

LA CROSSE AREA QUILTERS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I am enjoying some sun in California and missing the end of March in the north county. I am loving all the beautiful colors I see here and think of how you could use them in a quilt. It seems my thoughts are never far from doing one of the things that I love. It is one of the best stress busters I know. Enjoy April as we start to see some signs of spring. Diane

Schedule:

Wednesday April 2nd 9:30 am Morning Quilting, Our Redeemer Lutheran
Tuesday April 8th 6-9pm Wooden Shoe, Holmen, WI 608-790-7709
Wednesday April 16th 9:30 am Morning Quilting, Our Redeemer Lutheran, La Crosse
Friday, April 18th 6:00 pm Community Night, Wooden Shoe, Holmen
Tuesday April 22nd 7:00 Membership Meeting at Omni Center NEW-BYOSS!
(See minutes for details.)
Tuesday April 28th 7:00 pm Quilt Show meeting Boy Scout Council

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Charity Langteau	Rosairo (Trini) Reyes
Peggy Denton	Marcia Griffin
Olga McAnulty	Connie Bakken
Kathy Coryell	Diane Reinhardt
Theresa Hieser	

If you do not receive your newsletter by the 10th of the month please contact me. Phone 507-894-6030 or email joanmgavin@gmail.com

Also, If you want to receive your newsletter by email, please email me at the above address and I will email it to you.

A note from Elaine Bouska on the baby quilt.

Please us Creams or Ivory for the background material for the farm theme baby quilt for Charity's baby. Also Elaine would like to have the blocks brought to the April meeting if at all possible, and if not, please let her know so she knows how many blocks to expect.
Thanks.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from March 25, 2008 meeting of the La Crosse Area Quilters

Welcome and Call to Order: Vice President, Sandy Pitsch

Attendance: 57, 2 visitors

Secretary's Report: Approved as found in the February newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Approved with ending balance of \$7421.74. CD renewed to May 26, 2008 - \$5151.18

Newsletter Report: Members to call or email Joan Gavin if they have not received newsletter by the 10th of the month. Some members receiving their newsletter via email did not receive the block of the month directions in the February newsletter.

Group Quilts: Stacey Green showed her quilt; it has been quilted, it needs a binding and a sleeve. Harriet Snow was not present. Joan Gavin reported that Harriet notified her that her quilt is at the point of needing borders.

Library Quilts: Joan Yeatman thanked those who lent quilts for display at the La Crosse Main Library. Stop by the library to see the display.

Block of the Month: Blocks won by Linda Birnbaum.

Community Night: Due to the inclement weather the group did not meet last week. Sharon Slimmen has kits ready for those who volunteered to sew 6-inch blocks together for lap quilts. Fabric is received from many sources and Sharon showed an example of a finished top, as well as hints for making the best use of laying out a design. Sharon stated that the quilts are loved by those who receive them regardless of the pattern of some of the fabrics.

Sunshine: Sandy Pitsch read a thank you from the Onalaska/Holmen Food Pantry for quilts and teddy bears made by those who participate in the Community Night Group.

Striper Club: The color of strips to be exchanged for April is blue.

Quilt Show: Stephanie Ruetten reported that there will be social gathering with wine and appetizers after the quilt show, on Saturday, October 18th, at the cost of \$25.00 per person. The Julia Belle Swain will put the quilt show on their calendar.

A new La Crosse Area Guild brochure will be developed and available at the quilt show in order to promote our guild.

Bookmarks are available. Buttons are not ready at this point. All vendor sites are filled. The vendors will be doing demonstrations.

A chairperson for the silent auction is needed.

Kris Lyn Kirsh will give a lecture on, "A Reflection of Civil War Quilts", on October 18th at 1:00 P.M.

The next quilt show meeting will be April 28th at the Boy Scout office at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

New Business

Bobbie Gribble and Sally Knobloch have arranged for the room in which our monthly meeting is held, at the Omni Center, to be open at 5:15 P.M., on the evening of our meeting. If you are having problems with a quilting project bring it along and get some other opinions. BYOSS, bring your own "sack supper". Rose Thiel, will have hand quilting hoops, etc. available for those interested in hand quilting. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from some of the talented quilters in our guild and get better acquainted.

Website: The board made a decision to hire a web site creator to develop, manage and address any problems with a guild website. The cost is \$750 per year. This price is at a discounted rate. The site will include all of the quilt show information; it will be eye catching and current. A mock up of choices were displayed and made available for the members to see. An informal show of hands was conducted as to what designs members liked the best. The website will have links to those businesses that have ads in our newsletter. Only the newsletter editor and the president of the guild are to give information to the website developer.

