





## Mystery Quilt

Lynn Woods/Carol Hemmingsen

Mystery Quilt Day (MQD) is getting closer. Don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> if you plan to join us for a fun day of sewing at Crossroads Baptist Church in Palm Harbor.

Have you started pulling fabric from your stash yet? Remember this year our theme is "Waste Not, Want Not" and we're challenging you to make a quilt using only the fabric you have on hand. Here's your opportunity to use up some of that left over fabric you don't know what to do with. Don't think you have enough of just the right colors? Bring what you can't use and trade it with your fellow quilters. The more you bring the more you can trade. Here's what you'll need along with pre cutting instructions:

1 yard muslin, wash before cutting  
cut (11) 10 ½" square blocks  
1 ¾ yards medium-dark focus fabric  
cut (10) 3"x16" strips  
and bring all the fabric  
light fabrics 10" square or larger  
cut (10) 10" squares  
2 yards assorted dark fabrics  
cut strips 1"-2 ½" x 16"  
3 yards backing  
½ yard binding cut (6) 2 ¼ x 42" strips or  
make it scrappy

The fabric requirements are for a 45"x 54" quilt.

The mystery quilt team: Marguerite Connolly, Mary Ann Leonard, Karen O'Malley, Terri Roberts, and Jill French have been busy sewing away and some have even finished their quilts. No peeking! Maybe they will share their fabric selections with you at the next meeting???

If you have any questions about MQD, email me at [johnwwoods@ij.net](mailto:johnwwoods@ij.net).



*Cute little Valentine Pins from The Purl Bee. Click the picture for a tutorial/pattern.*

## Professional Quilt Photographer wanted

Do you know of a list of local photographers who take pictures of quilts? I wondered if there were any who perhaps gave a discount to guild members. Please contact me if you know of anyone.

Ginny Pannill  
[PANNILLV@pcsb.org](mailto:PANNILLV@pcsb.org)

## 2010 Programs

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February's program will be two fold. First, we'll give a heart felt welcome to the "Notions Lady". Marilyn's very own supplier, Marsha Hicks, will be here from Checkers Distributors to give us the low down on all those gadgets and gizmos that we just can't live without. You won't want to miss it! The second half of the night will be devoted to guild business.

Thank you to everyone who turned in a survey at the January meeting. I got some great suggestions for programs. I've already looked into a few and will be checking the rest out soon. As always, keep your suggestions coming. If you missed filling out a survey, I'll have some available at the February meeting so let me know if you need one.

Wow, I was really happy to see that so many people are interested in participating in the Sewing Room Reveal and Quilt Show Programs in June and October respectively. Start taking pictures of your sewing rooms, spaces, or where ever you make the quilting magic happen and email them to Carol at [chemmingsen@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:chemmingsen@tampabay.rr.com). Remember, one picture should have you in it. Carol's is waiting to hear from you. I'll be using your survey picks to put together the categories for our quilt show in October so if you haven't filled out the survey, make sure you do so at the meeting. These two programs are all about you, so we need your participation to make them fun for all.

Good news! I talked to Pam Bono recently and she has sent me a new quilt design to add to our August Workshops choices. It's her Tied up in Knots Table Collection. Now we have six designs to choose from, so if you haven't voted yet or would like to change your vote, make sure you check out the

workshop board and make your selection.

## NATIONAL QUILT DAY

Lynn Woods

National Quilt Day will be here next month! The date is set for Saturday, March 20th at Heritage Village, 11909 125 St. N., Largo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This year we are sharing the church with Suncoast Quilting Circle and each guild will display their own quilts so they will not be let out of our sight. We should be able to display 30 or so quilts. If you have a quilt or quilts that you would like to show off, please let me know. Make sure they are labeled and have your name on them.

Volunteers are still needed to help out during the day at the church and manning the make & take table. All you have to do is spend two hours talking to people and answering their quilting questions or helping someone stitch their heart. A signup sheet will be available at all meetings prior to MQD. Thank you to the four people that have already signed up but we need many more to make this day a success. Please give a few hours of your time to spread the word about quilting and hopefully make some new friends along the way.

Don't forget to bring the muslin and batting hearts that you've cutting as well as floss or pearl cotton, 1/8" ribbon and embroidery needles for our Make & Take project to the February meeting. I still have templates so if you want to participate see me.

If you have any questions or want to help with planning and coordinating this year's National Quilting Day event, please contact Lynn at [johnwwoods@ij.net](mailto:johnwwoods@ij.net) or call 399-9407. So far I'm a lonely committee of one and I could really use your help!

## 2010 Quilt Shows

### The West Pasco Quilters' Guild QUILT SHOW 2010

#### "Heart to Heart"

**FEBRUARY 12, 13, & 14 2010**

Hours: **Friday/Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4**

Daily admissions: **Donation \$6; Multi-Day \$10**

Members of WPQG, Inc., wearing membership pin, get in free.

Location: **Veterans Memorial Park**

**14333 Hicks Road**

**Hudson, Florida 34669**

\*Over 250 quilts

\*Guild boutique

\*Silent auction



**Healing Heart Block made for Becky Madasz by Lori Lewis**

## Healing Hearts

Lori Lewis

At our January PQ meeting, it was mentioned that a deadline might be helpful in giving us the extra push to get the healing heart blocks finished for our members in need. I have updated our website to only include members who we have put on our list within the last **six months**. There are only 3 on the list now so I encourage you to take action soon.

Keeping the blocks simple and perhaps selecting your favorite block that you make will help you to be prompt at completing these for our members in need. Even if you do not know the members, if you feel led, go ahead and make them a block. They may be a new friend you just have not gotten to know yet. The love and support in receiving these blocks is so wonderful to receive during difficult times.

