

Quilters above the Clouds Newsletter

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Letter from the Prez

Hope you all had a happy quilting day while we were snowed in at the time of the scheduled March guild meeting. We quilters don't mind snowed-in days as long as we don't lose electricity!

Our April 24th meeting will be a combined March/April meeting. Julie Sage from TESSA will remain our guest speaker. Please remember to bring both charm squares packets for March (children's print) and April (black and white fabric) and we will receive both scrambled in our exchange at the May meeting.

Please mark your calendar with a change in meeting date for our July, 2009 meeting. Wendy D. has scheduled FREDDIE MORAN (the original "Red is a neutral") national quilt teacher to present a workshop for our guild on Thursday, July 23, 2009; and Freddie will also be providing a lecture and trunk show for our meeting on Friday, July 24th at 1:00 p.m. Unfortunately, the teacher will only take a class of 20 for our Thursday workshop, so sign up will be 1st come, 1st served. We will only be able to open this workshop up to other guilds if

we don't fill these 20 spaces, and that is not very likely! The Board approved the change in the July meeting date at our 4/9/09 meeting and determined that due to the limited tuition, which will not cover our costs for this continued-ed program, we will have to charge \$50.00 for this class instead of the \$40.00 we have tried in the past.

Our normal July meeting date was previously ruled out for meeting at the library due to a conflict in scheduling. Moving the meeting up a week to accommodate sharing travel costs for our speaker with the Colorado Quilt Council worked well for the library meeting room schedule. The workshop for Freddie Moran and the meeting the following day are both scheduled to be held in our regular meeting room at the Woodland Park Library.

We will have to ask Andrea Kroening if we can move our "Quilt A Song" reveal date to August with this change, but that will give us all just a bit longer to fine tune (pardon the pun) our song in fabric media.

Cindy DeMore's husband, Dick, has provided us with an engineered drawing for quilt stands we are asking a committee of the husbands to build for us to use in the Teller County Fair, in our quilt show September 12th, and for our auction fund/raiser. Judy and Tom Cooper have arranged for a donation of PVC pipe to be used to build our display racks!

We have changes in the committee for our Auction fund/raiser for 2009, as Andrea Kroening, Judy Cooper, and Marybeth Wujcik all resigned from the committee when several members requested at the Board meeting that the auction committee's chosen location of Marybeth's church in El Paso county (cont. on pg. 2)

be resented to the general membership for discussion. They did not feel this location was the best site to obtain Teller County community support for our annual fund/raiser. We are very fortunate that Sue Kongs, who has just completed the incredibly successful TCRAS auction in WPK has agreed to step up and help our guild by organizing our 2009 auction. Sue Kongs said she really likes the planned idea of the "Decadent Desserts and Quilt Auction" for this fund raiser and will plan to keep that theme. She will work with her committee to see if they can't make some location here in Woodland Park work out for this event in order to maintain our good rapport between QAC and the local retailers and the community we work to serve. Judy Hayward, Jan Simpson, and Vicki Shaffer will be serving on the committee with Sue, and she advises she will need others to help as well. I assured our new volunteers that all of our members will work with them to do our very best to have a truly successful auction/ fund raiser in 2009 for QAC.

Judy Cooper has also resigned as your Treasurer at the same time and Debbie Pyeatt has stepped up to fill that position for us through the end of the 2009 term. Judy Hayward will be taking over the TESSA animals and quilts committee in order to help out Debbie Pyeatt so that she can take on this new responsibility mid-term. The Board has approved Debbie's appointment on 4/13/09 in a Board session by phone. Our audit committee has agreed to serve to review the books and finances so that materials can be transferred to the new Treasurer as soon as possible. The Chair of your audit committee is Nell Carnein. Jan Simpson and Betty King will be serving with Nell.

Debbie Pyeatt reported to the Board that our committee supplied Easter to all the safe houses this year. We presented TESSA with 28 animals (Easter Bunnies mostly) with mini quilts in their paws and 22 Easter bags which were made by Barb Oliver. The Easter bags were filled with jelly bean filled eggs and chocolate bunnies, giving the children a

special fabric bag of their own to have to keep their "treasures" in during displacement from home. We will find out from Julie at our April meeting if these gifts were successful for these children for this holiday. Barb Oliver also provided several animals with quilts to the County Health Dept. in Divide to be used to comfort children. What a great job!

I recently gave my description of our guild and where our guild is at this time to one of our members. She asked me to share my description with all of the members, as she said it really helped her understand things and bring her comfort. Since I promised to do this, I'll close with this description:

Our guild is still in it's growing up stage as we stumble and bumble a bit through this current phase of growing pains. Quilters Above the Clouds was created just a short time ago because of a need to organize the many people coming together with a common passion for quilting and a desire to help the children in Teller County who are innocent victims all too often.

