

FLOWER VALLEY QUILT GUILD

A Monthly Publication

FVQG Monthly Meeting
Third Thursday 7 pm
Next Meeting: April 16th
Zion Lutheran Church
123 Carson, Ferguson, MO

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Just a Reminder!

Remember to bring the following items to the next meeting:

- Nametag
- Money for Raffle Basket
- Optional Block
- Raffle Ticket Stubs & Monies

Teajuana's Tidbits

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We had a great show and tell with Roger Stillpast as our speaker. I've seen Roger out and about local quilt and fabric stores. I saw fabrics her recently purchased in some of the quilts. That inspired me to use up some of my stash and get it off the shelves. I enjoyed

Roger's quilts and he shared many different techniques and tips.

Spring is here and it's a great time to work on this year's challenge project, "Flower Valley Blooms." You have such inspirations just by taking a walk outside or going to a formal garden. Some trees blooming, others are growing leaves. The flowers are starting to grow as I notice during my walks. Visit the Missouri Botanical Gardens for inspiration. You'll get excited about the projects as well as a little exercise.

Quilt Show

We are working on modifying the bid for quilt standards for the quilt show. In addition, when I attended the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild show in March I talked with one of the board members to see if they'd reconsider letting us rent their equipment.

Members of the committee would like to incorporate a Brown Bag raffle into the quilt show. Anticipating higher expenses and lower income (from late raffle ticket sales and the economy) we propose this activity to help raise more money. Volunteers would make fabric items (small quilts, place mats, pot holders, totes, pillows, etc) that they would donate to the guild to be used in the raffle. Please contact Teajuana Mahone if you would like to donate and/or need additional information.

Reminder to submit quilts for the quilt show. We currently have 67 entries from 18 members. All members are encouraged to submit quilts into the show. Please complete the appropriate quilt show entry form and attach a photo or have one taken at a guild meeting by Waneatha Ebker.

Charity Tote Bags

The home decorator fabric samples are now depleted. I'm looking forward to collecting at least one tote from members who picked up samples at the meeting. We promised the donating company that we'd make something for charity with some of it. Make a bag or two and then use the rest however you like. Jo Ann Van Deven graciously forwarded this website to me with an easy tote bag pattern. You don't have to use it, but it's available. www.lazygirldesigns.com/blog/?p=913 The bags will be collected at the June meeting and will be donated to Voices for Children (the same organization we donated the children twin-size quilts to last year.)

Also, I was asked if donated and/or promotional bags (from libraries, insurance companies, sewing/quilting businesses, etc.) are acceptable. They sure are as long as they are fabric! Try to get them to me early and I'll figure out how to cover the logos with pockets or appliques (or you can cover the logos yourself.)

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Teajuana

Business Meeting Minutes

Mary Lou Hogan, Secretary E-mail: irishchain1@yahoo.com

Minutes for March 19, 2009

President Teajuana Mahone opened the meeting at 7 PM.

Vickie Unger introduced our speaker, Roger Stillpass, who was a former member of Flower Valley Quilt Guild from 1995-2005. He delighted us with his trunk show and reminiscences of his times with Flower Valley, starting with Doris McCall's Lone Star class at Retreat. He began quilting after his wife retired in 1991 and was learning to quilt. She stopped quilting and Roger began quilting. He related the story of trying to hand quilt using two bedsheets, one on the top and one on the bottom, and subsequently breaking at least three dozen needles. All of his early quilts are hand-pieced and hand-quilted. Now he gives credit to Diane Spann for machine quilting his quilts. He cautioned us about using dryer sheets when washing our fabric (may leave a residue). Also, reminding us of the old adage to "measure twice, cut once".

Minutes stand as printed.

Treasurer's Report stands as printed.

Break 7:50 PM to 8:10 PM.

Tip of the Month: Teajuana Mahone

If anyone has trouble with long rulers moving as you cut long strips with the rotary cutter, then her solution is to begin your cut, then stop cutting and move your left hand higher up on the long ruler, being careful to not move the ruler, then cut again. Do this as often as needed. Jane Sepanski advised keeping your little finger on your left hand over the edge of the ruler to anchor it.

Membership: 53 members present and no guests. Sarah Carr-Jordan announced that from now on, only those members wearing a name tag will be eligible to win an attendance prize.

Workshops: Carol Peck

There are openings for March 28 Machine Trapunto with Barb Bolesta. June 6 is new date for Hand-Quilting with Theresa Prosser. Classes coming up for X-Block with Teajuana Mahone and Sweatshirt Jackets with Connie Barnett.

