



Lighthouse Quilters Guild

March 2010

Kay's Turkey Tracks



Luckily we missed that snowstorm the night of our February guild meeting. I have a friend who lives up north and when they get lots of snow, I always tell her (with a smile, of course), "Better you than us!" When we get lots of snow, she reminds me, "Better you than us!"

March is National Quilting Month. National Quilt Day is March 20th. Lighthouse Quilters Guild, Southport Quilters Guild and the Kenosha Public Library are hosting Natalie Sewell on March 20th at 2:00 PM at the museum. Natalie's presentation is "Creating Landscape Quilts." Free tickets for this program are available at the museum at 9:00 AM on the day of the presentation. Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

Southport Quilters Guild members will show quilts of members participating in the Guild's 2010 Quilt Challenge. The challenge this year was in keeping with the theme "Colors of the Rainbow." Members randomly selected a crayon and made a quilt based on that color. The quilts will be on display March 6 - 28. While in Kenosha, you may want to check out the Civil War Museum, too!

Spring is right around the corner . . .

Kay M. Rigert

Many people wanted the recipe for the punch served at last month's Guild meeting. The recipe is an old one from Mary Ann Fehl.

Light Cranberry Punch

64 oz cranberry punch
24 oz white grape juice
2 liters ginger ale

To make ice ring:

2 T thawed limeade
1 lime - thinly sliced for decoration
Water to fill mold

Mix together and add ginger ale & ice ring just before serving. Serves 40.



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Next Meeting

Things to bring Monday, March 29, 7:00 PM at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

- Name Tags
- Show & Tell

Newsletter Articles Due

The deadline for submitting articles is the first Friday of each month. Submit your articles to:

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2010 Programs

March 29	Where do our favorite quilts come from? Moda rep Stephanie McHugh. (Co-sponsored by The Fabric Gallery at Sew 'n Save.) Information AND goodies.
April 26	Sewing Machines & Their History - Sylvia Adair. The facts behind one of the greatest inventions in history.
May 24	Guild Mini Classes. Get a close-up view of new ideas from our own guild experts.
June 28	Kit Quilts - Rosie Werner. Enjoy the stories of 20th Century kit quilts and, even better, see them up close and personal.
July 26	Picnic. A favorite annual event.
August 30	Dancing on Your Quilt - Ann Fahl. Racine's own Ann Fahl will share many do-able techniques from her brand new book "Dancing with Thread."
September 26-27	Red Hot Piping - Susan Carpenter. Workshops & presentation. (Co-sponsored by The Fabric Gallery at Sew 'N Save.) Susan uses piping to accent curves and bindings. This nationally known quilt teacher will present two classes (TBA) as well as an evening presentation.
October 25	What a Judge Looks For - Maribeth Schmidt. A certified judge discusses standards, common mistakes, and how to increase your chance for success in the world of quilt competition.
November 29	Christmas Party. Guaranteed to be an enjoyable finale for a year of learning and sharing.

March 29, 2010

Where do your favorite fabrics come from? Moda rep Stephanie McHugh (co-sponsored by The Fabric Gallery at Sew 'n Save)

How often have you reached over to "pet" a fabric and realized it was from Moda? Stephanie McHugh, a sales representative for Moda/United Notions, will share some secrets about what is happening at Moda. She tells TC that she is bringing some goodies for us, too. Join us and be enlightened about where our favorite fabrics come from.

Learn more about Moda at www.modafabrics.com.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Just a reminder that we have started a topper-quilter unification service! If you have a quilt top that you would like to turn into a charity quilt but you don't quilt or don't have the time, let one of our volunteer quilters quilt it for you! You will supply the top, the batting and the backing. The quilter will quilt it and then give it back to you for binding. If you would like to participate on either end of this transaction (i.e., if you are a topper OR a quilter), please contact Stevie Breit at stevewill@ameritech.net or 681-8754.



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Come one, come all, and join in the fun! We are starting a Round Robin Exchange. Some of you mentioned in your guild surveys that you would like to take part in a Round Robin and you should have already received an email regarding this. However, if you have not been contacted but would like to participate, please contact me at stevewill@ameritech.net or 681-8754. Unfortunately, I will not be at the March guild meeting, so you can't flag me down there. We will probably have an organizational meeting sometime around the first of April.

