



Patchwords

June 2011

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Next Meeting: June 6, 2011

President's Corner

I had several ladies come up to me at the last meeting to offer a suggestion about our refreshments. Seems they have not been so plentiful as in the past and that is because Nancy Powers has been trying to provide all the refreshments herself. The suggestions were that we assign the refreshments to the folks that have a birthday in the month of the meeting. Therefore, all you people with birthdays in June, how about bringing some light refreshment or drinks for the meeting? Let's give this a try for a few months and see how it works. Nancy will still coordinate it and bring the ice and cups for drinks, but this will give her a break for the summer. Don't forget to sign the refreshment sheet so we can thank you.

Our community service workshops have not been bring in the multitudes of quilters. We are going to need to replenish the sheriff deputy's supply before long. I know some of the officers are asking for more now and we have a pretty good small supply on hand, but we need to get busy and make more. I will be asking for help with Victoria in the next few months to make up kits to bring to the meetings. If someone cannot make the workshops but would like to make a quilt we can furnish the materials. After all, we have had a lot of donations of fabrics and we have the rest of the grants from Wal-Mart and Wachovia to fund us for batting and such.

Another subject on my mind is . we have a lot of members that also enjoy teaching. I would like to see if some of them could come up with a project and let's have a workshop or two this summer. There are so many good and beautiful projects out there to take advantage of. If you might be interested, get in touch with Randy and let her know if you would like to teach.

Bobbie



A sign is being made to advertise "Quilting By The River." If you can hang one for us at your condo, trailer park, apt, community center, workplace .. etc. Please let Nan know so she can have enough printed. Also if you have any kind of a community publication that will run a "blurb" about the show (free?) please let our Publicity Chair, Evelyn Fudge know. She can be reached at rfudge@tampabay.rr.com

Still looking for a few more helpers! Please sign up if you haven't done so already by contacting Nan at seweasytoquilt@aol.com or call 813-843-8664.

The Opportunity Quilt is being quilted as you read this! Should be ready for viewing by our July meeting!

Words cannot express how wonderful and beautiful the Opportunity Quilt is. As Show Chair I took over a bit late so I did not have input into the beginnings of this project. Obviously it was not needed!! I would like to thank each and every one, who put in each and every stitch, tore paper, cut fabric, pressed, stressed and labored. Your efforts will be realized when all who purchase tickets will want this quilt to adorn their bed!!

Thank You All For A Job Well Done!!

Your Quilt Chair .. Nan

We meet the 1st Monday of each month at the Manatee County Public Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. West, Bradenton, FL
 Snack & Social, 6:00 pm - Meeting Begins: 6:30 pm
 On speaker night, a \$3.00 donation from non-members is greatly appreciated.

Membership Minutes - May 2, 2011

Bobbie Spann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers' Reports:

Secretary: Pam Cichanski. The minutes were accepted as printed in the Newsletter.

President: Bobbie Spann gave a brief overview of Pam's and her Paducah trip and promised more information together with photographs of the quilts for next month's meeting.

Treasurer: In Denise Pendleton's absence, Bobbie gave a detailed Treasurer's report which will be filed for audit.

Vice President: Randy Carman announced details of the summer retreat at Little Harbor in Ruskin. Kimberly Einmo, our speaker for the March meeting, has agreed to teach her pattern, "Perfect Pinless Pinwheels & Flying Geese. The pattern can be adapted to make a smaller or larger quilt and, using a no pin technique. No book is required and Kimberly will bring her "Easy Star and Geese" rulers which can be borrowed or bought at a reduced cost. Kimberly has committed to staying with us for as long as there are people still sewing and has said that we can e-mail her if we have any questions. If members do not wish to take her class, they are still welcome and can always work on UFOs.

The retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30. Members can arrive between 8-8:30 a.m. on Friday and must be out by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Check-in for the hotel rooms will be at 3:00 p.m. and check out will be at 11:00 on Saturday morning. The cost for guild members is \$65.00 for a shared room, \$105.00 for a solo room and \$50.00 for daytimers. For a non Guild member, there will be an additional \$25.00 charge which will also include Guild membership through Dec 2011. The suggestion was made that we should car-pool given the current gas prices.

