



# Marys River Quilt Guild Newsletter



## OUR MISSION

- ◆ To contribute to the knowledge of quilting and the textile arts.
- ◆ To promote the appreciation of fine quilts and quilt making.
- ◆ To contribute to the growth and knowledge of the art and the industry through educational meetings and fellowship

## OFFICERS

President - Lisa Ullmer

Vice-President- Kelly  
Esbenshade

Secretary -Debbie Van Der  
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Treasurer - Joan Helzer

## MEETING LOCATION

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, 2nd floor auditorium at the Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main St. Philomath

## WEB SITE

[www.marysriverquiltguild.or](http://www.marysriverquiltguild.or)

## November 19th Quilt Tying/Silent Auction

Our November meeting is two-fold. We will be tying quilts the raffle committee has put together this past year. This is our chance to help others, get to know each other better, and have a little fun as well.

Our silent auction will be in process during the quilt tying. Tables will be set up around the room with donated items up for bid. At the end of the meeting the last (and highest) bidder gets to take the item(s) home.

Guild members have donated some wonderful items for our auction this year. We have quilted journals, brand new home decor items, books, quilt related items and of course fabric!

This is your opportunity to get some great bargains and help out others as the funds received from the auction go to the JoAnn Cutler Hay scholarship fund.

This past year our Service Committee quilts have been donated to a variety of groups. One was a raffle quilt to Dial a Bus. Twelve quilts were sent to Community Consortium to be given out to the homeless at the Linn Benton Homeless Resource Fair. Several lap quilts went to Corvallis Manor. We have about 25 more completed quilts from the library quilt show during Quilt County that we have yet to give away, as well as the quilts that we will be tying at the November meeting.

Please bring a thimble (if you need one) and small scissors. The needles and thread will be provided. In addition to tying there might be bindings to hand stitch on, as well as labels, so there is an opportunity for everyone to help.

We will be voting for a new vice president and secretary. Board positions are for two years so there is an overlap of officers to maintain continuity. Erica Koenig has been nominated for secretary and Corey Arentz for vice president.

Note: the pictures on page 1 and 7 are service committee quilts that were on display at the Philomath Library during Quilt County.

Also note that our meeting is a week earlier this month due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We do not have a December meeting.

## 2010 Dues are Due

You can pay your dues to treasurer Joan Helzer at the November meeting. Please fill out the form on the last page of the newsletter and turn it in with your check or cash. Joan will also have forms available at the meeting. It is very important to have a completed form for each person paying.

## President's column

What an inspirational group of women we have in the Guild. We have outdone ourselves with this year's Challenge. We had quite a successful year that will be hard to top but some great activities are planned for next year. *However, we have a few areas that need your help....*

We are looking for a group of people to head the Marketing Team. Theresa Valentine and Kelly Esbenshade are willing to help with the transition and to help in the background, but feel it is time for new inspirations to take charge. The venues are well established, the volunteers are willing, we are waiting for you and your friends to take charge and put your stamp on this focal activity of the Guild. Main responsibilities include scheduling the venues, volunteers, and developing the advertising material. If you have questions, please contact Theresa Valentine ([haveahrt@peak.org](mailto:haveahrt@peak.org)). We need this committee in place by the January meeting. The big reveal of the 2010 raffle quilt top will be at the November meeting.

If you have ideas of what kind of program you would like to see in the future, now is your chance to get involved. While the programs are set for 2010, we soon need to start booking speakers for 2011. A committee of 2-3 friends makes the job go fast. Contact Jan Tallis ([jantallis1@comcast.net](mailto:jantallis1@comcast.net)) or Kathy Butler ([kathybutler@peak.org](mailto:kathybutler@peak.org)) if you are interested.

After several years of documenting Guild activities, our Historian, Carolyn Sawtelle, is retiring. The primary responsibility of this position is to take photos at Guild Meetings. This includes block of the month, guest speakers and photos of their specialty and any other shots that might be of interest during the meeting. In addition, take photos (or get photos from someone else) as well as collateral information of other Guild sponsored events (Quilt County, Quilts in the Garden, Raffle Quilt venues, etc). If you think you can do this, please contact me ([imzadi2@comcast.net](mailto:imzadi2@comcast.net)) or Kelly ([mkjshade@peak.org](mailto:mkjshade@peak.org)).

The 2011 raffle quilt is in the planning stages. Joan Helzer and Pam Duren have a plan and will be organizing cutting and sewing workshops. Their design concept will be discussed in an upcoming meeting.

***A special thank you to all of you who have volunteered this year - from selling tickets to chairing a committee.*** I hope that this Holiday season brings you great joy and peace. I look forward to working with all of you in the New Year.  
*Lisa Ullmer*

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt

It is time to start to assemble the Marys River Quilt Guild's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt. There is an organizational meeting set up to meet at Jannilou Creations on Tuesday, November 17 from 6:30 to 8 pm. We will lay out the blocks and see how we would like to have the quilt look and decide how to proceed from there. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Gilson at [mgquilter@alyrica.net](mailto:mgquilter@alyrica.net) or just feel free to show up at Jannilou Creations, in Philomath on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Quilt County

Many thanks to all of you who organized shows, contributed quilts so the shows could happen and for those of you who took the time to go around and appreciate the pieces that were up in the different venues. If you organized a show, I would like to get back your banner. Also, please think about if you might be interested in organizing a show for Quilt County in September of 2011. I will be asking for commitments about a year prior to the event. Again, many thanks – this show is part of the reason our county is so special as far as quilting goes.  
*Marcia Gilson*

## Secret Sisters-2009

Secret Sisters has had a bit of a facelift this year. Instead of focusing on secretly surprising your Secret Sister with secret gifts, the emphasis has been on getting to know and have fun with other quilters.

