

Stitchers Quilt Guild Newsletter

STITCHERS QUILT GUILD

SEPTEMBER 2008

A HARDIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HOMEMAKER CLUB

NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday,
Sept 24, 2008**

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

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Teachable Moment: Rust Dyeing

Instructions provided by Kelly Pruitt

Some people might think we are crazy to rust dye fabric since most people try to get rust out of fabric, but rust dyed fabric is something new now being sold at quilt shows and there are many different instructions on the internet for doing this technique. I used a combination of different instructions. The fabric looks wonderful. Some even looking like it's a batik.

You can use basically any fabric, I really liked the results of the Sateen white that Joy's Fabrics sells. The fabric doesn't have to be a PFD (prepared for dyeing) either. Rust is going to stay on whatever it gets on.

I took an old cake pan or cookie sheet, they can be rusty, if its not when you start it will be when you are done. Put the pan in a large black trash bag, pour white vinegar on the fabric to dampen it real good. Salt the fabric with table salt as if it were mashed potatoes. Move the fabric around as you are salting it. I then took steel wool pads that I bought in the hardware department and cut them up and threw in with the fabric mixing the steel wool all over and in the fabric. Then twist the bag closed tightly and set it out in the sun for 2 days to bake. After the first day I opened the bag and sprayed some water on the fabric the make sure is was staying wet and mixed the fabric and steel wool around some more. I resealed the bag for another day.

With a garden hose rise the fabric well to get rid of all the steel wool. Wash and dry normally.

Check the internet out for other ideas. You can use any rusty items to get different results.

Featured Stitcher for September: **Marilyn Smith**

Quilters have been in my family for many years - my mother, her sister, and their mother. I used to watch my grandmother do hand-piecing, and it seemed that Aunt Margaret always had a quilt-in-progress on her living room floor. Mother quilted when she was younger, but had put it aside until I became involved. I was never interested in hand sewing, always dreading the hand-finishing on items I made using Mother's sewing machine. I refused to use a thimble, and still cannot use a metal one; preferring, instead, the leather type.

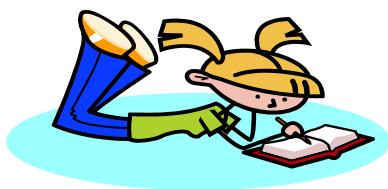
Hand quilting was the norm, so that left me out. That is, until the early 80's, when I was sitting in the waiting room of a doctor's office in Michigan. A lady had a "fabric sandwich" on her lap and appeared to be making something. I inquired about her project and learned it was Lap Quilting. That was a new concept for me and seemed more "doable" than constructing a large quilt top and having to hand quilt it! She gave me the details of her class, and I signed up for the next series. The teacher gave us an excellent introduction to the art of quilting, presenting both hand and machine style piecing, and hand quilting and stitch-in-the-ditch machine quilting; plus design ideas. She had just returned from Chicago, where she participated in a week-long class with Mary Ellen Hopkins. Imagine going elsewhere to take a quilting class! Throughout the years, I've taken numerous ones on a variety of subjects. Classes are such fun!

I love fabric! That is my favorite part of quilting. I'm not into the designing aspect, but can copy ideas quite well. Ha! The wonderful variety of prints/colors available is almost overwhelming. I had grown weary of making clothing, so quilting satisfies my desire to be around beautiful fabric. My favorite palettes are jewel tones and just about anything dark. My favorite patterns are Double Irish Chain and Log Cabin. I prefer the color and construction process over the quilting process. There are not hundreds of quilted items on my resume - only a few dozen. Additionally, I'm a knitter; therefore, it's sometimes difficult for me to decide which to do. There are multiple in-progress quilting and knitting projects around my house; because I cannot work on just one thing until its completion. I find that alternating my focus is more restful and productive for me. Needless to say, I have an abundance of UFO's and enough fabric and yarn to open a store!

One of the best things about my quilting adventure is the friends I've made. Quilters are as diverse as the fabrics we use, and we learn so much from each other. I enjoy the opportunities that the Stitcher's Guild offers and I'm grateful that we are such a caring group. Oh yes, I love quilt shows.