Membership: Lin Garland reported that 47 members and 6 guests were present at the meeting. She explained the door prize system for the benefit of newcomers and Sue

Freeman won the prize donated by Pauline Grothe. For anyone who may be missing parts of an alabaster dish, Robin has the missing birds. Please contact her. Members also took home quilts which needed to be tied.

Quilt Show Chair: Nancy Soles-Fishpaw. Before giving her quilt show update, Nancy mentioned that she is looking for groups who are helping the tornado victims in Alabama and has also been doing quilts for Ethiopian orphans.

Nancy provided details on the new location and dates for the quilt show. It will be held on Fri. and Sat., March 23 and 24, 2012, in the gymnasium of the State College of Florida, formerly Manatee Community College. Admission will be \$7.00 for the general public and the \$7.00 price will entitle members who work during the show to attend both days. Nancy asked that anyone who is interested in helping with the two open committee chair positions should e-mail her or write down their names and give them to her. Bobbie mentioned that the gym is huge, has great lighting and that the floor will be covered to protect the basketball playing surface. Some tables and chairs will be furnished and food will be available on site.

Opportunity Quilt Chair: Jill Voyles unveiled the completed opportunity quilt top to much applause and appreciation. She is looking for a quilter for the top, has two names of long arm quilters from outside the Guild and asked that anyone interested in bidding on the job should contact Nancy.

Librarian: Carol Masulonis thanked those who had made donations of books to the library and also those who had purchased books in the recent sales.

Community Service: In the absence of Victoria and Hilary, Bobbie announced the community service workshop, scheduled for the end of April, had to be cancelled for lack of participation. She said we need more community service quilts be the standard size of 40"x 50" so that 1 width of backing fabric and batting will fit. She has been told the Sheriff's Department is running low on quilts. The next community service workshop will be at MTI on May 10.

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Camilla Yost ran the **fat quarter raffle**. Bundles were won by Sheila Walker, Janice Dentler, Jill Voyles, Nancy Powers and Clair Zazitski. Camilla's choice for next month "Oriental fabrics."

Lorraine Tetlus brought in money from Heritage Village for the sale of 2 quilts.

Given the success of our previous sales, a table will be available each month for people to bring in items they would like to sell. The owner must have her name and price on each item, donate 10% of her proceeds to the Guild and must take home her items if they do not sell.

Bobbie asked the members if they would be willing to provide **refreshments for meetings** which took place in their birthday month. Thanks to Barb Jahnke for that suggestion! She also reminded members we have quilt show pins and bags for sale and Linda Fleger agreed to be in charge of the sales. Bobbie thanked Rose Ryan for her great work as hostess for Katie Pasquini Masopust's classes in April and mentioned the store Tuesday Morning may be a good source for non copyrighted gift bags for the gift bag challenge.

At this point, everyone split up into four groups for the **techniques program** which was provided by Catherine Eberly, demonstrating an exercise, "Expanding the Square," from Notan, the study of light and dark and the positive and negative; Hazeldean Myers demonstrated how to make ruffled flowers from strips of fabric; Randy Carman taught her binding technique for a class on "Covered Curves"; and Carol Lipp showed us how to make fast and accurate flying geese, using the "Easy Star and Geese Ruler" from Kimberly Einmo. Much was learned by many!

Show and Tell followed a large variety of quilts. Techniques included Hawaiian appliqué, embroidery, bargello and some samples of work from Katie Pasquini's classes in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cichanski
Secretary

Sound The Retreat !!!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—JULY 29 & 30

RESORT AT LITTL HARBOR, RUSKIN, FLORIDA

KIMBERLY EINMO will be teaching us her

"Perfect Pinless Pinwheels and Flying Geese"

quilt. If you attended our round robin in May, Carol Lipp gave you a peak at Kimberly's technique which wastes little or no fabric. Kimberly writes "I love watching people get that "ah-ha" moment when they realize they can achieve perfect points without using pins!"

Of course, if you prefer to do your own thing at the retreat, that is perfectly acceptable. Bring your UFO's and be part of the fun.

