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TESSA Committee Report

By Debbie Pyeatt

WHO & WHAT:

The committee working on the stuffed animals and mini quilts for TESSA, would like to invite all QAC guild members, and your friends on the first Thursday of each month from 10 am to whenever, for a work day. Stop by and just chat, or hopefully, stay and sew. Pick up fabric to make a quilt, or drop off one that is completed. Clean, like new animals, fabric scraps and batting pieces also accepted!!! We could certainly use your help!!

WHEN:

First Thursdays, 10 am to

WHERE:

Highland Lakes Community Bldg. in Divide

BRING:

Whatever you need to sew or cut with.

Bring a lunch for yourself, a snack to share? There is a kitchen in this building w/microwaves to reheat your lunch items.

Hot tea and coffee provided.

WHY:

The need for these items is beyond imagination!!!

To be able to hand a child a toy that they can hug and keep, when they have been taken from a horrible situation with nothing of their own---is indescribable!!!

Lots of fun, friendship & chit chat!!!

CONTACT: Debby Pyeatt at 687-1826 or Judy Hayward at 687-1954 for directions and/or a map!!

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

ALTO'S QUILT CUT 2

Cindy DeMore has a friend who can obtain this fantastic tool for a reasonable price (about 1/2 plus shipping). However, she has to order 3 at a time. Cindy has 2 people who want to order one. If anyone else is interested please let her know. If you want to find out what it is, go to www.quiltcut.com.

RED DRESS BLOCKS

Cindy DeMore will leave copies of the Red Dress paper-piecing pattern at Nuts & Bolts. She hopes you will take on this fun little challenge so we can help make a difference in Heart Health research. As soon as we collect enough blocks, those who want to be involved can meet and start putting something together. Please let her know or leave your name at Nuts & Bolts if you are interested in helping out

BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

By Baroness of Needles

BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

* For clarification, if you signed up for either or both BOMs, it in no way obligates you to keep up or finish. For instance, you received 2 patterns in January; if you only finish one, then bring that one to the next meeting and you will get to put your name in once for the year-end drawing.

Whenever you finish the other one and bring it to the meeting, then you can put your name in for that one. If it proves to not be your cup of tea, you are under no obligation to continue with either one. The Crazy Quilt drawing is monthly and the winner receives a few pieces of "bling" for the next month's block. Again, you can put your name in for each block you bring completed. "Bling" winners for January & February were Nancy Henninger & Pat Steiner.

* The sign-up sheets for both will be at each meeting so that new members or absent members may sign up if they wish and be updated with all patterns that have been missed. In other, it's never too late to start if it catches your fancy.

* Crazy Quilting: I neglected to provide all the information you needed at the meeting for finishing the blocks so I will be writing them up and getting them to you either by e-mail or snail mail. I also forgot to point out that each section of each block had some size specifications in parentheses. If you cut your piece of fabric to the indicated size, it will easily fit the space when you add it to your block.

* If anyone wants to form a subgroup to work on these projects, please let me know and we will work something out.

* HAVE FUN! I can't wait to see what you all do!

Cindy

NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Cindy DeMore has the NQA individual membership applications for those who indicated an interest in joining so that our QAC may join. She will mail these to you if she doesn't have a chance to deliver them personally soon. Membership cost is \$25 for 1 year or \$45 for 2 years.

Chapter Benefits:

- * Access to insurance coverage during your quilt show to cover both the quilts & personal liability
 - * Specially printed ribbons for your quilt show (at a reasonable cost)
 - * Copy of the Quilting Quarterly magazine for the guild library
 - * Opportunity to share through the Quilting Quarterly
 - * A free announcement for the guild's quilt show in the Quilting Quarterly & in the List of Events on the NQA website.
 - * An official Charter & Seal
 - * A copy of the NQA Bylaws
 - * Sale items listed in the Quilting Quarterly
 - * Other:
 - Grant & Scholarship Program
 - Quilt Teacher Certification Program
 - Quilt Judge Certification Program
 - Master Quilt Program
 - Short Course on Quilt Judging
 - Reduced fees for classes & quilt entries in Annual Show for NQA individual members
- Responsibilities of NQA Chapter: Appoint or elect an NQA Chapter Coordinator
- Duties of Coordinator:
- * Provide correspondence from NQA
 - * Keep chapter members informed of NQA activities
 - * Keep updated file on all NQA programs & service for the chapter members
 - * Handle annual chapter renewal (\$20) & submit to NQA with updated chapter information
 - * Send to NQA chapter newsletter and information to the current NQA Chapter Coordinator
 - * Provide newsworthy items, photos, & updated material to editor of The Quilting Quarterly.
 - * Initial dues are \$30.