Marilyn Smith

President's letter



Whew! Gotta go, got bindings to finish and labels to make. Seriously, I've been heard saying just that numerous times over the past few weeks, but here I am, still with unfinished bindings and labels. I WILL be ready for the quilt show. I WILL be ready for the quilt show. I WILL be ready for the quilt show.

The past month has been a very eventful one for the Stitcher's. "The Lincoln Sampler" was shown in Nashville with rave reviews. We received an Honorable Mention – not in the money, but undeniably awesome. We received the professional appraisal of the quilt this week of \$3500. Well done, Stitcher's. And, I have a request from the MAQ to allow them to show it in February. All in all, a very good outcome for all our hard work.

Our August meeting was great – with much thanks to the refreshment crew – and our quilt show planning has been running along without a hitch. We have received an impressive show of support from the community. You'll get information about our community sponsors – please let them know how much we appreciate it.

Several of our members are under the weather with extended illnesses. Today would be a good day to let them know they've been missed.

See paragraph one!

See you at the quilt show.

Brenda

REFRESHMENT LIST

Please bring cups, plates & napkins for the drinks/snacks you're providing. These are not supplied by the Extension Office. If you can't attend the meeting that you've signed up for, please find a substitute.

SEPTEMBER

Martie Rose, Ilse Comenzind
Dottie Monday, Sharon Lutz
Judy Cox

OCTOBER

Jean Mindock, Carolyn Jones
Eileen Heinen, Debbie Crafton



Meeting Projects & Upcoming Activities

SEPTEMBER Meeting

- ♥ Row Round Robin
- ♥ FQ Exchange - Fall Fabric
- ♥ AQS Book Order - Pass out forms

OCTOBER Meeting

- ♥ Row Round Robin
- ♥ Make-it/Take-it
- ♥ AQS Book Orders - collect

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Activities!

- ♥ **HEART OF KENTUCKY QUILT SHOW - Sept 19th-20th**
- ♥ **Stitchers Fall Quilt Retreat Oct 23rd - 26th**
- ♥ **Quilted Jackets - Nov 15th**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
& Many More Quilts To Go!

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:

Kathleen Cabezas - Sept 5th
Carolyn Jones - Sept 13th
Susan Byers - Oct 1st
Kelly Pruitt - Oct 7th
Joleen Filler - Oct 13th
Judy Applegate - Oct 18th
Kristen Otte - Oct 19th
Tracy Bush - Oct 31st

Sick Call

Eleanor Savko is back in the hospital with continuing problems.
Martie Rose is going through chemo treatments again.

Give them a call or drop them a card in the mail to let them know you are thinking about them.



Recipe from the August meeting.
We had a lot of requests for the dip that Debbie McQueary provided with the tortilla chips.

Mix a jar of Harry and David's pepper and onion relish with 16 ounces of softened cream cheese.

You can order the relish at:
www.harryanddavid.com

Ovarian Cancer Screen

Homemaker members that are 50 years or older are entitled to a free yearly ovarian cancer screening test given at the Health Department in Elizabethtown.

Contact Glenda at 800-766-8279 or 859-323-4687 for an appointment.

Volunteer Sheets

The Extension Office needs you to keep track of your volunteer hours. Forms were passed out at the August meeting. Examples of hours to keep track of are working the quilt show, county fair, patriotic quilts, red cross, hospital etc.

2008 Row Round Robin

"Earth Friendly" is the theme for the Row by Row Quilt Exchange this year. Everyone participating already have the guidelines. If you have any questions be sure to give Anne Davis a call at 270-735-9106.

The Theme for September is "Animals"

2008 Stitches Challenge Quilt

Due: February 2009 - (This is a guild only challenge not to be confused with the Heart of Kentucky Quilt Show Challenge which is open to everyone)

- Theme: "Oh, My Stars" (Interpret the theme as you wish)
- Size: There are no size requirements
- Fabric: No required fabric that you must use.
- Technique: Any technique you desire

MUST BE FINISHED AND QUILTED IN SOME MANNER*



Fall Retreat

The fall retreat is scheduled for 23 Oct. thru 26 Oct.

