

TEMPLATE TIMES

Procrastinating Quilters

February 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS

02/17 PQ Meeting

02/11 – 12 Quilter's Crossing

Quilt Show

03/19 National Quilt Day at Heritage Village

04/09 Mystery Quilt Day

04/29 – 05/1/ 2011 PQ Retreat

PQ'S WEBSITE

Check the latest news on our website

www.hypersytes.com/pqwebsite

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
MARCH 7TH**



<http://bugonthegreen.blogspot.com>

This adorable topiary idea comes from bugonthegreen. This could be whipped up last minute. This would be cute for Easter even using pastel M & M's!

FROM THE EDITOR

Lori Lewis

I know Valentine's Day is just a couple days after you get this newsletter but I figured LOVE is always on trend so I stuck with my Conversation Hearts candy theme for this month. They are just so fun and make you smile, even if you don't like eating them, like me. I'm more of a chocolate girl myself.

Early in the year is a busy season for the PQs. We have a President's Challenge coming up soon, the Mystery Quilt Day and it's almost National Quilting Day. Right after all that we have our PQ Retreat. Whew!! It's all fun and can keep a quilter busy and meeting up with other quilters.

So, whether you are still on task to get unfinished projects completed or if you are jumping on to something fresh and new – enjoy the season.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Susan Herman



VP REPORT

Teri Roberts

WOW – the weather has been like a roller coaster the last three weeks. At least we haven't had 22 inches of snow with snowdrifts as high as the roofline like my family in northern Illinois. However, the one thing about this weather, we don't feel guilty about staying inside. It is a good time to do bindings on quilts because you can cover up and keep warm with the quilt while you sew on the binding. Because I've been so cold, I'm on a roll on my UFOs that needed bindings. This is the year of getting things off my Get 'R Done list. Wish me luck.

At the next meeting I want to discuss whether the guild members want to make opportunity blocks for the May party. A drawing is held for the blocks and one or more members win the blocks. At the Christmas party there were only nine blocks made and six of the blocks were made as samples prior to the party to show the guild members what the blocks would look like. Sometimes we run out of time at Christmas time or the block pattern is something we aren't interested in making. Last time the background fabric was not included with the pattern – maybe that was the problem. There is time and cost in writing and printing the pattern instructions; there is also guess factor in knowing how many patterns to print. There were a lot of patterns left over last time.

If the guild wants to continue with the opportunity blocks, the theme for the blocks for the May party is Bon Voyage / travel. I haven't worked out all of the details for the appliqué or pieced blocks yet, but I have several ideas for the blocks. Background fabric will be provided for both the appliqué and the pieced blocks.

Please give the opportunity blocks some thought prior to the meeting.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the tables and chairs after the meeting in January.

Teri



PROGRAMS

Lynn Woods

We start the new year with a visit from Marsha Hicks of Checkers Distributors. Marsha came to our guild last year and wowed us with a demonstration of new rulers and lots of examples of quick, easy blocks she made using them. This year she's coming back to show us more new products, how to use them and she's including a trunk show too. This is a program you won't want to miss!

DONATIONS WANTED! I'm collecting items for the silent auction which will be held at the May party. We had a lot of fun with this program last year and I'm looking forward to seeing what is donated this year. Suggestions for donations would be finished quilts, UFOs, quilt blocks, kits, fabrics, books, patterns, templates, tools, notions, pincushions, totes, purses, bags, quilt and sewing related gifts/items, etc. Handmade items are always welcome and were very popular last year. I can also use containers such as baskets, metal containers, boxes, etc. for displaying themed items. Please bring your donations to the meetings or contact me at johnwwoods@ij.net, phone 399-9407 to make arrangements for me to get them from you.



SNOW???



