

Piece of Mind

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Next Meeting:	Tuesday, July 8, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.
Place:	Zion United Methodist Church - across from Menard's
Snacks:	Linda Aldrich, Hazel Spindler, Kris Doering, Carol Hrizdak
Program:	Silent Auction



Pat's loose threads

Are you finding time to enjoy the weather and the beautiful foliage? Several guild members and I took the Heart to Hands one-day bus trip to the Minnesota Quilts Quilt Show. It was nice to go and leave the driving to someone else! We could enjoy the scenery and talk "quilt talk"! When we got to the show we must have seen about 12 guild members and a few we told were there that we didn't see. That is quite a number from our guild—in need of a quilt show fix! Although I belong to the Minnesota guild, I don't know much about their history. One of the quilt show committee show members told me that MQ is always one of the top 10 quilt shows (attendance) in the country—it always draws a larger crowd than Road To California and their numbers are similar to the crowd that travels to Chicago for the Spring Festival. They are also the largest all volunteer non-profit quilt show in the country! They have additional exhibits besides the judged and nonjudged quilts. These years' included some of Helen Kelly's quilts and quilts that had won in previous MQ shows. Several of this year's quilts have previously been in our quilt show. It is nice that MQ is just a state away!

Pam and Debbie gave us some highlights of the many classes that our guild members will be teaching at our fall Quilt Show. We can sign up now with payment via the Internet. Soon they will be asking for help with the

various jobs that make our show a success. Remember that this is our show and we can make it successful if we all do our part—no matter how large or small, they are all important.

If some members need a 'carrot' to help build enthusiasm I spoke to the quilt teacher at MQs who is certified to teach the Jodie Barrows method of rotary cutting various complex shapes easier and faster. Several members of our guild have asked for her as a workshop teacher. Her charges are \$300 to \$400 depending upon what we want for her to teach for the 4-hour workshops. We won't book workshops until after the quilt show bills are paid and the guild agrees upon the teacher and date. As we are speaking of 2009, Nancy W. is busy scouting new vendors for our show for 2009! Way to go Nancy.

At the July meeting we will finalize our plans for the August annual picnic. We did not budget specifically for this event. Suggestions were made for members to bring flowers from their gardens for centerpieces, paper items to be on the potluck checklist as well as picnic tablecloths. Let's keep it simple and inexpensive. It's the friendships and quilt making that is important and what we will remember in the years to come.

July's auction information is in the newsletter, so I won't repeat it.

Enjoy the weather and take some time for quilting.

Pat Hammeke

Meeting Minutes of Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Central Wisconsin

The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at the Zion Church.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pat Hammeke, President.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Ardith H. It was moved and seconded to approve the report; motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Mystery Quilt: Carol Shallock handed out the last clue and said that the quilts will be shown at the October meeting. There will be prizes awarded for first, second and third places.

Raffle Tickets. Romelle B. has tickets for guild members to sell in packets of 50.

Quilt Show Committee. Samples from the various classes were shown. Jean S. has sign-up sheets and the classes are \$10 each. The teachers will be paid \$25. Nancy W. said there are 19 paid vendors using 32 booths. There are still eight booths available. Pam L. said volunteers are still needed and a sign-up sheet will be in the newsletter.

Picnic. The annual guild picnic will be held at the August 12th meeting. Lisa B. has a sign-up sheet. Sandy Z. suggested that members bring a recipe card with their recipe on it. One or two a month could be put in the newsletter.

Silent Auction for the July meeting. Priscilla G. said members can set up at 5:30 p.m. and the auction will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Show and Tell: Joyce L. won the UFO prize. There were three door prizes given out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Beesing, Secretary

Upcoming Guild Events

Quilt Show Committee Meeting - First Tuesday of each month - 6:00 p.m. at the church

July 8th meeting - 7:00 p.m.

- Program - Silent Auction
- Quilt Show News and Updates
- Raffle tickets will be available - along with Quilt Show bookmarks
- Show 'n Tell



July Program

SILENT AUCTION

The auction begins at 5:45 P.M.
Business meeting at 7:00 P.M.

5% of sales will be subtracted from the sales as a donation to the guild.