Thanks, ladies! Take care.
Stevie Breit

HOSPITALITY NEWS

My thanks to all who have volunteered for the monthly hospitality committee, some more than once. I still have openings for future months and look forward to every member's participation. At our next general meeting, please look for and sign up for the month of your choice. Thank you and see you at the next meeting.

Debby Gillmore



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Natalie Sewell, guest speaker at Kenosha Public Museum on March 20th had to have emergency surgery and is unable to present her lecture. Betty Suiter will replace her for that date.



Don't miss these events
At Sew 'n Save and The Fabric Gallery



On Friday evening, March 26th, and Saturday morning, March 27th ...
Karin will be ready to inspire and motivate you with more ideas, patterns and treats
than you can think of.

Make plans to grab a friend and attend **Kreating with Karin.**

There will even be a "Make it and Take it" at this event.

\$20 includes ideas galore, treats, and some free patterns, too.

Once again, we will be hosting a coach bus to take you to **Quilt Expo** in Rosemont, Illinois.

There are seats left for both days, April 16th and April 17th.

\$40 gets you there and back, too, and includes entry into the show!

The best way to get there ... on Sew 'n Save's bus.

Civil War Commemorative Quilt Block-of-the-Month starts in April.

Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime series.

Check our website for more info on this project and more.

www.sewnsavevacine.com

And from the NQA, who asked us to post this in our newsletter:

 **41st Annual NQA Quilt Show**
June 17-19, 2010
The Greater Columbus Convention Center
Hall C, 400 North High Street
Columbus Ohio

WE NEED YOU!

- Enter your beautiful quilts
- Volunteer before, during and after the show
- Take classes and attend wonderful lectures
- Make a little quilt for the Little Quilt Auction
- Attend the show and see the amazing works of art
- Bring a friend or two or a bus full
- Shop till you drop at the bountiful vendor mall

For more information and volunteer forms contact us at:
The National Quilting Association, Inc.
www.nqaquilts.org/2010show · nqaquilts@sbcglobal.net
PO Box 12190, Columbus, OH 43212-0190
Phone (614) 488-8520 · Fax (614) 488-8521

LIGHTHOUSE CHARITY QUILT PROJECTS FOR 2010



Two members will distribute quilts this year:

Carolyn Christensen for HALO and Women's Resource Center

Barbara Vallone for Quilts for the Community which includes:

All Saints NICU, Racine, and Children's Hospital, Milwaukee

Ridgewood Nursing Home plus other Racine assisted living and nursing homes

Operation Snuggles - quilts for soldiers and their children

WE NOW HAVE A REQUEST FROM BECKER SHOOP NURSING HOME at 6101 - 16th Street for small wall hangings of any pattern to be hung in hallways and gathering rooms. They need about 24. This is a good place for those wall hangings that are still nice but don't have a place in your home anymore. Jayne Steffens will help coordinate this new "Quilts for the Community" project.

Please visit our Charity Quilt display which has:

- A slip of **paper** for you to indicate WHERE your quilt should go and circle if it is WASHED or not.
- A baby quilt **pin** for you to add to your name tag.
- A **place** to leave your quilt (two wash baskets!) before or after Show & Tell.

Your quilt size can range from 36" x 36" to twin bed. It can be square or rectangular. Operation Snuggles also takes crocheted or knitted afghans in lap quilt sizes. Women's Resource Center and HALO welcome pieced, cheaters, fleece, crocheted and knitted items. We welcome your suggestions and encourage you to participate in this project. Free fabric kits continue to be available for anyone to "play" with and "create"!!!! Let me know if you want one! THANK YOU for continuing to make this project such a success.

Barbara Vallone

STUDIO QUILT-IN AT RESURRECTION RETURNS FOR 2010

Come and spend "quality time" on a favorite project, a looming deadline, or a creative concept. We offer Studio Quilt-Ins on Fridays from 3 to 9 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 9 pm! Quilt at Resurrection for a total of almost 18 hours for just \$5 each day! Each quilter brings a simple Finger Snack to share and is responsible for her own suppers/lunch. Yes, you can get take-out. Yes, you can go out for suppers.

