



Christmas Party!!

Susan Herman, VP

The annual Christmas Party is going to be held at Crossroads Baptist Church on Curlew Road at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 17th. The guild will supply a spiral sliced ham and all the paper plates, cups, flatware, napkins, etc. We are asking each member to bring a covered dish to share. We will need lots of side dishes, veggies, desserts (of course!!), beverages, salads, rolls, and so on. If your dish requires a serving spoon or fork, please bring that along also.

Please remember to bring your Angel Appliqué blocks and/or your Martha Washington Star blocks. Make sure you write your name on the back or pin your name onto your blocks so that you get "credit" for each block you've made. We will divide the blocks into sets and draw names of the lucky winners.

There will be a gift exchange for anyone who wants to participate. Just bring a wrapped quilt-related gift in the \$15-\$20 range and we will play a game to exchange presents. This is an optional activity.

Another thing to remember is a final Secret Pal gift and a thank you gift for the person who has been your secret pal all year. We will be revealing our identity to our secret pal at the party. Forms will also be available for you to fill out if you would like to participate in the secret pal program for next year.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Herman at 482-0455 (cell) or 596-9659 (home) or email at dherman1@tampabay.rr.com. See you at the party!!

QUILT CHALLENGE

Lynn Woods

Here is the website that anyone interested in the Kumquat Quilt Challenge can go to download the rules and entry form in PDF format.

http://dadecitychamber.org/main/kumquat_festival.php

The link is at the bottom of the page.



Community Outreach for Veterans

Carol Clarke and MaryAnn Leonard

On behalf of the Veterans at Bay Pines, we really appreciate all of the privacy bags, toiletries, Afghans, and material submitted. We are making another trip to the VA on December 18, just after our meeting.

Veteran's Christmas Wish List:

- ◆ Afghans;
- ◆ Puzzle books: Word Find, Cross Word, Jumble, Sudoku
- ◆ Stamped blank Christmas and Holiday cards;
- ◆ Decks of playing cards;
- ◆ Hand Held Electronic games: Yahtzee, Poker;
- ◆ Travel Neck Pillows;
- ◆ Shower bags for toiletries;
- ◆ Dry Erase markers;
- ◆ Thumbtacks;
- ◆ Sample size toiletries (hotel sizes are perfect);
- ◆ New toothbrushes; and
- ◆ Lap quilts approximately 36" X 48".

We hope to have a soldier sewing day in January at Country Quilts and Bears. We are in the process of cutting some of the material into kits that we can use that day.

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Healing Heart Quilt Blocks

Lori Lewis

We are doing healing hearts for our member Diane Friedman. Diane's father passed away on November 12th. She really likes the ocean, water, boats etc. We would like to celebrate his life and help her get through this transition with nautical or ocean themed blocks in yellow, blues, reds on white backgrounds.



Community Outreach
Robin Van Scoy, Chairman

Can you believe it? There are only 6 weeks until Christmas and about 4 weeks until Hanukah which starts in mid December. This year our Giving Tree will be focused on two wonderful organizations. The first is our adopted cottage at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Sall Cottage, Safety Harbor, home to 10 terrific girls. Each girl works hard every day building skills that lead them on their way to a path of success and high achievement while overcoming obstacles that brought them to the ranch in the first place. This year we are going to make it easy and request Gift Cards from either Wal-mart or Target.

Our second organization for gift giving is focused our local Veterans whom are at the Extended Care Facility at Bay Pines VA Hospital. Donations for this project will be focused on the basics and a little bit of fun. The Government does not provide them with the simple basics of life like tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo etc. We will have a list of items available to choose from. Depending on what we collect, we may create stockings filled with these wonderful items for the 120 or so Vets at the facility. In addition, we are looking for Games, puzzle books etc. that the Vets can use together or individually that pass some of the time spent at the Hospital.

There will be a sign up sheet at the November Brown Bag Reveal Meeting along with the listing of items that we would like to stuff into stockings. Items should be brought to the Dec. Holiday Party or arrangements made prior as you need.

As always, we appreciate any and all donations to both of these great organizations. A small contribution goes a long way in the Season of Giving!

