

## The Stitch Line

February, 2008

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#### Note from the President

The weather just couldn't wait one more day, so we had to cancel our February meeting. It would have been an hour and a half drive for George and Virginia, so it is best the meeting was cancelled. Judy Zeitler is checking with George and Virginia for available dates during our 2008-2009 guild year. We will still have the Make, Bake and Create exchange at our March meeting.

#### Financial Report

Beginning balance was \$10370.82 Ending balance is \$9498.19

If you are unable to attend meetings and would like to see a more detailed financial report than that presented in the newsletter, please contact Cindy Smith at 908-362-8598 or cascpa@nac.net.

#### **Guests and New Members**

No meeting, no guests and no new members.

## Happy Birthday

Alberta	Bellis	3/4	
Solvai	Sanchez	3/4	
Elvera	Waskiewicz	3/8	
Susan	Duryea	3/19	
Pat	Johnson	3/2	
June	Swass	3/4	

#### List of Committees

APQ Workshop – Sharon Kubich and Sharon Rehrig

BOM – Margaret Grande and Debbie Symonds

Challenge – Cindy Smith, Susan Duryea and Theresa Schoonover

Charity Quilts - Rosemarie Greg, Judy Tharp, Solvai Sanchez, Trudy Frey,

Susan Duryea, Peggy Schaedel, Miriam Dilts

Fat Quarter Exchange - Carolyn Smith, Alberta Bellis, Judy Tharp,

Denise Willever

Hospitality - Sharon Roehrig, Trina Hobbie, Joanne Davie

Mystery Quilt - Lucy Kise

New Member Liaison - Patty Kristoff

Newsletter - Sharon Kubich

Programs/Workshops - Judy Zeitler

Raffle Quilt – Theresa Schoonover

Saturday Stitchers – Patty Kristoff

Sunshine Girl – Sharon Roehrig

Victorian Days - Sharon Kubich

Victorian Tea – Fran Visicaro, Carol Smith and Marlene Marlow Warren County Fair – Sharon Kubich Ways and Means – Tammy Grover Thank you, ladies, for serving on these committees.

### At Piece Quiltery Workshop

Here is the project, don't forget to sign up with Sharon Rehrig or Sharon Kubich for the Christmas in April workshop. Sharon Rehrig has chosen the project. It is a beautiful table topper. The date is Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:30 PM. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Patterns are \$8.50 and available in advance so you can cut your pieces ahead of time. There are only three fabrics involved: focus fabric, coordinating fabric and background. Kits will be available for \$25 for the top and binding. You should be able to complete the project that night but if you don't, you will have plenty of time between April and Santa's arrival to complete it. Sharon Kubich will be baking Christmas cookies to get you in the mood to work on a Christmas project in April. Sign up sheet will be available at the March meeting, but feel free to email Sharon Kubich to get on the list early. There is a sample is available in At Piece Quiltery and will be at the next meeting.

#### Block of the Month

Bring both your February and March blocks to the March meeting.

March - Civil War and ow/ow April- Polka Dot and w/w May - Floral and w/w June- Pastels and w/w

Remember: Make whichever block you chose from the packet. Just be sure to use the correct fabric theme from the list below.

## Remembering Patty Burke

#### Don't forget to bring some extra dollars to the March meeting.

Chances for Patty's blocks are \$1 and they can be purchased thru either Theresa or Cindy. Direct donations are welcome anytime if you do not wish to win the "kits".

All of the money collected will be donated to the ARC of Lehigh County in Patty's name.

## Bus Trip to Lancaster Quilt Show

The trip is on! If you have not sent your payment in for the trip, please either bring it to the March meeting or send it directly to Sharon Kubich 205 Park Avenue, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

Quilters' Heritage Celebration in Lancaster, Saturday, March 29, 2008. Dinner at Plain and Fancy restaurant.

Price includes bus, ticket to the quilt show and dinner at Plain and Fancy Farms.

COST: \$65.00 per person

With the price of gas these days, this trip is a steal!

## Challenge

There is only one fat quarter left. If you think you want to do the challenge, see Theresa. June is only right around the corner. There will be four first place prizes awarded: one for each season.

## **Charity Quilts**

Packets and patterns for the "3-6-9" quilt will be handed out to the members at the March meeting. When completed these charity quilts will be donated to our military veterans.

