

FLOWER VALLEY QUILT GUILD

A Monthly Publication

FVQG Monthly Meeting
Third Thursday 7 pm
Next Meeting: March 19th
Zion Lutheran Church
123 Carson, Ferguson, MO

www.geocities.com/flowervalleyquiltguild

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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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The Flower Valley Buzz retreat was a fun place to be. I enjoyed the entire weekend and it was definitely a lot of learning opportunities with all the projects worked on by

various attendees. I came home with the dump bag and Jitter Buzz quilt top completed. Then, at home I decided to make the Magic Trip Around the World quilt too. I'm asking retreat participants who worked on these three projects to bring them to the March 19th meeting for show and tell.

At the meeting the X-Block rulers were distributed. Many of you have asked for a class and I have asked Carol Peck to organize it. It's great that so many of you are motivated by the ruler, just like I am. It's a wonderful tool to have in your stash. If you didn't order a ruler and are interested in attending the class, it's not too late. Contact Barb Bolesta and she will order you one on her next purchase order.

The various sub-committee members for the Quilt Show have been working

behind the scene. We have a few agenda items checked off but also need your help. First, we are encouraging all members to sell \$20 worth of raffle tickets. The raffle quilt and quilt show are the major sources of funds to the guild. Ticket sales go toward guild program, charity events, guild incentives awards, attendance prizes, and general guild operating expenses. Also, if you have shown a quilt in the past but a photographer wasn't available to take a photo, please take a picture of the quilt and turn in to staff of the Show-n-Tell Committee. If you don't have capability of taking a picture, please bring the quilt into a guild meeting within the next two months to have a photo taken. More information will be forthcoming as the committee work to plan the show.

Are you having a problem with a quilting technique or quilt-related product? If so, let me know and I'll answer your question during the "President's Tip of the Month".

Type-u-later,
Teajuana

First Thursday for March 5th: LeeEtta Bryant

Business Meeting Minutes

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

Minutes for February 19, 2009 meeting.

President Teajuana Mahone opened the meeting at 7 PM.

Lenore Schuff introduced our speaker for the evening, Connie Chunn, whose talk would be about the Ladies Art Company. Connie is an avid collector of both information and memorabilia about the Ladies Art Company, which was the distributor of the first mail order catalog for quilt patterns and quilt blocks. She has researched this for the last ten years. One reason for her interest, was the fact that it all began here in St. Louis. Henry Brockstedt, printer and publisher, and manager of Ladies Art Company and Mercantile House, advertised cross stitch, beadwork, lace, punch needle, quilt blocks, quilt patterns (272 to choose from) in a book first printed in 1897. Quilt patterns were 10 cents. You could order a whole quilt made if you specified pattern and colors. His mail order catalog was the first one to sell nationwide. Over the years, his company changed hands but stayed in the family. In 1914, quilting designs were offered, the double wedding ring in 1922. In 1928, you could have blocks made for you for 35 cents. Calico was 15 cents per yard and 25 inches wide. To have a quilt hand-quilted, it would cost \$7 to \$15, machine quilted \$5 to \$10. Scallops were \$1 extra. First company to publish each design with the most pattern reference names in America. Predates Kansas City Star. Company closed in 1974. Connie brought show and tell of three tulip quilts from 1930's kits, three little kittens, and redwork 1920's quilt along with other historical items.

8:05 PM

Tip of the Month: Teajuana Mahone For on-line patterns that use squares and rectangles for scrap quilts, make a cheat sheet ahead of time to guide you. This would tell you how many of each size to cut instead of wading through a ton of reading and directions. Also on line, there are free patterns usually every month on each fabric website such as Moda, Timeless Treasures, RobertKaufman, Andover, Maywood, etc., etc.

Barb Bolesta has X Block rulers for people who ordered them

Workshops: Carol Peck

Another workshop to be given on March 21 will be Therapeutic Hand Quilting by Theresa Prosser, along with workshops on March 7 Crazy Patch with Judy Kooi, and March 28 MachineTrapunto with Barb Bolesta.