The price for the retreat is \$105 per person for single occupancy and \$65 per person for double. If you wish to attend during the day only, the price is \$50. Non-members will pay the above rates plus \$25, which includes membership in our Guild through December 31, 2011. Registration forms are available online and at the June meeting. Registration and payment must be made by June 25th.

Kimberly can hardly wait to for the fun (games, prizes, etc.) to begin!

Hope to see you there.

Randy Carman

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**Our
May meeting was
attended by 47
members and 6
guests.**

Rose Ryan contributed the following:
Quilt Commandments from equilters.com

We will publish a few each month....

Thou shalt change the needle in the machine when it's so dull it won't penetrate the fabric.
Thou shalt always practice safe rotary cutting; cutting with the rotary blade going away from your body.
Thou shalt make it such that every stitch is made with love.
Thou shalt follow thine inspirations, no matter what anyone says.
Thou shalt support thine Local Fabric Store.
Thou shalt use thine scraps to make quilts for charity, so that those less fortunate may know the joy of sleeping beneath a quilt.
Thou shalt spread The Word to youth and elders alike, converting all you can to The Way of Quilting.
Thou shalt oil thy sewing machine.
Thou shalt enjoy the process.
Thou shalt not neglect thy friends and family by being over-ambitious in quilting. Too much, anyway.
Thou shalt not fault thy husband for not knowing a selvage from a bias, especially if he is supplying the stash cash.
Thou shalt change the machine needle often.
Thou shalt not count anything under a yard as "fabric on hand" when asked why the stash is building.
Thou shalt not impersonate the Quilt Police.
As ye sew, so shalt ye rip. (OK, not a law but certainly worth remembering.)
Thou shalt honor your deepest creative impulse and express your true vision.



Tips

Please be sure to thank our Advertisers - Let them know you appreciate their support of our Guild the next time you visit their shop.

If you shop at many different fabric stores, and don't always remember where you bought a piece of fabric, use a permanent marker to write the pattern fabric name, maker and quilt store on the white selvedge. This makes it easier to find more of the same fabric very quickly.

Fat Quarter Raffle



Camilla Yost took over the duties for May's Fat Quarter Raffle. Fabrics of "Pink" were handed to lucky winners Janice Dentler, Nancy Powers, Jill Voyles, Sheila Walker and Claire Zazitski. Camilla has chosen "Oriental" fabrics for our June meeting. Remember, for each FQ you bring in, you receive one chance to win a fabric bundle. So join in—you just might be our next lucky winner.

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As many of you know, Nancy Soles-Fishpaw is our Quilt Show Chair. Nan is also an advertiser in our monthly Newsletter. As a perk for advertising in our newsletter, an advertiser may choose to run a one-time special notice. Nancy mentioned at our last meeting that she is involved in the Quilts Beyond Borders project, and as Editor of our Newsletter, thought the following article to be a testament to her involvement. If you would like to read the complete article, following is the web information:

<http://quiltsbeyondborders.wordpress.com/>

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5 More Cute Quilts received from Nan

May 19, 2011 by quiltsbeyondborders I just returned from a trip to the Machine Quilters Showcase, feeling excited and inspired. I found a large package from Nan Soles-Fishpaw, of Sew Easy to Quilt, Inc. in Wimauma, Florida. I opened it to discover 5 adorable quilts which Nan kindly quilted for us. She did a wonderful job of them. Lots of playful meandering, with loops, flowers, hearts, and the unexpected feather here and there. I suspect the children will have a lovely time looking to see what fun designs are hidden in some of the stitching!

On each label, Nan wrote the following blessing to the child who will receive it, "*May this quilt, like love, keep you safe and warm.*" What a lovely sentiment! I will take these quilts with me to Ethiopia when I go. I know the children will love these quilts!

Nan has been quilting for us since 2008, and has probably done about 30 quilts for us altogether. They're always adorable. She says she's able to create this type of volume in a pretty short time by using the "toilet paper method" of loading her frame with a really long back and batting and then doing three tops one right after another! I'm going to try that!

Nan is a lady of great talents. I've seen photos of some of the beautiful and intricate custom work that she's done for her customers. We are very lucky to have such a generous and talented lady helping us out! Thank you, Nan!

