



Common
Thread
Quilt
Club

The Common Thread Chronicle

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 9th
6:30 p.m.

Stripping Tips
Sally Black & Pat Syta



*Lois
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As the anniversary of September 11 comes again this month, I wonder how many of us were quilting when we learned about the 2001 attacks in New York. I, for one, arrived at my friend Deb's house in the Philadelphia suburbs around 9:00 a.m. that day, planning to spend the morning quilting with her. When I rang the doorbell, she said, "Come in and see what's happening in New York." As we watched the live coverage of the first plane that had hit the World Trade Center, another plane flew in and hit the second tower. It was a shock I will never forget; we didn't get much quilting done that day.

Lois Jarvis, on the other hand, took her shock after 9/11 and made a Lone Star quilt using fabric-printed images of people who were killed in the 9/11 attacks. A picture of this quilt and posters of it are available on her website, <http://www.loisjarvisquilts.com>, and the quilt is worth seeing in its close-up view. You can read about its creation and post your reactions to it on Lois' site. In addition, Lois keeps a blog about rust-dying, an interesting technique she uses in many of her art quilts; there is a link to her blog through the website.

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:
Halloween!**

September Meeting

As you're all aware, our planned speaker for September, Theresa Fleming, had to cancel unexpectedly. She and her husband, Bill, lost their home recently in a terrible fire. We hope to contribute more to their rebuilding later, but in the meantime would like to start a quilt for her and her husband. If you are interested in participating, please bring 3-4 floral-print strips of fabric, 2 ½" wide and as long as the width of the fabric (44-45 inches). We will be making a color wash strip quilt. Thanks!

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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 Ohio/Friendship Star to the September meeting!

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

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

More Internet Fun!

I'm sure I'm not the only one who has run out of a certain fabric in the middle of a quilt. I am using a small print as background for piecing and appliqué. I thought I could use it for my borders, too, but realized there wouldn't be enough. High Prairie had the same line, but no longer had the particular color I needed. I found this web site: www.quiltshops.com. I had the fabric information from the selvage edge of the fabric – designer, company, line name and number. I popped in the name and up came more than 10 shops nationwide that had that particular line of fabric, in all the different colors it came in, coordinating fabrics of stripes, small prints, med prints, jelly rolls and charm packs. It listed quantities available, price per yard and you can purchase it right then and there! Of course, you need to be careful about dye lot matching if placing the new right next to the old, but if it is cut to be scattered pieces, or you use the new just for borders or sashing, it should match pretty well.

- Jane

A Note From Judi

If you were to open a quilt store, what would you name it? On our recent trip to Lincoln, NE to visit the International Quilt Study Center, Ethel and I thought we might have time to visit one of the five quilt stores in Lincoln. Which one to choose? There was The Back Porch, The Calico House, The Cosmic Cow, Hooper Creek Sewing and Quilting, and Karen's Country Gifts and Fabric Center. Which one?

We chose The Cosmic Cow. How could we not? With a name like that we at least had to ask 'why the name?' The others all sounded as if we had probably been in that store before. Which one did you choose?

Just a reminder for the remaining 2008 meetings. Our photo day is Sept 13th and Heather Thigpen will be available from 11-1:00. Be sure to read her article about fees, copies, and schedule. We will play Games at our October meeting and November is our Pie Baking and Apron Contest....details to follow. December brings us to the end of the year with a celebration as well as adopting a family through the Parker Task Force. Additionally, we will schedule our own shop hop for Nov. 1st.

Plans have begun for 2009. We have been accepted for an exhibit at the Parker Library for October 2009 with a theme of BOOlicious Quiltings. We have discussed a change in our "Challenge" format as well as providing clues for a Mystery Quilt.

Again, if you have suggestions for programs/speakers/workshops, now is the time to contact a Leadership Committee member. We have Carolyn Cullinan McCormick scheduled for a workshop in February and are seriously considering having Kelly Gallagher Abbot return.

Shirley Shannon has agreed to be our official Philanthropy Chair for 2009. We do not have to fulfill a philanthropy component with our state charter but giving to others is important for many of us.

See you the 9th!