Location is the Loucon Training & Retreat Center, Laura Turner Lodge, Leitchfield.

(You can check it out at www.loucon.org)

Accommodations are 2 queen size beds and a private bath in each room. Twelve rooms total.

Cost includes food:
Thurs dinner thru Sun. lunch
\$140.00

Fri dinner thru Sun lunch
\$100.00

Lunch if arriving before dinner is \$6.00 additional
Insurance Fee is \$5.00

Deposits of \$25.00 needs to be made by June 25th to hold your spot.

There are still spots open. Don't be left out, these retreats are lots of fun and we get lots done.

**FINAL PLANS
COLLECTION OF ALL MONEY
(AT SEPTEMBER MEETING)**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH *from* *STITCHERS STASH OF RECIPES COOKBOOK*

Microwave Fudge (Whitney Antique, pg 114)

1- 1 lb box Powdered Sugar	1/2 cup Margarine
1/2 cup Unsweetened Cocoa	1 tsp Vanilla
1/4 cup Milk	1/2 cup Chopped Nuts

In a microwave bowl, mix powdered sugar and cocoa. Add milk and margarine - do not stir. Cook on high in microwave for 2 minutes. Remove from microwave, stir in vanilla and nuts, blend well. Pour into a lightly greased dish. Chill, cut and enjoy.

Quilt Show Demo Schedule

Friday:

10am-11am - Pre-Cut Kits
 11am-12pm - Grandmother's Flower Garden/English Paper Piecing
 12pm-1pm - Hand Quilting
 1pm-2pm - Tools of the Trade
 2pm-3pm - Flying Geese
 3pm-4pm - Mitered Corners

Saturday:

10am-11am - Satin Stitch Circles
 11am-12pm - Crayon Magic
 12pm-1pm - Hand Quilting
 Tools of the Trade
 1pm-2pm - Grandmother's Flower Garden/English Paper Piecing
 2pm-3pm - Hand Appliqué
 3pm-4pm - Pre-Cut Kits

Fat Quarter Fun Swap

A Fat Quarter Fun Swap is when you bring two fat quarters of the same fabric, one is put in a pile and your name goes in a drawing to win all of them and the other is swapped between members in some way.

Quilt Show Info

Setup - Thursday, September 18, Pritchard opens at 8am. We will be there to start setting up at that time. If you didn't get signed up but can be there to help, that would be great, even if you can't show up until later in the day. We will be working to setup frames, hang quilts, get them labeled, setup the country store, get the kitchen ready and lots of other things. Setup is an all day thing.

Bring your quilts in as early as possible although we will be taking them throughout the day.

If you have quilt racks, quilt ladders, antique ironing board, anything to display quilts on please bring them.

Make sure you turn in all your opportunity quilt tickets and money before the show ends on Saturday. Remember the drawing is at the close of the show on Saturday.

We would appreciate bags of various candies donated. We will be setting fabric bowls around the show filled with candy.

Plastic bags like you get at the grocery store are also needed for the Country Store.

Marilyn Smith is still looking for more volunteers. Call her and let her know when you are available to work.

Stitcher's Country Store

Clean out all that fabric you now wonder what possessed you to purchase along with old patterns and books you know you'll never use. And don't forget about tools you tried and didn't like, maybe someone else will love it. Got any hand quilting thread you won't ever use because you only do machine quilting or send it out to have quilted.. And don't forget all those old quilt magazines. Judy Applegate and Virginia Coomes are running the country store this year and would appreciate any and all quilt related donations. Please price everything for them and keep in mind a decision has been made to price everything at 25 cents and above.

We have 216 quilt entries with 8 of those challenge quilts. See everyone at the show!

NAME TAGS

Remember to wear those quilted name tags to not only help new members and old remember your name but for a chance to win a FQ. There is also a 25 cent fine for not wearing them. Brenda Arnett was the winner of the FQ in August.