We have two new members on our list for Healing Heart Blocks. Both Diane Friedman and Roni Hunt have lost their fathers recently. Becky Madasz' sister, Pam, has taken a turn for the worse and so soon after losing their other sister last March. If you have not already made a block for her or want to send another, I have her information listed below.

- Roni Hunt – Tan/Beige bg with patriotic theme
- Diane Friedman – White bg with nautical theme
- Becky Madasz – Tan/Beige bg with civil war fabrics.

Blocks may be mailed to the members or delivered in person. Further information is on our website at:

<http://www.hypersytes.com/pqwebsite/healinghearts.html>



**"Quilting by the Gulf XIII"**

Venice Community Center  
326 S. Nokomis Ave.  
Venice, FL 34285

Saturday, March 20, 2010 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, March 21, 2010 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission \$7.00

Additional Quilt Show Info: [www.vaag.org](http://www.vaag.org)



**ANOTHER FREEBIE!!**

Tutorial by [www.favecrafts.com](http://www.favecrafts.com). Great free tutorial for these cute little heart ornies. Would be so cute pinned as a brooch, on a bag or hat.

[Click Here](#) to see the detailed tutorial.





## Free JO MORTON Quilt pattern

Lori Lewis



"Celebrate!" uses the panel prints, coordinating prints and ticking stripes from the "Banner Day" collection. Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the pattern Free from Andover Fabrics.

If you love, love Jo Morton's fabric and patterns; check her blog for the latest updates at [http://web.me.com/jomorton/Jo\\_Blog](http://web.me.com/jomorton/Jo_Blog).

## Seminar Information

Lynn Woods



Ricky Tims is coming to William Jessup University in Rocklin, California. June 24 – 26, 2010

There's a lot more to learn about Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminars and his guest teachers Alex Anderson and Libby Lehman.

[www.RickyTims.com/seminars.html](http://www.RickyTims.com/seminars.html)

## WOW Party

Karen O'Malley

I would like to invite the PQ members to participate in a project that I am working on. I will be hosting a WOW Patch Making Party in my home. WOW stands for Women for Orphans & Widows, see [www.wowmission.com](http://www.wowmission.com).

We would be helping widows in sub-Saharan Africa by decorating (with appliqué) patches that they provide. Then the patches are sent to the women in WOW communities who will sew the patches into quilts and give them to orphaned children in the community. The women are learning a new trade as they learn to sew and they get paid small salary from the \$10 donation we submit with each patch.

My church has worked with this organization over the past year and it really is a worthy cause. I think this would be a great opportunity to share our love for quilting with women in another country.

If you would be interested in participating, please let me know so I can notify them how many patches to send us. Then I will schedule a date/time for the party.

Thanks, Karen O'Malley  
[kkomalley@gmail.com](mailto:kkomalley@gmail.com)



## Finance Survey

Susan Herman

Our current by-laws state that "the purpose of the organization is to promote cooperation and the exchange of ideas among quilters; to encourage high standards of design and techniques; to provide educational opportunities to the membership; to stimulate interest and charity outreach within the community." Keeping that in mind, I have put together a survey to gather information and ideas from members that we can vote on for the use of the funds in our treasury.

Lori Lewis will be sending this out as **a separate email** to the newsletter distribution list and a copy of the questions are also on the last page of this month's newsletter. Please reply to her email with your answers or, if you prefer to remain anonymous, print the survey and mail it to her at:

603 Bough Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33760

Please reply as soon as possible as we would like to compile all the responses prior to the February business meeting.

Thanks for your input and ideas!

Susan



## Excerpt from 2/1/10 Board Meeting Regarding Incorporation

**Incorporation:** Maureen made a very well prepared and clear presentation of the research she had done for non-profit and incorporation as a 501c (3). We now have a tax ID number 90-0533508 with the IRS for the Procrastinating Quilters' Guild. We currently have By-laws, articles of Incorporation filed with the State of Florida which cost the guild \$75.00. Needed to accomplish yet is a \$200.00 one time application to the IRS for becoming a 501c(3). Need to request Sales Tax Exemption and then file a Florida DOR Form 5 every five years. We have 27 months to finish the whole incorporation process from January 27, 2010 when we started.

Maureen presented the following information which will be presented to the membership in February:

### **Advantages of 301c(3):**

Tax exempt status is permanent with a one-time application

Benefits our donors by allowing them to deduct the contribution on their income tax

Legal claims cannot exceed the assets of the corporation – the corporation is sued, not individuals

Corporation has its own separate identity, legal existence, can enter into contracts, accept grant money, open bank accounts, receive and maintain funds

May use bulk mailing rates

### **Disadvantages:**

Start up costs (\$200) and a \$75.00 yearly maintenance fee.

Paperwork-initial applications, yearly IRS 990-n, yearly renewal with state, filing DOR-5 every 5 years, giving receipts for donations greater than \$75.00

Under this we can carry over money from year to year.

If we incorporate, we do not have to have insurance. Insurance is only needed if we have a quilt show and we can buy a one-time policy for the event.

## The Finance Survey

Susan Herman

Our guild currently has approximately \$5000 in our general fund that has not been earmarked for anything else.

1. Would you like to see some of the money from our general fund (not retreat or community outreach monies) to go toward more programs in the next year (2011)? We currently have a \$1200 programs budget coming from this year's membership dues.

No\_\_\_\_\_

Yes\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how much would you like to use for future programming?

\$100\_\_\_\_\_

\$200\_\_\_\_\_

\$500\_\_\_\_\_

\$1000\_\_\_\_\_

Other amount\_\_\_\_\_ How much?\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have any other ideas for the use of our monies in the general fund? If so, please describe\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Do you have any ideas for raising funds for the guild? Any ways to increase our gross receipts if people don't want to take away from the general funds?

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