To sell an item, please make a sales tag that includes: your name, name of the item being sold (ex. fabric, book...), the **MINIMUM** price that you would like to receive for the item, and room for lines for buyers to write their names and bids.

ALL prices are to **ONLY** be in **WHOLE DOLLAR** Amounts. If you have to combine several items to create a Whole Dollar, please do so.

If you are a seller, you will receive your money for items purchased at the August meeting.

Questions? Contact Priscilla at golzrp@tznnet.com or 486-9320

Quilt Show Updates

At this year's Quilt Show we will be able to have some long tables set up in the cafeteria and we are also going to get several used, clean and working sewing machines to use for the project. These are being donated for our use from the Sew Smart Sewing Machine store at Rib Mountain.

We will eventually be asking guild members, if you want to clean out your stash a little to donate fabrics in cut sizes. For an example, 4 1/2" squares, 2 1/2 x 4 1/2" rectangles and 2 1/2 x 6 1/2" strips. These sizes put together with **NO MATCHING** of any seams make a really interesting scrap block. 2" 1/2 or 3" strips to make nine patches in colors or white. More on this later. It's going to be a great way to sit and sew for a little while at the show. Other large shows have a 'sew for charity' table so people can sit and rest a bit, etc.

The website is updated with all the quilt show information and members can tell friends and fellow quilters they can find all the entry forms and class information at www.piecemakers.org.



Lyn's Lines

I've developed a really bad habit lately. It's embarrassing to admit, but I've really gotten sucked in by the afternoon 'do it yourself' shows on TV. I sit mesmerized by power tools and hardware, paint and spackle while the host spends his portion of the show talking directly to me. I'm fascinated by things like PVC pipe, metal flashing, hinges, and I feel slighted when the hardware store employees treat me like a "dumb girl". Well, I did have an opportunity to try my first project. The power tools are AWESOME, and the project turned out really well. My husband no longer doubts my abilities and has agreed to give me workspace in the garage. During the process though, I kept thinking about how my quilting experience has helped me to understand the logical sequencing of steps to reach a final product. There was 'unbuilding' and then reinforcing the item I was working on, a built-in piece that came out of the wall wobbly and weak; much like unsewing or resewing to strengthen and stabilize the seams of a second-hand quilt or to re-square blocks and pieces. Next there was cutting and piecing wood trim, very similar to adding sashing to a quilt - including miters! Every step of the way involved leveling and squaring up, making sure to have nice square corners and straight level pieces, an optical illusion in our

house. (In order to understand the importance of that part better you need to know that we live in an old farmhouse that was built long before the concept of level and straight were even recognized as something to consider. Hence the reason the water flowed straight across the kitchen floor and down the furnace duct when the dishwasher broke. I guess it's not always a bad thing.) As I sat crunched up in a ball under the shelving to put the last screws in place I cursed when the end piece clunked me on the head. The screws fell in the carpet, and I couldn't twist my body any more severely to locate them; the level slid down the wall and smacked me on the ankle. It was at that point that the differences between quilting and what I was attempting to do were becoming very clear. I've had some sore muscles and creaky bones after pin basting a quilt but not quite like that. And I don't recall ever having to have someone hold part of the quilt so I could make a cut or fasten two parts together, or unload the fabric from the truck. I don't get pinched fingers, blood blisters, or slivers, and I don't have to wear safety glasses. Still, it was a great experience, and I can't wait to see what's next.



Committees

2008 Raffle Committee:

Donna Hertzke, Chairman

Quilt Show Committee:

2008 Co-chairmen, Pam Loveland, Debbie Kroening

UFO Monthly Drawing: Judy B.

Lap Robes: Ardith

Sunshine Committee:

Nancy Brost (591-8252), Sandy Zdun (486-8237)

Presentation Quilts: Ardith H., Lisa B., Mauvice M.

Neonatal Quilts and Shrouds:

Martha W., Pam L.

Sleepover Coordination: Ardith

Mystery Quilt: Carol S.

Scholarship Committee:

Romelle B., Kathy S.

Production Quilt Chairperson:

Ardith H.

Orphan Block Projects:

Mauvice M.

Solicitations: Teri S., Donna H., Lisa B.

New Member Info: Priscilla G

Hostess Chairperson: Teri S.