Show and Tell: Elaine Bouska and Kathy Ring showed their "Trip Times Two" quilts from the Scrapbusters workshop. See newsletter for other Show and Tell

Program: Sandy Harvey and Carolyn Smith demonstrated velvet embossing and how to make a woven ribbon scissor fob. Members were supplied with ribbon and were able to do both hands on projects.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Fox, secretary.

FROM THE COMMITTEES :

Programs - Sandy Harvey and Caroline Smith

Happy Spring. This month's program will let you see into the life of a costumer.

Tip of the month: It is always a good idea to change your needle whenever you start a new project. This will help solve problems before they happen. It is also a good idea to clean your bobbin case every time you put a new bobbin in. Just a reminder, Brian will be here on the odd numbered month for scissor and knives sharpening.

Yours in quilting,
Sandy & Carolyn

Stripper Club - Phyllis Pohlman

Dear Quilters,

Attention Strippers! Just a reminder that April's strips are **blue!**

Bring a bag, take a bag. If you did not participate last month, you can start this month. Any questions, call me at 779-0550. Keep on strippin'!.
Thanks! Phyllis

Group Quilt - Stacey Green

Showed Quilt at the meeting, quilted but needs binding and sleeve yet.

Harriet

Group Quilt - Harriet Snow

I have attached a picture of the quilt before borders. I will be adding them this weekend if I can find a suitable fabric at Kim's.

Reminder of the "Spools Rules"

You will earn a spool for each completed quilt you bring to show at Guild meeting that has the outer total dimensions of:

Hand quilted 144"

Machine quilted 270"

Please note the size on the "Show and Tell " list at the guild meeting.

Quiltfest 2008 -

Chairs: Sharon Slimmen and Stephanie Ruetten
Entries: Mary Zink, Barb Richards and Kathy Andersen
Raffle Quilt: Stephanie Ruetten
Awards: Sally Knobloch
Boutique: Sandee Winterfield, Marsha Griffin and Donna Birnbaum
Quilt show Attire: Linda Birnbaum
Door Prizes: Judy Fox
Judges: Ann Farning and Brenda Wacherbarth
Advertising: Barb Putman
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Next meeting:

April 28th at 7 pm at Boy Scout Council, Hwy 16, LaCrosse

Call if you need directions. All are encouraged to come and join in the planning of the Quilt show.

Happy April Birthday to:

Phyllis Seufzer	April 2
Kathy Bartel	April 2
Connie Bakken	April 3
Stephanie Ruetten	April 3
Susanne Schlicht	April 5
Arlene Wiese	April 14
Peggy Denton	April 19
Judy Ruedy	April 21

May birthdays:

May Parnow	May 7
Sharon Slimmen	May 9
Joyce Rugen	May 15
Rose Thiel	May 19
Kathy Stachowski	May 21
Barb Putnam	May 29
Sandy Harvey	May 29

Show and Tell March 25th, 2008

Phyllis Seufzer	Trutti Fruitie table runner Naptime flannel baby quilt
Joan Yeatman	3 Table runners
Kathy Bartel	Post Card Prairie Point Flip baby quilt
Toni Paisley	Lilies that grow in my garden Wall hanging
Ginny Quirin	Sharon's Garden quilt

Quiltfest on the Mississippi

October 18-19, 2008

Categories for entries:

Limit TWO entries per category except Display

Bed Quilts (Twin - King size)

Twin size measures 63" x 87" or 300" measured around edges

1. Hand appliquéd, hand quilted
2. Pieced, traditional design, hand quilted
3. Pieced, traditional, standard machine quilted (using personal sewing machine)
4. Machine appliquéd or pieced, long arm machine quilted (long arm owners only)
6. Other Techniques (yo-yo, embroidery, cathedral, whole cloth, embellished, art quilt, tied, ect.)
7. Group quilt 2 or more, hand quilted
8. Group quilt 2 or more, long arm machine quilted

Wall Hangings (Measure the LONGEST side)

- 9 Over 45" Pieced, hand and/or machine quilted
- 10 Over 45" Appliquéd, hand and/or machine quilted
11. 24"-45" Pieced, hand and/or machine quilted
- 12 24"-45" Appliquéd, hand and/or machine quilted
- 13 Under 24" All techniques
- 14 Group Wall quilt (2 or more people) hand quilted
- 15 Group Wall quilt (2 or more people) machine quilted

Other

- 16 Clothing, All techniques
- 17 Decorative accessories (tree skirts, baby quilts, table runners, etc)
- 18 Any item entirely made by a child, age 12 and under
- 19 Any item entirely made by a child, age 13 - 17
- 20 Display only - anything quilted. NOT JUDGED (Challenge and workshop items go into this category if you do not want them judged)

New this year!!

Ladies and Gents, You will not want to miss this!!!!

Quilting Cruise with Wine and hors d'oevres

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