Regards, Carla





Cottage Groups

Cyclone Sewers All are welcome and food is provided. Please contact Sheila Walker, 722-2644 or Rose Ryan, 755-9172 for times and locations.

In Stitches: Teaching and learning all the time. Please join us. Posy Havens is the one to call for information 752-4812 .

Stitchin' Sisters ("Cheezers"): Sisters meet monthly at each others homes to work on personal and collaborative projects. Please call Carol Lipp, 746-3153 for information.

If you are a member of a Cottage Group, please let us know. We'd love to include your group in our newsletter.

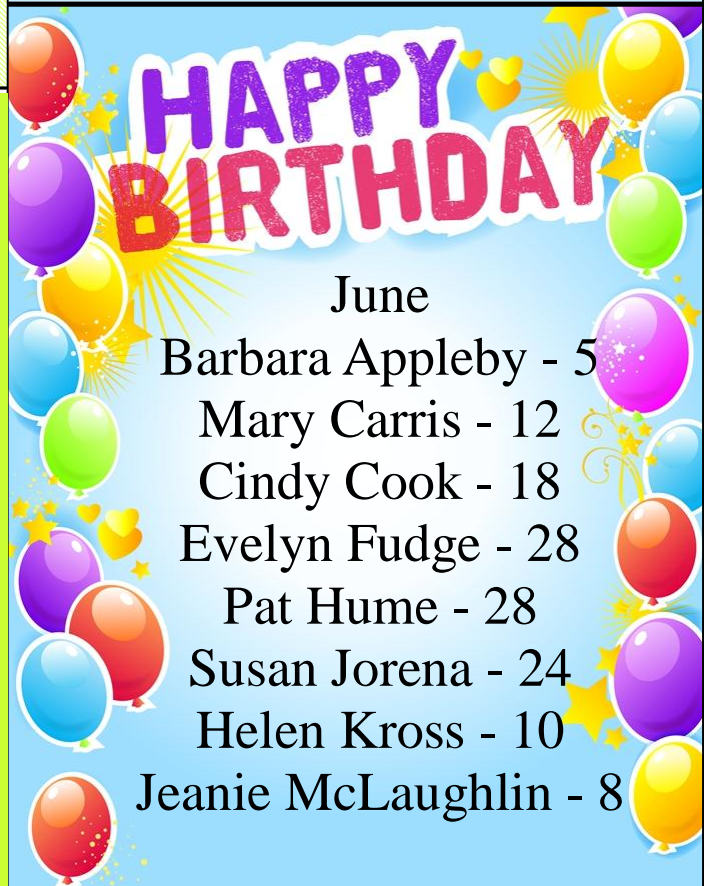
Announcing a New Cottage Group on the Horizon

Nancy Soles Fishpaw will be starting a Cottage Group at her home workshop in Wimauma (7 miles north of Parrish off 301). This group will be primarily for those who enjoy bright colors, paper piecing, angled piecing and less traditional style quilts. At this time it is slated to be a Saturday and/or Evening group, starting in August or Sept. Please contact Nan if you are interested.

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June

Barbara Appleby - 5

Mary Carris - 12

Cindy Cook - 18

Evelyn Fudge - 28

Pat Hume - 28

Susan Jorena - 24

Helen Kross - 10

Jeanie McLaughlin - 8

Community Service

Always looking for member participation at our Community Service Workshops.

We are in need of members to help create kits for those that are unable to attend workshops. Remember, too, we have fabric to use in creating quilts. Please contact Victoria Baily or Hilary Macdonald for additional information.

Door Prize

Sue Freeman was the lucky winner of our month Door Prize. She received a magnet to collect pins, fabric marking pens, a book, and the famous "traveling book". Sue will provide the Door Prize at our next

Community Service meets at
MTI, Quilting Trailer on 57th between 34th and 26th Streets
Time will be 10am - 2pm.
Our standard size for charity quilts is 40"x 50"
Donated fabric always welcome.



Out of respect for our library neighbors and our own programs, please mute your cell phones or put on vibrate mode. We will all thank you for a ring-free evening.

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