

Vice President's Report

Teri Roberts, VP

I'm so glad that I'm a quilter this winter in Florida; I've needed to use several of my quilts each evening to keep warm. I believe my husband even appreciates my quilts these days! Again, I'm urging everyone to participate in National Quilt Day, Mystery Quilt Day, and the other activities sponsored by our guild.

The May Party blocks will be given out at the March and April meetings. Each block package will contain a piece of the background fabric and instructions for making the block. A dollar charge will be collected when you receive the block package. This charge is to cover the cost of the background fabric and the cost of copying the instructions. For each completed block turned in at the May party, your name will be entered in a drawing for a set of blocks. Depending on the number of blocks turned in, there probably will be more than one set of blocks given away. Next month there will more details on the May party. Don't forget to bring in any orphan Christmas blocks that never made it to a previous Christmas party block drawing. There will be a special drawing for these blocks at the March meeting.

Thanks to everyone that helped put away chairs and set up the tables after the February meeting.

Your "Go To" VP,
Teri Roberts



Free Placemat Pattern

Better Homes has a free pattern to make this cute placemat/table runner.

<http://www.bhg.com/holidays/easter/crafts/quilt-a-carrot-table-runner/>

Easter Tablescape by CountryLiving.com



Mystery Quilt

Lynn Woods/Carol Hemmingsen

Mystery Quilt Day (MQD) is almost here. Let's all get together for a fun day of sewing and socializing on Saturday, April 10th, 9 a.m., at Crossroads Baptist Church in Palm Harbor.

The mystery quilt team: Marguerite Connolly, Mary Ann Leonard, Karen O'Malley, Terri Roberts, Jill French and Carol Hemmingsen are planning to give you a sneak peak of their fabric selections this month. Have you pulled all your fabrics yet??? Remember this year our theme is "Waste Not, Want Not" and we're challenging you to use what you have on hand. If you don't have all 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.

Along with your fabrics, here's a list of sewing supplies to bring with you:

- Sewing Machine
- Small cutting matt, 12" min.; Long ruler, 16" min.; Rotary cutter
- 10" square or larger and a 9 1/2" square if you have one
- Scissors
- Personal iron and pad if you have one
- Marking pencil
- Leftover spools of thread and partially used bobbins (this is a great time to use them up)
- Any other favorite sewing tools
- Strips to exchange if you have them.

Don't forget to bring a bag lunch and any treats you'd like to share.

If you have any questions about MQD, email me at johnwwoods@ij.net.

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1 yard muslin, wash before cutting - cut (11) 10 1/2" square blocks

1 3/4 yards medium-dark focus fabric - cut (10) 3"x16" strips

light fabrics 10" square or larger - cut (10) 10" squares

2 yards assorted dark fabrics - cut strips 1" to 2 1/2" w x 16" l

3 yards backing

1/2 yard binding cut (6) 2 1/4 x 42" strips or make it scrappy

*Just to clarify, cut several strips from assorted dark fabrics anywhere from 1" to 2 1/2" wide. You will want a variety of widths and since this is a scrappy quilt there's no limit to the variety of fabrics you can use.

Bring all the fabrics to the class.

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Community Outreach

Carol Clarke/MaryAnn Leonard

Thanks to all of you, our sewing day at Country Quilts and Bears was very successful. In addition, any members donated blocks and quilts at our February meeting. We are well on our way to meeting our 2010 goals.

Veteran's Wish List:

- ◆ Patriotic blocks – kits available at meetings;
- ◆ Patriotic quilt tops – kits (6 ½" squares) available at meetings;
- ◆ Privacy and Dignity bags - kits available at meetings;
- ◆ Patriotic or male oriented fabrics;
- ◆ Afghans;
- ◆ Travel Neck Pillows;
- ◆ Shower bags for toiletries;
- ◆ Sample size toiletries (hotel sizes are perfect);
- ◆ New toothbrushes; and
- ◆ Lap quilts approximately 36" X 48".

Special Easter wishes:

- Puzzle / Sudoku books
- Playing cards

Thank you for your continued support.



