

TEMPLATE TIMES

Procrastinating Quilters

November 2011

Upcoming Events

11/07/2011 Brown Bag DEADLINE

11/17/2011 Brown Bag Reveal Night

12/15/2011 Holiday Party

PQ's Website

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www.hypersytes.com/pqwebsite



Note from the editor

Lori Lewis

In case you were not at the meeting, Roni Hunt has stepped up to be your newsletter editor. She will be starting beginning with the January 2012 issue.

Thanks Roni!

Message from the President

Susan Herman

GONE
QUILTING!

VP Report

Teri Roberts

Carol Henry taught a wonderful class on sewing curves. The template that we got can make any finished 2 inch or 3 inch block with straight seams into a block with curves. Pretty neat! Carol also explained her techniques on making perfect mitered borders and swirl bindings. All in all the class was excellent.

I still need more Mason jars (no one responded to last month's wanted ad) – Classico spaghetti jars will work well if you don't have any mason jars to donate. A couple of jars from 20 people or 1 from 40 people would really help.

Please be sure to read the following articles in the newsletter:

- Committee Chairmen Needed for 2012
- National Quilt Day 2012

We really want to start the New Year with the chairmen of the committees in place; it will make everything flow so much easier. A meeting for National Quilt Day is going to be held in December, so we need someone in place by December.

During the November meeting, a list of types of food will be passed around for PQers to sign up for the food item that they wish to bring to the Holiday Party on December 15, 2011, at Crossroads Baptist Church. The signup list is needed for two reasons – to know



VP Report - continued

Treasurer

Janet Jensen

I just received the Bank Statement for the "Community Retreat" account and Suntrust has a new list of "Fees" they will be charging. I will contact the bank to see how they will affect our accounts. If we are going to be charged extra fee's I will look at other options, as we cannot afford excessive bank fees for them to hold our money.

Janet



Brown Bag Reveal - November Program

Jill French

This month's program is an annual favorite not only for those who participate in the Brown Bag Challenge but for all of us who have the fun of a mini quilt show and terrific dessert bar.

How motivational to see the awesome creativity of your fellow guild members who have taken three lonely fat quarters from a plain brown wrapper and turned them into a thing of beauty. You'll experience the gripping emotion as these orphaned fabrics are reunited with the brave guild members who were willing to temporarily part with them so that they would have the opportunity for a better life as a beautiful quilted something-or-other. To help you cope with emotional outbursts, desserts will be available. Please provide your own tissues.

Can reality TV even come close to this...?

approximately how many PQers are coming to the Holiday party - this count helps determine how many party favors need to be made for everyone attending; and so we will have a good variety of food and drink. The list of the food categories is as follows: appetizers, salads (green, pasta, vegetable, etc.), meats, vegetables, casseroles, desserts, bread/rolls, butter, and drinks (iced tea, coke, and other soft drinks both diet and regular). The "Other" category can be used for food that can't be put anywhere else. The food choice is yours - sign up for your signature dish or a favorite dish that your family loves you to make. If you are time challenged bring some drinks, rolls and butter or chips and dip. Napkins, paper plates, cups, and plastic ware will be provided.

I know this reminder is a little earlier, but we are the Procrastinating Quilters; there will also be a gift exchange (this is an optional activity) at the Holiday party. Anyone who wants to participate should bring a wrapped gift. The gift should have something to do with quilting, piecing, redwork, or embroidery such as patterns, thread, rulers, books, or a handmade item. This gift should fall in a price range of around \$10-\$15. Please put your name inside the wrapped package. It's always nice to be able to thank the person who took the time to select and give the gift.

To all the PQ members that helped with taking down the chairs and setting up tables at the October meeting, thank-you. As always it is very much appreciated.

Teri



<http://www.keepsakequilting.com>

Programs

Lynn Woods

It's time for the Brown Bag Reveal! I can't wait to see what everyone has made. Jill French and Cathy Brown will be taking charge of the evening so I'll just remind you that we're meeting at Crossroads Baptist Church this month, and most important, don't forget to **BRING A DESSERT** to share. See you all there.

I want to share an email that I received from Carol Henry last month. She wrote: "Dear Lynn, I just wanted to say "Thank You" to your guild for inviting me to share their time. Please tell everyone how much I enjoyed being with all of you, for the lecture and the class. I enjoy both so much when everyone is willing to participate. You have a wonderful group of quilters that are interested in learning and trying new things. Again, thank you for inviting of me. Sincerely, Carol".