Hope Lodge: Mauvice M.

Program Committee: Lisa B., Bonnie B., and Wanda K.

Something Fun! Something New!
Silent Auction -July 8, 2008

Set-up at 5:30 p.m., Auction begins at approximately 5:45 p.m. and will continue until the start of the Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. At that time the bids will be closed. At break time, please find the items where YOU are the HIGHEST BIDDER and take those items and price tags to a check-out station. Pay for your total purchase with cash or check made out to Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Sellers will receive a check at the August meeting (minus 5% to the Guild).

******Please take home any of your items that did not sell. ******

Rules to play Silent Auction:

1. Mark any quilt related items with prices. The prices are ONLY to be in WHOLE DOLLARS. Please remember this rule as you may need to combine a few items to reach a \$1.00, \$2.00, and so on amount. Also write your name on the tag.
2. To sell your items, 5% of your total sale will go to the guild treasury.
3. Unfinished quilts or kits are welcome.
4. SELLERS will set up their items and then may shop for themselves.
5. You do not have to bring Silent Auction items to participate.
6. Several check out stations will be available. Please take the item(s) that you are going to purchase with you to a check out station. The price tags will be added up and you are to pay for all your items. Payment may be in cash or a check written to "Piecemakers Quilt Guild." You are to take your purchases home with you. Price tags and names are to be placed in a notebook for the Treasurer.
7. SELLERS: At the August meeting you will be given a check for you sales with 5% of your profit donated to the guild treasury.
8. Why are the sellers not paid for their sold items until August? We have learned that another guild tried this event, but they spent many hours during the meeting trying to add the sales for each seller.

Questions? Contact the Program Committee or Pat Hammeke

Quilt Show Committee Minutes

June 3, 2008

Present: Ardith, Bonnie, Jean, Pam Loveland, Romelle, Priscilla

Meeting called to order at 6:00P.M. by Pam Loveland.

Jean gave the treasurer's report.

1. Raffle Quilt

- a. Raffle Quilt tickets are sold at the Quilt Show, but technically the Raffle Quilt belongs to the guild.
- b. Romelle has the photos of the 2008 Raffle Quilt and will be making packets of 50 tickets plus the photo for guild members to sell.
- c. The CD of the photo of the Raffle Quilt is needed. Please let someone on the Quilt Show Committee know if you have the CD. The Raffle Quilt photo needs to be scanned and enhanced for our website.

2. Bookmarks

Envelopes containing 50 bookmarks will be mailed to area quilt shops and guilds.
The cost is \$.70 to mail an envelope of 50 bookmarks.

3. Save the Date

- a. Performance Printing to print 1200 "Save the Date" postcards and will send by means of their bulk mailing rate.
 - b. Postcards will be sent to all who have entered a quilt in our past Quilt Shows.
- Example:

Save the Date
2008 Treasures of Tomorrow Quilt Show
Marshfield, WI/ Marshfield Middle School
Friday – Sunday October 31 – November 2
Over 250 Quilts with \$4000.00 in prize money!
Classes \$10.00 – Includes kit!
For more information, forms and photos go to
www.piecemakers.org
email: treasures.quilt.show@gmail.com
Debbie 715-305-3948 Pam 715-615-4244
Sponsored by Convention and Visitors Bureau

(must include MACCI as they gave us a \$500.00 grant for the Quilt Show

4. Ribbons - Need 58 – Hazel made 60 Thank you!

5. \$10.00 Classes

- a. Most of the photos of the samples have been done for posting on our website
- b. Class schedule is full
- c. Looked at the samples – Wow!
- d. Teachers to be paid \$25.00, same as last year and each can split the \$25.00 with classroom helper if they wish.
- e. Surplus kits will be sold at the Guild Sale Booth for \$8.00 and 10% of those sales will be donated to the guild.

6. Wanted: a place to store the 200+/- Quilt Show rods that are currently residing in the MACCI trailer.

7. Where is the Guild Banner? Last seen several years ago at the high school.

8. Donation Letters

a. Jean will write the letters. Pam L. will provide a sample of previous letters.

b. Past letters sent by MACCI

c. Add Herrschner's to our list of local business. No longer have fabric, but have large variety of fiber and paper art kits, books and supplies.

