



November 2011 Newsletter

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Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

At the last Executive Board meeting, we discussed issues that we need to bring before the Guild members.

As the Guild has grown, our current meeting room at St. John Lutheran has been filled to capacity. Let's hope the fire marshal doesn't come to a meeting!!! We tried meeting in the youth room downstairs, but it was decided to move back into the current meeting room. Parking is also an issue since to get from one parking area, some have to walk downhill when they come and uphill in the dark when they leave. I contacted all of the area churches near where we meet and was not able to find available space.

Church of Christ-Roanoke has offered the use of their Fellowship Hall. The room is large, we will have access to the kitchen, the restrooms are near and the parking lot is level. Our contact person is Judy McWhorter who is a member and we thank her for her help in obtaining this space. The church is located at the corner of Brandon Avenue and Carlton Road. We will take a vote at the November meeting and if approved, we hope to move to the meeting space in January.

Another issue is our yearly Membership Fee. We will vote to increase the fees of Members to \$15 per year beginning the new 2011-2012 year. The Guest fees will be \$2.00 per meeting.

I hope to see you on Monday, November 7, 2011.

Linda Greene, President

Newsletter Articles

Please send Newsletter articles to Linda Greene by the 20th of each month. Thank you!!!

Upcoming Programs

November 7 – *Approachable Landscape Quilting* – Lois Griffith will demonstrate her Approachable Landscape Quilting techniques.

The Technique Class will be presented by Kristen Hamilton on Needle Turn Appliqué. Meet in the kitchen at 6:30 PM.

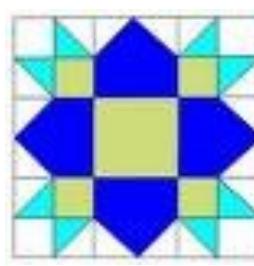
December 5 - December Social - Bring a dish to share and remember to bring a serving spoon. There will be a silent auction and a hand-made ornament exchange. Bring your checkbook for there will be lots of neat stuff to bid on. You will also need to turn in your 9 1/2" Square Block at this meeting.

Silent Auction at the December Social

The November Guild meeting is the final day to donate articles for the silent auction in December. Remember, this is a win-win event for all. You clear out your sewing related items you don't need any more and the Guild gains from the sales.

There will be a box at one of the front tables for you to place your items. If you have any questions, contact Ann Ware

9 1/2" Square Block



Have you made your block from the fabric you received at the May Social? Please complete your block and be ready to turn it in at the December Social. See Ann Ware if you have any questions.

Show and Tell

Each meeting we have Show and Tell. This is the time members bring in what they have been working on to show the group. Everyone is invited to bring in their handwork to share. We also invite guests to bring their work. We love seeing what our friends have been up to.

Some members say the meetings fall after they have finished a quilt as a gift to someone. If you are working on a quilt and will be giving it away before you can show the finished quilt, bring in the quilt top to share. We would love to see it!!!!

Technique Classes

Members have asked if we could provide Technique Classes at the meetings. Techniques could be anything that you do well that you would like to share with the members. This would not really be a class, but members who were interested in the technique for that month would just drop in at 6:30 PM and the class would be finished before 7:00 PM.

If you are interested in teaching a technique , contact Linda Greene.

Make a Pillowcase, Make a Difference

The American Patchwork & Quilting One Million Pillowcase Challenge is still continuing. They numbers are going up, but not yet reached a million.



Pillowcases can be turned in at Creative Quilting and Judy will go on line and add the number of pillowcases donated to the rolling counter.

You can bring finished pillowcases to the Guild meetings or to Creative Quilting.

Helpful Hints

Bring your Helpful Hints to share at the meeting. Feel free to bring examples of your hint. Bring as many as you want to share.

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Treasurer's Report

Balance (9/30/11)	\$6,143.58
Income	
Ways & Means	40.10
Membership	2.00
Raffle Quilt	<u>303.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 345.10
Expenses	
Programs	21.32
Hospitality	95.54
Quilt Show	<u>92.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 208.86
Balance (10/31/11)	\$6,279.82

Ways and Means

A reminder to long-time members and an explanation to new members:

At most meetings we have Ways and Means tables that serve two purposes.