I'd also like to thank everyone that brought a quilt to the program. Carol told me that we had the most quilts ever brought to a lecture for her to look at. We have such a talented group!

We also had a wonderful time and learned quite a bit from Carol at the workshop. She has given us permission to share all her tips and techniques so, for those of you who missed the workshop, I'll be teaching a class to make the tree quilt at Country Quilts and Bears on a Saturday next year and will also share her tips for making perfect mitered borders and binding with you. Look for the date in the Country Quilts and Bears Newsletter.

Fall Eye Candy

Autumn Pinwheels by the Australian shop, The Quilted Crow.



<http://www.thequiltedcrow.com.au/>

National Quilting Day 2012

Teri Roberts

Our guild needs a volunteer to represent the PQs on the National Quilting Day (NQD) Committee for 2012. The quilting guilds of Pinellas County will host the National Quilting Day at Heritage Village on Saturday, March 17, 2012. The Largo Crackers will chair this committee. This committee plans to have two or three meetings at the Fiber Arts Building at Heritage Village prior to March 17, 2012.

Some of duties of the NQD committee member are:

- Attend NQD committee meetings
- Report back to our guild on our guilds responsibilities' for NQD
- Sign up people to display quilts at NQD
- Sign volunteers to work on NQD
- Coordinate PQ Volunteers on NQD

Please let Teri Roberts know if you are interested in being a NQD committee member for our guild. Call or email me if you have any questions at 2roberts@tampabay.rr.com, 727 586-1712 (home) or 727 481-7286 (cell).

Committee Chairs Needed

Teri Roberts

The following are committees that have a chairman or are in need of a chairman for the 2012 year. Please consider volunteering to chair one of the committees still in need of a chairman. If it would be easier ask a friend to co-chair a committee with you that would be fine. Programs/Education Co-chairs – Stephanie Dorsey and Sharon Kalinowski

- Subcommittees under programs
- Mystery Quilt - Cathy Starman
- Brown Bag Challenge – Lynn Woods
- National Quilt Day - **NEEDED** See article on National Quilt Day 2012

- Block of the Month – Optional **NEEDED**
- Block Swap or some other type of swap for example red work dishtowels) - Optional

NEEDED

Membership – **NEEDED**

Newsletter - Roni Hunt

Community Outreach – Eleanor Javid

Quilt Retreat – Theresa Arrison

Sunshine – **NEEDED**

Historian - **NEEDED**

Parliamentarian - **NEEDED**

Audit - **NEEDED**

Nominating – Starts July/August 2012 timeframe

Secret Pals 2012

Pauline Mallory and Lynda Weingart

Pauline Mallory and Lynda Weingart have volunteered to chair Secret Pals in 2012. If you wish to participate, please complete the Secret Pals form and return it to either Pauline or Lynda prior to 6:00 p.m. on the night of the Christmas party. Sorry, no forms will be accepted after that time as Secret Pals will be distributed during the party. Forms can be submitted via e-mail, snail mail or in person.

Remember, being a secret pal is making a commitment to a fellow quilter that you will remember him or her in some small way on a monthly basis. The price limit is \$15.00 per month. Everyone looks forward to this...we hope you will choose to join in on the fun!

Note: The 2012 Secret Pal Registration form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Secret Pal Guidelines:

- Give your secret pal a gift once a month
- If you are going to be absent from a meeting, please be sure to send your secret pal a gift through someone else, drop the gift off at Country Quilts and Bears before the meeting, or send a note in the mail. It's disappointing to expect a gift and not receive one.
- The suggested monthly gift is a handmade treasure or something with the purchase price of \$15.00.
- Fabrics should be 100% cotton, unless your secret pal requests something else.
- Remember your secret pal's birthday - send a card.
- Do not reveal your identity until the December Holiday Party.
- At the December Holiday Party, bring a gift for the person who was your secret pal (giving to you all year)
- If you find that you are unable to participate, please contact Lynda Weingart or Pauline Mallory. We will take you out of the sequence and rotate pals around so no one will be left out.
- If you don't hear from your secret pal, please contact Lynda Weingart or Pauline Mallory.

Patchwork Pink Salad

Lori Lewis

This salad was brought to a quilting luncheon for one of my mini groups by Deanna Blechner. She got this recipe from someone at the Feathered Princesses guild in Tampa. It is wonderful and just in time for the holiday.

2 packages cherry Jello (I used sugar free)

2 cups boiling water

1 can whole berry cranberry sauce

1 pint of sour cream

1/2 cup chopped nuts (I used walnuts)

Stir the Jello, water, and cranberry sauce until all dissolved. Refrigerate.

