



Common
Thread
Quilt
Club

The Common Thread Chronicle

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 14th
6:30 p.m.

Card Tricks
and
Game Night!



Earlene Fowler

<http://www.earlenefowler.com>

Quilters love mystery quilts, but how about mystery books? Earlene Fowler writes the Benni Harper mystery series, all of which have titles named after quilt blocks like Mariner's Compass and Delectable Mountains. Although the books are not quilt mysteries, per se, the protagonist Benni *is* a quilter, so she occasionally stops by quilt shops and notices quilts as she is sleuthing. Author Earlene Fowler has a website which is also fun to explore, including an online gallery of quilts by readers inspired by Fowler's books. If you are already an Earlene Fowler fan, the website includes times and places of upcoming book-signings, directions for doing your own Benni Harper Mystery Tour, puppy updates for dog lovers, and a FAQ page that answers readers' questions about the inspirations behind Fowler's books. As the weather gets colder and you want to curl up in a quilt and read a book, check out Earlene Fowler' website to see what's up and coming in the mysterious life of Benni Harper.

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Sew Night at Pat's

Sewing is at Pat's house the last Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome anytime after 5:30 p.m. Please be sure to RSVP, so Pat knows how many are coming. That way she can be sure to have enough food and the correct amount of seating set up. Phone: 720-349-4631.

**Fat Quarter Lottery
Theme:
Christmas!**

Quilts of Valor



The Quilts of Valor sew-in at Pat's is approaching fast! Pat will be providing material and simple patterns to make quilt tops for Juliet's Quilts of Valor project. Pat will be providing some food, but participants are encouraged to bring other food items to share. The attached flyer has all the details.

October Meeting



Bring your favorite board or card **game** and **munchies** to share! We'll have a social night during our October meeting giving everyone a chance to get to know your fellow group members a little better. As always, we'll provide the drinks. Don't forget your **Christmas fat quarters** for the Fat Quarter Lottery and your bright stars for **block of the month**. It's also **dues** time, so if you haven't already bring \$20 (checks should be made payable to heather Meyer).

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The Common Thread Quilters are a quilt group based in Parker, Colorado. Meetings are held at 6:30pm the 2nd Tuesday of each month at:

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More information about the group can be found at our website:

www.geocities.com/commonthreadquilters

Contributions to the newsletter should be sent by the 1st of each month to:

commonthreadquilters@yahoo.com

Block of the Month

Don't forget to bring your Bright Star to the October meeting!

<http://www.geocities.com/commonthreadquilters/BOM.html>

Please contact Jane at quiltah@comcast.net if you have any questions.

November Meeting

Dust off your grandmother's pie recipes and put on your aprons (or at least bring them to the meeting). On November 11th, invite your spouse or a friend to join in our monthly meeting. We'll have a homemade pie contest with our guests as the judges, an apron display, and our usual show and tell. It should be fun social night with the added bonus of getting to know each other's favorite people. We'll also be inviting the fire chief, mayor, and the lovely woman who books our meeting room for us. The homemade pie contest will have two categories (fruit pies and other) with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each.

Quilt Photos

The order forms for our 2008 quilt cards will be available at the October meeting. Heather #3 will be taking orders. Wait until you all see how beautiful our quilt photos look this year!

2009 Planning

The leadership group is in the process of planning events for 2009. Though it can be difficult meeting the needs of 42 people, we hope our plans for a variety of programs, guests, and activities will include plenty for everyone.

Next year, we will have 1 workshop with Carolyn Cullinan McCormick, hopefully David Taylor as our guest in August, and an overarching philanthropy project involving families from Buckley AFB. From December 2008 to June 2009 we will have a new challenge slanted toward individual creativity---trying new techniques, tools, themes and you get to keep them all. A mystery quilt is scheduled for July to December. We also will have a spring tea party, shop hop, silent auction, strip club and continue the fat quarter exchange...and we know you are all stitching on a Halloween quilt for next year's library exhibit.

We want to thank those members who have volunteered to chair an event or do a presentation for us. We simply could not do it without you. We do not expect that everything on our calendar will appeal to everyone; however, we hope you will participate in those activities that do appeal to you. If you have any suggestions, please speak to anyone on the leadership team.

November Saturday Sew Day

During our Saturday Sew Day on November 15th, we'll be stitching baby quilts to be given to babies born at Buckley Air Force Base. Shirley will be heading up this ongoing charitable project.

Calendar of Events

October 2008

- 2nd – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 2nd – Happy Birthday, Elyse Bowers!
- 8th – Happy Birthday, Jane Emerson!
- 10th – 12th – Quilts of Valor Service Project
 - ✓ See attached flyer
- 14th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
 - ✓ Card Tricks and Games
 - ✓ Show and Tell: BOOlicious quilts
- 17th – Friday Sew Night
 - ✓ 6:00 p.m. - ???
- 17th – 19th Common Threads Retreat
- 21st – Happy Birthday, Pat Syta!
- 24th – Sew Night at Pat's

November 2008

- 6th – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 11th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
 - ✓ Apron display and homemade pie contest
 - ✓ Show and Tell: Food quilts
- 15th – Saturday Sew Day
 - ✓ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 16th – Happy Birthday, Sharon Vaninger!
- 20th – Happy Birthday, Jeannine Glendenning!
- 22nd – Happy Birthday, Jean Ford!
- 25th – Happy Birthday, Debby McCloud!
- 28th – Sew Night at Pat's

December 2008

- 4th – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 5th – Friday Sew Night
 - ✓ 6:00 p.m. - ???
- 8th – Happy Birthday, Genia Hodenpel!
- 9th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
 - ✓ Holiday party and gift exchange
 - ✓ Show and Tell: Snowman Quilts
- 17th – Happy Birthday, Diane Zirin!
- 18th – Happy Birthday, Mary Frances Smith!
- 19th – Sew Night at Pat's
- 23rd – Happy Birthday, Samantha Horoschak!
- 29th – Happy Birthday, Sharon Erwin!

