

River Heritage Quilters' Guild

Quilt Chatter

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From Our President...

Ladies,

If it wasn't for the Roman god, Cupid, February would be just another month, but instead.....**LOVE** is in the air!

What do you **LOVE**?

I **love** God, my husband, my family, my friends, February, Valentine's Day (which just happens to be my wedding day), sewing, quilting, golfing, riding horses, driving fast, playing games, travelling, most of my children at school, reading, volunteering, eating out, going to the spa, the theatre, high school basketball games, chocolate, random acts of kindness, losing weight (doesn't happen too often), and being president of the BEST Quilt Guild in Missouri!

One of the many reasons our Quilt Guild is so great is because of our members. The **love** and pride that each stitch represents in our Show and Tell projects is evident. The continued support and commitment to our Silent Auction which raises money for breast cancer research. The products our Community Project committee completes. The pillow-cases that we're making for our children in hospitals and now our **love** to help spread hope to young girls with our "little dresses"!

If for whatever reason, you haven't been able to help with any of our projects and even if you have, there are many ways to be a continued part of these **LOVE** projects. Set a personal goal that each month you will bring either a spool of thread, a yard or two of fabric, a new or gently used pillow case, double fold bias tape, 1/4" inch elastic, or a package of underwear for a small child (boy/girl). All of these items, placed in the hands of our members can produce immeasurable amounts of **LOVE**!

Keep warm, healthy, happy, and tell everyone you **love**, that you **LOVE** them.....

Vickie Howard, President

Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. ~

Margaret Mead

(submitted by Vickie Howard)

February Program: The February meeting is sure to be a real treat as Nancy Pleimann is going to share some of her many talents with us. Nancy is a very talented and creative woman and we are very lucky to have her in our guild.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to demonstrate how to English Paper Piece. Please bring your finished flowers to any meeting as I would like to assemble them into items for the Silent Auction at the Quilt Show 2012. Feel free to make additional flowers from your scraps as the hexagons can be reused. I will also have additional kits available if you enjoyed making the flowers.

Fat Quarter

Bring a RED fat quarter Prints, paisleys, plaids ,etc. Please no Valentine Prints You will be entered to win a basket of Fat Quarter's.

To all of my quilting sisters-

Thank you all so much for your generous gift. I will use it for the retreat in March. You all will never know how much RHQG has meant to me all of these years. I look forward to being a part of it for many years to come. Vickie will do a wonderful job as President and she has a great group to work with her. Thanks again.

Madeline

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Patterns on the guild website (see Block of the Month link) or ask Rebecca Web or Joan Meyer for a paper copy.

RETREAT NEWS: Don't forget to mark your calendar for the retreat! The dates are March 9 (Wed) through March 12 (Sat)...we will all leave for home before 11:00 a.m. March 13 (Sun). Contact Vonda Slinkard or one of the housemothers if you want to go. A deposit of \$20.00 should be given to your housemother by the February meeting. We will be celebrating our 15th Birthday year at Retreat and special T-shirts will be available for purchase...orders (size, etc.) will be taken at the January and February meetings. *Vickie Howard has a spot open in her cabin for the Retreat, please contact her, if you are interested!*

REMINDER: Please renew your membership as soon as possible. Renewal forms will be available at the meeting or on the website at www.riverquilters.org. Renewals must be received by the February meeting to be included in the 2011 membership handbook. Dues are \$12.00 per year. Mailing address is: RHQG, PO Box 1905, Cape Girardeau, MO 63702-1905.

RHQG Meeting Minutes

Correction to the December minutes: The Lutheran Family Services sent a thank you for the 8 quilts we gave them. One Hundred and seven quilts were the total given out to various organizations this year.

RHQG Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Vickie Howard at 6:45 at the Cape Girardeau Public Library with 42 members, 2 guests, and 3 new members (Nancy Bishop, Sandy Hinton and Ellen Kaufman) attending.

Carol Gallaher made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Madeline Gieselman.

Everyone is invited to a dinner/social gathering with the guest speaker at 5:00 at Panera Bread before each monthly meeting.

Show and Tell participants should pick up a slip at the sign-in table, fill it out and give it to the President at the time of the show and tell. A golden scissor award quilt must have at least a 280" perimeter and be pieced and quilted by the member.

The **Board Retreat** will be held on January 29-30 for a working weekend to plan this year's calendar. All board members and committee chairs are welcome to attend.

Perfect attendance awards for 2010 were given to Pat Smith, Mary Green, Merle Denecke, and Mary Tripp. They each received a \$5 gift certificate to the Golden Needle.

Fons and Porter subscriptions can be made any time throughout the year through the guild. Each new or renewed subscription gives the guild a \$5 kickback. Forms are available from Vickie Howard.

A **thank you** from Lynne Taylor expressing their family's gratitude to the guild at the loss of her grandmother, Frieda Lorenz, was read.

A **thank you** note was read from the St. Francis Hospital Foundation for the baby quilts given them by our community project group headed by Nancy East. This project is on hold for now due to family illness.

