



Lighthouse Quilters Guild

April 2010

Kay's Turkey Tracks



Well Spring has sprung! Sunny days with the temps in the 70's and 80's. I look forward to Spring - getting in my garden (though the tulips next to the house are blooming!), mowing the lawn and walking outside (till the mosquitoes arrive)! And with May right around the corner - Happy Mother's Day to moms!

I enjoyed the March program. It was interesting to learn that Moda brings to market a new line of fabrics every 6-8 weeks! I'd like to thank Stephanie McHugh and Moda for the great samples - now what to make? Check out Moda's website for some ideas - www.unitednotions.com. And think about signing up for one of the workshops in September with Sue Cleveland to learn the Piping Hot Binding technique- watch the newsletter and the website for details.

My garden is calling. See you on April 26th.

Kay M. Rigert

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Next Meeting

Things to bring Monday, April 26, 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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April Birthdays to Celebrate!

- 4/4 Marylou Wendzinski
- 4/6 Christine Cielenski
- 4/8 Barbara Polzin
- 4/12 Irma Anderson
- 4/13 Sandy Kruppstadt
- 4/18 Karin Janssen-Potter
- 4/22 Jayne Steffens
- 4/23 Dee Klacan
- 4/23 Pat Limburg
- 4/24 Kitty Friend
- 4/25 Barb Van Ruden



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2010 Programs

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	Workshops & Presentation - Susan Cleveland. (Co-sponsored by The Fabric Gallery at Sew 'N Save.) <u>Workshops:</u> 9/26, 10:00-1:00: Marvelous Miters 9/26, 2:00-5:00: Plain & Perfect Binding 9/27, 9:00-4:00: Piping Hot Binding 9/27, 7:00 Guild Program: My Eclectic Quilt Pageant For workshops, register with Jayne Steffens, foxdance@wi.rr.com , or 262-638-9221.
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.

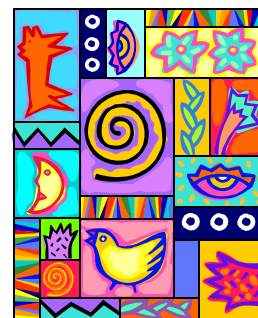
April 26, 2010

Sewing Machines: A Short History

Our next guest speaker is Sylvia Adair, a sewing machine collector. You'll have the opportunity to learn the facts behind one of the greatest inventions in history. Patented in 1846, the original sewing machine is a far cry from the machine you're using today. Sylvia will tell us fascinating stories about the inventors and the machines. She will also bring part of her sewing machine collection and she'll let you try them!



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 **including Becker Shoop's request for small wall hangings.**
- Operation Snuggles - quilts for soldiers and their children

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.

Quilt size can range from 36" x 36" to twin bed; 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 already have three wall hangings for Becker Shoop Nursing Home at 6101 - 16th Street, and 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.

We welcome your suggestions and encourage you to participate in this project. **Free fabric kits are 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

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.



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



Mark your calendars.

Our Open House to celebrate our Spring/Summer session of classes is Saturday, April 24th from 10am til 2pm. Come & meet the teachers and see for yourself the wonderful selection of upcoming classes.

And, as always, there will be discounts throughout the store and great treats to tempt the taste buds.

On Friday evening, May 14th from 6pm til 7:30pm, we are so pleased to host the exclusive area book signing of Ann Fahl's new book, **Dancing with Thread**, at our store. Come and meet the author and view many of her finest quilts. This is a free event with light refreshments.

By the time you read this, the very special **Civil War Commemorative Quilt Block-of-the-Month** will have started ... but it is not too late ... We will still take **your** sign-up in the next few days. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime series.

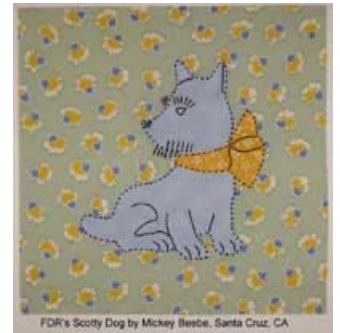
Check our website for more info on all the events at the store.
www.sewnsaveracine.com

30's for 30 Quilt Block Challenge

The American Quilt Study Group (AQSG), a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of quilts and quilting, is turning 30 and has announced a nationwide block challenge called "30's for 30". For every 30 blocks received, one person's name will be drawn to win those blocks.

