

HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD

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Greetings Ladies,

Tempus Fugit. Time flies; how apropos as I write my final “president’s” letter.

As I look back at the wonderful things this guild does for charity in the course of a year it warms my heart. In December we donated food and personal items to shelters and in February we donated quilts to many different organizations. However, the giving doesn’t stop there. When guild members reach out to us for those less fortunate we step up to the plate. You should all be very proud of your guild.

This year the trunks shows, lectures, and classes that were presented to us by well known quilters were fabulous. Not only did we have the opportunity to learn from the best but the camaraderie was wonderful. What could be better than spending an afternoon quilting with friends?

The new team takes the helm on June sixth and I wish them well. I’m sure it will be another productive year plus we have a quilt show to prepare. On that note, “Happy Quilting to All”.

Sharon-Lee

HRQG Board 2008-2009



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Herring Run Quilters Guild Meetings:

Held on the first Saturday of the month (except for our September and December meetings) at 9:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Norwell, Ma.

Check us out on the web!

www.herringrunquiltguild.com

HRQG Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Wendy Morgan

March, April, May 2009

New Board Members 2009-2010:

Coordinator: Susan Bernard
Vice Coord: Jane Matthews
Secretary: Nancy Robertson
Treasurer: Sue Hart

Block of the Month:

Participation continues to be very high. Clare and Mary have more in store for us as they will continue to co-chair this very active committee next year.

Charity:

Charlene Schultz has agreed to co-chair for next year and she will be assisted by Sharon Ducey.

Get-a-Way Weekend:

This was another fun filled weekend. Many thanks to Denise Fitzgerald for coordinating this event; we had wine tasting, discount coupons for local stores, **we came, we saw, we quilted!** The membership overwhelming voted to return to Portsmouth for our next Get-a-Way Weekend in 2011.



Historian:

Tracey Mackenzie will be our new Guild Historian. She will be collecting historical quilt information all year long for our HRQG archives. Please let her know if you have a quilt in a show or fair; if you have won a block contest, or any newspaper or magazine items about you or our guild. Many members are active outside of our guild and she would like to showcase your other talents or work that you do too.

Please send all information to Tracey. Be sure to include: your name, name of quilt, show or fair where the quilt was displayed, and the prize you won. If you have a photo of your quilt even better. Send your photos to Mary Ann Karpinski or Anne Marie Stanton who will post on our website.

Tracey's address:
213 Woodland Dr.
Hanover, Ma. 02339

Hospitality:

June is our final meeting. All members are asked to donate something to the refreshment table. Laurel DeCastro will be the new hospitality coordinator. She'll be seeking volunteers for set up and clean up, as well as for food donations. *As a guild member, everyone is responsible for bringing a goodie to at least one guild meeting.*

Don't forget: our June meeting is our **Annual Yard Sale**. Every member is invited to bring their goods for sale.

Library:

Pat Sudimack will continue in her role as Librarian. Please remember to return your books. Donations are always accepted, please see Pat.

Membership:

Olivia Baldwin and Sharon Ducey will be membership co-chairs. **All dues must be paid prior to the September meeting**, or your membership will be offered to someone on the waiting list. If you are not planning to rejoin, kindly let either Olivia or Sharon know.

Member News Patchwork:
New Guild Pins are available for just \$ 5 at each guild meeting. Please see Tracey Mackenzie.



The Sewing Circle

Submitted By Ellen Gore Patroliia

A seamstress, is defined by Webster's dictionary as "A woman whose occupation is sewing; a needlewoman" but in Seattle, Washington, in the late 1800's, a seamstress did a whole lot more.

Seattle was a city built on mudflats. When the city burned down, it was rebuilt on approximately 30 feet of soil to prevent flooding. However, the merchants refused to abandon their stores until after the rebuilding was finished, thus, underground sidewalks and storefronts remained. The stores eventually moved up a floor to what was now street level and the original stores below grade level became a storage area or were abandoned.

However, some people used the space for a different kind of commerce.