The remaining 2010 dates are April 9 & 10, August 13 & 14, and November 5 & 6.

Sign up for any or all by contacting Barbara Vallone, 262-539-8185 or QltingB@aol.com.

QUILT CAMPS FOR 2010

Quilt camps are open to any quilter who wants to escape from real life, enjoy the company of other quilters, and have bed and meals provided at a reasonable price per day or long weekend.

Dates/Costs for 2010 are:

- Camp Zion in Door County north of Ellison Bay: May 13-16 / \$58 per night
- Conference Point in Williams Bay on Geneva Lake: June 3-6 / \$180 for 3 nights & 8 meals
OR \$136 for 2 nights & 6 meals

Please contact Barbara Vallone at 262-639-8185 or QltingB@aol.com for more information.

Also, there is one more Spring Camp at Lutherdale on April 21-25. Call Lutherdale directly at 262-742-2352.

REGIONAL SHOWS & EVENTS

The South of the Border theme quilts will exhibit each quilter's vision and interpretation of the theme. Entry deadline is March 19, 2010. Entry forms will be available in the Classes & Events Catalog as well as on our website at www.IMQA.org/MQS2010.htm

Theme: *South of the Border* What do you conjure up when you think South of the Border? Is it the food, music, art, a happy fiesta or a lazy siesta? Let your imagination go to express your "South of the Border" images.

The quilt may be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered or painted. Embellishments and specialty threads are allowed. Your artist's statement will be read for the judges to tell them and all of us what makes your quilt "South of the Border". Quilt must fit the perimeter of no less than 240" and no more than 480" and must be a quilt of 3 layers-top, batting, and backing. **ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 19, 2010.**

March 19 & 20 - The Fox Valley Technical College will be hosting the 9th Annual 2010 Sewing and Quilting Expo at the Fox Valley Technical College - Oshkosh Riverside Campus. For more information or a brochure, please contact Marie Thull by email at thull@fvtc.edu or by phone at 920-582-4025.

Exhibit runs: January 31-April 11, 2010 Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts cordially invites you to the opening of our new exhibit: "*Sacred Threads: Spirit In the Cloth*" to be held January 31, 2010, 1-4 PM. at the Interim Museum. Always call to clarify hours before your visit. N50 W5050 Portland Road, Cedarburg, WI 262-546-0300. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 11AM-3PM, Sun. 1-4 PM.

May 12-15, 2010, Machine Quilters Showcase, Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, Kansas
MQS-show@IMQA.org

Case IH Sponsors 'Red Tractor' Quilt Contest—Case IH Agricultural Equipment invites quilters to share their International Harvester spirit by entering the first "Red Tractor" quilting contest. Case IH, the sponsors, offer a cash award of \$1,000 for first prize. Quilts will be judged during the 21st annual Red Power Roundup of IH Collectors Club June 24-26, 2010. Complete set of rules is at: [www1.caseih.com/northamerica/Promotions/Documents/Red Tractor Quilt Contest 2009.pdf](http://www1.caseih.com/northamerica/Promotions/Documents/Red_Tractor_Quilt_Contest_2009.pdf)

Quilting is Art - A contest created to showcase quilting as an art form as part of the 2010 Channel 10 Great TV Auction. For details and contest requirements go to: <http://www.mptv.org/events/detail/?id=30>. On this website, which is "MPTV Events", you will also be able to download an entry form.

Shows:

Sunday, March 14 thru Tuesday, March 16, Sun Prairie

Sat/Sun, April 10 & 11, Mukwonago www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com

Thu/Sat, April 15-17, IQS at Rosemont

Sat/Sun, May 1 & 2, West Bend, www.itsastitchquiltguild.com (<http://www.itsastitchquiltguild.com>)

August 3-7, Milwaukee Machine Quilting Show, at Wyndham Milw. Airport Hotel & Convention Center (across from Mitchell Airport), Milwaukee, WI. Watch www.MMQShow.com for details.

Lighthouse Quilt General Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2010

Kay Rigert called meeting to order. Stevie Breit had new members and guests introduce themselves.

