

Quilters above the Clouds Newsletter

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Letter from the Prez

By Czarina Quilt Gadget Fiend

Thank you Wendy Dillenschneider for conducting our program and sharing tips on how to use EQ6 at our February meeting & we all send a warm thank you hug to Vera Broyles and Stella McVicker for their wonderful job as our hosts last month. They set just a beautiful table of red and white, including darling furry friends and many good things to eat and drink. I did a taste test of each food and beverage item - - just for the members' sake of course. Isn't it the job of the Prez to check things out for you guys?

Andrea Kroening is off and running on venue and date for our 2009 fund raising auction. It is time for all of us to begin to focus on what we can do that would be fun, fulfilling, and help make this worthwhile event a success for QAC this year. Remember when I spoke to each one of you personally in Nov./Dec. last year and

shared that Andrea had presented this brilliant idea to me for raising the money we need to operate our guild? You told me this was a wonderful idea! You advised me that getting together with a few friends (or a way to meet new guild members) and making something enjoyable to auction to the public sounded like more fun and more appropriate to our art of quilting than feeling you must bring money to each guild meeting to support our expenses. I believe that if we start these projects together now, it will be fun and relaxing; bring some laughs to us, as well as memories of special times this year. However, if we wait until Nov. to tackle this project, it is likely to add stress and time constraints to our already busy holiday prep time of year. Let's have fun with this and make

some beautiful items just for the enjoyment of our quilting art as we make time for it throughout the year. Auction items can be anything from a table runner or placemats or coasters to a finished quilt of any size. Knit or crochet items would do well also. Anything you feel someone would be willing to bid on for him or herself or for a gift item for people they care about.

You can also help Andrea with our auction project if you know a chef or a baker you could approach about contributing a "Decadent Dessert" for the dessert tasting part of our auction. We will also be asking coffee and tea companies to donate quality beverages as well. The restaurant, bakery, or beverage company will be promoted with a sign at the table during this tasting. Please share your ideas with Andrea first, as she may have plans already to contact those same parties about a contribution. If we all put our minds and hands to work on this, we will have a great successful event and enjoyable evening with a spouse or guest. (cont. on pg. 2)

Letter from the Prez, cont.

I was so proud to be a part of this guild at our Feb. meeting. I had just enjoyed lunch with my good friend, Cindy Pring, and told her how much I admire and respect these dear and talented members in our guild, with their caring hearts and their passion and talent in this great art of quilting. Cindy came to the QAC meeting with me and she was so delighted with members she met and impressed with seeing the incredible tables of children's quilts for the advocacy center to use, and the darling stuffed animals with quilts for TESSA to have for children in safe houses, Cindy joined our guild on the spot. She is from Colorado Springs, and I am delighted to have her as a supporting member of our guild.

Vicki Shaffer of Cascade also joined our Guild in February. Vicki shared her beautiful Hawaiian quilts to everyone's delight. Vicki has lived in many places as a military commander's spouse and she has belonged to quilt guilds in Alaska and Hawaii. Her West Virginia quilt guild had an enormous membership which included internationally known quilt artist Jenny Beyer as a member! We are pleased to have Vicki join us and know she will have valuable experience to share with our mountain guild.

I am also pleased to welcome new member Lisa Diamond who is quickly becoming a great quilter. Lisa innocently took a class from me in order to complete a quilted item for a Christmas gift last winter, and -voila - - another quilt addict is with us! Lisa is a Nurse Practitioner, originally from Chicago, who moved to our area five years ago. She still works full time at CSHP in Colorado Springs, but promises to attend as many meetings as she possibly can. She also hopes to help with the weekend quilt show and with other projects when she can help our guild. Lisa has a great eye for color and design already and she is moving forward like no rookie with her newly found passion for the art of quilting.

Julie, from TESSA will present our program in March and will advise us about TESSA and the things they provide our community.