Quilt by Lily at Blockaday.com. Chinese coins pattern with yoyos, buttons and wool embellishments. Click [HERE](#) to view a close up view.

Freebie Pattern

Retromama

Click [HERE](#) to go to the Retromama website for the pattern to make these cute fabric Easter eggs.



Check out the free pattern and tutorial to make these fabric eggs by [RetroMama](#).

Quote

Norma Santiago

"A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together!" –Unknown

2010 Programs

Lynn Woods/Carol Hemmingsen

This month Bob Carrier is our speaker. Bob will take us through his creative journey as an artist and how it has led him to work with fabric. Bob has developed his own methods and techniques to create "fabric art" pictures from very small pieces of fabric. I can't wait to see all his beautiful, one of a kind fabric pictures.

Don't forget that June is our Sewing Room Reveal Program. Carol is waiting to receive the pictures of your sewing rooms, or sewing spaces so take your pictures and email them to her at chemmingsen@tampabay.rr.com. Remember, one picture should have you in it. Take those pictures today; June will be here before we know it.

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to take a look at the Pam Bono workshop display board and vote for your favorite. This will be your last chance to cast a vote. Pam will be here in August for a trunk show and two different workshops. We'll go with the two workshops that get the most votes.



NATIONAL QUILT DAY

Lynn Woods

National Quilt Day is Saturday, March 20th at Heritage Village, 11909 125 St. N., Largo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thank you everyone for pitching in to get ready for this day. It was awesome to see the tub of muslin hearts filled up to the top. I'm still collecting hearts so don't forget to bring any additional muslin and batting hearts that you've cut to the next meeting. We have a good amount of ribbon in purple, bright pink, aqua, light blue, yellow, orange, green and the largest amount in red. STILL NEEDED is perle cotton, #8 would be good, or floss to match the ribbon colors and some Embroidery/Crewel needles, 1/5 so the eyes are big enough. If you have any of these supplies, please bring them to the meeting also.

If you signed up to show a quilt or two on NQD, don't forget to bring your quilt to the March meeting. We'll be checking them in at the meeting. Please make sure that your quilt is labeled and your name is on it.

If anyone has a tri-fold quilt rack or any type of quilt rack that we could borrow to use for displaying quilts at the church please let me know so I can make arrangements with you to pick it up or get it from you at the meeting. My email is johnwwoods@ij.net, phone 727-399-9407.

I want to pass on a message from Heritage Village in case I forget to mention it at the meeting. If you have signed up to help, please park along the fence outside of the gate. They would like to save the few spaces in the parking lot for handicap parking if possible.

Quilters Yard Sale ALERT!!

Pam Evans

Crafty Quilters Closet Clean Out:

Pat D, Roni H, Linda Maddox and Pam E... are cleaning out their stash and sewing rooms....

We're having a Huge sale of quilting fabric, kits, books, quilt tops, ufo's (unfinished projects), sewing machines, a mangle, handi-quilter, some upholstery fabrics, vinyl, and more!!!! Don't miss the excitement!!

8 AM - 2 PM

Saturday March 13.

CASH Only

- Location: 1568 Ambrosia Drive, Clearwater (Pam Evans' house)



Recipe

Jill French

Jill was asked at our Soldier Day sit and sew to share this recipe. Enjoy!

Creamy Macaroni & Cheese

8 oz. elbow macaroni
2 Tblsp. butter
2 eggs
8 oz. cottage cheese
8 oz. sour cream
2 8 oz. pkg. shredded sharp cheddar cheese (4 cups)
1 5 oz. can evaporated milk
Salt and pepper to taste
Pinch of Lawry's seasoned salt

Preheat oven to 400.

Cook macaroni according to package directions. Drain and return to the pot. Add butter, stirring to melt.

In a large bowl mix all other ingredients, holding back 1 cup cheddar cheese. Fold in the buttered macaroni.

Pour into a greased casserole dish and cover the top with remaining cheese. Cover with aluminum foil.

Bake for 30 minutes, remove foil and bake for 10 minutes more for the top to brown.