Treasurer's Report

August 2008

Balance Brought Forward.....\$2621.15

INCOME

Opportunity Quilt Tickets 300.00

Name Tag Fines.....2.25

Retreat Payment.....130.00

Fair Premiums.....16.00

Total Income.....\$473.25

EXPENSES

Lincoln Quilt Shipping Fees.....107.38

Retreat Insurance175.00

Painting Workshop.....254.00

Total Expenditures.....\$536.38

Ending Balance.....\$2558.02

Submitted by: Susan Byers
Treasurer

Sincerely,



Marla Stillwell
County Extension Agent for
4-H Youth Development

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Vickie Loyall - vickix@windstream.net



Stitcher's Quilt Guild 2008 Survey

Due September 24, 2008

We need your help in planning our guild's activities for next year. Your opinions, comments, and suggestions help us greatly in this effort. Your individual survey will remain confidential.

**As an added incentive, when you turn in your COMPLETED survey, your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$10.00 gift card from your choice of area fabric or quilting shops.

Name _____(Optional)

1. What suggestions do you have for improving the guild?
2. What ideas would you like to suggest for upcoming meeting projects, demonstrations, or programs?
3. What project, demonstration or program would you be willing to teach?
4. Is there a national/regional quilt teacher you would like to see come to our guild; and what does she/he teach?

5. What ideas do you have for the 2009 Block Of The Month project? Do you like having 2 different Block Of The Month projects?

6. What ideas or suggestions do you have for our Guild Retreats? Do you have any suggestions for new locations?

7. What guild activities are you interested in for 2009? (Check each activity you are interested in.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Shop Hops | <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery Quilts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Round Robin | <input type="checkbox"/> Guild Fundraisers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Of The Month | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Teacher Workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fat Quarter Fun Swaps | <input type="checkbox"/> Make-It/Take-It Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Guild Retreats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mini Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilts of Valor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations | <input type="checkbox"/> UFO Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Workshops by Guild Members | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain) _____ | |

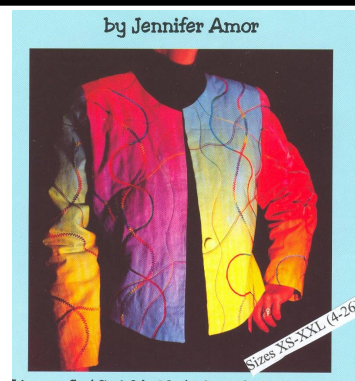
8. What other suggestions or comments do you have?

Thank you for your input.
Your Stitcher's Board

Quilted Jacket Workshop

Nov 15th 2008 (Time to be determined)

Basic jacket pattern such as the Pop Top Jacket pattern by Jennifer Amor. (See picture of it so you can see the shape.) It is very simple, comes in many sizes and is flattering on everyone. You can bring your own jacket pattern but with no darts and collars unless absolutely needed. If you need darts, Pasty can help you with them.



- 2 ½ yds. fabric for body of jacket, 2 ½ yds. lining fabric, 2 ½ yds. lightweight batting or flannel. (pre-wash fabrics, especially the flannel)
- thread to match jacket fabric for construction.
- Decorative yarn/threads for embellishment and bobbin work. Beads for embellishment. Please bring a variety of yarns and trims because we will be doing more than is shown on the jacket pattern.
- Open toe appliqué foot, couching foot, all purpose sewing foot, pearls and piping foot, (if you have one. It can be used as a couching foot for heavy yarns. A bunch of feet will be available for use. Bring a separate bobbin case or drop-in case for your machine.
- ♦ It is a multi-sized pattern and comes in sizes from 4 to 26. It runs pretty true to size. The pattern is \$10.00 and money will be collected at the September meeting so people would have time to cut out fabric before class. Students need to cut the fabric into rectangle shapes about 2" larger than the pattern pieces and mark them right front, left front, back, right sleeve, left sleeve prior to class. Layer pieces with jacket fabric, batting or flannel. Spray baste or pin baste. Keep the lining pieces separate. Bring pattern and any fabric scraps to class.

Pasty



Featured Stitcher for August Judy Cox displays her log cabin quilt.



Kathy Goodnan and Kathy Conway show their painted flowers, the results of a workshop Amy Aldenderfer taught.

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