According to www.straight.com/article/seattles-catacombs-tunnel-into-a-fiery-past-0,

"Beyond cultivating the lumber and mining industries, Seattle officials made their money by inviting ... "seamstresses" to the city who tended to the...sewing...needs of men. Officials went so far as to create a special district for them, complete with storefronts where these "seamstresses" sat and displayed their fine mastery of the textile arts by modeling dainty garments. The city, charged these seamstresses a "sewing machine tax", which became a significant and steady source of revenue for Seattle"

Advertisement for business included Madam Lou Graham, whose "sewing circle" would regularly "mend the socks" of the gentlemen and others who walked through the brothel and "seamstresses" (who) charged \$5 for an "all-night alteration".

The sewing circle thrived for many years and mended whatever needed mending. The Seattle seamstresses gave the city a steady tax base and are credited with keeping Seattle in existence.

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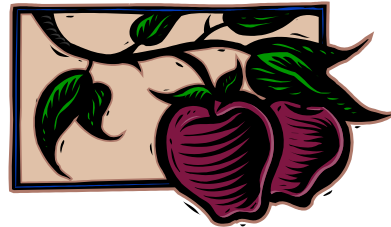
QUILTING PIONEER TO VISIT VERMONT!!!

World-renowned quilter, author, teacher, fabric designer and former quilt store owner, Mary Ellen Hopkins will provide a fun-filled evening lecture and all-day lecture entitled "In the Land of Mules There Are No Rules." She is being sponsored by the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Hyde Park, Vermont. Both lectures will be held at the Hyde Park VFW on Route 15 with the evening lecture on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 pm, and the all-day lecture on Thursday, June 4th, at 9:00 am. Lunch will be available at the VFW for an additional cost. The Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County, Vermont, is sponsoring this event.

So don't be a stubborn quilter! Expand your options and increase your productivity with Mary Ellen's light-hearted approach and flexible rules as she quilts up a storm. As a result, you, too, will create great looking quilts with a minimum amount of work. Mary Ellen travels with a large trunk show, and she covers a vast number of techniques. The content of the show is always fresh because new quilts are frequently added. She has tons of ideas and many, many quilts to show! Mary Ellen will also be available for a book signing at some time during the day. You may bring your own copies or purchase books from her.

This is a quilting event not to be missed, but be sure to get your tickets now as seating is limited. Tickets for the all-day lecture (includes free admission to the evening lecture) cost \$20 each, while the evening-only lecture tickets are \$10 each. Send check, payable to CTQG,

and SASE to Kathy Krypel, PO Box 91, Lake Elmore, VT 05657. For more information, call Pat at 802-644-5404 or email basketsbypat@pshift.com, or call Kathy at 802-888-2993 or email fkrypel@peoplepc.com.



Recipe Corner:

Submitted by Mary Ann Karpinski with thanks to Jean DeLibero.

Hopefully you were lucky enough to get a piece of Jean DeLibero's yummy apple cake on Saturday. If not, here's the recipe. I'll also post it on the webpage under "Member's Patchwork News".

Apple Blossom Cake

This is sure to be one of your favorites & asked for recipe. Keep handy.... Jean

Cake

1 ¼ cup oil
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts
3 cup chopped & peeled apples
3 cups flour
1 ½ tsp baking soda
1 ½ tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg

Topping

1/3 cup sugar. (I put a little less.)

1 tsp cinnamon

½ cup nuts chopped

Blend oil. Sugar & eggs: add vanilla, nuts & apples.

Stir in remaining. Pour into greased & floured 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with topping.

Bake @350 for 35-50 min.

Served with whipped cream.



Road Trip:

Submitted by Martha Cook

I visited Pinestead Quilts at 31 Main Street , in Lincoln, NH last January when we were up to ski at Loon. They are open 10- 4 during the week, but in the winter close on Monday and Thursday. They extend for later hours from July to October. Their phone is 603 -745- 8640, and they suggest you call ahead to make sure they'll be open. It is a cute little shop, and near many restaurants for lunch as well. I felt she had a decent selection of solids, kits, and beading supplies. She also has rug-hooking materials. They sell pre-made quilts; have yarn for our knitter friends, etc. Some of the brands I saw were

Thimbleberries, South Sea Imports, Wilmington Prints, & Debbie Field for Granola Girl. They had a good selection of the blender's kind of colors as well. It is a small, simple store with a very helpful staff. When I called ahead, she offered to stay open late so that I could come in. So, not as big as some we've liked to visit, but for someone in the area, a good road trip break!

