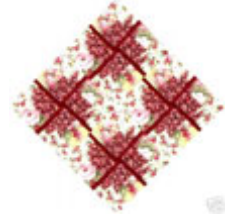




Stitchers Quilt Guild Newsletter



STITCHERS QUILT GUILD

November 2007

A HARDIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HOMEMAKER CLUB

November 28, 2007
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Hardin County Extension
Office — **Auditorium**

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Teachable Moment: Signing and Dating Quilts

Signing and dating our quilts are so important. After attending the Quilt Show in Bardstown last weekend I realized how valuable it is to see handwritten dates from the 1800's. Our ancestors back then must have realized people would be admiring their handiwork a hundred years from then. I wonder what quilters will think of our work a hundred years from now? They'll want to know the name of the pattern, where it was made and for whom was it made. History does repeat itself as we saw many patterns back then that we are sewing to-day!

A quilter from Derwood, MD shares how she labels her quilts: I spray starch the muslin square that I will be using and then iron freezer paper to the back of it for stability. I also use a ruler to line the paper side of the freezer paper so that my writing is straight on the fabric. The lines show through clearly enough to make it easy to write on them. Sometimes I use a rubber stamp (to reflect my mood) in the top left corner. I may include a few lines of poetry that I select to convey the message of the piece, followed by my name, date, city, and state. I then set the inks with a hot iron. Then I appliqué the muslin square to the back of the quilt. Taken from "Tips for Quilters" by R.T. Pellman, pp210-11.

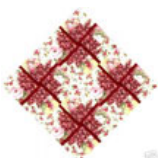
From the pen of our President:

If you missed our October meeting, you missed a great time. Several people came in costume and several others tried to convince me they were in costume when they weren't.(?!). Kathy Conway shared her sun-painting samples - they were awesome. And, the hostesses outdid themselves! Thanks, ladies.



The only thing I don't like about our fall retreat is that it is not long enough. The reality of what I can accomplish in three days falls way short of the stack of work I take. Next year, I will get more done - or set more realistic goals! Speaking of next year,

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we're looking for a new location. If you have some thoughts on that search process or know of some site options that are worth pursuing, send me a note.

We will be publishing our 2008 guild calendar very soon. Our goal in developing this calendar was to create opportunities for everyone to participate at some level. This newsletter contains information about some of the early year activities. Be sure and check them out. Also, when you receive the proposed new by-laws soon you will receive information about the notable changes - look them over good. We'll vote on them after the first of the year. Our by-laws (old and new) mandate a budget. I have been reviewing previous year's expenses, with Susan Byers help, and will be preparing a model budget in the near future for the Board's consideration. The model, as the name implies, is not for real, this time, but one that we can use as a basis for future budget preparation. If you have an interest in this area, let me know; I appreciate the input.

I suspect that you're all about as busy as I am, planning for the holidays and winterizing everything in sight. I grew up in Michigan, so that last part is not nearly as overwhelming as it used to be, but still not something you can ignore. One good thing about being a quilter is that we have plenty of things to cuddle up in and pile on the bed to fight off the cold. As for holiday planning, that's another activity that runs out of time just as I seem to get going good. I suppose my goals, again, are way bigger than any reasonable person could expect to accomplish. Is it just me?

We'll have lots of show and tell at our November meeting and hopefully retreat pictures. Bring your last minute gift ideas to share.

See you on the 28th.
Brenda

AQS Book Orders

Eileen Heinen will be distributing your books that were ordered last month. If you haven't taken advantage of saving money on book orders, you need to talk with Eileen or any one of the officers. Orders are usually taken twice a year.



*You are cordially invited
to attend the
Stitchers' Christmas Party
on
December 12, 2007
from 6:00 to 9:00 pm
in the Extension Office Auditorium.*

*Please R.S.V.P. with Kristen Otte at the
November meeting.
Menu will be available for your selection.
The Hardin County Homemakers
will be catering the event.
No cost to members.
Social hour: 6:30-7:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Gift Exchange maximum ten dollars*

Refreshments November

Brenda Dennis
Becky Schroeder

Marty Greenlee
Nicole Shepard

December Christmas Party

November 17th 9:00-5:00 UFO/Quilts of Valor workday at the Extension Office. What a wonderful time to complete those last minute projects or to complete your Quilt of Valor. Its not too late to bring your Quilt of Valor to the next meeting.

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Happy Happy Birthday

December

Anne Aubrey	18th
Cammie Brown	30th
Ilse Comenzind	17th
Debbie Crafton	1st
Nina Garrison	6th
Frances Heinen	28th
Dottie Monday	22nd



2008 Program Preview

*January 19th Paper Piecing class to start our Friendship block exchange. We will do a friendship block exchange with a "house" theme. Learn or come practice paper piecing your chosen block. Participants in the exchange will all receive one of your blocks and you will receive one of each of their blocks later in the year.

*We will begin a **block of the month sampler exchange**. Choose to use either Civil War colors or Amish colors to create the given block and exchange with others using those colors. (Each month you can also make the block using patriotic colors to donate to our Quilts of Valor "Block Bank". Volunteers can use these blocks to piece Quilts of Valor quilt tops during UFO sessions). **January Block patterns will be available at our November meeting - don't forget to pick one up!**

*Mark your calendar to attend **Brenda Edward's MYSTERY MINI-RETREAT** at the extension office. We will begin **Friday, February 15th** at the Extension office from 6:00 - ? We will continue **Saturday, February 16th 9:00-5:00.**

URGENT!