When almost gelled but not solid, fold in the sour cream and chopped nuts.

Secret Pal Suggestions:

- Fabrics in your pal's favorite types and colors
- Coordinating fabrics for a quilt - give your pal 3 or 4 fat quarters or a yard every month
- Fabric and matching thread
- Patterns your pal wanted
- A quilt store or JoAnn's gift certificate
- A restaurant gift certificate
- Make a block every month using your secret pal's favorite colors and/or pattern. Consider giving the backing and binding materials as a holiday gift.
- Pattern and materials for your pal to make a quilt that they wanted or might like
- Personal items like bubble bath, lotions, candles, etc.
- A quilt magazine subscription
- Quilt book
- Quilt bag
- Quilting notions
- Make your pal a special gift: pillow, wall hanging, miniature quilt, table topper, etc.
- Something you know your pal collects
- Things your pal loves to do: movie tickets, book store gift certificate, sports socks
- Observe your pal at a PQ event. Does your pal need a small portable iron, or ironing mat, small cutting board, etc.?

Quilters Classifieds:



Wanted: Used quart or pint mason jars. I need these jars for something we are planning for the holiday party in December. If you have any that you no longer need, give me a call at 727 586-1712 or 727 481-7286 or email me at 2roberts@tampabay.rr.com

Thanks for your help,
Teri Roberts

For Sale:



I have a copy of the EQ program for DEAR JANE that I have used very little. I also have the book put into a binder **with the fabrics** and patterns ready for you to jump in and make this quilt. It just got bigger than I wanted to tackle. Asking \$40 for all. Contact me at lorilewis@hypersytes.com or on my cell at 727-687-3216 if you are interested. Thanks!!
Lori Lewis



FREE bom – Block 10

Little Miss Shabby



Jodie at Little Missy Shabby has posted her eleventh block in this free BOM series called Birdie Stitches. (www.littlemissshabby.com). There is only one more block to come. Wow, a whole year of stitching fun.

Enjoy!

Pumpkin Butter

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Servings: 40

"This pumpkin butter is an excellent hostess present, and is a wonderful spread for toast and muffins. It can also be used to make a spectacular holiday dessert, Pumpkin Pecan Cheesecake."

Ingredients:

- 1 (29 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 3/4 cup apple juice
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Directions:

1. Combine pumpkin, apple juice, spices, and sugar in a large saucepan; stir well. Bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for 30 minutes or until thickened. Stir frequently.
2. Transfer to sterile containers and chill in the refrigerator until serving.

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe-Tools/Print/Recipe.aspx?RecipeID=13632&origin=detail&&Servings=40>

PQ's 2012 Secret Pal Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail _____ **Birthday (month/day):** _____

Children/Grandchildren: _____

Pets: _____

Hobbies, Collections, Interests: _____

Special upcoming events: _____

PQ Meeting Attendance (circle one): **REGULAR** **OCCASIONAL** **SEASONAL**

Preference (circle one): **Quilt related gifts only** **Mixture of quilt related / non-quilt related gifts**

Experience level (circle one): **Beginner** **Intermediate** **Advanced** **# years quilting** _____

Favorite Fabrics : **Cotton** **Flannel** **Batik** **Wool** **Silk** **Solids** **Small scale prints**
Moda **Other:**
Large scale prints **Florals** **Children** **Auntie Grace** **Civil War** **Geometric** **Plaids**
Stripes **Jinny Beyer**

Favorite colors: **Warm** **Cool** **Darks** **Lights** **Mediums** **Brights** **Other:**
Monochromatic **Analogous** **Complimentary** **Polychromatic** **Color Blends** **Autumn**
Southwest **Fourth of July** **Pastels** **Primary Colors**

Color scheme and decorating style in your home: _____

Quilting Preferences: **Hand piecing** **Machine piecing** **Machine Quilting** **Hand Appliqué**
Machine Appliqué **Paper piecing** **Redwork** **Crazy Quilts** **Charm Quilts** **Other:**

Types of Quilt Classes and Activities You Usually Attend: _____

Favorite Patterns or Quilt Books: _____

Quilt Magazines You Receive: _____

New Quilting Techniques You Would Like To Learn: _____

Quilt Tools You Replace Often: _____

Best Secret Pal Gifts You Ever Received: _____

Quilting Gifts You Would Love to Receive: _____

Non-Quilting Gifts You Would Love to Receive: _____

I understand that I am making a yearlong commitment to recognize my Secret Pal on a monthly basis. The spending limit is \$15.00 per month.

Signed: _____