January 2009

- 8th - Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 10th – Shop Hop – headed north
- 13th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
 - ✓ Button Society guest speaker
- 22nd – Happy Birthday, Randy Shickle!
- 30th – Sew Night at Pat's



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A Note From Judi

Clue? Chutes and Ladders? Bridge? Pinochle? Mexican Train Dominoes? Monopoly? What's your game? Our October meeting is dedicated to having fun. Bring a game or cards you like to play and your favorite munchies and play to your hearts content.

At last month's meeting I mentioned that our next challenge would be based on the Journal Project as created by Karey Patterson Bresenham at Houston International. The idea is to commit to a small project each month to explore new colors, techniques, patterns, and embellishments. Our challenge will run for 6 months with the first "page" due in January. You are limited in size to 9"x12." Each month you complete a page, your name will be placed in a box with the prize being a \$50 gift certificate from a local quilt store. Your project must be finished and have 3 layers but not necessarily a batt. The theme for the month will be announced the previous month, i.e., the first theme will be announced in December with the project due in January then continuing through June.

There are lots of sites online showing different journal projects. I typed: the journal project, quilts in the search window and voila!! The examples run the gamut of ideas, techniques, fabrics, and skills from beginner to advanced. And there are books available at the public library.

Don't forget Quilts of Valor at Pat's house the 10th-12th. A worthy project!



Book Review

Quilts in a Material World: Selections from the Winterthur Collection by Linda Eaton.

I'm sure many of you know that Winterthur is the family home of Henry Francis du Pont and is located in Delaware. Du Pont collected decorative arts and opened his home as a museum in 1951. I've been fortunate enough to visit there many years ago. Du Pont purchased entire building facades and created "villages" within Winterthur.....a typical colonial street complete with cobblestones and storefronts, and entire rooms representing different architectural styles. It's an amazing museum.

The quilt collection has quilts mainly from the late 1700s to the early 1800s. Quilts from this era are rare. This book has 7 chapters detailing subjects such as "the story of Mary Remington," "the role of quilts in women's lives," "quilts and American textile production," and "decorating with quilts in the 20th century." The 2nd chapter, The Hurry of Work: the role of quilts in women's lives" begins with a quilt made by Rachel Goodwin Woodnutt. This quilt is made of muted silk squares and was a public demonstration of the Quaker faith in the late 18th and early 19th century.

I've always been enchanted with the history of quilting and reading about the women who made their quilts. I feel connected to them somehow. The quilts selected for inclusion in this book are extraordinary and I encourage you to check it out.....just as soon as I return it to the library!

DVD Review

A Century of Quilts is a PBS home video and available through Douglas County Libraries. This is a wonderful video showcasing not only dynamite quilts but also their makers. I can't find a date on when the list of 100 Best was completed (probably 1999/2000) but the video is dated 2001. Unfortunately not all 100 quilts are shown but there are plenty. Quiltmakers such as Jenny Beyer, Nancy Crow, Jane Sassaman, and Faith Ringgold are interviewed. This is a terrific way to spend 77 minutes.

Show and Tell

Thank you to everyone who showed us their beautiful work during the September meeting.

Genia - antique crazy quilt

Ethel - purple and black windmill

Heather 3 - Pine Needles Colorado quilt

Sharon T - Yellow brick road jeans quilt

Judi - 14ers wallhanging

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Elyse - Columbine/Pikes Peak quilt

Shirley - Sew-ciety BOM and yellow brick road quilt

Sandy - Cindy Brick workshop quilt

Heather 1 - Funky checkers quilt and decorated shirt

Eileen - T-shirt quilt and king sized double wedding ring

Quilts of Valor Service Project

YOU ARE INVITED
to join me in performing a worthy effort
in making quilt tops to be donated to the project:

Quilts of Valor

Come by yourself, or join together with your friends as a team and work on quilts starting

Friday, October 10th, 5:30 PM - ?,
Saturday, October 11th, 9:00 AM - ?, and
Sunday, October 12th, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Most fabric will be donated by me from my large stash.
If you want to bring fabric to donate that is great.
The goal is to see how many tops we can make in this period.

The Plan:

Come and go as you wish, stay as long as you want, crash and sleep over when you get tired if you do not want to go home. I will provide all easy patterns. You choose the pattern, go down to the sewing studio, get the fabric from my stash,
(I have veto power on your selection only if I'm in total love with the fabric or it's for another project)
and sew up your project and start on another one.
You bring your sewing machine and I will provide all the irons, ironing boards, cutting mats, tools – rulers, rotary cutters etc.

If you cannot come to my home to do this and want to make a top at home, please do so, and get it to me before these dates so your name can be included in any news articles we can get published. The colors DO NOT need to be red/white/blue. They can be anything you choose. The tops should be approx. 50x 60" lap quilts only.

I will provide some of the food:
Friday: Taco night
Saturday lunch – order Subway on your own
Saturday night – lasagna
Sunday – soup or stew

**For more information and to RSVP, call Pat Syta
at 720-379-4631 or e-mail at pstitchn@yahoo.com.**

Organizations such as Connecting Threads can get self satisfaction and recognition for doing service projects for others and should set a goal of service in their charter. Over time, history has shown that quilters have given of their time and hearts to others in time of need. We all know how quilts are cherished and admired by all. I will try and get the Parker News to come cover our event and know you will set aside time on these dates to participate in this worth cause. Please sign up on the provided clipboard so I can make plans accordingly. The injured disabled soldiers of our great USA will appreciate these efforts as we appreciate their efforts in the name of security and peace for all.