New Roster – A new roster will be coming out in January, so please have all necessary corrections to Marilyn Smith, our secretary, or to Eleanor as soon as possible. The present roster will be on the table where we sign in. If you were not in attendance last month, please make necessary corrections.

Dues for next year . . .

Now is the time of year to pay your dues to our treasurer, Susan Byers. The dues remain at \$20. with eight going to the Homemakers and twelve going to our Guild.



Stitchers' Challenge Quilt is due February '08

Topic-Hobbies

Size – no required size

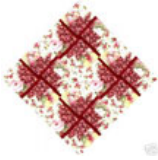
Fabric – no required fabric

Technique – any quilting technique

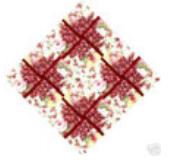
Finish – Must be finished and quilted in some manner

Stitchers Cookbook While planning your Thanksgiving meals, don't forget to check out our Cookbook. There are so many delicious recipes that would highlight your Thanksgiving dinner. Be daring and try something new!





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Featured Stitcher: Margot Van Lengen

I would like to tell you that I come from a long line of quilters...but it wouldn't be true. I first became interested in quilting about 20 years ago when my son was just little. We had recently bought a house and moved to a community where I knew no one, and one day I saw an ad for the local quilt guild. I went to a meeting, as much to get some adult company as to learn about quilting. I was hooked! The guild was the Fraser Valley Quilters Guild in Vancouver BC. It was a very large guild, with over 250 members, and I learned a lot from them. With the responsibilities of a young family as well as working full time I didn't manage to get very much quilting done, but I could dream.

Fast forward to October 2000, my husband had been transferred to Kentucky. We had just bought a new house, and I was again in a community where I knew no one. This time though, the kids were grown, and I was not working full time. I had been in town 3 weeks, when I attended my first Stitchers meeting. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. But of course this is what quilters do.

When I came here, I had never made a full sized quilt. Just the thought, was rather intimidating. With support and encouragement from the friends that I made through the guild, I have made several since that time.

My first quilts were traditional in nature. I even made a whole cloth quilt that took me 2 years to hand quilt. Now I can see myself moving in a more contemporary direction. I really love bright colors, and have become fascinated with the New York Beauty type of block, with curves and spires. I am looking forward to making more of this type of quilt, and hope to improve my machine quilting techniques.

No Featured Stitcher for December

Monthly Financial Report
 Club Stitchers Quilt Guild Month October 2007
 Treasurer's Report
 Balance Brought Forward \$6002.54
 Income for this month:
 Description Amount
 1. Retreat Payments \$ 490.00
 2. _____ \$ _____
 3. _____ \$ _____
 4. _____ \$ _____
 Total Income \$ 490.00
 Total of Balance Brought Forward & Income..... \$6492.54
 Description Amount
 1. Wash Mart Receipt Book \$ 5.27
 2. _____ \$ _____
 3. _____ \$ _____
 4. _____ \$ _____
 Total Expenditures \$ 5.27
 Balance at End of Month..... \$ 6487.27
 Signed Liz Kingsland
 Treasurer
 Appendix 70
 January 2002

Sincerely,

Liz Kingsland

Liz Kingsland
 County Extension Agent for Family and
 Consumer Sciences
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**Happy Holidays
 to All!**



Stitchers who attended the Retreat – Be sure to bring your pictures and all the finished projects! We'd love to hear all the funny stories that took place!

We are teaching it one more time...

Diamonds in the Rough Encore Class

Teacher: Kathy Conway

Jan 15, 22, 29

at the Extension Office Project Room

6 pm to 9 pm

The pattern reads that it is a 70" by 85" finished quilt. However, the area with the on point blocks fits exactly on top of a full size bed. With a stop boarder, it would fit a queen. So the size is variable, from Lap quilt to Queen sized depending on your boarders.

FOCUS FABRIC: The pattern says 2 yards but that is for a lap quilt. So if you want a larger quilt get more focus fabric. There is one change to the cutting of the focus fabric so wait until class.

1 yard of sashing fabric to highlight your blocks from the boarder. Two and a half (2 ½ yards of background fabric. [pull a light color from your focus fabric]

You can pre cut: Background 6 strips 4 inches wide cut into 72 four (4) inch rectangles. Cut 16 strips 2 ½" wide, cut 5 of those into 72 rectangles 2 ½" by 3". Don't cut those any further.

There are some other changes to the pattern's cutting instructions for the background fabric that we will go over the first night. These changes will make a correct 12 ½" unfinished block. The pattern's current cutting instructions make about an 11" block.

Holiday Tea

at the Extension Office

November 30

4:00pm—6:30pm

No Cost

Registration is required by Nov 21.

Call ☎ 270-765-4121

Taste
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Recipes



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Homemaker
Friends

For the basic center of each block, you will **need 18 dramatic fabrics colors** pulled from your focus fabric. Either fat quarters or a 6" full width of fabric strip will work.

There are no changes to the cutting instructions for these fabrics. So out of each color you choose you may pre-cut: one 5 ¼" sq; two 4 7/8" sq; one 3 ¼" sq; two 2 7/8" sq; and one 2 ½" sq.

Supplies: BSS, mat & ruler, optional Ominigrid 96 or 96L; Triangle tool, Pattern has templates you may want to trace and tape to your rulers however these are background fabrics so add one half of an inch to the length of each template. Only on one side.

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