Ann Seymoure of the COS Quilt Guild has just provided us with 6 darling mini quilts to be placed with stuffed animals for our TESSA children's program. Many of you met Ann when she came up for our meeting in January. She is Chairman of the Charity Quilts project in Colorado Springs and works very hard to see that the cas Quilt Guild provides hundreds of quilts to "Safe Passage" yearly, while Ann still works full time as a hospice nurse. Many thanks to Ann Seymoure.

Debbie Pyeatt has started a "FAT QUARTER BASKET" for us all to enjoy. You must put in a fat quarter you no longer want in order to take out a fat quarter you do want. Debbie also shared an idea of charging a fat quarter for overdue books not yet returned to our guild library, and adding those "fines" to our new basket. She will bring the basket to our March meeting.

Our library received a huge shot in the arm in March from Cathy Mikkelson of Monument, CO. Cathy is an esteemed member of the COS Quilt Guild of many years. She has just given me a fabulous donation of two full boxes of new and like new quilting books to add to our guild library at QAC. All of these books are great additions. Thank you so very much, Cathy Mikkelson

Please come and join us March 27th @ 1:00 p.m. for a very important meeting and day together. All members are also welcome at the Board of Directors meeting April 9th @ 1:00 p.m. in the classroom at Nuts and Bolts Needleworks - - where we're nuts about our bolts of fabric.

Stay safe dear friends, until we meet again in quilting. Jeanie Brooks

Quote of the Month

"All colors are the friends of their neighbors and the lover of their opposites."

-Marc Chagall

Contributed by Barb Oliver

January Door Prize Winners

Cindy DeMore
Jan Simpson
Judy Hayward
Rachel Scarlata
Paulette Krueger
Congratulations!

February Door Prize Winners

Scott Beaver
Kim McMurry
Congratulations!

Area Quilt Shows and Activities

Denver National Quilt Show

April 30 - May 3, 2009 Denver Merch Mart
Take ! -25 North to Exit #215 (58th Ave);
turn right on 58th Ave.

CAPITOL QUILT SHOW

100 quilts displayed in the halls of the
State Capitol Building in Denver from June
2nd to August 19th when the capitol is
open.

Pat Richie, Trunk Show

For those interest in applique:
April 9th 6:00 PM
Pat Richie, member of the Colorado Springs
Quilt Guild, will be presenting a Trunk
Show/general information session on hand
applique.

Pat will also be providing a workshop on
Saturday, April 11th; a \$5.00 kit will be included.

QUILT AND STITCH EXPO OF PUEBLO

Friday, April 3rd 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday,
April 4th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Journey of an Art Quilter with David Taylor.

David Taylor's lecture will be at the June Meeting of the Colorado Springs Quilt Guild on June 11th at 6:00 pm. He will also present a workshop on Sat., June 13, 2009 -- 12 members of our guild expressed interest in attending and have placed held for them.. The workshop fee will be \$40.00. The class has been moved to the largest classroom at Ruth's stitchery in Colorado Springs, but even in that space, the class is now full. We have been assured the 12 spaces for QAC members and Jeanie Brooks will be collecting the names and payments; she will provide the supply lists at that time. David Taylor suggests you also bring a picture or drawing for what you want to make. If you need a kit for inspiration and with which to learn - one will be available for \$30.00.

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. 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.

At the February Meeting Jeanie noted there is a need for larger quilts approximately 50" x 70".

What to Bring to the March Meeting

March meeting "checklist":

- Children's print 6" charm squares
- Door Prize
- Block(s) of the Month
- "Little Red Dress" blocks
- Ovarian Cancer blocks
- TESSA Animal and Quilts

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" with a Live Auction and Chili Dinner. There will be a drawing for \$1,000.00 prize! Admission tickets are \$20. If anyone would like to provide an item for the auction, it can be given to Sue Kongs at the March meeting, or call her at 689-5654 for pickup. There will be a professional auctioneer which should bring higher bids.

Annual Dues

Please remember that your 2009 dues must be paid at or before the March meeting or, according to the by-laws, you must be removed from the membership roster.

Attendance Prize

Kathy Paul was the winner of the February "Attendance Prize". The February prize was a lovely bag made by Barb Oliver.

