



April 2011 Newsletter

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April Program and Guild Activities

April 4 - Carol Britt from Sew What Fabrics & Batiks in Wytheville will present Circular Patchwork Quilts.

May 2 - Our Spring Social will begin at 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to share and remember to bring a serving spoon.

Don Bunce Want to Teach!

Don wants some members to come early before the guild meeting at 6:00pm so that he can have a class in Hawaiian and/or Tahitian quilting. If you come and take instruction from Don perhaps you can make a beautiful Hawaiian quilt like Nell Townley's that won "Best in Show" at our recent show! (She had to start somewhere!!!)



We Want Your Money!

You know how your parents always said, "Money doesn't grow on trees.?" That is so true!!! Remember your annual guild dues of \$12.00 should have been paid by April 1. However, Membership will still accept payment at the April meeting. If you don't pay at the appointed time(s), your name will be left off the new membership roster. Think how horrible you will feel when a fellow quilter can't locate you for advice or the Guild cannot reach you for a guild job!



New Shelving Approved for Guild Library Older Books for Sale

I will be selling some of our older books for \$1.00 or \$2.00 at the April meeting. Stop by the table in front of the library cabinet and see what I have for sale.

The Star Quilters Guild Board recently approved the purchase of new shelving/bookcases for the quilting library. I will be investigating the best solutions and associated costs for the new arrangement. It will be great to have sturdier shelving that does not fall on anyone, especially me!

Also, as always I need suggestions for books to purchase for the library.

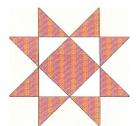
Chris Epperley, Librarian

Barefoot Quiltessas

The Barefoot Quiltessas meet the 1st Friday of each month at Our Lady of Nazareth Church, 2505 Electric Road, SW, in Roanoke. from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Bring your lunch and join in for fun and hands-on learning. For more information contact: Gayla Heath or Judy Bradley.



Dear Jane Group Started Again in March



Due to the holidays and the possibility of bad weather, the Dear Jane Group did not meet for several months but started again in March.

Raffle Quilt



Did you see the raffle quilt on the quilting frame at the quilt show?

Obviously, we need your help to complete the Raffle Quilt!

We are inviting hand quilters to come to Creative Quilting and help quilt. Judy McWhorter has graciously allowed us to set our quilt and frame up at her shop. You can stop by any time the shop is open and put in a few stitches. Bring your friends and have them put in some stitches.

We need your help, even those who have already helped us by piecing, sewing, or appliquéing. ***The quilt needs to be done so we will have it ready for the October drawing of the winning raffle ticket!***

Many thanks go to Judy and all that have helped make this quilt possible.

The Raffle Quilt Committee
Victoria Person, Susan Butler and Kathy Wickham

P.S. For each hour you quilt, your name will be put in a raffle drawing.

Comfort Quilts



Thanks to all who gave their time and talent to make our Comfort Quilts Program a success. Our display at the quilt show was well received

and many appreciative comments were made to us

Judy Bradley

Check out our website for patterns for the Comfort Quilts and Injured Soldier Quilts if you would like to use your own stash to make a quilt.



Don't forget the Million Pillowcase Challenge

Turn in finished pillowcases to Judy McWhorter at Creative Quilting or bring to guild meetings. Judy is updating the national counter on the American Patchwork and Quilting internet site.

Interesting Quilting Facts

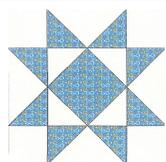
Hawaiians were introduced to quilting when missionaries came calling during the early 19th century. By the 1870s, Hawaiians had developed their own unique style of quilting using appliquéd designs.

Have you ever heard the story that quilts were used along the Underground Railroad as signals to escaping slaves who were traveling from the South to the North towards freedom? Unfortunately, this story doesn't seem to have any foundation in fact. However, the durability of this myth attests to its appeal.

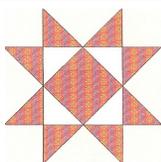
This doesn't mean that quilters didn't contribute to the Civil War effort. Northern women donated quilts and other crafts to raise money for the Union to buy supplies. In addition, women quilted bedding for Union soldiers. Southern women did much the same for the Confederates by making quilts such as the "Gunboat Quilts" to raise money for their Navy. However, it became increasingly difficult for Southern ladies to make quilts, whether to raise money or for their soldiers to keep warm, due to material shortages as the Civil War progressed.

Crazy quilts derived from a Japanese exhibit of ceramics and art in the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition. Early crazy quilt pieces were for show and were planned carefully, despite their appearances. The wealthy used fine silks and expensive fabrics for their quilts. The craze eventually passed on to women who were less fortunate, who used less expensive fabrics such as denims and cottons in their designs. The fad started to die out about 1910.

Quilting wasn't considered to be an art form until the 1960s. Abstract art was the rage during this time. Two art collectors, Johnathan Holstein and Gale van der Hoof, made the connection between contemporary modern art and quilting. This led to an exhibit at the Whitney Museum in New York, "Abstract Design in American Quilts," which went on to tour throughout the United States and Europe. ***(Taken from internet source: Life 123 Answers at the Speed of Life)***



Oh My Stars
We're 30!!!



Quilt Show Results

See the attachment to this newsletter for a listing of ribbon winners at our recent quilt show.

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This space waiting for YOUR ad!