2009 Charm Square Exchange

by Jeanie Brooks

Charm squares are 6" fabric squares containing themes, colors, or styles. They must be cut from 100% good quality cotton. If we all wash and iron the fabric before cutting the squares, shrinkage or color bleeding should not be a problem. You should get 15 to 18 squares from 1/2 yard of fabric. Buy a little extra to keep some for yourself, as the 1/2 yard will be used up in our exchange.

Cut 6" strips from your fabric and then subcut into 6" squares. Place squares in a zip-top plastic bag and write your name, phone number and number of squares in your bag on the front. You will receive the same number of charm squares back the following month, all in different fabrics.

Charm square themes for 2009

February- Red and White print

March- Children's print

April- Black and White print

May- Batik fabric swap

June- Stars, Planets or Sky

July- 4th of July print

August- Mountain or Tree print

September- Plaid or Striped print

October- Fall fabric print

Nov/Dec- Holiday fabric print

Call Jeanie if you have questions: 684-9184

Quilting for the Advocacy Center

The next session of Quilting for the Advocacy Center will take place on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 in the Community Room of the Woodland Park Public Library, 218 E. Midland. The meetings will take place from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Dates for the first half of 2009 are:

Thurs. Feb 26, 2009

Thurs. March 26, 2009

Thurs. April 23, 2009

Thurs. May 28, 2009

Thurs. June 25, 2009

All of the 2009 dates are at the Woodland Park Library from 10 am to 4 pm.

What to Bring to the February Meeting

February meeting "checklist":

- Red and White charm squares
- Door Prize
- Block(s) of the Month
- "Little Red Dress" blocks
- Ovarian Cancer blocks

Quilt A SONG Challenge

By Andra Kroening

Take the challenge and create a quilt base on you own interpretation of a song title. Yes, you get to choose you own song. There are a few rules; Your quilt can be no smaller the 12" X 12" or a circumference of 48". It can be no larger then 36" X 36" or a circumference of 144". The quilt must be completed by July's guild meeting. At that time the submitted quilts will be displayed for the membership to vote for a winner. The winners will be awarded a \$50.00 gift certificate from Nuts & Bolts. This will be so much fun, so please take the challenge. Here are some song hints:

Blue Moon

Blue suede shoes Rhapsody is Blue

Devil with the blue dress on Yellow rose of Texas

White Christmas

Ebony and Ivory

Wild Thing

(Get the Idea?)

TCRAS Event March 28

By Sue Kongs

The Teller County Animal Shelter (TCRAS) will hold its annual winter event on March 28. It is a western theme "Wild Whiskers Live Auction and Chili Dinner". If anyone would like to provide an item for the auction, it can be given to Sue Kongs at the February or March meeting, or call her at 689-5654 for pickup. There will be a professional auctioneer which should bring higher bids.

Arlan Gerhardt's Biography

By Grand FooBahress Of Exquisite Stitches

I was born on Junteenth, 1950 (it's a little know historical date, but I've made it my mission to elevate the date's status!!!). My undergraduate degree is in violin from Kansas State Teacher's College (where's that, you ask? It's in Emporia, KS). After graduation I played in the Oklahoma City Symphony for one season. Then Ken and I were married and moved to Vienna, Austria where I worked for the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and Ken studied piano at the Vienna Academy of Music. At IIASA I acquired my interest in computers. As IIASA was an exercise in East-West détente, emphasis was placed on "high tech" systems and there was extensive use of computers. Stefan was born while we lived in Vienna. Accordingly, when we returned to the USA I obtained a Master's in Library and Information Science from Indiana University in Bloomington. I worked for IU for a couple of years and Michael was born in Bloomington. In 1984 we moved to Kansas City and we both worked for TWA for several years. I took disability from TWA in 1991 no thanks to MS. Soon we moved to Wichita, then to Connecticut, then to Dallas, then to Omaha and finally we retired to Woodland Park.

I began quilting in May of 2000 in Omaha. Omaha has a very rich quilting culture. The Omaha Quilter's Guild has over 400 members and brings well-known quilters/teacher to nearly every meeting. Therefore I was abundantly blessed in those early years; for instance, Becky Goldsmith taught my very first applique class!

Now I look forward to helping the same sort of quilting culture grow in Woodland Park. The quilters here are extremely talented and seem to be looking for opportunities to grow and develop. There are young and new quilters showing all sorts of potential. There are a variety of

avenues to serve the community! How exciting for all of us!