30s for 30 Quilt Block Challenge

- Blocks must be 12-1/2" square (to finish to a 12" block) and made of either 1930's reproduction fabrics or vintage 1930's fabrics. Fabrics must be 100% cotton. *Please prewash/preshrink all fabrics.*
- Blocks may be any design and any color combination, in keeping with the 1930's fabrics.
- Send your blocks to the address below, along with a donation of \$3 for the first block, and \$1 for each block thereafter sent at the same time. Block donations from groups are welcome. Any funds collected in excess of those needed to complete the project will be donated to the AQSG Endowment fund.
- The blocks will be photographed and the photos will be posted on the AQSG website along with the maker's name and state (or country).
- Blocks will be compiled into sets of thirty. At Seminar 2010 in Minneapolis (Oct. 14-17, we will have a drawing for the various sets. For each block that you send, your name will be entered once into the drawing. You do not need to be present to win. **Deadline for submitting blocks is Oct. 1, 2010.**
- Send your blocks and payment (checks made payable to AWSG) to: **AQSG '30S FOR 30** c/o Paula Pahl, 9204 Sugarstone Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.



To learn more about the 30's for 30 Challenge, go to www.americanquiltstudygroup.org/30for30.asp.

Questions? Contact Paula at the address above or email: paulapahl@q.com; phone: (303) 204-2821.



Pillowcases for Our Troops

It has been a couple months since I have written an update on our project. We have now finished 4877 pillowcases and are only 123 from our 5000 goal. *Gather up and return any unfinished pillowcases you have!!!*

I announced at our last monthly meetings that after 5 years of working on this pillowcase project, I will back off. I have enjoyed making the kits and watching you excitedly take them home and return them in the following months. (This past year Pat Brown has been helping me cut and assemble the kits with me. Thanks, Pat.)

It has been amazing to see how we, the guild members, have made this project explode. I never imagined that we would continue this long and/or reach the phenomenal number of 5000 completed pillowcases. Our hearts should be warmed when we think of the 5000 troops that have benefited from our generosity.

At the May meeting I will be asking an important question: "Should we continue this as a Lighthouse Quilters Guild project?" Be prepared for discussion and a vote on this matter. If you want to continue, I have a couple people considering taking over the project. It may be done differently, but we could continue somehow. I know Karen Grochowski at the Franklin Library would miss our monthly deliveries ... at least as long as she is sending packages to the troops from us, the 'Badger Buddies'.

Here is part of a recent thank you she received:

Dear Badger Buddies, ...I also want 2 thank your group for the pillowcases I received from the Chaplain's care packages. U all R an amazing group. We greatly appreciate U all. Thank U so very much for taking the time from your busy schedule to think about us troops over here at FOB Falcon Iraq and elsewhere.

May God continue to bless U all. Dianne

Letters like this say it all. For more information or volunteering to help, contact me at loisped@gmail.com or 681-1119.

Lois Pedersen

REGIONAL SHOWS & EVENTS

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)

Shows:

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.

SEWING WEEKEND SALE

3 days only! May 6, 7, & 8

Nancy's Notions
Warehouse and Retail Store
333 Beichl Ave.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
800-833-0690

ON SALE--5800 fabrics, notions, kits, books, furniture, machines and supplies

PLUS Free Make It Take It Projects - Stage Demonstrations - Quilt and Doll Display

Thursday May 6
8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday May 7
8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday May 8
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- 6000 1-yard cuts of cotton quilting fabric 3.99/yard
- Select fashion & quilt patterns 1.99 ea.
- Over 100 embroidery design collections 9.99 ea.
- All *Sewing with Nancy* books & DVDs half off.
- All single packs of Klassé machine sewing needles 45% off
- In-stock Koala Studio Cabinets 50% + free delivery

Lighthouse Quilt General Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2010

Kay called meeting to order.