Cindy DeMore, carried our guild through it's enuteral phase and birthing period, which was rough and bumpy now and then, but like most births - - worth the work and pain once we saw the purpose and wonderful result.

Our infant and then toddler got some bumps on the forehead hitting the coffee table during those early steps and had a few bloody noses as it worked the bugs out to get a footing that would start it on it's journey forward, but due to the nurturing and hard work it received from many great people who care so very much, it began to flourish and shine in it's own right, knowing it is loved and appreciated.

Today we are in our teen era in our maturity process, and there are no shortcuts through the teen phase - though many parents are still on the eternal vigil to find a way to skip the bullheaded, defiant, know it all, and very difficult teen period. Only a fool would give up on our creation at this time! She (cont. on pg.3)

may have a bit of an acne problem and braces right now - - gangly legs that don't quite fit the body perfectly yet - - but this awkward time is nearly over with.

Our creation is soon going to emerge a beautiful, strong, and courageous beauty as her ~coming out" party draws near. She will be absolutely radiant as she is a direct reflection of the hearts and souls of the vibrant and amazing quilters who have all been a part of her making. She will be a force to reckon with, a great help in this community, and will always have a very important role in helping child victims in Teller County because that is simply who and what she is.

Hang on quilters! All of us who share in this terrific sisterhood of the heart, and share in our true passion for the art of quilting, will continue to watch this beauty emerge in order to be there for others and find it's own important role.

As we remain, together in quilting
Jeanie Brooks

Some Quilty Abbreviations

(Courtesy of Cyberquilters)

ABR = abbreviations

ARBI = A Really Bad Idea - sometimes applies to a WIP or UFO

BOM = block of the month

DP = Drunkard's Path

FAS . Fabric Acquisition Specialist (sounds way better than out-of-control stash building and hoarding)

FIUP ... Finish It Up - then you can shout:

TGIF Thank Goodness It's Finished

IIRC ... If I Recall Correctly

IMHO ... In My Humble Opinion

JMHO ... Just My Humble Opinion

MABLE, PABLE AND SABLE....

Magazines, Patterns, and Stash accumulated beyond life expectancy

HSTs ... Half Square Triangles .. and **QSTs** - Quarter Square Triangles

HSY ... Haven't Started Yet

MOO ... My own opinion

NTM or New2Me

Pack-Rat-itis....a disease with symptoms of swooning near fabric stores, sweaty palms hearing a sewing machine run and you are not the operator, hot sweats on the 30th of each month in anticipation of the new BOM being posted on the 1st, etc.

PHD Projects Half Done; sounds more impressive than UFOs.

PIGS ... Projects in Grocery Sacks

PIPs ... Plans in Progress

UFOs ... Unfinished Objects

STASH .. Special Treasures All Secretly Hidden

TGIF ... Thank Goodness It's Finished

TOT ... Tone on Tone Fabric colors; includes

WOW - White on White

TRCNo more calling it Stash. We have a Textile Resource Center

WHIMMs ... Works Hidden in My Mind

WIP ... Work in Progress

WISP ... Work In Slow Progress

WOMBAT ... Waste Of Money, Batting, And Time

YMMVYour Mileage May Vary [your results might be different]

YOYO dinners Frequently heard by a quilter's family when they ask: What's for Dinner??....

Reply: You're On Your Own!! aka YOYO

QAC Shelf at Nuts & Bolts

Linda Artukovich from Nuts & Bolts Needleworks has set up a separate shelf dedicated to the discretionary use of the Quilters Above the Clouds. We may use this shelf to advertise events, store small items, and pick-up and drop-off various bits and pieces. As the shelf is in customer's direct line-of-sight as they walk in, we need to be extremely mindful to keep this shelf neat and orderly! This is quite a generous gift from Nuts & Bolts! Thank you, Linda! Thank you, Marcia!

Area Quilt Shows and Activities

Denver National Quilt Show

April 30 - May 3, 2009 Denver Merch Mart
Take I-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.

Journey of an Art Quilter with David Taylor.

For those who have a reserved space at the
David Taylor workshop in Colorado Springs,
Please sign up and pay Jeanie Brooks

[\$40.00 paid to "Colorado Springs Quilt Guild"]
at the April meeting. Jeanie will have the
supply lists for the June 13th workshop.

This workshop is unfortunately full.
Call Jeanie if you have questions: 684-9184

Quilting for the Advocacy Center

Judy Cooper, chair of the Advocacy Center
quilting committee, reports we gave 10 quilts to
the Dept. of Social Services (DSS) and 2 quilts
to the Pregnancy Center in March.