Thanks,
 Robin VanScoy, Carol Clarke and the Community Outreach Committee

Programs
Roni Hunt

This is my last program committee update for the newsletter! Before I say goodbye as your program chair, I'd like to introduce Lynn Woods as our new Program Chairperson for 2010-11. She and Carol Hemmingson are very excited about taking this committee to new heights! I can't wait to participate in the programs from the 'audience' and look forward to all they have planned for us!!! You may not have enjoyed each and every program, but I hope each of you found something you enjoyed. Take care and keep the journey moving forward!

Your program committee chair - Roni Hunt



Retreat
Sharon Kalinowski

Where: Day Springs Episcopal Conference Center

- **Important dates to remember:**
- **January 1, 2010** - open to non members wishing to attend ***** NEW!!!**
- **January 25, 2010** – final count to Day Spring
- **March 1, 2010** – payment in full is due
- **April 30 – May 2, 2010**- Retreat!

Important information:

Due to the economy, Day Springs is now enforcing a 90 day advance notice for a count of attendees.

In the past this has been somewhat relaxed, but this year they are asking us to comply. This is only fair, since if they have an opportunity to book rooms that go unused by our Guild it will allow them to do so.

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with classes and workshops you won't find anywhere else. Don't miss the very latest in patterns, fabrics, notions, machines and resources available when you browse the booths of more than 100 exhibitors. Complete class schedules will be available at sewingexpo.com on December 10, 2009

QUILTMaking - New to Quilting is the BYOM Studio - Bring your own machine and check it for free while you shop! Kim Montagnese returns with new classes in her very unique style and technique. Karen Grof offers classes for those just getting started in quilting and Debby Kratovil brings applique and machine quilting along with projects from her new book. New to Tampa is Nelly Vileikis who wows us with her innovative and colorful designs. Karen Pharr adds a little bit of art quilts. There is something (or many somethings) for every type of quilter! New to Tampa is a long arm studio sponsored by Gammill.

FASHION SEWING offers brand new classes from returning favorites: Cynthia Guffey, Barb Callahan, Louise Cutting, Kathy Ruddy, and Emma Seabrooke. Judy Kessinger brings fitting techniques and Judith Rasband helps you overcome alteration challenges. There are more fitting, more current fashion updates, wardrobe fixes, sewing techniques and simply more inspiration and how-to.

MACHINE EMBROIDERY is revitalized with new projects in the Husqvarna Viking and Baby Lock Studios. Dini Yan embroiders an incredible umbrella, Melanie Coakley teaches impossible hooping and turning your hobby into a profitable business, Kathy Stachowicz with three mixed-media projects, Jim Suzio and more.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE has become such a critical player for so many of us; we've added a software lab to the mix. Featuring embroidery editing with Debra Bohn and Diana Cedolia, if you have a laptop you're in luck! If not, lectures abound and you'll find answers, new techniques and new ideas about just how much your keyboard can help in your home studio.

HOME DÉCOR - Join Pam Damour and Karen Erickson as they explore the latest in decorating trends. Learn to slipcover like a pro, create Roman shades without sewing and learn million dollar technique used by custom drapery workrooms.

THE EXHIBIT HALL will have more of everything; more shopping, more activity, and more fun. Choose from bolt after bolt of fashion fabric, bin after bin of fat quarters, the latest in sewing, embroidery and quilting machines, patterns, embroidery designs and supplies and more; daily runway fashion shows; make-it and take-it projects; national traveling displays; product demos and other presentations.

The New Designers Fashion Show will feature fashion models of two sizes (the fashionable size we've always had and life-size 14s as well) daily; gorgeous new Hollywood Knock-Offs on display from Jim Suzio and quilts, quilts, quilts . . . so much to see and do.

Exhibit Hall Hours are Thursday & Friday: 10am-6pm; Saturday: 10am - 5:30pm.

General Admission is \$10. Classes can be purchased separately at the door. Reduced class fees and FREE General Admission tickets are available in advance with the purchase of Value Packages. Call 1-800-699-6309 for a FREE 20-page brochure, with all event, class and registration information. For information on volunteer opportunities and the Ambassador Rewards program, call 1-888-400-7414.

"Quilting by the Gulf XIII"

Venice Community Center
326 S. Nokomis Ave.
Venice, FL 34285

Saturday, March 20, 2010 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission \$7.00

Additional Quilt Show Info: www.vaqg.org