Hospitality Note

Our hospitality chair, Shari B., is happy and able to arrive *early* and set up the meeting room for our monthly meetings. However, she would like to ask for guild member's help in the take down process. Could some members please lend a hand? Maybe a few members would volunteer to do this together for each quarter of the year, so it is not so burdensome on the same people each and every time. Many thanks!

Shari will be out of the country during March and April. Dawn Henderson and Nell Carnien have offered to serve as co-Hospitality chairs in Shari's absence. Thanks Dawn and Nell!

S-CAP Red Ribbon Ball

The Southern Colorado AIDS Project (S-CAP) Red Ribbon Ball will be Saturday, May 2, at the Broadmoor Resort Rocky Mountain Ballroom. A silent auction will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The ticket cost will be \$125.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at www.blacktie-colorado.com or by calling Maggie at S-CAP (578-9092).

Guild members may contact Pat Harris or Scott Beaver if she or he is interested in creating an item for the silent auction.

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!!!!

NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

At last count six of our members have committed to membership in the NQA, paving the way for the Quilters Above the Clouds to become a member chapter. The paperwork and fees are in the mail at this writing. I wanted to alert you to National Quilting Day, sponsored by NQA. Those of you who can, go to www.ngaquilts.org to log on to their website. In the upper right corner there is a text box about National Quilting Day which is on March 21. You can click on a line within that paragraph to go to the page featuring this year's pattern and click again to get the pattern itself (in PDF). This is a little late to have any get-togethers as they suggest, but you could certainly do your own thing at home (and bring for show & tell) or at least add the pattern to your files. For those of you without access to computers, I will have several copies available at the March 27th meeting. Go see Pat Harris at the Block of the Month table.

Charm Squares Revision

By Jeanie Brooks,

Thank you quilters for your great participation in the charm square exchange! I hope to show three different quilts made from our 6" charm squares at the March meeting.

Sally Murray has requested that I put "fruits and veggies" fabrics back in the 2009 exchange list. Since our Sally pays to mail her charm squares monthly, we can certainly accommodate! Please change **September** to read **Fruit &/or Vegetable Fabrics**. We will add plaids and stripes later. Thanx.

Ovarian Cancer Blocks

Every month this Newsletter needles its readers about Ovarian Cancer blocks. It seems that QAC is trying to meet a challenge put forth by Blank Fabrics. Whether the Guild is successful or not depends a lot on its collection of 81 twelve square inch finished (twelve and one-half square inch unfinished) blocks. This ruler applies: at least half of the fabrics must be from Blank's Ovarian Cancer collection. The idea is to make OC bolt into oblivion.

Seriously, if you haven't contributed your block yet, you might consider Starfling. Please, don't say you're tired of it, because it just keeps reinventing itself. The original 9 sq. inch finished block instructions may be found at <http://www.pbtext.com/instructionsstarfling.pdf> To enlarge this into a 12 sq. inch block, use 4.5 sq. inch foundations and 4 sq. inch star points. The instructions are the same. Nuts 'n' Bolts has a great variety of fabrics available in this line (some "On Sale"). No two blocks will turn out the same!



February Letter for the Prez

Thank you to the Lake George Friday Stitchers group for such a nice job in hosting our January meeting with hospitality and refreshments! It was nicely presented and very tasty! For those of you who missed our first 2009 meeting, we had one of the best programs ever with a trunk show and a quilters journey presented by our own Andrea Kroening. Her quilts were absolutely beautiful and her program so well presented. Several members of our sister guild in Colorado Springs traveled up the pass to attend Andrea's program and advised that they enjoyed the program and

sunny winter day very much.

Vice Prez, Wendy Dillenschneider will be presenting a program on EQ6 at our February 27th meeting. She will also present a possible change in our by-laws for the Programs Vice President position in the future. Please attend and give us your thoughts on this change. Also, please add a note to your list of things to bring to meetings: 2" strips (by 22" long) of fabrics to be used by Wendy in a future surprise she has in store for us.