Gordonville Grill invited the guild to participate in a fundraising program. The Grill will give the guild 10% of their sales from customers who identify themselves associated with the guild. A motion by Pat Leech and seconded by Pat Smith to pick a Tuesday night was made and approved. The date will be determined and announced in an email.

The **Paducah Quilt Museum** gave the guild 8 tickets. These were distributed to those who could use them.

The President's Challenge—each member is invited to a morning or afternoon session at Vickie's house to sew, quilt, socialize, and eat. Sign-up sheets were available at the sign-in table for the next 4 weekends in January and February. Anyone needing more information should call Vickie Howard to arrange a time and get directions. Vickie also showed a video on Dresses for Africa which may also be worked on at her house during these weekend gatherings. Sewing machines are available.

Drawing Winners: **Attendance** - Judy Douglass, **Name Tag** -Lois Smee, **Fat Quarters** - Carol Gallaher (15), **Stash for Cash** Lois Smee \$19.50

Block of the Month chairs, Rebecca Webb and Joan Meyer, announced plans to do Project of the Month such as paper pieced pins, eye glass and cell phone cases, luggage tags, post cards, needle cases, purses, tube blocks, and a themed 9-patch swap. Each project will be posted on the Internet.

Iron Quilters' Challenge: Anastasia Gonzales is planning a challenge for late February or March involving a small project that will have you thinking outside the box. More details at a later date. Sign-up sheet was passed around.

RETREAT: Vonda Slinkard reported on the Spring Retreat. House mothers have their info packets and need to know if you are attending and a \$20 deposit. T-shirts celebrating the guild's 15th retreat are available for \$8.50. A birthday party is planned for Saturday night with Rosie Conrad baking the cake. Anyone needing a cabin should contact Vonda Slinkard as soon as possible. Local quilt shops have announced shopping times, classes, and coupons (see house mothers for details). If eating at Patti's, please let Vonda know by the next meeting so reservations can be made.

Linda Tansil is planning a day to work on pillowcases for area hospitals.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Green surveyed the members to determine interest in bus trips and shop hops for this year's calendar of activities.

Show and Tell : Anastasia Gonzales, Harriett Martin, Ravan Simms, Sandy Hinton, Cindy Spaeth, Mary Green, Linda Tansil, Lois Emerine, Vickie Howard, Betty Meyer, Cheral Benthall

Program: **Vonda Slinkard** presented a make and take activity involving **English paper piecing**. After viewing a video from You Tube demonstrating how to make hexagon and diamond flowers and using some fantastic enlarged samples made by Lynnore Meyer, the members were given some sample supplies to try their hand at it.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Meyer, Secretary

Community Quilts...

Community Quilts will not meet during **January** and **February**.

Mini-Group Get Togethers

The plan is to have approximately 10 ladies to a group with 2 groups per day (morning/afternoon) with both groups eating lunch (noon-1 p.m.) together.

Group 5: Saturday, February 12: 9- 12 noon

Group 6: Saturday, February 12: 1-5 p.m.

Group 7: Sunday, February 13: 9- 12 noon

Group 8: Sunday, February 13: 1-5 p.m.

Group 9: Saturday, February 26: 9-12 noon

Group 10: Saturday, February 26: 1-5 p.m.

There's no need to bring your machine, but I will be asking for you to bring 1-2 yards of fabric. At the January meeting, I will have sign-up sheets for snacks and desserts, but I will supply the soup for the lunches. I will have 3-4 machines set up, my long-arm machine, cutting tables, etc. If there's someone in your group that would like to have a "teachable moment", that will be great, but most of the time will be used for volunteer projects and getting to know our fellow members! Call or email Vicki Howard (Howardv@cape.k12.mo.us), if you have any questions!

Updates about the first group sessions: Over the January 15-16 weekend, the mini-groups quilted 4 community quilts, 1 changing blanket, and sewed 30 "little dresses" + Deanna Easley brought the cutest little girl dress to donate and Martha Short brought 2 finished pillowcases! We all gained a pound or two from all the great food that was brought so if you haven't signed up yet, please email Vickie ASAP!

And from Rebecca Web.....

The mini-retreat at our new guild President's house on Saturday, January 15th, was action-packed with visiting, eating and sewing. As a new member to the guild and to the community at large, it was the perfect forum for getting better acquainted with the great women of this guild! I arrived as the "morning" ladies were preparing lunch and got to meet all of them as we ate together. Then I got to really bond with the "afternoon" group as we shared pattern directions, sewing machines and rotary cutters. By getting involved in the small committees and attending these special get-togethers, I've begun to feel right at home in the guild. This mini-retreat at Vickie's house is the PERFECT way to get involved and to meet new Sisters-of-the-Cloth!

Vickie, I had such a great time at your house and think it is a genius idea for getting the guild members together. Hopefully ALL of the newer members will participate! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Fons and Porter offer: See Glenda Nations if you have any questions.

The 1 year magazine subscriptions are \$20.00 each and each subscriber will also receive 3 spools of Sulky thread and 2 quilting booklets (Fons and Porter's Favorite Scrap Quilts booklet and Quilting the Quilt booklet). The guild receives \$5.00 from each subscription. This offer expires March 31, 2011. (This is the same or less than you would pay on your own.)