Thank you to the committee for working so hard on this project.

#### Directory of members

If you have a change in any of the information posted in the directory be sure to send your new information to Sharon Kubich at Sharon.kubich@eds.com or phone 908-859-1629

#### Fat Quarter Exchange

Bring your fat quarters for both February and March

March theme is Polka Dots

The fat quarter exchange coincides with the BOM.

## Hospitality

The schedule for the year seems to be working really well. Thanks to all the volunteers for bringing in refreshments.

March volunteers are: Food: Debra Dockendorf, Elvera Waskiewicz and Brenda Hoagland. Beverages: Nancy Murphy and Elevera Waskiewicz.

Remember, if you would like to post your recipe on our web site, email it to Bill Roehrig at webmaster@esqg.com. We are starting to collect guild members' recipes and who knows, maybe someday we will print a cookbook.

## **Mystery Quilt**

The Mystery has been solved! What a good day and a great turnout we had Saturday February 16, 2008 at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. Wait till you see the quilts during Show and Tell everyone is a beautiful as the next. Thank you again to Lucy Kise for organizing yet again another successful Mystery Quilt workshop.

## **Programs and Workshops**

March - Mary Anne Ciccottellli lecture: "Folded Hexagon"

The following **Saturday**, **March 15**<sup>th</sup>, Mary Ann will be doing a workshop for us entitled **Color Wheel Magic.** See Judy Zeitler to sign up. Price for the workshop is \$20.00. If you wish to purchase a kit for the class that is an additional \$25.00.

April - Victorian Tea

**May** - Bonnie Turner Lecture: "**Things Remembered**" This is a lecture on how to preserve all those memories. One of Bonnie's specialties includes designing quilts for families using a person's clothes and photos to personalize the quilt

June - End of Year Bash & Challenge Quilt

## \*Big News\*

Pat Knoechel, Eleanor Burns's sister, has agreed to come and give a presentation at our guild on June  $20^{th}$ . Although there are many details to work out, I can tell you that Audrey Planer has agreed to head up a committee to make this happen for our guild. We will be inviting other guilds to purchase tickets and be a part of the presentation. Start spreading the word that Pat is coming on June  $20^{th}$ .

More information will follow, this is very exciting news for our guild. Thank you to Audrey for stepping up to the plate and taking on this project for us.

#### **Quilt Show 2009**

Mark your calendars; there will be a "2009 Quilt Show" meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> in the library of the Belvidere High School starting at 6:30pm.

This meeting is open to all guild members and it is really important that we have a good turnout for this meeting. It does not matter if you are a new or established member of the guild. This meeting will help give you the information you need to decide whether or not you want to become involved in the creating of our quilt show. Of course we want and need all of our guild members to be involved. We need to establish the committees and sub-committees before we can move forward. Please attend we will try to answer all of your questions. If you already know what committee or sub-committee you wish to participate in, we really need you to attend this meeting.

If you have taken the time to stop and gather information on a venue, please try and get that information to Sharon Kubich via email, US mail or phone as soon as possible. Sharon will be compiling all of the information to have available at the Feb. 26th meeting. After viewing all of the information a small committee will be formed to visit the venues and make a decision. We need to start somewhere!

Please start to think of the committee(s) you would like to work on for the 2009 show.

#### Raffle Quilt

Despite the weather, 8 guild members arrived at Theresa Schoonover's house at 9:00 am and began to tackle our 2008 raffle quilt. While watching the snow fall the group was able to get a very good start on the quilt top. Even though we did not get as far as in other years, we did make a dent. Theresa is working on a plan to meet again and finish up. From the progress that has been completed you can tell that this is going to be a beautiful two color Pineapple quilt. Tickets are going to be an easy sell for this quilt.

Look for communication from Theresa on a second day of sewing and once again, thank you to Theresa for hosting us at her house.

## Saturday Stitchers

Patty Kristoff will be offering her last "Saturday Stitcher" event for this guild year on **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, **2008**, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the St. John's Methodist Church, Hope, NJ. Bring your own project to work on.

The cost is \$15.00 per person which covers the cost of coffee/tea and bagels for breakfast and sandwiches for lunch. What a deal! Sign up to attend at our meetings or by calling Patty at 908-637-4122.

Thank you to Patty for organizing these Saturday Stitcher events for the guild. Patty welcomes non-guild members to attend. This is one way we get new members for the guild.