9. Show Booklet

a. Advertising space was sold to primarily for the cost of printing the show booklet.

b. We will be making some changes in the size of the show booklets. Winners, etc. will still be in it.

c. We are considering a "you are here" map and it will show how to get to our local quilt shops and other places of interest. MACCI awarded us a \$500.00 grant for the Quilt Show.

d. May have some coupons in an area on one side of the page. (Didn't we all love that Culver's coupon given in 2007?!)

e. List of winners will be done by the Record Keeper in the Judge's room. After judging is completed, the list will be copied and distributed to: CoChairs, Information Desk, Sign Coordinator, and Secretary

10. Special Raffle – We need a chairperson for that raffle. It would be trying to secure a sewing machine for the main prize.

11. Instructions for Instructors

Bonnie Bergman is writing instructions to all teachers to promote consistency in providing classes.

12. Two Day Tickets

a. 2-day tickets are being printed by computer.

b. How it Works: \$8.00 admission for a Two Day Ticket.

The ticket is given to the attendee when purchased. The next day that the attendee wishes to attend the Quilt Show, the ticket is collected for the second day admission.

13. Day of Set-up - Thur. October 31, Potluck lunch at the middle school

14. Review of now 7 pages of job descriptions for volunteer for the Quilt Show. Still revising but getting closer. Will retype and review again in July.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Golz

Things to Do, Places to Visit, Quilts to See

July 18-19, 2008.

"Hayward Quilt Show," Ramada Inn, Highway 27S, Hayward, WI. There will be demos, small quilt auction, vendors and special exhibits. Lecture both days at 1 pm with Gayle Bong. Contact Norma at: haywardpiecemakers@hotmail.com

July 31-Aug. 10, 2008.

"Wisconsin State Fair," State Fair Park, West Allis, WI. Entry deadline July 1. For more information, see the website at: www.wistatefair.com/home/2008_wi_state_fair/contests/textile.html

August 2-3, 2008. Wisconsin Quilters, Inc. meeting featuring Jean Lomar, Millie Sorrells and Carol Butzke

August 2, 2008. "Silver Celebration Quilt Show," Montello Grade School, 222 Forest Lane, Montello, WI. Sponsored by the Calico Capers Quilter's Guild. Hours 9-4 Contact Marirose Archambeau at mac4360@maqs.net for more information.

September 5-7, 2008. Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op. Enter the "Make It With Wool Competition" for garments and quilted items. For more info E-mail Carol at batten@tds.net or see www.wisbc.com, www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com

September 11-13 Quilt Expo 2008 Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison. Sponsored by Wisconsin Public TV and Nancy Zieman. www.wiquiltexpo.com

September 13-14, 2008. "The ABCs of Quilting," St. Joseph Catholic Church, Amery WI. Sponsored by the Apple River Quilt Guild. Hours are 9-5 Sat. and 11-4 Sun. Admission \$3.00. Raffle quilt, vendors, guild challenge, silent auction and demonstrations. For more information, contact: Nancy Drake at: 715 268-6910 or draken@amerytel.net.

Sept. 27-28, 2008. The 9th "Point to the Stars" Quilt Show, sponsored by the Star Point Quilters Guild, Stevens Point, WI. Saturday, September 27 hours are 9-5 and Sunday, September 28 9-4. Show is held at P.J. Jacobs Junior High School, 2400 Main St., in Stevens Point. For additional information, go to their website: www.starpointquilters.com



Book Review

Fabric Art Workshop by Susan Stein

I don't consider myself a contemporary quiltmaker but I am a contemporary (living in modern times) quilter. From time to time, I need something extra for my 'creative juices' to flow. In 2007 Susan Stein of Colorful Quilts published the book, Fabric Art Workshop: Exploring Techniques & Materials for Fabric Artists & Quilters. She walks the reader through 27 different techniques that utilize one or more of the following: painting on fusible web, inking, various kinds of paints, shaving cream for marbling, bleach, paint sticks, etc. Initially the book was published in hardback and was quite pricey (for what I wanted). Recently it came out in paperback and retails for \$22.95. Her chapters are quite short and give the quilter a quick synopsis or a different approach to fabric artistry.

Pat Hammeke



"Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January."

--Hal Borland