You can either start a new subscription or renew.

Bring a check made out to the guild for \$20. (The guild writes one check) Write Fons and Porter on the memo. Get your name and address on the order form.

The flyer and order form are links on the Guild home page, right under the name of the guild.

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(You could also mail a check to Glenda and include the mailing address you wish to use for the subscription.)

31-Jan-11 RHQG TREASURER'S REPORT

Month Beginning Cash Balance	11,351.74		
Income		January	Year to Date
Stash for Cash (50/50)		19.50	19.50
Dues		204.00	204.00
Opportunity Quilt			0.00
Special Events			0.00
Guild Retreat			0.00
Pin Sales			0.00
T-Shirts			0.00
Library			0.00
Fons & Porter			0.00
Rental of Standards			0.00
Quilt Show			0.00
Misc			0.00
Total Income		223.50	223.50
Expenses			
Programs			0.00
Membership		20.00	20.00
Historian			0.00
Hospitality		9.59	9.59
Newsletter/Yearbook		99.00	99.00
Opportunity Quilt			0.00
Special Events			0.00
Community Projects			0.00
Pattern of the Month		5.83	5.83
Administrative Expenses			0.00
Storage for Standards			0.00
P.O. Box			0.00
Fons & Porter			0.00
Guild Retreat			0.00
T-Shirts			0.00
Board Retreat			0.00
Quilt Show (arena)		1594.60	1594.60
Misc. Expenses		112.98	112.98
Certificate of Deposit			
Total Expenses		1842.00	1,842.00
Certificate of Deposit	5119.71		
Month Ending Cash Balance	9,733.24		
Balance	14,852.95		

Quilt Shows and Other News

Find a quilt show: <http://www.quiltguilds.com/february.htm>

"River Quilts featuring The Everchanging River",

December 9, 2010 - March 7, 2011

National Quilt Museum, 215 Jefferson St., Paducah KY

Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (central time)

Between April 1 - October 31, the museum is also open Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.

Quilts Shops

When you are on the road, check out the following stores.

Mad Monk's Fabric Warehouse, Park Hills, MO www.madmonksfabric.com

Your Quilt Shop, Arnold, MO www.yourquiltshop.net

Guild Member's Quilt used in Alabama Quilt Exhibit

Mary Lou McNair is a guild member who moved to Alabama. Her "Postcards from Alabama" quilt was selected for an exhibition honoring the wife of Alabama's new governor, Dianne Bentley, who is a quilter. The exhibit is being held at the Alabama Council on the Arts Gallery in Montgomery and will run from Jan. 14 to March 18, 2011. Only about 17 quilters from various parts of Alabama were selected, so it was an honor to be chosen. You can see a picture on the guild website: <http://www.riverquilters.org/photos/2011/alabama.htm>

Frieda Lorenz, one of our guild members, passed away in December. Her granddaughter Lynne sent us this note:

Thank you so much for the sympathy cards and wonderful notes. Also thanks to everyone who attended the visitation and funeral for my Grandmother. My Grandma enjoyed coming to the guild meetings to see and talk with all of you. She especially enjoyed helping with the community projects committee. I know we will all miss her very much. Thanks again. I'm proud to be a part of such a great group of women.

Love,
Lynne

Inclement Weather News

If Cape Public Schools are closed, the Quilt Guild will not meet. Sometimes bad weather strikes later in the day. The decision to cancel a meeting due to inclement weather will be made by the President who will then in turn contact each officer. Guild members are responsible for contacting an officer for information concerning cancellation of a meeting. The President will attempt to get an email message out. We do not want members risking injury or accident to get to a meeting. Please use good judgment when considering driving conditions.

February 2011

* indicates a birthday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>NO Community Projects meetings in February</i>		1 <i>*Carol Gallaher</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>*Deanna Easley</i>	12
13 <i>Tomorrow is deadline to order a retreat T-shirt or to rejoin in time to be in the yearbook.</i>	14 <i>*Mary Beth Parrish GUILD MEETING 6:30 social time, 6:45 guild meeting</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>*Melody Morton</i>	26
27	28					

2011 Officers

President—Vickie Howard

Vice President—Lynnore Meyer and Sally Miller

Secretary—Betty Meyer

Treasurer—Glenda Nations

Historian—Madeline Gieselman

2011 Committee Chairman

Audit—Barb Miller

Community Projects—Nancy East

Hospitality— Carol Gallaher

Membership—Nancy Pleimann

Yearbook/Publicity—Sally Miller

Pattern of the Month—Joan Meyer and Rebecca Web

Quilt Show— Madeline Gieselman (2012)

Opportunity Quilt—Anastasia Gonzales and Merle Deneke

Special Events — Mary Green

Newsletter/ Website—Linda Tansil

Upcoming Guild Activities....

Guild Meeting

February 14, 6:45 pm

Kentucky Lake Retreat

March 9—12, 2011

Quilt Show

2012

Theme: Dresden Plate

Please send all information to be published in the newsletter in writing to Linda Tansil or email newsletter@riverquilters.org

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