

Q.U.I.L.T.S. Newsletter

Quilters United In Learning Teaching Self-Improvement

December, 2008

Regular Meetings

Time: 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month (September and December the events start at 6:30 p.m.)

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church at 2800 W. Jefferson, Springfield, IL

2008 Officers

President: Lori McGowan, 416-3186
Vice-President: Mary Ellen Grider, 364-4815
Secretary: Sandy Nielsen, 566-3540
Treasurer: Burma Jones, 793-1668

Committee Chairs

Festival of Trees: Jan Walter, 438-3644
Membership: Stella Taft, 498-7247
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Quilt show 2010: Lori McGowan, 416-3186 and Jerry Gaston, 585-0210
Refreshments: Karen Lommler, 787-5569

2009 at a Glance

- Jan. 12 Name tags demo and pattern
- Feb. 9 Preparing your quilt for the machine quilter. Barbara Olinger
- Mar. 9 Button Bracelets Lori McGowan
- Apr. 13 Hand Quilting demo
- May 11 Lecture Evolution of a Quilter Suzanne Marshall
- June 8 To be announced
- July 13 Garage Sale Michelle Ryan
- Aug 10 Demo by peace and Applique
- Sept 14 6:30 New member potluck
- Oct 12 Demo on Making Ribbons for 2010 Quilt Show
- Nov 10 Lecture –How the Curved block has influenced my quilting Toby Lischko
- Dec 14 Christmas Potluck White elephant Gift Exchange

Lori's appraisal of 2008

Hello Quilters! Have you enjoyed your membership this year?

I certainly hope so. Last year when I was planning the events, I tried to make sure we had a variety of programs, workshops and opportunities to grow, both individually and as an organization.

If you missed anything here's what we did:

- January Hand Dying Fabric- Maryellen Grider
- February Organizing your sewing room- DeClutter Bug
- March Labeling your quilts-various presenters
- April Mystery Quilt-Shirley Locksus and Friends
- April Bus Trip to Paducah
- May Mommy & Tea-Tea party Lori McGowan and helpers
- June National Speaker Cindy Walter Trunk Show and Workshop
- July Hallye Bone-Redwork demonstration and Workshop
- August Garage Sale
- September National Speaker Ami Simms Lecture and Workshop
- September New Member potluck
- October Project Linus
- November Art dollz-Gretchen from peace and Applique
- December Holiday Party

As you can see, we've had a very eventful year! It was great being your President; I have learned so much and have made many new friends along the way. I hope 2009 will be just as much fun.

Remember to be proud of our club and keep us growing!!

Lori McGowan

Do you want to get involved with guild? We Need You!

The following positions need to be filled, please call Lori at 217-416-3186 to volunteer.

Sunshine person, Door prize, Refreshments.

These positions were recently filled. Thank you!

Project Linus

Quilted, crocheted, fleeced blankets are made by the volunteers and then distributed to area hospitals and groups to be given to children in trauma situations.

Neck coolers and helmet liners

Several groups meet weekly to make these valuable fabric items for our young military men and women.

Shriners quilts

After the Ansar Shriners bailed us out of a very sticky situation in regards to our quilt show, we are showing our gratitude by contributing quilts for the Shriners hospital children. A great program that I'm sure will continue.

Festival of Trees

For years the members of our guild, under the direction of Jan Walters have quilted beautiful ornaments and tree decorations for this fund raising event for Memorial Medical Center. This is a great way to bring awareness of our guild as well as contribute to their event.

Quilt show donations

Bi-annually when we hold our quilt show we choose a worthwhile charity and donate a portion of our show profits. If you have a group or charity you would like to nominate, contact either Jerry Gaston or Lori McGowan, 2010 co-chairs.

Brown Bag

What is this? No it's not lunch!! It's a fun new quilting activity that Winnie Surrat introduced in October...watch for more fun details!

Who are You?

Do you often describe someone in our guild as, "you know that one girl with the long hair, she usually sits by what-cha-ma-jigger" We have a solution for that! Name tags! In January we will be doing a name tag workshop during guild, there will be various opportunities to make a creative and stylish nametag...you're going to need it, do you know why? Because starting in February if you're not wearing a name tag (even a piece of torn paper, pinned on) you will have to pay a \$.25 fine!!!!!!! At the end of the year, all of the money will be donated to charity! This is a great tool to get to know what-cha-ma-jigger, have fun and raise charity \$\$.

FEE SCHEDULES

Dues

Individual membership (voting member)

Prior to July 1 \$ 24.00

After June 30 \$ 12.00

Associate membership (non-voting member)

\$ 5.00

Student membership (ages 10-18; non-voting member)

\$ 5.00

Workshops

Members \$ 25.00

Non-members \$ 35.00

Quilt frames rental

Members \$ 45.00

Non-members

Fee \$ 90.00

Deposit – refundable upon return of frames

\$100.00

Quilt show is coming

It is time to start thinking about your entry for the next quilt show. Fourteen months seems like a long time but it will slide by quicker than you think. Start with a timetable to keep you on track and not have to finish your quilt the night before the show.

Bust into that stash and use some of the pretty fabrics that are calling to be sewn.

Search for the perfect pattern be it old or new.

Cut the pieces.

Sew the blocks or strips.

Put the top together and square it up.

Now it is time to quilt it. Let's see Hand, Machine, or take it to someone else. It does not matter just quilt it.

Stitch on the binding and turn it under.

My goodness your entry is finished and ready to hang it in the show.

WORKSHOPS 2009

Feb 21 Paper piecing

Apr Paducah Bus Trip

May 12 Needle Turn Applique Suzanne Marshall

Oct. 17 Make Ribbons for 2010 Quilt Show

Nov 10 Workshop Curves Without the Fuss

Toby Lischko