1. If you have extra quilting magazines, fabric or other quilting or sewing related items, you can bring them to the meetings for Ways and Means. That helps clean out your sewing room or makes space for new.
2. If you are interested in purchasing gently used quilting magazines, fabric or other quilting or sewing related items, you can get a good deal at the Ways and Means tables.

Take a few minutes and check out what's for sale!!!!

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Comfort Quilts

Remember to save your scraps that are 6" or larger. You can cut your scraps into 6" squares for the Comfort Quilts or you can donate fabric that can be cut into squares or for backing. Children's fabric for the Comfort Quilts and Patriotic fabric for Injured Soldier Quilts or any other fabric you would like to donate is always welcome.

Barefoot Quiltessas

The Barefoot Quiltessas meet the 1st Friday of each month at Our Lady of Nazareth Church, 2505 Electric Road, SW, in Roanoke. They meet 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.

A reminder email goes out the Monday or Tuesday before the meeting on Friday. Some emails have come back as undeliverable. If you are not receiving the emails or want to be added to the list, contact Elizabeth Sarver

Busy Fingers Handwork Group

The Busy Fingers Handwork Group meets the 3rd Monday of each month at St. John Lutheran at 7:00 PM.

This has evolved to any type of hand-piecing and all hand-piecers or wanna be hand-piecers are invited. It is a great time of fun, fellowship and help from other members. Bring your own supplies. Of course we all will be glad to share if you forget to bring something. For more information contact: Sallie Powers or Linda Greene.

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NEW - NEW - NEW 2 1/2" Strip Fabric Exchange

Starting in January, we will have a fabric exchange. This is a great way to add to your stash of fabric for the next project you do.

This is how it will work. Members who want to participate will bring six (6) strips of 2 1/2" 100% cotton fabric strips of the same fabric cut the width of material. You will turn in your strips at the beginning of the meeting in a zip lock bag with your name on the outside. After the meeting you will pick up your new pack of assortment of fabric.

You can participate every month or you can skip a month.

The following are the months and fabric selection to bring:

January – Tone on tone white
 February – Red/hearts (solid or print)
 March – Green (solid or print)
 April – Flower theme
 June – Beach theme
 July – Red, White and Blue
 August – Hot colors (solid or print)
 September – Fall theme (solid or print)
 October – Orange/black (solid or print)
 November – Christmas theme

If you have any questions, you can call Ann Ware who is organizing this Fabric Exchange.

Star Quilters Library

We have added four (4) book on Electric Quilt that Susan Kraterfield will explain at the November meeting.

Remember to put your name in the Fat Quarter Drawing for each book or DVD you check out. Just write your name and the date you check out a book on the paper slips on the table. Put these in the cigar box and you might win a fat quarter. The names will be purged every few months, so make sure you put the date on the slip when you fill it in.

Our website has a Library section which lists all of our library books. Books are listed by categories or subjects. All new books are listed in yellow each month.

Come do a Round Robin! Jan 9 Kickoff

What is a Round Robin quilt? Fun, challenging and exciting. Each quilter provides a center block at the start. People have used specially designed blocks for the challenge, orphan blocks, even a yard sale bargain. The center is passed to another quilter to put a border on it. The new border might be plain, pieced, appliquéd, or embellished. It might not even go around all four sides. Then the center is passed to a third quilter to add a 2nd border and so on.

Each quilter does one (1) border on one (1) quilt each month. It may be the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd border. The completed top is returned to the center owner in a reveal at the guild meeting concluding the project. After that, it's up to the center owner to finish the top as they desire. Step outside your comfort zone in color palette or style without a huge commitment or new UFO... it's just for one (1) border each month. It's thrilling to open up a new mystery package each month. The 2010 and 2011 quilts were gorgeous (check the web site).

The 2012 Round Robin commences at the January 9 meeting.

1. Bring your center (12.5" minimum) in an opaque container to the kitchen before the meeting at (6:30 PM).
2. Include a label (with pen/marker to sign), journal, camera (disposable) if you wish.
3. Include fabric or special instructions (like "washable only" or "I hate orange") if you wish.
4. If you'll miss a meeting, get a friend to be your courier/proxy.

Final reveal will be at the April 2 Guild Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, call Kathy Wickham or Susan Kraterfield. We'll be glad to help.



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