Charity Quilts: Judi Linville

Judi asked for volunteers to finish charity quilts on Saturday, March 21, at the church.

First Thursday: 7 PM at Wanetha Ebker's house, in April.

Optional Blocks: 17 Memory Star blocks were won by Jennifer English.

Raffle Basket: Vickie Unger was the winner.

Official Business:

P O Box did not get renewed in time to keep it, therefore new number will have to be assigned. Motion given by Doris McCall to go forward with getting a new box, seconded by Kathy Gilbert, and passed. Jane Coons offered to print new labels to cover old address on stationery and envelopes.

Nominations Committee has one candidate for president, Judy Kooi. Nominations are still open and the voting will take place at the April meeting.

Set-up for quilt show was discussed because of an anticipated cost increase.

Sue Trommler recommended that our website be updated.

Tote bags made from donated fabric need to be turned in at the June meeting.

Cynthia Bonds has been asking quilt shops to donate fabric for the Heroes quilts. She had several more kits available. Blessings donated a whole bolt.

Projects from the Retreat were shown and advised that the Dump Bag pattern would be posted on the yahoo group site.

Deadline for items sent to newsletter is always the Wednesday after the meeting.

Show and Tell: 1 penny rug, 1 mini quilt, 1 tote bag, 3 baby quilts, 2 wall quilts, 8 quilts.

Submitted by Mary Lou Hogan, Secretary

First Thursdays

July 2, 2009

If you like to host a first Thursday in your home for July 2009, contact Teajuana Mahone. 314/868-8209 or E-mail: teaquilts@teaquilts.com

April 2, 2009 at 7pm

Hosted by: Wanetha Ebker
1693 Kew Gardens Drive ,Florissant, MO 63031
314/921-24329

May 7, 2009 at 7pm

Hosted by: Mary Ann Stabenow
440 Newport Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376
636/441-0331

June 4, 2009 at 7pm

Hosted by: Cynthia Bonds
7375 Wellington Avenue, University City, MO 63130
314/566-9910

June 2, 2009 at 7pm

THIS COULD BE YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW
OFF YOUR STASH!
CALL TEAJUANA TODAY!

Treasurer's Report 2/25/09 to 3/25/09

Sue Trommler, Treasurer 314-921-2162

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Cut To/Deposit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		<u>Opening balance</u>	\$11,965.92
<u>Disbursements</u>			
	Mercy Retreat Center	Final payment for 2009 retreat	\$3,925.50
	Kathy Parks	Printing and postage for Mar newsletter	\$43.59
	Roger Stillpass	February speaker (fee and mileage)	<u>\$135.00</u>
		Subtotal	\$4,104.09
<u>Income</u>			
	Connie Barnett	Vendor fee for quilt show	\$55.00
	Quilt-A-Lot Fabrics	Vendor fee for quilt show	\$55.00
	Kathy Parks	Raffle Tickets	<u>\$127.00</u>
		Subtotal	\$237.00
	Balance as of 3/25/09		\$8,098.83

OPTIONAL BLOCKS

Debra Hamman

It was pointed out to me that a template for one of the Optional Blocks is missing from the booklet. The August Block template measures 6 1/4 x 6 2/16. You can go to the web site at www.quilterscache.com and print one out if you need it. I will have some copies at the next meeting also. Sorry! Debra

Guest Speakers

Vickie Unger, Vice President
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April

Heritage Quilts
Hand-me-downs from
a previous generation

May

Delores Keaton
Trunk Show

June

Salad Supper
Challenge Quilts

UFO Days & Jamestown Quilters

Contact Theresa Prosser (921-0855) for additional information

Jamestown Quilters

Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Thursdays

6:30 - 9 p.m.

Jamestown Bluff Library

Work on any hand-sewing projects.

UFO Days

Lois Carson, Hancock's employee, has given us permission to meet at the Hancock's on Hanley & Pershall Road, on the 4th Saturday of each month, at 9:30 AM till closing.

Next meeting: March 28th

Bring your machine and finish up those UFO's or get help with a project.

