



Elm City Quilters' Guild



November 2006

Cheryl Petreman, editor

Minutes of the October 2nd Meeting - Lois Estabrooks, Secretary

75 happy quilters in attendance

Library: Some books have not been brought back. Please return the library books soon.

Ticket money on the raffle quilt is to be turned in. We are not selling tickets at the quilt show.

Esther Clark spoke on crazy quilts and showed some samples. She will be selling fancy fabrics by the square at the quilt show.

Jennifer Speedy and her committee will make up kits for the remembrance quilts. A number of kits are requested, so sign up for the number of blocks you wish to do. Cecile Grant has collected enough blocks for one quilt so far. Don't forget to sign your name and province on the heart piece of the block.

Sandra Day, Cecile Grant and Sandra Noftell spoke on their trip to Miramichi last April. They attended the "Gathering of the Guilds" meeting there. They found this very informative and a great exchange of ideas. These meetings are held every 2nd year and the next will be in Bathurst, N.B.

Connie Fullerton gave an update on the upcoming quilt show. Drop off your quilts early, don't forget to bring your cookies or sweets and pick up your quilts after show closing at 5p.m. on Saturday.

Fat Quarter Draw: Susan Mayo

Name Tag Draw: Bertha Mazerolle

November meeting: Sandy Gunning will have a sale of her fabric and goods. Don't forget, we will be buying our tickets for the Xmas dinner



Elaine Stairs & Ivy Curtis at the Keswick Ridge Quilt Show

Nametag Pins

Anyone interested in ordering an Elm City Quilt Guild pin with their name on it should see Sandra Tucker at the November meeting. The cost is \$11.00 per pin. They will be ready for pick up at the next meeting.

Anyone who wishes to order a pin after the November meeting can do so anytime they want by calling Ben's Trophies (450-1998) and picking it up themselves.

Stan Cassidy Centre – Cheryl Petreman

On October 3rd, makers of the “nautical theme quilts” were invited to a lovely thank-you reception and tour of the Stan Cassidy Centre. One of the highlights of the refreshments was the cake which was decorated with a cabin quilt . Curious minds thought to ask how that was accomplished...

Scoop & Save at 934 Prospect St (506) 459-7676 is able to reproduce a photograph onto rice paper, which is then laid on top of the icing.

It was quite fun to see where and how the quilts were hung throughout the children’s rehabilitation ward. Each one had an accompanying card with a title and the maker’s name. Whenever the theme of a quilt matched the name of one of the treatment rooms (ie: Seahorse), it was hung inside that room. Others were hung in hallways and waiting rooms to make the space more cheerful. . If you didn’t get a chance to make a nautical quilt, there’s still lots of wallspace!

I was struck by the huge contrast between how nice most of the children’s area is and how boring the walls of the adult areas are. If you have an extra wallhanging of anykind, I’m sure the adults upstairs would appreciate a little colour as well..

Free Motion Tips

Remember to pull the bobbin thread to the surface, so that you don’t get ugly knots.

Stop with the needle down.

Practice on a quilt sandwich! Start by writing a series of cursive eeee’s. Try to keep moving the fabric at a constant speed. When your eee’s look good, move up to cccc’s (lots of motifs require that you stitch back over the same line, ie: feathers)

It doesn’t matter if you’re getting small or large stitches, just try to make them all the same size. Your machine should be going fast, your hands slow.

You can’t quilt it, if you can’t draw it!
Practice large scale doodling. Fill paper with puzzle like “stippling” shapes. Repeatedly trace over single line quilting designs until you’ve trained your brain to follow the shape.

Proud Grannies:

Gwenda Mattinson has a new grandson.
Francis Mazerolle has a new grandson.
Jeanita Robinson has a new granddaughter.

dates to remember:

Meetings: Unfinished Project Days (UFPDs)

Nov. 6	Nov. 25
Dec. 4	Dec. 9
Jan. 8	Jan. 20
Feb. 5	Feb. 17
Mar. 5	Mar. 17
Apr. 2	Apr.21
May 7	May 12
June 4	

Feb. 16-18th Retreat at Villa Madonna

Attention Shoppers

The Fredericton SPCA gladly accepts donations of Canadian Tire money. They use it to buy supplies for the shelter.



Donate Sobeys' receipts by placing them in the collection boxes at store exits or dropping them off at the shelter. In return, Sobeys will make a donation to the SPCA .

Elm City Retreat at Villa Madonna – Connie Fullarton

It's hard to believe it's that time of year but the retreat will be here before we know it! For you new members who don't know--our retreat is the perfect way to relax, get to know other guild members, make new friends, sew, laugh, have fun, great meals, take a walk, shop and not have to do a thing you don't want to. This all happens February 16 to 18th, 2007 at the beautiful Villa Madonna just outside St. John.