The next session of Quilting for the Advocacy
Center will take place on Thursday, April 23,
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. April 23, 2009
Thurs. May 28, 2009
Thurs. June 25, 2009

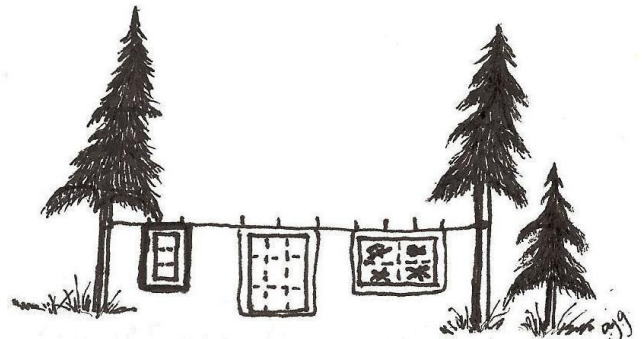
All of the 2009 dates are at the Woodland Park
Library from 10 am to 4 pm.

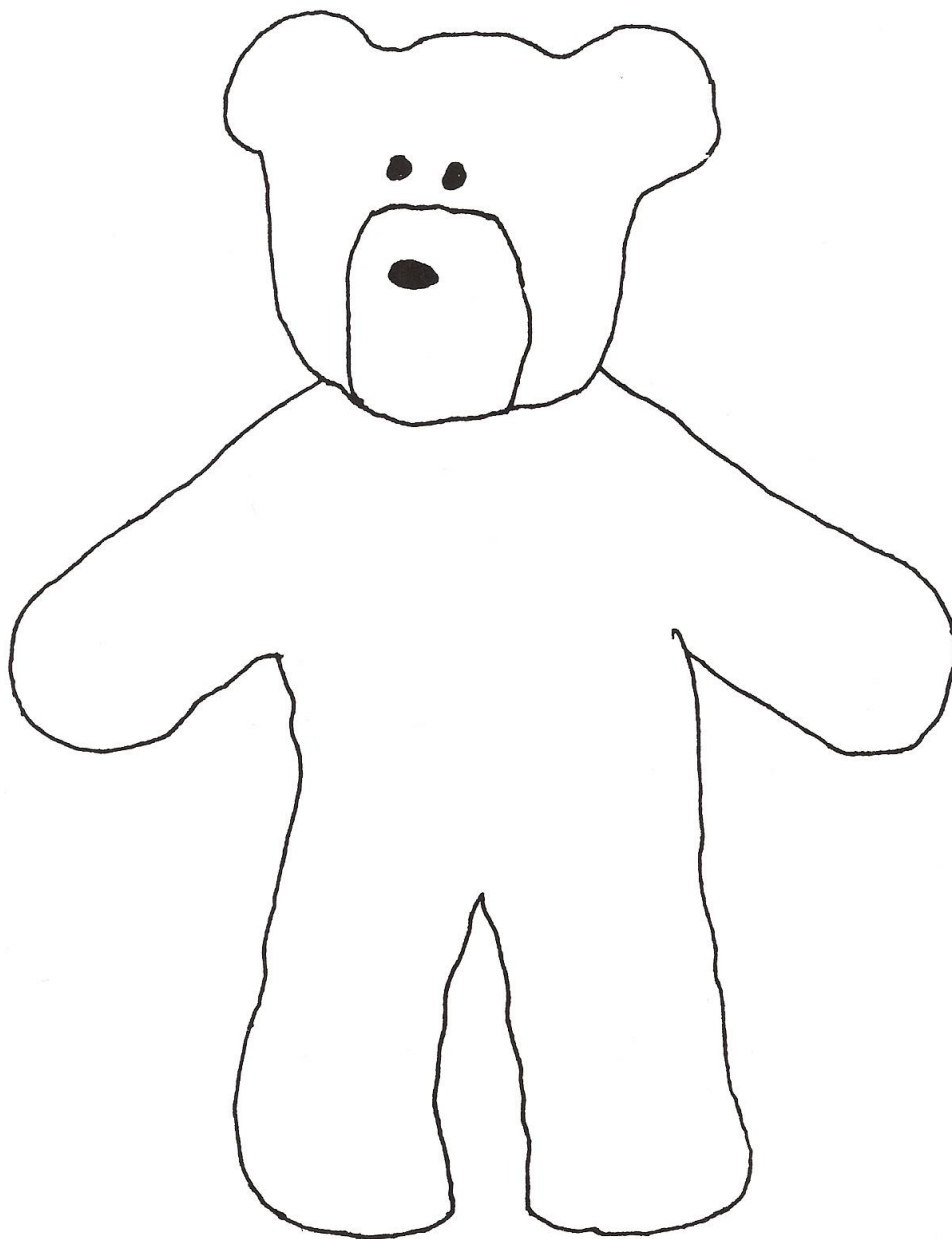
At the February Meeting Jeanie noted there is
a need for larger quilts approximately 50" x
70".

What to Bring to the April Meeting

April 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
- 2" x 22" strips of fabric for Wendy
- Fat Quarters for Basket Exchange
- SCAP Red Ribbon Blocks (if you
haven't left them already at Nuts & Bolts)





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,

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