April Birthdays

Sue Kaiser April 1
Debra Lewis April 1
Crystal Andert April 4
Carol Huston April 5
Gail Waisanen April 7
Judy Luebke Kooi April 9
Sandy Etheridge April 14
Peggy O'Connoe April 15
Theresa Applegate April 22

Special Projects Committee

Karen Lubbert & Kathy Harrison

The theme for the June 2009 Challenge is: Flower Valley "Blooms". This can be interpreted literally, figuratively, metaphorically. Again, any size entry, with ribbons to the sizes we had this year. (miniature/petite, wall, bed-size, and wearables) as well as appliqué, embellishment, and interpretation of theme.

PROGRAMS - HERITAGE QUILTS

Vickie Unger E-Mail: rjunger@sbcglobal.net

April's meeting is a great chance for you to share with the rest of the guild a quilt you own that's been passed down through time. We'd like to take a look at quilts from an earlier generation of quilters, hear some of their stories and why that particular quilt touched your heart. If you've got a photograph of the person who made the quilt, bring it with you.

If you're new to quilting, and this particular form of art didn't run in your family, bring a quilt you made and are planning to pass down through your children to future generations. Tell us what you hope your great grandchildren will discover about you when they see this quilt and what you hope it will mean to them.

If you have a quilt to share, but don't like the idea of standing up in front of a crowd, write your story on a piece of paper and display the quilt and let us read about your heirloom.

Quilts are a very powerful form of communication. In 2004 and 2005, I chaired the signature quilt projects for the auction at CBC High School. Each boy's signature was embroidered on a square by someone in his family. The quilt was raffled off at their charity event. Some people were hoping someday one of the boys would be president, or a writer or an actor or an athlete and the quilt would reflect lots of signatures of famous people. I was hoping one day a grown man would see the quilt, find his name, and tell his family that his mother made that for him while he was in high school. One boy touched my heart when his mother, who had never sewn before, asked if her block was good enough to be included, and he said it was good enough because she made it.

An English proverb says "A stitch in time saves nine". I think "a stitch in time makes for a good story". Share yours. See you in April.

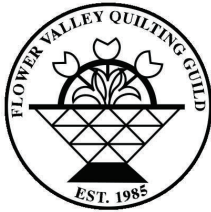
CHARITY QUILTS

Judi Linville 314-382-2535 or Vickie Unger E-Mail: rjunger@sbcglobal.net

We have been busy the last three months with quilts for charity-both for donation to the family of 6 that Doris McCall identified, as well as for Voices for Children, the court-appointed special advocates for children and youth in foster care in St. Louis. Our January meeting and two Saturday workshops have been set aside for this work, and several guild members have completed quilts on their own. At present, we have 26 quilts (16 twin/youth, 10 crib/baby) either completed or in process. There are 11 finished youth/twin size and 7 completed crib/baby size. In process we have 5 twin size and 3 crib size. Doris will choose 6 of the twin size for the family. **We need additional volunteers to tie two lovely twin quilts made by Judy Kooi that were birthed at the workshop on March 21, and a volunteer to birth another twin that has the backing and batting cut out for it.** These will be at the April meeting, or you can contact Judi Linville beforehand and she will deliver one to you! The committee (Judi Linville and Vickie Unger) asks that if you have taken home a top to sew or a sandwich to tie, or if you are completing a charity quilt at home, please try to have it completed no later than the June meeting. We want to get these donated before the term of officers changes. Thanks to everyone who has so generously donated fabric, batting, time and above all talent to create these fantastic quilts!

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Next Newsletter Deadline:
April 22, 2009

Calendar of Events

Quilts from the Heart

Hands All Around Quilt Guild
April 4th 9 am - 5 pm & April 5th 10 am - 4 pm
The Interstate Center
2301 W Market Street
Bloomington, IL
Information: Kirsten 309-452-8730

WORKSHOPS

Carol Peck Phone: 314-516-6359

The current workshops notebook only goes back to 2004-2005. We know that a notebook was kept but it was not passed on to Barb Bolesta when she became workshop chair in 2004-2005 nor has it been located since then. If anyone has an older notebook on workshops, or knows where it might be stored, I would appreciate hearing from you. This is an important part of the guild's history and it would be great to retrieve it.

A BIG THANKS

"Thank You" to Cindy Bonds for getting donations for the Homeless Veterans Quilts. The next time you're in one of the following quilt shops be sure to let them know how much the guild appreciated their donations.

Helen's Hen House	Binding, Borders & Squares
Raspberry Patch	Blessings

A big "Thank You" also goes to Sarah Carr-Jordan for all the decorator fabric she secured for Charity Quilts from Sunshine Drapery for tote bags.