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President's Piece

Happy Spring Everyone,

I spotted the first blue heron of the season today, so it's official, Spring is here. This means, we have less than two months till the end of our fiscal year. As I have mentioned in past newsletters, the guild counts on volunteers to accomplish all their goals and activities throughout the year. The following volunteers are needed to complete the slate of officers: Vice President, Quilt Show Chair and Co-chair and Membership Chair. We must have the slate of officers in place by our Friday meeting, so we abide by the Robert's Rules of Order for a 30 day notification. To reduce the number of phone calls on my end to ask for volunteers, please take the challenge and let me know the position you're interested in this year.

Did you enjoy Jenny's trunk show and workshops? Many trunk show attendees sent emails thanking us for inviting non-members. One Canadian attendee had a 2 ½ hour drive each way and said it was worth every minute. I hope you enjoyed it.

Our May meeting is Friday, May 17th beginning at 6:30pm. The doors open at 6. Our guest speaker is Sharon Shorey.

See you then.

-Ann Jacobs



2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

September 19th Ice Cream Social
& Silent Auction

October 17th Trunk Show
with Judith Brunn & Silent Auction

November 28th Presentation by
Mountain Fiber Folk

December 19th Holiday Potluck
& Yankee Swap (6 pm start)

2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

January 16th First & Worst Quilts
with Guild Members

February 20th Quilt Show Prep
Trunk Show (POSTPONED)

March 20th Quilt Show Prep
Trunk Show with Carolyn Babcock

April 5th Quilt Show Setup

April 6th & 7th Quilt Show

2012 -2013 Guild Calendar

April 17th Trunk Show
with Jenny Doan (begins at 6:30pm)

April 18th – 20th Workshops
with Jenny Doan

**May 17th Trunk Show with
Sharon Shorey (6:30pm start!!!)**

May 18th Workshop
with Sharon Shorey

June 19th Potluck
& Teacup Auction

...Bring May Flowers



MAY MEETING FEATURES SHARON SHOREY TRUNK SHOW

Thinking that variety is the spice of life the May program should add a little spice. After Jenny Doan's fantastic program feature jelly rolls, layer cakes, and charm packs to make quick large quilts we will see a definite change of pace with Sharon Shorey and her paper-pieced miniatures. Sharon Shorey's trunk show is titled *Miniatures through the Years*. Her show will include a lecture about mini-quilts with an opportunity for questions and answers.

Sharon Shorey is a Vermont quilter who lives in Bennington and is active in the Quiet Valley Quilters guild. Nancy Orcutt says that she comes by quilting naturally as her mother is also a quilter. Sharon is in charge of demonstrations at the Bennington Quilt Fest, the guild's annual fall show and has used her talents as a teacher both days of the Quilt Fest. Closer by, we can look for her quilt entry at the 2013 Vermont Quilt Festival in Essex Junction.

Please note the date change for the May meeting. For our speaker's convenience we have moved the meeting date to Friday, May 17th. On Saturday, the 18th, Sharon Shorey will teach a full-day workshop on paper-piecing a four block mini-sampler quilt. The workshop is currently filled but there is no one on the waiting list.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!!

By Ann Jacobs

Volunteers are needed NOW to co-chair the committee to select the 2013-2014 slate of officers. The slate of officers needs to be in place by the May meeting, so the required 30-day notification is met before we vote at the June meeting. Send me an email, ann.goergen-jacobs@ge.com, saying you'll volunteer.

Just a side note to the members: Consider participating as a member of the board. It is an opportunity to make friends and really grow as a human being. The first few meetings as President, I rehearsed exactly what I was going to say at the meeting during the drive in. Within 2-3 months, you STOPPED scaring me!!! Since that time, I have recognized the impact both personally and professionally. Take the challenge and volunteer!!

MEMORIAL DAY



REMEMBER THE FALLEN

**AN UPDATED MAY 2013 TREASURER'S REPORT
WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**

DEB DUSABLON WILL PROVIDE UPDATED NUMBERS AT THE MEETING.

Just in time for berry season and summer parties...

TRIPLE BERRY TRIFLE

Created by Sharon Perry. This dessert is very decadent, yet fat-free!

