



Elm City Quilters' Guild



February 2008

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Meeting Minutes of January 09 2008

Terry Teskey was acting secretary in Lois Estabrooks' absence.

80 members in attendance – Sandra welcomed everyone to our new meeting place.

Program: Janet Spurell spoke on how she became involved with quilting.

Financial Report: No report as Ann Wood has been ill.

Library – Kim Day reported that an Anonymous donor has donated 6 books to the library.

Workdays - Gwenda Mattinson will be teaching the Convergence method on Jan. 19th.
Sandra Day will be doing a fabric exchange workshop on Jan 26th Pippa Moore will be doing workshops in February.

A big thank you from the guild to Cecile, Connie and Joan's husbands for moving our file cabinets etc. to their new home.

Elaine Stairs informed us that spaces are still available in the Keswick Ridge Guild retreat at the Villa Madonna Jan. 18, 19, and 20.

Anyone attending The Elm City retreat being held Feb. 14, 15, 16, 17 are asked to make their payments this evening. The arrival date on the 14th will be after 6PM.

Jennifer Speedy delivered 22 adult bibs to the Hospital and York Manor.

There is a quilt show at Memorial Hall UNB Campus starting Jan 18 to Feb. 29.

Cecile Grant spoke on our quilt show, which will be in October. More info. to follow.

The Gathering of the Guilds will be held in Bathurst, April 25, 26, 27/08. The guild will be paying for 4 members to attend.

Fat Quarters – Donna Chase **Name Tag** – Willa MacLean

Information For Workdays / Workshops

Not everyone was at the meeting and they may not know that the workdays have been changed.

The **Convergence workshop** with Gwenda Mattinson was held on Jan 19. This class was full and only those who had already paid would be able to take it. The workshop was held at our new location, Gibson United Memorial Church.

The January workday and/or fabric exchange was held on Jan. 26.

The Monthly Workdays are booked for the third Sat. of each month. With this years retreat weekend falling on the 3rd Saturday this month the workday for February will be announced at our regular meeting on February 6.

Pippa Moore-

Fabrics, Quilt Patterns and Kits for Sale

Guild members will have the opportunity to purchase items from Pippa Moore when she is visiting Fredericton. Pippa will have Kitambaa Designs from her recently launched business, specializing in quilt patterns for African and other vibrant fabrics she imports, patterns from her original designs and some kits.

Where: Forest Hill Church on Kimble Court

Date: Thursday February 21st 4:00 to 5:30

Shopping Opportunity for Quilters going to this years retreat

> I understand that some members of the Elm City guild are retreating down to Villa Madonna from Feb 14 to Feb 17. As I have done in the past; I will offer a special that weekend for anyone who would like to come to the River Gallery as part of their "getaway". 20% off all regularly priced quilting cotton on the bolt. New arrivals include a wide selection of

> Balis and Batiks, new Asian prints, a large shipment of Sashiko products just in from Japan and a bunch of new woolens for those of you who have the "wool applique bug".

> During the winter I am only open by appointment on Thursdays and unfortunately I have an appointment in Saint John on Thursday morning. I would be willing to open from 2 - 5 pm, on the Thursday for anyone who wants to stop in on the way down to the retreat and then I will be open my regular hours on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm for folks on their way home.

The River Gallery and Textile Studio

506-468-9004

7310 Route 102 - part of the St. John River Valley Scenic Route

An illustration of a blue teapot, a blue pitcher, and several yellow teacups on saucers, arranged around a central text area. The background is a light green border with white floral patterns.

Oatmeal Chip Cookies

Sent in by Judy McInroy

The blend of chocolate, oatmeal and coconut make these a cookie-jar favorite

1 cup - Hard margarine (or butter) softened
2 cups - Brown sugar packed
2 - Large eggs
1 tsp - Vanilla extract

2 cups - All-purpose flour
1 tsp - Baking powder
½ tsp - Baking soda

2 cups - Quick cooking oats
2 cups - Semi-sweet chocolate chips
¾ cup - Medium unsweetened coconut

Cream margarine and brown sugar in large bowl. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla. Beat until smooth.

Combine next 3 ingredients in small bowl. Add to margarine mixture in 2 additions, mixing well after each addition until no dry flour remains.

Add remaining 3 ingredients. Mix well. Drop, using 2 tbsp. for each, about 2 inches apart onto greased cookie sheets. Bake in 350F oven for 8 to 10 minutes until golden. Let stand on cookie sheets for 5 minutes. Remove cookies from cookie sheets and place on wire racks to cool. Makes about 60 cookies

A Tip From Cheryl

The easiest method I've ever seen for resizing blocks is to cut out a square piece of paper the size of the desired, sewn block. Look at the pattern & decide if it's based on 2, 3, 4 or 5 rows/columns. i.e.: a 9-patch block is 3 rows of 3, an 8 pointed start is generally 4 rows of 4. Now fold the paper square the appropriate number of times (in 3rds, 1/4s, 5ths, etc).

Redraw the 'block' pattern according to the new grid.

Either use the drawn block to create templates, or simply measure the pieces & add 1/2" for seam allowances.

RETREAT UPDATE

Every year the highlight of my winter is going to our retreat at the Villa Madonna, however I just found out last weekend that I couldn't attend. My daughter "Julie Carrier" has been curling for 15 or more years and this year she is curling in Regina in the "Scott Tournament of Hearts". If there was some way to change the dates I would but our flight out is on the 14th of Feb. for 10 days. Several of you have called me and told me how much I'll be missed and I appreciate your kindness but I have asked some of you to help out in my place and I'm sure things will run just fine without me. I really hate to miss the retreat but I may never get the opportunity to see my daughter curl in this event again so I have to go.

The arrival time at the Villa is 6PM. Supper is not included on Thursday. Remember to bring all the necessary sewing supplies, thread, sewing machine, scissors, cutting board & iron (or share one with a friend) rotary cutter, lots of fabric, show and tell items, something with a snowman on it, scraps of fabric for a project, and your project with the charm packs you got last year at the retreat.

There are 48 members attending so it will be necessary for some of you to set up downstairs this year so you will have more room. I have assigned all the rooms and the list will be in the entryway at the Villa when you arrive. I think it would be best if all the people on the first floor stayed on the first floor to sew and some of you on the top floor could set up in the room in the basement. Spread out so you have lots of room to sew.

Thursday night will be Show and Tell as well as Saturday night. Make sure you take lots of pictures for me. I have asked Elaine Stairs to look after the retreat for me and I'm sure she will do a fantastic job. For any of you who need directions---

From Route 1:

Take Rothesay exit 133; turn left following Fox Farm Road to river. Take left onto route 100. Travel approximately 0.5 kilometers. Turn right under railway overpass and continue straight passing between stone pillars. Take the second driveway on the left.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any concerns before Sunday and after Sunday please call Elaine at 366-3042.

The telephone number for the Villa Madonna is toll free 1-866-783-3300 or 506-849-5125. In the case of bad weather you have all day Thursday to get there so be safe.

I know you will all have a wonderful weekend; I will be thinking of you and wishing I could be there, don't forget to take PICTURES for me!

Connie Fullarton