I know it's not snowing HERE, but it is still snowing all over our country. I found this and it was just too good to wait until next winter to show you all. Check out Caths Pennies website. She has a few wool patterns for sale. Her blog is <http://cathspennies.blogspot.com/>.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2010

Mary Ann Leonard & Carol Clarke

We want to thank everyone for being so generous and helpful to the Veterans Project. It really is nice to walk in and see the Vets using the quilts and the staff making games up for them to "win" a special quilt. They also enjoyed the afghans and books, cards, game, washable pens, mug rugs, hygiene materials, magazines, travel totes and privacy bags (and the larger wound vac bags). I think they mostly enjoyed the fact that there are folks out in the greater population that care about them.

We have approximately 12 very nice patriotic quilts left and I have been in contact with Susan Young (manager of the Women's program at Bay Pines) and the social worker assigned for women's programs. They will call me when they have names lined up for distribution. Unfortunately, due to privacy issues, we may not be able to meet with the recipients in person. I have gotten such positive feedback from all the personnel involved in giving the quilts that it is truly appreciated and loved.

We were able to meet, in early November, with a young man who was wounded and has recovered and gave him a special quilt. He was returning to Afghanistan the next day. He recounted the attack on his tank that killed one person and wounded everyone else by an IED explosion. He and his mother were so awed and happy to receive this one-of-a-kind quilt. He said he would be putting it on his bunk as soon as he got back. We heard them both say how wonderful the quilt was after we had stepped out to leave!

So-THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR MAKING A LOT OF PEOPLE HAPPY, YOU MADE THEIR DAY!!!!



NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2011

Carol Clarke

National Quilting Day (NQD) will be here next month! The date is set for Saturday, March 19th at Heritage Village, 11909 125 St. N., Largo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. We are sharing the church with Suncoast Quilting Circle again this year and need about 30 or so quilts to display. If you have a quilt or quilts that you would like to show off, please sign up at the February meeting and plan to bring them to the March meeting. Make sure they are labeled with your name on them.

More volunteers are still needed to help out during the day at the church and in the Pinellas Room in the demonstration area and at the make & take tables. A signup sheet will be available at all meetings prior to NQD. Please give a few hours of your time to spread the word about quilting and hopefully make some new friends along the way.

If you have any questions or want to help with planning and coordinating please contact Carol Clarke at clarke131@aol.com.



It's PINK, it's RED, and it's a QUILT. How sweet is this??!

Country Living Magazine uses this easy, classic Yo Yo Quilt in a pink bedroom. I thought the colors were reminiscent of the conversation hearts.



PROGRAMS

Lynn Wood

It's the start of another year so here's the calendar of programs and events for 2011. I'll let you know of any additions and/or changes as they come up. I hope that you'll enjoy what I've planned and I welcome any suggestions for future programs and activities. You can email me at johnwwoods@ij.net or call me at 727-399-9407.

- January 20th – Annual Meeting
- February 17th – Marsha Hicks from Checkers Distributors
- March 17th – President's Challenge Reveal Night
- March 19th – National Quilt Day at Heritage Village
- April 9th– Mystery Quilt Day
- April 21st – Judy Hanson of Quilt Shop of Leland
- April 29-30, May 1 - PQs Quilt Retreat at Day Springs
- May 19th – Summer party – Crossroads Baptist Church
- June 16th – Anti-quilt Show and Tell (details at a later date)
- July 15th – Country Quilts & Bears – Sale
- August 18th – Make & Take Night
- September 15th – PQ 3rd Annual Quilt Show & Tell
- October 20th – Carol Henry – You be the Judge lecture & trunk show
- October 21st – Curves and Swerves – Carol Henry Workshop
- November 17th – Brown Bag Reveal – Crossroads Baptist Church
- December 15th – Holiday party – Crossroads Baptist Church

Please note that Carol Henry will be here in October and I've scheduled a workshop for Friday, October 21st. Details will be provided at a later date. If you aren't familiar with Carol Henry, take a peek at her website: www.minisbycarol.com.