Also, for those who may be travelling in New Hampshire this summer, take time to visit a great fabric shop in Henniker called QUILTED THREADS. It's not far from a main highway and worth the trip. I found the selection large and varied and the sales ladies very helpful. The address is 116 Main Street, Henniker and the phone is 603-428-6622.

Monthly Raffle:

We bid a fond farewell to Christine Moriarty and Sheila Barry. Their verbal agility could sell ice to an Eskimo! We happily welcome Joy Lavery and Edith Neil as the new coordinators; hmmm they have a tough act to follow!

In March our shopper was Mary Ann Karpinski who supplied a jellyroll of lovely spring fabrics, a pattern for bags and some chocolate. The delighted winner was Liz Carreiro.

In April our shopper was Sheila Berry who filled a pink pail with lots of goodies including a packet of green fabrics, a tulip pattern with fabrics, handy quilting grip gloves, a travel BSS kit, some candies and an Easter Egg that contained a gift certificate for JOANN'S. The glad winner was Nancy Quilty.

Cynthia Spratt was our May shopper who filled a charming May Basket with a wonderful assortment of floral prints, a bumblebee pin cushion and to help your garden grow, some gummy worms. The happy winner was our secretary, Wendy Morgan who is an avid gardener (and the secretary of the Perennial Gardeners).

New England Quilt Museum Representative:

Christine Moriarty will be our new representative.

Newsletter:

As this will be my last newsletter, I wish to extend many thanks to each of you who have contributed. With your assistance we have stitched together a “crazy quilt” of Guild activity including your recipes, road trips, book reviews and snippets all serving to entertain and educate us. Mary Ann Karpinski has graciously volunteered to head this next year. For those who do not have e-mail access, printed newsletters will be available for pick up at our guild meetings. The September newsletter will be mailed to your homes.

Program committee:

New co-chairs: Debra Hayes, Denise Fitzgerald and Joan Palmer.

Kitty Curpiewski is coming for September. We have more detailed information regarding her workshop which will actually be using stencils to appliqué. We will discuss in further detail at the June meeting.

The program committee heard you loud and clear- we ***will have Michelle Kincaid*** return to do another workshop!

We actually tried to book her for November, but she is traveling to Egypt! Unfortunately, we won't be able to have her back until 2010.

We are looking into the possibility of offering all day workshops which would occur on the same day of our guild meetings. More information to come on this.

Website:

Mary Ann Karpinski is continuing to expand our website. Her side kick and photographer extraordinaire Anne Marie Stanton will also continue in this role. Please send any of your quilt photos to either one, so they maybe posted on our website.



Surfing the Web:

Submitted by Anne Marie Stanton

I wanted to bring your attention to a web site that you may or may not know of.... It is called “Etsy”, and it is a website devoted purely to handmade crafts. A friend of mine brought it to my attention a couple of months ago, and I have to admit, I am HOOKED! There is such a wide array of ideas and creative energy out there, it is always inspiring to peruse the vendors and their wares. Any craft

you can think of, any interest you may have, any occasion...it's out there!! I have a favorite now, called "LillaLotta" http://www.etsy.com/shop.php?user_id=5283204 Anna lives in France (Mirepoix, to be exact), has 5 little children (and they are lovely) and she makes the coolest cotton fabric tape! She does lettering as well as little drawings, and can customize anything you want! I am now trying to incorporate her tapes into some of my quilts! This is a great website if you are a supporter of handmade over mass-produced, and as a bonus, you would be supporting other artists all over the world! And you can't beat handmade for one-of-a-kind appeal! If you are into marketing your creations, you can do that, too, through the website, which is: <http://www.etsy.com>.

2010 Quilt show news:

In order to be included in the raffle quilt, all New York Beauty blocks must be returned by the June meeting. The quilt will be sewn together and presented to the membership at the September meeting. Please see Anne Marie Stanton if you have any questions.



On the lighter side:

Submitted by Mary Ann Karpinski

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary clinic & asked for the surgeon.

As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. The duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something." The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room.

He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room.

A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill.

"\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have only been \$20. But with the Lab Report and the CAT scan, it's now \$150."



The End!