#### Sunshine

Sharon Roehrig needs your help. If you know of a member that needs a little sunshine from the guild, please inform Sharon at 908-454-5804 or katznquiltz@earthlink.net, so she can send a card.

#### Victorian Tea

April 8th will be here before you know it. I hope you are working on your pin cushion and your outfit if you are planning on dressing for the occasion. Let me stress if hats and fancy dresses are not your thing just grab a special tea cup and join us at the April meeting. Whatever you decide, we are looking forward to an enjoyable evening. If you have any questions, call Fran Visicaro at (570)897-5558. Fran answers the phone quicker than email.

#### Ways and Means

There will be two drawing for February and March meetings.

#### Warren County Fair & Victorian Days

The dates for the fair are July 27 - August 2, 2008.

The executive board voted to discontinue the Mini Quilt auction this coming year at the fair. We will be concentrating harder on selling our guild quilt raffle tickets. There was also some discussion around setting up a hand quilting frame with a small quilt on it where we would teach children to hand quilt and then donate the quilt to charity. We need to give this a little more thought. If you have any suggestions please see Sharon Kubich.

**America the Beautiful** is the fair's theme for 2008. Wouldn't the building look great if we all were able to display a quilt made of red, white and blue or a quilt depicting the theme to celebrate this great country we live in? Fair and building will be open:

Monday through Friday: 12 noon to 10 PM.

Saturday and Sunday: 8 AM until 10 PM with buildings opening at 11 AM and until 10 PM.

Our guild booth closes at 9 PM.

#### Newsletter

This is your newsletter. If there is something you want published, please let Sharon Kubich know. Deadline for submissions will be March 16, 2008.

#### Web Site

There have been two new folders added to our web site (www.esqg.com): **Meeting Minutes** and **Member Postings**. The Meeting Minutes folder is password protected, if you need the login information contact Sharon Kubich or Bill Roehrig. **Members Posting** folder is for your use. If there is something you would like to share with our guild members, send the information to Bill and he will post it for you. As president I plan on postings items that I feel you need to know before our next meeting.

Example: a quilting web site that you think others might like, information on a new tool, etc. You can contact Bill at webmaster@esqg.com or 908-454-5804 and Sharon at Sharon.kubich@eds.com or 908-859-1629

## Donate to a family in need

Patty Kristoff is making up a laundry basket full of household items for a neighboring family whose house burned to the ground on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Patty is asking our members to help fill the laundry basket with items needed around the house such as laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dishwashing liquid, soap, etc. The family has sufficient clothing right now, but they have none of the household essentials. If you would like to help, bring your items to the March meeting and give them to Patty.

#### **Pillowcases**

Karen Kilts former of the Evening Star Quilter's contacted me (Sharon Kubich) this week asking if any of our members might be interested in making pillowcases to be distributed to children with "life changing illnesses" throughout the area.

You can find more information on our website under "Member Postings" and there will be a flyer in our member mailboxes.

#### Donate your Fabric to "Critter Quilts"

Priscilla Harvey is part of a group call "Critter Quilts". Cotton fabrics are needed. They make quilts for animal shelters in both NJ and PA. If you have fabric that you would like to donate, call Priscilla 610-250-5658. She will be happy to pick it up.

## **New Jersey Quilt Show**

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey IV February 28 –March 2, 2008 Garden State Exhibit Center Somerset, NJ

**Rebecca's Reel Quilters** will present their 2008 quilt show "Needlesongs" on **May 16 10:00 AM** - **5:00 PM and May 17 10:00 AM** - **4:00 PM** at Poricy Park Conservancy, Oak Hill Road, Middletown NJ. The Conservancy's four buildings, including an 18th century farmhouse and barn, will be used to display beautiful traditional and contemporary quilts. The show will also include challenge quilts, a raffle quilt, vendors, quilts for sale, and refreshments. Adults \$5, under 8 years Free. Ample parking, buses welcome, no strollers inside the buildings. Info: Maryann (732) 842-5253, Libby (732) 842-8696, www.poricypark.com

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#### Winter Weather

If the Belvidere School is closed the day of our meeting night, the meeting will be canceled. http://www.belvideresd.org/

Watch our website, www.esqg.com for changes in meeting location and meeting cancellations.