Weight Watchers POINTS PLUS® Value: 5
Servings: **16 (1 cup for each serving)**

Preparation Time: **135 min**
Cooking Time: **0 min**
Level of Difficulty: **Easy**
Course: **Desserts**

Ingredients:

8 oz fat-free cream cheese, room temperature
1 cup powdered sugar
2 packages pudding, cheesecake flavor, fat free, sugar free
3 1/2 cup(s) fat-free skim milk
1 cup(s) light artificially sweetened fat-free vanilla or lemon yogurt
12 oz angel food cake, cut into 1" cubes (can buy at Hannaford)
4 1/2 cup(s) strawberries, hull & slice all but 12 berries*
3 1/2 cup(s) raspberries*
3 1/2 cup(s) blueberries*
8 oz Cool Whip Free Whipped Topping

Set aside 1/2 cup blueberries, 1/2 cup raspberries and 12 whole strawberries for garnish. In a large mixing bowl, whip cream cheese and powdered sugar together. Slowly add milk, scraping bowl frequently. Slowly add pudding mix, scraping bowl frequently. Add vanilla yogurt. Whip for 1 minute. Cover and put in refrigerator for 2 hours.

Using a trifle dish or glass bowl**, begin with a layer of cake cubes (about 4 1/2 cups), followed by 1 cup blueberries, 1 cup raspberries and 1 cup strawberries, followed by a layer of 3 cups pudding. Repeat the order for a second round. Make a top layer using 1 cup blueberries, 1 cup raspberries and 1 cup strawberries. Spread Cool Whip on top. Garnish with remaining berries. With a red, white and blue top, this makes a perfect summer dessert for the patriotic holidays.

*You can use any in-season fruit. If you use fruit which will discolor such as bananas or peaches, I would suggest soaking them in unsweetened pineapple juice for a few minutes to prevent the discoloration. I keep a carton of 6-oz cans of pineapple juice in my pantry just for this purpose. **The bowl I use measures 8.5 inches in diameter and 5 inches deep. This bowl is filled to the very top with the trifle.



QUILT TIPS

- Check greeting cards for great pictures of future applique quilts!
- Use a glue stick to position applique pieces and while paper piecing. It doesn't displace the fabric or get in the way like pins can.
- When basting your quilt, leave the thread attached to spool after threading your needle, thus eliminating all that cutting and threading.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, May 29th, 2013

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471

ON THE WEB...PATTERNS FOR MAY

FLAG FANFARE: <http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/home/flag-fanfare-quilt-pattern.htm>

PATRIOTIC STAR PILLOW: <http://www.modabakeshop.com/2009/06/patriotic-star-pillow.html>

AMERICA LIVES ON: http://www.windhamfabrics.com/images/project/america_lives_on.pdf

AND WAVED TO ME: <http://anotherpat.com/qt/flagquilt.pdf>

QUILTERS REACH OUT TO BOSTON MARATHON VICTIMS

The Boston Modern Quilt Guild has put out a call for quilt blocks in their goal to assemble and distribute at least 50 quilts to the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing. If you would like to participate, please check out the website at <http://bostonmqg.blogspot.com/p/quilts-for-boston.html>. The requirements for the blocks are outlined below.

Please follow these guidelines when constructing and submitting your blocks:

- To give these quilts a cohesive look we chose the colors of the Boston Marathon: blue; yellow; gray; and white. Both print and solid fabrics are welcome.
- All blocks should be 12½" tall x the width of your choice. That could mean 12½" x 7", 12½" x 12½", or anything wider, more narrow, or in between.
- Please machine piece your blocks in any style you would like.
- Please use only "quilt shop quality" 100% cotton or cotton/linen fabrics.
- Our preference is white or light gray 100% cotton thread, but any coordinating thread of good quality will do.

Please mail all blocks by **May 24th, 2013** to:

Quilts for Boston
P.O. Box 79225
Belmont, MA 02479

2014 RAFFLE QUILT: FABRIC STILL NEEDED

Members are asked to donate squares of fabric for the 2014 Raffle Quilt. Fabric needed: 6 1/2-inch squares, two of the same fabric, any color for the mediums/darks; 6 1/2-inch squares, two of the same fabric, creams/beiges for the lights. Bring your donations to the May meeting. Denise Chase will be collecting them at the meeting.

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