Judi

November Meeting

Dust off your grandmother's pie recipes and put on your aprons. At our November meeting we'll be having a pie bake-off and apron contest. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters!

Calendar of Events

September 2008

- 3rd – Happy Birthday, Eileen MacMillan
- 4th – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 9th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ Stripping Tips: Sally & Pat
 - ✓ Show and Tell: Colorado quilts
- 13th – Saturday Sew Day
- ✓ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - ✓ Get your quilt photographed!
- 25th – Happy Birthday, Shirley Shannon!
- 26th – Sew Night at Pat's
- 27th – Happy Birthday, Karen Niemi!

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 and Pie baking contests
 - ✓ 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!



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September Photos

During the Saturday sew day Sept 13th, Heather Thigpen will be taking professional photographs of any quilts you wish to bring to this meeting. Please make sure your quilt is wrinkle free to get the best results.

The photos will be available on Heather's photography website where you can order prints as well as gifts such as mousepads, t-shirts and mugs.

Additionally, these photos will then be used to create note cards that will be available for purchase. We did this last year and it got a great response from everyone. Samples of the notecards will be available at the October meeting and we will take orders at that time. You can order specific photos for your cards or a simple assortment. We are working to keep the cost low and anticipate being able to offer a dozen cards and envelopes for \$6-8. These will make great xmas gifts.

If you are unable to make the Sept 13 sew day, please contact Heather directly to arrange to have your quilts photographed at her home in Highlands ranch during the week of the 13th. Her email is heathert34@aol.com

Show and Tell

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

Judi - El Nino go home

Diane - Monochromatic row quilt

Katie - Feathers

Ethel - Curacao quilt

Jean - Beach scene

Mary - Star quilt top

Jane - Cindy Brick triangle quilt

Juliet - Armed forces quilt; Bear in a tree

Shirley - Frog minkee blanket

Caring and Sharing

At our August meeting, two of our members announced awards their quilts had won locally. They were:

- Heather Meyer - Heather's Bee Bold quilt entry won 3rd place in the Art Quilts division of the 2008 Arapahoe County Fair.
- Karen Niemi - Her quilt called "Town Center" that she custom long-arm quilted and was pieced by Patty Bisbee took 1st place in the small quilts category at this year's Annual Firehouse Quilt Show. She won a Janome sewing machine donated by Make It Sew. Karen purchased the quilt top at one of Fabric Expressions sampler sales. "Town Center" also took 1st place in the machine pieced/machine quilted category and Judge's Overall Choice at the 2008 Arapahoe County Fair and won 1st place and CQC First Time Entry award at the 2008 Douglas County Fair. It also received a Meritorious Award at the Arapahoe County Quilters Quilt Show. Karen's first art quilt called "Dragon Lady" took 2nd place in the art category at both 2008 Arapahoe and Douglas County Fairs. She also received two 2nd place ribbons and one 3rd place ribbon for the other quilts she entered in the Douglas County Fair.

Juliet Madsen is hosting a quilt-making event on September 27th from 10 - 4 p.m. at the Colorado History Museum at 1300 Broadway St. in Denver. The goal is to create quilt tops that will be quilted by long-arm quilters and auctioned at a black-tie affair in November. After being signed by the quilt top creator and the purchasing patron, the quilts will be sent to Quilts of Valor where they will be distributed to wounded and injured soldiers currently being evacuated from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Funds raised from the proceedings will support athletes who are participating in the Paralyzed Veteran's Wheel Chair Games in 2010; for their transportation, lodging, and meals during the week long event. Supplies are provided for the sew-in, including meals, fabric, door prizes, and access to the museum. Those interested in signing up and finding out more info can email Juliet at Juliet@StrokeofLuckQuilting.com. Juliet is a 100% disabled veteran who served in Iraq and received a Quilt of Valor quilt while being med. evac'd from the Middle East. She also had elbow surgery on the 20th, and needed help with meals while her husband was out of town for two weeks. Thanks to Shirley Shannon for organizing the meals and thanks to those who made them!

Remember ladies, if you have something you want to share with CTQC, please email me with the details so we can put it in the newsletter. Thanks! Heather John

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.