



From the pen of our President:

Even though I was raised in Michigan (or maybe because of it), I'm not a winter person. Sure the snow is pretty when it's new but only the rural areas stay pretty for very long. If you enjoy cold weather activities, I hope you get lots of time to spend outdoors while it's cold, but not me, I'm perfectly content to stay indoors and stay warm. The best thing about the type of weather we've had the last few days is that it gives us an excuse to hide out in the comfort of our sewing rooms, sewing a while and catching up on our quilting magazines.



The Lincoln quilt blocks that have been turned in are gorgeous. Designing the layout should be quite the challenge but it is definitely something we're looking forward to. I hope that each one of you gets to participate in the process. We have two quilts to make so there will be plenty of opportunity to work on it. We should have something ready to show at our next meeting. We have a goal of entering this in the Lincoln quilts category at the AQS Nashville show. The entry deadline is May 5th.

The quilt show committee met for the first time on March 5th and we have volunteers for all the major coordinator roles. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. There's no doubt that we will have another great show. We are in a position now to reconsider the challenge quilt subject. I'm leaning toward a "Lincoln Trail" theme with our goal being to have enough quilts to enter into the 2009 AQS Paducah (or Knoxville) show's "Guild Challenge Quilt" category. Give this some thought - we'll talk about it at our next meeting. Also, regarding the show, I have talked with several of the "old-timers" (no offense intended) about changing the show name. My main reason for suggesting this change is that a name that relates the show to the community will better position us to get support from the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau. Names that have already been suggested are: Heart of Kentucky Quilt Show, Heartland Quilt Show, Lincoln Trail Quilt Show, Elizabethtown Quilt Show,

and probably some I've forgotten. This is something else that will be discussed at our next meeting. Put your thinking caps on and send me your ideas.

Brenda Arnett and I will be attending a conference in Frankfort hosted by the Council for the Arts regarding the Clothesline of Quilts project. The purpose of the conference is to define the direction of this project. I feel like the Council becoming involved is a good thing. They have the money and influence to keep it moving. I guess it's just my competitive nature, but I find it very disturbing that other States are way ahead of Kentucky on this. Granted, I'm a transplant, but I always thought quilting was part of the fabric of this State - even when I lived in Michigan. My personal mission at the conference will be to make sure that the project continues to be grassroots. Brenda has done an excellent job keeping this moving and bringing the Stitchers influence to bear on it. What we have proven, with her at the helm of the paint committee, is that we can get this done at the local level.

In the "it's not too early to plan" category, Happy Hearts Quilt Shop in Louisville is running a bus to the AQS quilt show in Paducah again this year. The cost is \$45. Their phone number is (502)363-1171. They will stop in E-Town and pick up riders at a local hotel parking lot. Even though they go on two different days, their buses tend to fill up.

The "Cure for the Common Quilt" workshop reservations have been steadily coming in. We're expecting a full house. This should be a lot of fun as well as very informative. It's not too late to register.

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You will be receiving the proposed by-laws under separate cover. Please review them and be prepared to discuss at our next meeting.

As usual we have a lot going on. Enjoy!

Bring your postcards, your completed mystery quilts, your ideas, your show-and-tells and a friend to our next meeting.

See you on the 26th.

Brenda

STITCHERS QUILT GUILD—Monthly Treasurer's Report—Month February 2008

Balance Brought Forward.....\$ 5071.73

Income for this month:

1. <u>Dues - 2 members</u>	\$	<u>40.00</u>
2. _____	\$	_____
3. _____	\$	_____
4. _____	\$	_____
5. _____	\$	_____
6. _____	\$	_____
7. _____	\$	_____
8. _____	\$	_____
9. _____	\$	_____

Total Income \$ 40.00

Total of Balance Brought Forward and Income.....\$ 5111.73

Expenditures:

1. <u>Herdin Co Amemakers ²⁰⁰⁸ dues - 2 members</u>	\$	<u>16.00</u>
2. <u>Herdin Co Amemakers - Christmas Dinner</u>	\$	<u>526.50</u>
3. <u>Pizza Hut - Pizza for Mystery Class</u>	\$	<u>43.85</u>
4. <u>Brenda Edwards - Instructor ^{for} Mystery class</u>	\$	<u>50.00</u>
5. <u>Kelly Pruitt - Instructor for ^{Quilt Class} Reversible</u>	\$	<u>50.00</u>
6. <u>Cindy Harrison - Instructor fee - Paper</u>	\$	<u>50.00</u>
7. <u>Patsy Shields - Deposit ^{for} Piping class Amish fee</u>	\$	<u>200.00</u>
8. <u>Charlotte Angotti - Deposit ^{for} Amish fee</u>	\$	<u>200.00</u>
9. <u>Herdin Co Amemakers - ²⁰⁰⁸ dues - 3 members</u>	\$	<u>24.00</u>

Total Expenditures \$ 1160.35

Balance at End of Month.....\$ 3951.38

Treasurer's Signature Susan Byers

F.Y.I.

Civil War/Amish Block exchange –
Due at the March meeting is the
“**Bear’s Claw**” block. April’s block is
“**Shoofly**”.

We will be exchanging **Spring colored BATIK Fat quarters** this month.

April 5th will be Kristen’s **convergence quilt class**. **Supply list is on page 4.** Be sure to sign up at the meeting.

AQS book orders—pass out form

Demo—Felting by Linda Griffiths

“**Cure for the Common Quilt**” **Workshop-April 19th**
by international quilt teacher-**Charlotte Angotti**
Still time to register. **Payment of \$10.** will be collected at our meeting this month.

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Martha Greenlee 11



Refreshments March

Anne Aubrey
Frances Heinen

and hopefully a few more!

April

Mary Lois Hill
Lorraine Linton

Whitney Antique
Marleny Duque

Eleanor Savko





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Convergence Quilt Class by Kristen Otte Supply List

1 fat 1/4 - A dark fabric that pulls together the others, used for the inner border (1/2" wide.)

A second fat 1/4 of your focus fabric to use as an outer border.

4 fat 1/4's - One focus fabric and three coordinating fabrics.

One yard of backing fabric.

Sewing Machine

Ruler

Pins

Rotary Cutter

Regular Sewing Supplies

Welcome New Members

Kathy Goodman

Sarepta Phillippi

Eileen Robbins

Janet Scott

**We are so happy to have you join our
Stitchers Guild!**

Featured Stitcher: Dottie Monday

I was featured Stitcher a long time ago, this is my second time. Started quilting in Tennessee, in 1986. I have been an avid quilter since then. I joined the Stitchers in 1999 and have enjoy everyone and all the things we do. I have been blessed with quilting friends.

Dottie

Dottie, we are so excited to see your beautiful work.

Thank you for sharing with us!

Questions and Answers. . .

What should I do if I prick my finger while working on my quilt? Each person's saliva has an enzyme that neutralizes proteins in her/his blood. Wet a Q-tip with saliva and rub it on the spot to make it disappear .

Featured Stitcher for April

Debbie Crafton

Featured Stitcher openings for May and June.

See Eleanor if you are interested.



**Quilting with friends will keep
you in stitches.**

Sincerely,

County Extension Agent for
4-H Youth Development



Stitchers at the
75th Birthday Celebration
of Hardin County Homemakers



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March

Demo: Felting
AQS Book Order
FQ Exchange-Batik Spring
Colors
Featured Stitcher:
Dottie Monday

April

Convergence Quilt Workshop-
April 5th-9:00-5:00
Charlotte Angotti Workshop-April
19th 9:30-4:30
AQS Book Orders-collected
AQS Paducah Quilt Show-April 24,
25, & 26th