Guests introduced themselves.

TC Wiley from The Fabric Gallery introduced the guest Speaker: Stephanie McHugh from Moda/United Notions. Stephanie is the Moda Representative for our area. She was in the right place at the right time for the job. In a roundabout way inherited the job from her mother. She is currently the youngest Moda representative.

She showed a gorgeous quilt from the Heritage line of fabrics. This line was named for her mother who had passed away from ovarian cancer. Moda usually has a line of fabric for a specific cause, Alzheimer's, and breast cancer to name a few. Stephanie then showed us a video "Inside Moda"-very informative and gave a nice overview of the inner workings of Moda.

Stephanie brought along with her a fabric card. This shows all the swatches of fabric from one specific line. This is what TC would see when deciding what to buy and which swatches she likes best for the store. Every six weeks Moda has 11-16 different lines they are showcasing. Wow! Once TC orders her fabric selections it takes four months for it to come into the store. Moda has to then make the decision on how much fabric they will have printed based on all orders worldwide. It is a judgment call on how much they actually order; sometimes they get more than orders require thinking that the line will do really well. Kind of like Vegas, it's a bit of a gamble. Moda has also standardized all their layer cakes, jelly rolls, fat quarter bundles and all other such types of bundled fabric. Each now has a specific number of pieces; each is geared to make a complete project.

Stephanie then showed us the www.unitednotions.com webpage and all that it has to offer. Quite an interesting page has a lot to offer.

Guild members then asked questions, those who asked a question received a surprise from Stephanie and Moda. In the end all guild members received a charm pack. Thanks Stephanie!

New Business

Motion was made by Mary Lou Wendzinski to approve the budget, Pat Limberg seconded the motion. Motion was passed by guild members

Autographed copy of Pat Barry's book, "ABCs of Longarm Quilting," which Pat very generously donated, was sent to the auction for the National Quilt Museum.

Lois Pedersen called attention to the fact that we are 168 pillowcases away from 5000. She is looking for a replacement in May or June if we are looking to continue the program. Lois shared a thank you note from a soldier.

Jayne Steffens announced the 3 different workshops that are coming up.

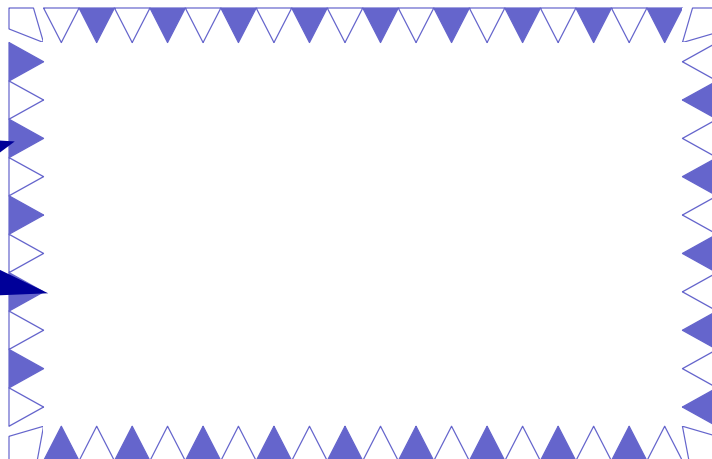
Door prizes were drawn.

Show and Tell was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Boice, Recording Secretary

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April Hospitality

Chairperson: Dee Klacan

Theme: Earth Day - Foods Made from Seeds

Elaine Biehn

Carol Nelson

Mary Grande

Louise Selkove

Donna Hansen

Christy Schliesmann

Sharon Guetzlaff

Jennifer Janzer

Mary Ludvigsen

May Hospitality

Chairperson: Darlene Heiden

Theme: Graduation Time - Foods served to
celebrate any achievement

Deb Tyryfter

Maria Rivest

Mary Kay Shimkus

Sandy Kruppstadt

Rhonda Rodero

Pauline Verbrugge

Rita Adamczyk

Sandy Veit