CONVERSATION HEARTS



How cute are these????!! Such an easy last minute idea for a valentine. Maybe make them into a pin. I found these at several web sites including FeltSoGreen and Rags-n-Tags. They have tutorials on how to make them or they may be purchased online.



PQ MYSTERY QUILT

Pauline Mallory & Lynda Weingart

The Mystery Quilt Committee met and so the Mystery begins! We've chosen a fun, fast quilt to make and believe you'll have fun with this one. It's a great stash buster if you want to make it scrappy, but it can also have whatever "theme" you desire. If you think you have enough quilts, it would be a great quilt for the Comfort Quilts for the kids. We hope you will join us April 9th at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Largo. They have a wonderful space for us to use.

The fabric requirements at cutting instructions are available on our website and at the end of this newsletter.

RETREAT 2011

Sharon Kalinowski

PQ Retreat Sign Up

As mentioned last month, I needed to give a count to Day Springs by Jan. 29th. We now have reserved 32 spots. This will fill 4 cabins. Currently I have confirmed reservations for 29 people. This means that there is space for 3 more people. If there is an interest beyond this number, I can contact Day Spring and request additional space if it is available.

Sign up for the PQ Spring retreat at Day Springs will continue as long as space remains.

To secure your spot please make your initial deposit of \$100 by mail or at the next PQ meeting.

Please make checks payable to PQ's

If you prefer to mail in your deposit send to:
Sharon Kalinowski
2256 Pinnacle Circle S.
Palm Harbor Florida 34684

Details for the retreat are as follows:

What: PQ Spring Retreat

Where: Day Spring Episcopal Conference Center
25th St.
Parrish, Florida

When: April 29 - May 1, 2011

Cost: \$200 due in full March 1, 2011

Deposit required: \$100

Accommodations: Cabins with semi private rooms.

Total spots: 32

No refunds after Jan 29th

Members only until March 1, 2011. After this date non-members will be admitted at an additional charge and only if space is available.

Any questions please call:
Sharon A. Kalinowski 727-254-4286



FREE BOM – BLOCK 2

Little Miss Shabby



I found this adorable little Freebie by Jodie at Little Missy Shabby (www.littlemissshabby.com). It just started in December and promises to be a cute little stitchery BOM. The patterns are available at: <http://www.littlemissshabby.com/2011/02/birdie-stitches-block-2/>

Jodie is using "Sunkissed" by Moda. You only need a jelly roll or a layer cake precut fabric to make this little quilt. Another option is two charm packs. The jelly roll is the most fabric efficient option. She uses the light grey solid that is in this fabric line. I prefer something a little lighter so I am using a white. Online I have seen a pale yellow that is quite sweet.

Anyone needing a little one on one tutorial on how to do the stitchery just contact me and I'll help you out. What?? Another mini group???

~ Lori Lewis



MEMBERSHIP – IMPORTANT!!!

Karen O'Malley

Membership dues are NOW due. If you have not done so, please make your \$30 dues payment ASAP. If you would prefer to mail them, please make the check payable to PQ's and sent it to:

Karen O'Malley
14149 80th Ave
Seminole, FL 33776

Also, I passed the printed membership list at the January meeting. The list never made it back to me and I have not been able to find it. Please check your papers from last month and see if it accidentally got home with you. I need all changes that were made to the list (new members, email and address changes, etc. resubmitted. We need to update our master membership list for 2011. Please email them to kkomalley@gmail.com

Thanks!

NON-PROFIT INCORPORATION INFORMATION

Janet Jensen

Please review this information. As requested in our January business meeting, we will be discussing this at the February meeting. It will be helpful if you read it prior to the meeting.

The Procrastinating Quilters' Guild

IRS Publications: 4220, 4221-PC, 4221-PF, 1771, 557 Tax-Exempt Organizations direct line: 877-829-5500

What is a 501c(3): It's the IRS name for a tax exempt organization that has charity as part of its mission

What is EIN number: Also called Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN) and think of it as PQ's social security number.