Debby Hughey has a sign-up sheet for a free online workshop for eight weeks through Quilt Campus. It begins in six weeks.

Please see Kathy Parks for tickets for the raffle quilt. The raffle quilt is being quilted and should be at the next meeting.

See Kathy Parks for a booth at the quilt show.

Break 8:20 till 8:35 PM.

Treasury report approved.

Charity Quilts: Contact Judi Linville if you need batting for a charity quilt.

First Thursday: 7 PM March 5 at Lee Etta Bryant's House.

Library: All new books are in circulation.

Membership: 69 members present and 4 visitors.

Debby Hughey won attendance prize for January and Joan Fink won attendance prize for February.

Newsletter: Items submitted to the newsletter are always due on the following Wednesday after the quilt meeting.

Optional Blocks: 17 paper-pieced Friendship Heart blocks won by Teajuana Mahone.

Resources: Thelmarene Hooper needs two more book orders before she can send for the next shipment. You can review the book list on the AQS site and then call her.

Raffle Basket: Lenore Schuff brought the raffle basket which was won by Joan Martin.

Special Projects: Wanetha Ebker has a fat quarters incentive for finishing UFO's.

A donation of home decorating fabric samples was given to us by Sunshine Draperies. These would be good for bags or charity quilts for kids. Wanetha Ebker suggested a workday to make bags for charity.

Hen House donated eight kits to make quilts for the homeless veterans who will be housed downtown in the Washington Avenue Apartments through the intervention of the St. Patrick Center's program called Project Hero.

Show and Tell: 7 tablerunners, 6 wall quilts, 6 quilts, 1 baby quilt. Laura Kaiser made a label police badge for Jane Sepanski.

Meeting ended at 9:35 PM.

Submitted by Mary Lou Hogan, Secretary

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First Thursdays

June 4th and July 2, 2009

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

March 5, 2009

Hosted by: Lee Etta Bryant
2138 Asher Ct., St. Peters, MO 63376
636/294-6380

Take hwy 70 west to hwy K. Go south on K to Cherrywood Parc Dr., make a left.(daycare & American Cleaners) Go to Sweetbay make a right. My house is the first house you see. 2138 Asher Court .

From the south- take hwy 64 (40) west to hwy K. Go north on K to Cherrywood Parc Dr make a right. Go to Sweetbay make a right. You will see my house.

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

Treasurer's Report 1/19/09 to 2/24/09

Sue Trommler, Treasurer 314-921-2162

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Cut To/Deposit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		Opening balance	\$13,191.98
<u>Disbursements</u>			
	Connie Chunn	February speaker (fee and mileage)	\$145.00
	Kathy Parks	Printing and postage for Feb newsletter and raffle tickets for quilt show	\$256.56
	Pallattine Renewal Center	Deposit for 2010 retreat	\$700.00
	Laura Kaiser	Friday night retreat teaching fee	\$50.00
	Lee Etta Bryant	Teaching fee (Sat.) and room at retreat	\$229.75
	Jane Coons	Teaching fee (Sat.) and room at retreat	\$229.75
	Drew Benage	Teaching fee for machine quilting workshop	\$100.00
		Subtotal	\$1,711.06
<u>Income</u>			
	Carol Peck	Fees for machine quilting workshop	\$200.00
	Madeline Gieselman	Retreat fee	\$120.00
	Quilted Garden	Vendor fee for quilt show	\$55.00
	Helen's hen House	Vendor fee for quilt show	\$55.00
	Accomplish Quilting	Vendor fee for quilt show	\$55.00
		Subtotal	\$485.00
	Balance as of 2/24/09		\$11,965.92

OPTIONAL BLOCKS

Debra Hamman

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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

Vicki Unger, Vice President
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March

Roger Stillpass
Trunk Show

April

Heritage Quilts
Hand-me-downs from
a previous generation

May

Delores Keaton
Trunk Show

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.