Jayne Steffens introduced our guest speaker: Sandy Schweitzer-Quilt appraiser and historian. Sandy grew up listening to her grandmother's stories; she now realizes she's the grandmother! Sandy is a quilt appraiser; she has extensive quilt history which helps her with appraisals. She made a quilt commemorating the space shuttle Columbia; Jayne Steffens appraised that one. This quilt will find its home at a later date in Racine.

Sandy took a road trip with her husband and looked at over 500 quilts; only 1/8 of them had a label. History lost. Documenting quilts is important, it gives an accurate picture of who, what, where and when a quilt was made. Always take pictures of your quilts, front and back; this will also help with any identifying the quilt due to any form of loss. Photograph new quilts and any others you have, it's never too late to do this. Use something such as a ruler to give an idea as to the scale of the quilt. Label all quilts regardless of where it will end up. Old quilts and blocks can be restored or preserved. Keep accurate records of all your processes and do the same thing as above with the documenting. Photos are worth a thousand words. You can use new fabric with older quilts and blocks. You don't have to finish an old quilt, you can keep it as a top only. (Example: an older feed sack quilt top.) A quilt label is always a must for any quilt. The more information you have, the better off it will be. Name, pattern, when, who made it, who quilted it and who it was intended for. The label is the quilt's story.

Kay announced that a survey for the website was on the table and invited all to participate.

Autumn Lattimore is the quilter who is doing the Christmas Raffle quilt. She won the quilt at the 2009 holiday party. She has picked out a traditional Amish pattern. Motion was made by Gen Hostak to increase the Christmas raffle quilt budget to \$400, Jayne Steffens seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The winner of the Christmas raffle quilt is not required to make the quilt for the following year.

Mary Bielefeldt announced she will be ordering books from AQS if anyone is interested.

Donation of an autographed Pat Berry book for the National Quilt Museum auction was motioned by Stevie Breit and Barb Vallone seconded it.

Received a thank you note from the Kenosha Public Museum for the guild's support of National Quilt Day to bring Natalie Sewell to the museum on March 20th.

Roxanne Mierow announced the Block Exchange and that a few more quilters were needed to round out the numbers. Stevie Breit will facilitate a Round Robin.

Lois Pedersen announced 4,700 pillowcases have been made for the soldiers. Will ask in May if we want to continue after 5,000 pillowcases have been made. If you make donated pillowcases for other organizations you can log them at www.allpeoplequilt.com.

Kitty Friend has the board up in back with various happenings that are going on around the community and the state. She shared some of these with everybody.

Jennifer Janzer announced that various positions are still open for the quilt show.

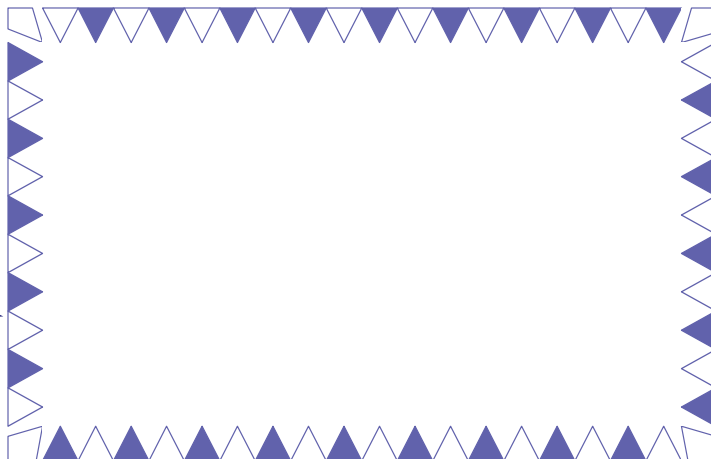
Door prizes were drawn.

Show and Tell was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Boice, Recording Secretary

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March 29 Hospitality

Chairperson: Pat Limburg

Theme: Winter's Last Hurrah

(White colored foods)

Marge Martin

Jacky Tompkins

Vicki Madsen

Shirley Graham

Dorothy Broihier

Jean Steidman

April Hospitality

Chairperson:

Theme: Earth Day - Foods Made from Seeds

Elaine Biehn

Carol Nelson

Mary Grande

Dee Klacan

Donna Hansen

Louise Selkove

Sharon Guetzlaff

Christy Schliesmann

Mary Ludvigsen

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