IRS Form 990: This is the tax form that's filed with the IRS for non-profit organizations every year. For organizations that have gross receipts less than \$25 000, the 990-n (postcard) is filed with the name of the organization, tax ID number, officers, address. Effective, 2007, if an organization does not file for 3 years, the tax ID number will be dropped

Order of application for 501c(3):

Current By-laws of organization-includes mission and organization of officers(these may need to be amended to be compliant with government regulations.

Articles of Incorporation-file with the State of Florida(sunbiz.org) Cost: \$75.00 yearly

EIN number-file IRS form SS-4(our tax ID number is 90-0533508)

501c(3)-file IRS form 1023 Cost \$400.00 one time application, using cyber assistant

Request for Sales Tax Exemption- File Florida DOR Form 5 every 5 years

Advantages of 501c(3)

Tax exempt status is permanent with a onetime application

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

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

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

Bulk mailing rates

Disadvantages

The Sales Tax Exemption applies only to direct purchases. Only those purchases made with the non-profit organization's exemption certificate and the nonprofit organization's own funds will qualify as "direct" purchase entitled to the sales tax exemption.

Start up costs and maintenance fees

Paperwork-review of current By-laws and initial applications, yearly IRS form 990-n, yearly renewal with state, filing DOR-5 every 5 years, giving receipts for donations greater than \$75.00

Organizing documents must limit the organization's purpose to exempt purposes and organization's assets must be permanently dedicated to an exempt purpose.

Insurance: Separate issue from Incorporation



MYSTERY QUILT FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Pauline Mallory

Large Lap Quilt (54" X 72") (May add an outer border to make this larger if you like. This will obviously change the yardage for backing, binding and batting, depending on how wide you make the border.)

Very Dark Fabric 1 ¼ yds
Very Light Fabric 1 ½ yds
Focus Fabric 1 ½ yds
Backing 3 ½ yds
Binding 5/8 yds
Batting 60" X 78"

Queen Size Quilt (90" X 108")

Very Dark Fabric 3 1/8 yds (Scrappy Look – 5 different fabrics of 5/8 yds each)
Very Light Fabric 3 ¾ yds (Scrappy Look – 5 different fabrics of ¾ yds each)
Focus Fabric 3 ¾ yds (Scrappy Look – 5 different fabrics of ¾ yds each)
Backing 8 3/8 yds
Binding 1 yd
Batting 96" X 114"

Small Lap Quilt (36" X 54")

Very Dark Fabric 5/8 yds
Very Light Fabric 3/4 yds
Focus Fabric 3/4 yds
Backing 2 yds
Binding 1/2 yd
Batting 42" X 60"

Fabric Selection Hints:

It is essential to have a good contrast between the three fabrics in each block.

Focus Fabric: Directional fabric can be used if it does not matter which direction it will face in the finished quilt; i.e. if you don't like people standing on their heads or lying on their sides, don't use that fabric!

Large scale prints are good, but make sure the background is not too close to your light fabric; there needs to be a strong contrast.

If you want a really scrappy look, the focus fabric could be all different fabrics with the same value. Each fabric must accommodate a 12 ½ inch block; i.e. ¼ yd will not work. Fat quarters are good, but you will have fabric for future projects like a scrappy border for this quilt.

Darks: If you want to use more than one color, use fabrics with the same value. If you want all the same color, stay with fabrics that have similar dark values.

Lights: Textured and shaded fabrics are good to use, but should stay within similar values.

Cutting Directions: 6 Blocks

Dark Fabric: Cut 7 – 2 ½" strips – cut one strip into 6 – 6 ½" segments

Light Fabric: Cut 2 – 2 ½" strips and 4 – 4 ½" strips

Focus Fabric: Cut 6 – 12 ½" X 12 ½" squares

Large Lap Quilt – cut two sets of six blocks

Queen Quilt – cut five sets of six blocks

Small Lap Quilt – cut one set of six blocks