We arrive around 10 AM on Friday morning and start unpacking our bags and setting up our machines. Once your machines are set up and you have a room you are free to do as you like. Each person has their own bedroom and we set up our machines in a big room on the main floor. If you have any special needs as to where your room is located such as bottom floor, near washroom, etc...please let me know. All meals are included in the cost and there will no need to bring any food.

On Friday night we have a meet and greet and a little show and tell. Since last years show and tell was so much fun with the Moda Squares from the year before. I have decided to ask each of you to make a miniture quilt the size of a doll quilt or smaller for show and tell. It can be any color or pattern the choice will be yours. Remember this is for fun and it could be a start on our next quilt show.

You can stay up all night and party and sew as you please. On Saturday morning don't be surprised to find some people sewing when you get up. Everyone is on their own today to work on their UFO's. In January or February our guild has a fabric swap where everyone is asked to bring so many strips of fabric a certain width for a certain pattern. At the workday everyone who participates exchanges fabrics so you get a lot of different fabrics to make a scrap quilt. Some people choose to work on this quilt at the retreat, the choice is yours.

On Saturday evening we have another show and tell and you will be amazed at what gets accomplished on the weekend. At this show and tell I have a request for each of you to bring a "pot holder" that you have made using whatever fabric and quilt pattern you desire. Please remember there will be no quilt police or judging, just a lot of fun! Saturday evening feel free to relax and sew or socialize in your PJ's. Fun and laughter are the priority and I can assure you there is never a shortage of good entertainment.

I am looking for someone to do a mini demo maybe 10 to 15 minutes long. If you can be of any assistance please let me know.

If you have any request for activites, etc...please let me know. Last year someone suggested we have a pattern exchange this year. Would someone like to organize this? I think last years book exchange was a success.

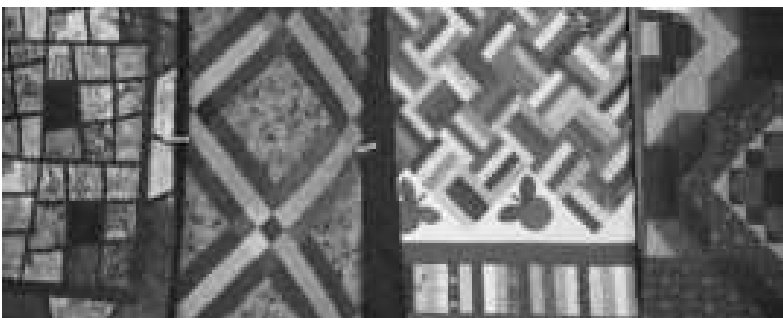
On Sunday we pack up after lunch and head for home wishing we had more retreats. The cost for this weekend is \$200. payable by the January meeting. I will be taking names at the November meeting and the Christmas party. Payment isn't necessary until the January meeting. Cheques should be made out to The Elm City Quilt Guild. After the January meeting anyone who has not paid will be put on a waiting list.

I love the retreats and the feedback is always so positive and rewarding I keep doing it. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Hope to see you in February.

Connie Fullarton 472-0794 fullak@nb.sympatico.ca

Elm City Quilt Show - Connie Fullarton

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The First Ever Elm City Quilt Show was a huge success thanks to all of you who took part! The show was beautiful! I am always amazed at the support and wonderful people we have in our guild and how we all pull together to get the job done. Thanks to the wonderful committee I had, Gwenda, Cecile, Flo, Sandra Day, Sandra Nottell, Jackie you are the best! Thanks to all of you who showed up on Wednesday morning to help set up. It reminded me of Santa's workshop, all the elves were busy it looked like the night before Christmas. Thanks to Sheila and Doris Kilburn for the wonderful job they did decorating the entry way, the Christmas section and the Red display. If you made cookies, made photo copies, entered quilts, wall hangings, runners, worked on the door, came to quilt, helped on Saturday cleaning up, helped register the quilts or dropped them off, picked them up, brought props, or just came to see the show, whatever you did Thank You! This was quite a venture for us but thanks to you we pulled it off and really WOWED our guests!



Country Crafts & Curtains is hosting a

Fall Thimbleberries Retreat

Friday, November 24, 2006
Marysville Heritage Centre

Drop in anytime between 12 & 9 pm and stay as long as you like. There will be a pot-luck dinner at approx. 5:30 pm.

Please call the store (454-2572) ahead of time to select from one of the projects from Lynette Jensen's *Christmas Countdown* book.

Fee is \$5 plus the cost of your kit.

Everyone welcome.

The village of Gagetown invites you to

Christmas in the Village

November 25 & 26th, 2006

Festivities highlight arts, artisans, antiques, homemade cooking and entertainment.