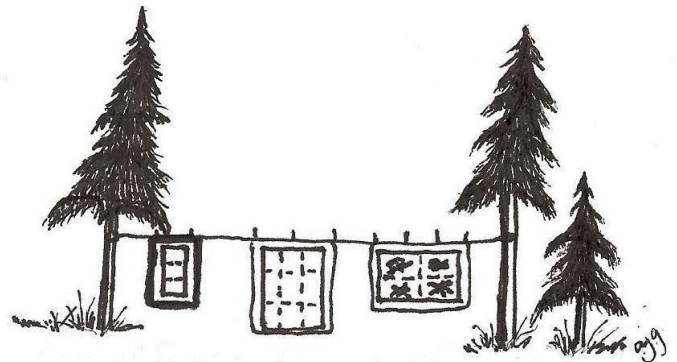
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“Leaders and Enders” into “Disappearing 9-patches” into Pet Quilts

Probably many of you remember Bonnie Hunter’s chain piecing technique of “leaders and enders”. If you have an abundance of the resulting 2-patches sitting around, here’s a suggestion for a project from them: make “disappearing 9-patch” quilts for stuffed animals to donate to the TESSA project. Here are some sketchy guidelines.

1. First, obviously, sew the 2-patches using the “leaders and enders” technique (source is listed below).



2. Four 2-patches and a single patch will make a 9-patch. Here they are laid out as per Bonnie’s method of constructing a 9-patch:



3. Slice a completed 9-patch evenly through the center in both directions (no photo) which will result in 4 smaller blocks. **Jeanie Brooks is teaching a class in this technique (or one very nearly the same) called “Slice-it-up Scrap Quilts” at Nuts n Bolts Needleworks on Sat., March 14, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** There is also a link to an online tutorial listed below

4. Sew the smaller blocks into a “critter quilt”!



A full discussion of Bonnie’s “Leaders and Enders” Technique may be found at:
<http://quiltville.com/leadersenderspf.html>

Bonnie’s method for constructing a 9-patch is described at
<http://www.quiltville.com/sisterschoice.shtml>

A tutorial for the disappearing 9-patch technique may be found at:
<http://quiltsatcs.blogspot.com/2007/04/disappearing-9-patch-tutorial.html>

QUILTERS ABOVE the CLOUDS

January 30, 2009

Minutes

By Nancy Henninger

Meeting called to order 1:15

President -Jeanie Brooks welcomed new members and guests.

Treasurer- Jeanie Brooks announced that an official Treasury report would be given next month by Treasurer - Judy Cooper.

The Board clarified that any expenditures or reimbursements over \$150.00 had to be approved by the Board first.

It was suggested by Jeanie Brooks that Vern Harris be made an "Honorary Member" of our Guild. Susie O'Connor moved and it was a unanimous second. A \$100 grant is available for QAC on behalf of Susie O'Connor through her employer Kroger Foods and their program "Dollars for Doers". Jeanie Brooks suggested we pursue this based on Susie's charitable works with Advocacy and our Guild.

Jeanie Brooks reviewed all Committees and their Chairs.

Our President encourages the forming of "sub groups" within the Guild to further enrich our knowledge and skills and a fun way to get better acquainted. Secretary - Nancy Henninger read the correspondence received.

The Charm Square was reviewed for new members.

Block of the Month - Cindy DeMore shared information and samples of the BOM, the "red dress" blocks and ideas for a project using them. All blocks for ovarian cancer go to Cindy.

Cindy also asked for volunteers to join the NQA (National Quilters Association) and explained some of the advantages this would bring to our Guild. Six ladies volunteered.

There was a brief discussion about ideas and suggestion for the Quilt

Show in September. It will coincide with the Antique Car Show.

VP of Programs – Windy

Dillenschneider discussed upcoming programs, possible workshops and a "special surprise" at a later date involving strips of fabric 2 ½ " x wof (width of fabric) to be brought to February meeting. Wendy will submit a proposed change in the By-laws regarding programs at the February meeting.

Mary Beth Wujick of Nuts and Bolts fabric shop announced that the shop will give a discount of 10% all the time to QAC members. You must have your membership cards.

VP of Memberships – Kathleen Grenfell is working on the Membership cards and will have them available soon.

All announcements are to be given to Arlan Gerhardt for publication in the News Letter.

The guild signature quilt teddies/trees are due in at the February meeting.

The need for further Liability Insurance will be discussed during the March meeting.

The Library will not be available for some meetings. See the NL for posting.

Cindy DeMore is collecting recipes used for our Holiday Party. She will compose a "recipe book".

Special Projects – Andrea Kroening.

There will be a "Quilt a Song" challenge to be completed by July. See Andrea for further information.

There will be no "Fabric Sales" this year. The "Monthly Auction" will be known as the "Monthly Attendance Prize".

Break for refreshments.

Meeting adjourned 3:07

**Andrea Kroening – Trunk show
Show & Tell**

Quilters Above the Clouds

**The Quilter's Guild of Teller Co., CO
Meets the last Friday of each month
from 1PM – 3:00PM**

Woodland Park Public Library

218 E. Midland,

Woodland Park, CO 80863

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Kathleen Grenfell, Vice President, Membership

Wendy Dillenschneider, Vice President, Programs

Nancy Henniger, Secretary

Judy Cooper, Treasurer

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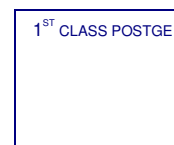
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