March Birthdays

Christine Jones Mar 4
Joan Fink Mar 5
Eloise Navy Hancock Mar 7
Gwen Clopton Mar 8
Mary Lou Esker Mar 11
Wanetha Ebker Mar 12
Ree Chapman Mar 18
Sue Trommler Mar 18
Nellie Fogg Mar 23
Barbara Cunningham Mar 24
Connie Barnett Mar 31

Special Projects Committee

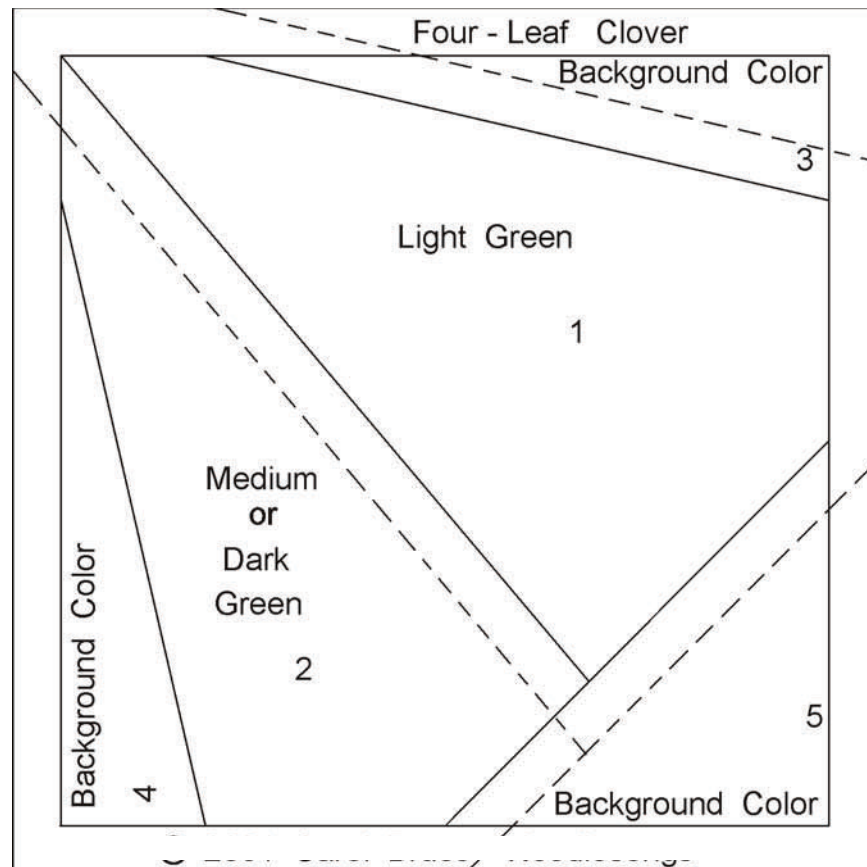
Karen Lubbert & Kathy Harrison

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.

8" Four-leaf Clover

The four-leaf clover is a symbol of good luck and was held in high esteem by the early Celts of Wales as a charm against evil spirits. The Druids considered them a sign of good luck and the mystique of the four-leaf clover still exists since finding one growing wild is rare.

This is a quarter-block and four copies need to be sewn together to make the whole design. Why not try making the block with pastel colors for a flower block or reduce the pattern on a copy machine and make your own lucky charm.



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Next Newsletter Deadline:
March 25, 2009

Calendar of Events

Quilt Expo 2009

Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis
March 20th - 22nd
Greensfelder Recreation Complex in Queeny Park
550 Weidman Road
Ballwin, MO

Fun Website

Sharon Jordan found this interesting site that she wanted to share with everyone. Be sure to check out the Artfull Bra section.
www.quiltersofsc.org

MAGIC NUMBERS TO ROTARY CUT PATCHWORK FOR BLOCKS

- ♥To cut squares and rectangles, add 1/2" to the finished size of the shape
- ♥To cut to half-square triangles from a square, add 7/8" to the finished size of the square. Cut the square on the diagonal.
- ♥To cut four quarter-square triangles from a square, add 1 1/4" to the finished size of the square. Cut the square on the diagonals.