Contact Peter Thomas for more information at 506-488-2574 or kshackle@nbnet.nb.ca

The Keswick Ridge Historical Society presents:

Christmas on the Ridge

Sunday, December 10th, 6pm

Tour of homes, church & school. Reception to follow. Purchase tickets for \$15 each from Ruth Gilmore 363-3565.



!!Christmas Party!!

On December 4th, 2006 we will be having a Christmas buffet dinner at **Aggies Restaurant** 3696 Route 102 in Silverwood. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each at the November meeting. Anyone unable to purchase their ticket then should contact Cecile Grant at 472-8089 before Friday, December 1st.

Gift Exchange

A Fat Quarter (FQ) is a piece of 100% cotton quilting fabric that measures at least 18" x 22".

Each **gift** is to consist of a FQ of Christmas Fabric, a 2nd FQ of another fabric and a donation for either Chrysalis House (a refuge for girls aged 16 to 19) or the SPCA. Wrap your parcel so that only the Christmas fabric is showing. The recipient will take home the two pieces of fabric and place the donation in a designated box upon leaving the dinner.

Suggestions for Chrysalis House:

toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, hairspray, body lotions, barette
accessories: gloves, change purses, scarves, mitts, jewelry, gift certificates of \$5 or \$10
art supplies: paint brushes, picture frames, shadow boxes, small canvases
misc.: games, mysteries, crossword/sudoku books

Suggestions for the SPCA:

canned food for cats or dogs (the SPCA receives **free** dry food from Corey Pet Foods)
small, individual stainless steal or glass bowls (flat bottom) for cats
long nylon leashes (8'or more, **NOT** flexi); horse leads (for exercise/training)
good solid chew toys for larger dogs (ie: Kong), rawhide bones
scented pinesol, mop, broom, dust pan
printer paper (legal/letter, whie/colours), legal file folders
duct / masking / packing tape
Canadian Tire Money, Sobey's receipts



Mystery Quilt Part 2: 9-Patches – Cheryl Petreman

Using some of the 2" strips cut in Part 1, make the following number of 9-Patch blocks, each of which will have 5 squares of background fabric and 4 squares of 4 other fabrics:

Crib	Double	Queen
28	100	184

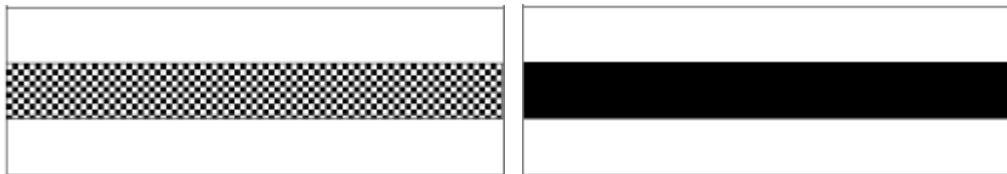
Make sure that you are using a scant ¼" seam allowance. If you are sewing accurately, then the result of sewing two 2" strips together, results in a strip-set that measures 3.5" wide.

Fabrics A, B, C & D refer to the minimum number of contrast fabrics in the block. They can be replaced by scraps, so that you have randomly placed fabrics throughout your 9-patch blocks.

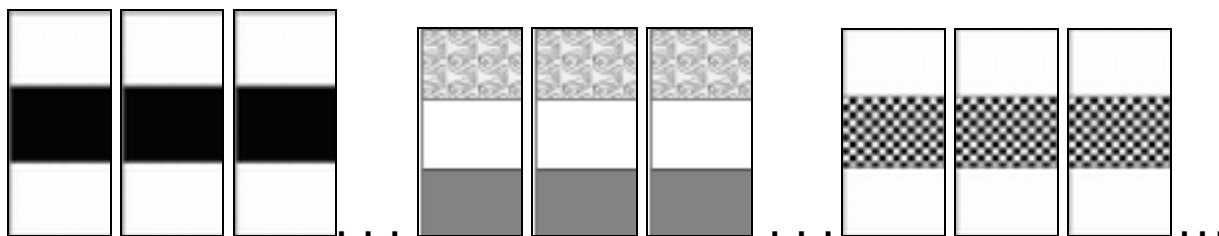
- 1) Piece a 2" strip of background fabric in between 2" strips of fabrics A & B.



- 2) Piece together a 2" strip of fabric C in between two 2" strips of background fabric. Repeat with fabric D.



- 3) With a rotary cutter, straighten one end of each of the strip-sets pieced together above. Sub-cut the strip-sets into 2"x 5" rectangles.



- 4) Sew the rectangles from Step 3 together to create the 9-patch block shown below. It should measure 5" square.