Andrea Kroening presented a "Quilt A Song" quilt challenge. This is going to be great fun, only as much work as you want it to be, and enjoyable for the entire guild. Please give it a try.

The membership voted to continue with our project of keeping TESSA caseworkers provided with soft and cuddly stuffed animals with mini quilts stitched in their arms to provide comfort for children who find themselves in safe house settings during unscheduled evacuations from domestic violence situations. We are so fortunate to have such caring volunteers who readily stepped up to take on coordinating this task. Debbie Pyeatt will Chair this new committee and Judy Hayward and Betty King volunteered to work with her. Debbie will notify the membership when and where her committee will be meeting to work on these projects, and let us know what we can all do to help in this good cause.

I am very proud and honored to have Vern Harris voted in as our first official honorary member of Quilters Above the Clouds! Vern joins us with his already existing and repeatedly earned title of "material coordinator". Vern handles the many tubs of fabric donations available for child advocacy quilts; he cleans, sorts and stores these fabrics, hauls the fabric to and from our advocacy sew-in meetings, and provides members the opportunity to come by his and Pat's home to select fabrics and patterns to make child advocacy quilts as the members have time on their own. What a wonderful treasure he is to our organization and the children.

It is a wonderful time to rejoice in what we have! Jeanie

QUILTERS ABOVE the CLOUDS

MINUTES

February 27, 2009

BY Nancy Henninger

President Jeanie Brooks called the meeting to order at 1:20PM.

Welcome to new members and guests.

January minutes approved as published.

Arlan Gerhardt moved to accept, Stephanie Witman 2nd.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer – Judy Cooper reports \$2,150.00 in account. Judy discussed briefly the proposed budget for the 2009 Quilt Show, educational programs, Advocacy and the year end auction. All Committee Chairs are requested to submit figures for their proposed budget for this year.

VP Programs – Wendy Dillenschneider gave a brief review of today's program and those scheduled for March and April.

VP Membership – Kathleen Grenfell – Reports there are 63 members to date. There are still a few members who have not yet paid their dues for 2009.

Presidents Report - Jeanie Brooks reported that after several conversations with the IRS inquiring about the easiest was to provide funds that would not be considered inurement for certain prizes, awards and gift certificates within our guild members; she was advised that there are certain amounts allowed for personal gain of members as long as they qualify as "insubstantial accrual to net earnings and unreasonable compensation to any insider" of the organization. A copy of the ruling for this will be forthcoming and a copy kept in the Guild's permanent records.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library –Kim McMurray – new books and please be prudent about your returns and check outs.

Hospitality – Shari Belaire needs volunteers to cover March & April refreshments. There is also an ongoing need for volunteers to help "set up" & "take down" chairs and tables at each monthly meeting.

2009 Quilt Show – Susie O'Conner reports ongoing information and

preparations for the quilt show. A budget request will be available for the March Board meeting.

Advocacy – Judy Cooper shared the many beautiful quilts made by our members. There is still a need for adolescent boys & the larger 50x70 size quilts.

Historian/Tessa Quilted Gifts – Debbie Pyeatt presented the many adorable stuffed animals with small quilts. Debbie gave some additional information regarding these gifts and their need.

Debbie also reported that would welcome any correspondence, info and pictures to be shared by the Guild members to be recorded in the Guild scrapbook.

Block of the Month – Pat Harris for Cindy DeMore. Pat presented samples of the blocks with explanations and patterns.

QAC Signature Quilt – Susie O. & Debbie P. all trees and bears are due. Those collected were shared with the membership.

Door Prizes were awarded to winners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding the proposed dessert auction to be held in December.

More volunteers are needed to sign up for the Monthly Attendance Prize.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeanie B. reviewed the proposed date and location for the Holiday Auction that is to be open to the public. There was opposition to the proposed site of Shining Mountain Country Club. A discussion followed and it was decided that there should be additional locations researched.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAWING

SHOW & TELL

ADJOURNED - 3:25PM

PROGRAM -Wendy Dillenschneider

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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