



Upcoming Events

08/18/2011 August PQ Meeting

09/15/2011 September PQ Meeting

VP Report

Teri Roberts

Have you ever worked on Christmas projects in the summer? Well the Day Timers Mini Group worked on a Christmas project in June for the PQ Christmas party. I'm not telling what we worked on, but we accomplished the whole task in about 5 hours. It does feel like I'm a little ahead of the game for the Christmas Party - thanks to the Day Timers. Yea!!

I haven't heard too much about the Brown Bag Challenge. Did you like the fabric that you got for the challenge? Have you chosen a pattern? And most important have you started your project? Tic-Toc -- time is flying by. Try not to procrastinate anymore. I know there are a few of you that haven't started yet and are living to our name.

If you got the October 2011 American Patchwork Quilting magazine, take a look at the inside front cover. The short one page article tells how to make a virtual-patchwork floor using patchwork blocks, fabric, decoupage medium, polyurethane and time. It looks interesting and not too difficult to make but would take some time to accomplish.

Lori Lewis has done some wonderful "Zentangle" (elaborate doodling) with pen and paper. Ask Lori about Zentangle. I have tried a little and have read a lot about Zentangle (I actually signed up for a weekly email). There is a new book "Zentangle: Fabric Arts, Quilting, Embroidery" by Suzanne McNeil that describes Zentangle with thread and fabric. Maybe Lori will try these techniques.

Message from the President

Susan Herman

I hope everyone is enjoying a fun and relaxing summer. It's gone by very quickly for me. It's hard to believe that teachers have to be back at school in a few more days! I did quite a bit of sewing this summer but of course did not accomplish as much as I would have liked. Speaking of school beginning soon, please remember to pick some extra school supplies and bring them to the August or September meeting for one of our Community Outreach Programs. These supplies will be donated to one or more needy public schools in Pinellas County. There are plenty of back to school sales going on now to get some good bargains. I hope you all got to enjoy the summer sale at Country Quilts and Bears.... So much fabric, so little time! Happy quilting!
Susan Herman

PQ's Website

Check the latest news on our website
www.hypersytes.com/pqwebsite



Don't forget to bring school supplies to the August meeting. The PQs are collecting these supplies for one or more schools in the area. I hope to see you at the August meeting with Show and Tell quilts or other quilting projects that you have completed in the past couple of months.

Teri Roberts

Treasurer's Report

Janet Jenson

Currently we have \$8,263.11 in our General Funds account.

The retreat fund had \$78.43 after we made the \$200.00 deposit for next years retreat. And the Community Account has a balance of \$1,975.65. As of 7/31/2011 our expenses are lower than estimated and the Silent Auction raised \$197.00 more than we estimated we would. Partly due to the economy the 50/50 is way below the \$400.00 estimate. Also membership is down and dues are \$671.00 below average.

But having mentioned all this, we still have plenty of money for the events we have planned. So it's a good year.

I will not be able to attend the August business meeting so if you will be needing anything, please contact me.

Thanks!

Janet Jensen



A Note from the editor

Lori Lewis

Thanks for the time off last month. I really do love doing the newsletter but a girl needs a break now and then.

I am also ready to pass along this newsletter next year. After 4 years I believe it is time to give another brave girl the chance to enjoy this. If you have ever considered it, now is the time to speak up!!

I will continue publishing through the end of this year. Thanks so much for this opportunity. I have truly enjoyed it.

Community Outreach

Eleanor Javid

School is starting and time for supplies needed in the schools. Here are some of the items needed:

3 inch 3 ring binders
dividers with tabs
3 ring zipper pencil pouches
loose leaf notebook paper
pencils & pens
light weight book bags or string backpacks
crayons
markers
lined paper
computer paper
paper towels
liquid soap
hand sanitizer

Besides the above I'm sure there are other items you might feel the schools would need, please bring what you can to the next several meetings so they can be distributed.

Thanks

Eleanor Javid



A Note from Country Bears

Susan Freebery

If you who have picked up your Spool Holders and Bobbin Winders please look at the box they came in and make sure you have gotten the right item. There has been some confusion and some people have been given the incorrect item or have the items of others.

If you have any questions, please phone the shop at 727-461-4171.

Programs

Lynn Wood

Happy August everyone! This month Mary-Jeanine Ibarquen will be joining us to present her Stash Busters Lecture that includes a trunk show, demos and handouts. Come let Mary-Jeanine inspire you to create something beautiful from all that fabric you've been collecting all summer, or should I say, all your life. If you haven't been to her website yet, take the time to check it out at www.floridaquiltnetwork.com.

This is the place to go to keep updated on quilting events in Florida as well as to find lists of quilt shops, guilds, LongArm Quilters and some great recipes too.

It's time to start preparing for our upcoming workshop in October. Carol Henry will be here for her "Curves and Swerves" workshop. The workshop will be at Crossroads Baptist Church on Friday, October 21st from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The cost will be \$35, which includes the template. This will be a fun workshop where we do some designing in the morning and sew our creation in the afternoon.

I was fortunate to meet Carol in January and got a hands-on demonstration of her technique. You will be surprised at how fun and easy it is! I'll talk more about the workshop and have a signup sheet and some pictures of her quilts at the August meeting. You will need to pay for the workshop when you sign up, so don't forget your checkbook!

Check out Carol's website at www.minisbycarol.com.

FREE bom – Block 7 and 8

Little Miss Shabby



Jodie at Little Missy Shabby has posted her eighth block in this free BOM series called Birdie Stitches. (www.littlemissshabby.com).



Here is the July block in case you missed it. So cute!