

# Template Times

January 2012

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## *Message from the President*

*New Beginnings* – It's great that at the start of a new year we can start fresh again with a clean slate, and a resolve to do more things for ourselves and others. My friend Elaine told me that whatever I did on New Year's Day I would do the rest of the year. I made it a point to sew for about an hour on January 1st. I've sewed each day since then (of course it's only been 6 days). I'm excited about being your new President for 2012. The PQ Board (Pat Dearth, Paige Rapson, and Janet Jensen) and I have met already this month to work on the 2012 budget and other items that need to be done at the beginning of a new year. The board and committee chairmen are coming up with new ideas and approaches for the challenges and activities that are scheduled this year.

*The Block of Month* that Heather Harteneck, Janet Slee, and Roni Hunt are doing this year is different from other blocks of the month that PQs have done. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun. I'm starting a *President's Challenge* this month (come to the January meeting for details). *The Brown Bag Challenge* will have a new twist to the rules. I urge everyone to participate in activities (block of the month, challenges, mystery quilt, National Quilt Day, quilt retreat, quilting classes, sew days, etc.). A few housekeeping notes: Please check the website for PQ information, read the newsletter prior to the meeting, review the PQ Bylaws, and read the minutes from the last meeting. A number of years ago, we decided to not read the minutes at each meeting (takes up time that could be used for the program), but the prior month's minutes still need to be approved. Dues need to be paid in January (read membership article for details). *The Sunshine Committee* still needs a chairman – please consider volunteering for this job.

One more thing, I want to thank Jill French, Lynn Wood, Carol Clarke, and Suzanne Moynet for helping me setup for the Christmas Party. Also, I want to also thank everyone that helped clean up after the party. Thanks again to everyone for your help.

Happy Quilting in the New Year,  
Teri

### Membership

Norma Santiago

Membership dues: \$30 annually

DUE: January meeting

### *Annual Dues!!!*

Please bring your dues payment to the January meeting. Make checks payable to PQ's.

If you are unable to attend please mail your check to:

Norma Santiago

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### Brown Bag Challenge

Lynn Woods

It's only January and I'm sure that the Brown Bag Challenge is the last thing on your mind right now. However, May will be here before we know it and it will be time to bring in your three coordinating fat quarters to exchange. Since we're doing Brown Bag a little different this year, I wanted to give everyone plenty of time to consider their fabric choices based on the challenge requirements. The November survey results are in! Part of the challenge will be to make a quilt that's 3'x 4' in size. You'll still be required to complete the 36"x 48" quilt using 75% of each of the three coordinating fat quarters that you receive on the front of the quilt, label it, and turn it in finished prior to the November meeting (exact date to be determine later).

Think about the possibilities...four rows of three 12" blocks, smaller blocks with a border or two, a medallion with lots of interesting borders, maybe a row quilt or how about something asymmetrical.

Consider the type of fabrics you receive in determining the type of quilt to be made. Now go pick those three perfect coordinating fat quarters, emphasis on coordinating, put them in a brown bag and bring them in May for the exchange. I can't wait to get started! How about you?

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## BOM Program 2012!!

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We do hope you will take part in this program for 2012. We are planning a MEDALLION Style quilt. Here is the outline:

The Medallion quilt (finished size approx. 55" square) will be divided into 6 sections, and we will offer the instructions for each section bi-monthly.

January/February 2012, Part 1 will be the center. The center portion will finish at 20" (20 ½" unfinished) and can be pieced or appliquéd. We will offer you an appliquéd pattern for the center block, as well as other suggestions for completing it (piecing, panels, and large prints). The first block will be presented in January and we will have different versions finished (well, we are PQs so they may be in various stages of completion!) to give you a few ideas. Start thinking of how you would like your center to look – some suggestions are 4 x 10 ½ (10 inch finished) blocks, or simply making a checkerboard of 25 4 ½ (4" finished) pieces, or 20 5 ½ (5" finished) pieces. We will show you a few different possibilities. Again, the appliquéd pattern will be provided, as well as one pieced center, if you choose to do something different that is fine.

ALL ROUNDS WILL BE PIECED EXCEPT Round 6 which will have an appliquéd portion offered as well as a pieced version.

Style: ALL types of fabrics will lend themselves to this quilt. Some suggestions are: Repro, Contemporary, Batiks, Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler, Two-Color combinations, totally scrappy in any of the above versions, etc.

This is your quilt and you will work on it yourself each time. An idea for small groups might be to make this round robin style, get together with your friends and pass your quilts around having each person work on a different quilt each time. If you do this, you will need 6 participants for each group.

Patterns will be provided every second month per the above schedule. They are not all the same, some are quick and simple, and some will take more time, especially as we get to the bigger outer rounds.

At the Christmas party about 25 people signed up, and a number of you have contacted us to indicate your interest.

### BOM Schedule

Jan/Feb 2012-Round 1

March/April-Round 2

May/June-Round 3

July/August-Round 4

September/October-Round 5

November/December-Round 6

*Remember that this will be updated every 2 months, so if you miss a month, you will have a chance to catch up.*

*We will have enough patterns available in January for the people already signed up plus a few extras.*

*Please let us know if you would like to participate, we don't want to run out!!*

## National Quilt Day

Mary Ann Leonard

SATURDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>

HERITAGE VILLAGE OFF WALSINGHAM ROAD, LARGO, FL

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

THEME: PHILANTHROPIC QUILTING

The PQ Guild has been assigned the Church building (same as last year). We will share the space with the Suncoast Quilters from St. Petersburg.

There will be a sign up sheet for:

1. Quilts you would like to lend for display. (We need at least 30) Please make an index card with your name, title, year made, and designer's name for copyright credit. This card will also help us keep the quilts organized for return.
2. Volunteers to staff the church maybe 2-4 people for 1-2 hours (for the actual event). I will need help in setting up at 8:30 or 9 am
3. Donated materials to make IV pillows (8" X 10") preferably bright colored flannels for children. Each guild is looking for at least 5 yards of flannel to make these pillows. (Approximately 60 pillow from each guild) Stuffing for those pillows.
4. Heart shaped Mastectomy pillows- please donate nice soft materials to make these.(Need a contact for these donations)
5. Since it is St. Patrick's Day- green felt & thread and pre-threaded needles to sew together to make pins or ornaments.
6. "Luvey" fleece squares ( 18 " X 18") to be donated to police officers/firemen who come into contact with children that might need something to hang on to.(Need a contact for these)

Sew/Cut Day!  
Tentatively set for  
Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>  
at Country Quilts and  
Bears!

## Upcoming Events

Check out the dates for up and coming events.

**Annual Quilt Retreat** Sept. 28-30

## Birthdays

Pam Sprague	Jan. 11
Donna Tormeno	Jan. 16
Diane Freidman	Jan. 28

### Your 2012 Board Members & Committee Chairs

President – Teri Roberts  
 Vice President – Pat Dearth  
 Secretary – Paige Rapson  
 Treasurer – Janet Jensen  
 Quilt Retreat – Theresa Arrison  
 Community Outreach – Eleanor Javid  
 Programs/Education co-chairs: Stephanie Dorsey  
 and Sharon Kalinowski  
 National Quilt Day – Mary Ann Leonard  
 Block of the Month – Heather Harteneck  
 Mystery Quilt – Cathy Starman