We've met for dinner before Guild on several occasions. Sometimes planned, sometimes spontaneously. The talk is wild and furious and the meal shared quite special.

In June we retreated to the coast, tucked ourselves into a beach cottage and sewed all day and all night... oh, except when we felt the need to check out some local restaurants! Most of us got quite a bit of sewing accomplished... and that wild and wonderful chatter continued.

In October several members traveled to The Quiltopia Quilt Show and Weaver's Guild show at the Mission Mill in Salem, with a side trip to Greenbaum's. It takes a lot of time to really see a quilt show and Quilt shop when you are busy chatting and stopping for a great lunch!

We have had regular meetings at JaniLou's and in member's homes. There is always a sewing related game, an "Inane Secret Sister Clue" (a not-too-revealing answer to a meaningful or... meaningless question), sometimes an activity, and always our most favorite part of the meeting: Quilting Queen for a night. That is when one of us tells all .... well, all about their journey in quilting. It has been a wonderful way to learn about one another.

Still to come will be our November meeting and then a Christmas celebration and reveal of the year's Secret Sisters.

We have encouraged accomplishments, laughed a lot and really made fast friendships.

If all of this sounds like you wish you could be part of it.... Well, you can! Sign up for 2010 Secret Sisters! We will have sign up sheets and forms at the November and January meetings. See you there!

*Jan Andrews-McKirdie  
Chairman MRQG Secret Sisters*

## Round Robin 2010

Would you like the opportunity to have fun getting to know guild members in a small group environment while learning to create a truly unique quilt? Then you would enjoy being part of Round Robin 2010.

Round Robin is a method of quilt construction similar to a progressive dinner. The eventual owner supplies a center block, and then each member of her group adds a "round" to that existing block when it is her turn to do so.

Through the design additions of each person, a truly one-of-a-kind quilt emerges. Round Robin members meet once every two months for "show and tell", talking about each round and discussing their various methods of construction.

The first Round Robin meeting of the year will take place at 7:00 in the evening on Monday, January 11th at 3155 NW Lynwood Circle, the home of Cindy Graff, this year's coordinator. Each person must bring her starting center block to that meeting.

If you wish to participate and have not already registered, you must sign up at the November guild meeting or call Cindy at 758-7040 by December 31st. By the end of 2010, you will have a beautiful quilt and some new friends as well!

## Thank you from “The Firm”

We wish to thank everyone who helped out with the MRQG 2009 raffle quilt – Mariner’s Rainbow. It takes a lot of people to market the raffle quilt successfully.

Many thanks to the businesses and venues for hosting the quilt: Jannilou Creations, Quiltwork Patches, The Wine Vault, Yew Wood Nursery, The Benton County Historical Museum, Sisters Pharmacy, The Coberg Quilt Show, The Benton County Fair, First Friday Farmers Market in Philomath, and The Corvallis Fall Festival.

Donations for the prizes for top volunteers and packet sellers came from: Carolyn Sawtelle, Debbie Van Der Sommen, Kathy Butler, Jan Tallis, Marcia Gilson, Pam Ward, Debbie Garvin, Kelly Esbenshade, Jake Esbenshade, and Quilts in the Garden.

Most of all, thanks to all the great volunteers who sold tickets at the venues and members of the Guild who sold ticket packets. You did a great job and the money you helped raise will help to continue the Guild’s activities.

*Theresa Valentine, Kelly Esbenshade  
“The Firm” (Marketing)*

## 2009 MRQG Challenge Quilt Prizes Awarded

Tracy Byers and Cathy Cunningham, judges for the 2009 MRQG “Seasons” Quilt Challenge noted that this was the most difficult challenge they have judged so far because there were many outstanding quilts. Their final selections were: Grand Prize – *Allene Schmittger*  
Honorable Mention – *Dianne Jackson*  
Best Representation of Theme – *Cindy Graff*  
Honorable Mention – *Jan Andrews-McKirdie*  
Best Use of Fabric – *Joan Helzer*  
Viewers’ Choice (chosen by Guild members) – *LuAnn Kessi*

## 2010 MRQG Quilt Challenge —“Scrap It Your Way”

It’s time to get your packets for next year’s challenge. Packets are only \$5.00! This challenge is intended to help members reduce their stash. With the downturn in the economy, people are packing their lunches, watching their pennies and stretching their dollars, and the Challenge Quilt Committee wants to help. Each brown bag challenge packet contains two fat quarters of coordinated fabric to use as a starting point for your project – a quilt, a wall hanging, wearable art or maybe even a reusable quilted bag for shopping—REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.

***Participants are allowed to trade fabrics with someone else if desired.***

Guidelines:

1. The two fat quarter fabrics must be used on the front or outside of the project.
2. Participants must use their fabric stash for the top. However, the back of the quilt or wearable art can be newly purchased.
3. Challenge yourself to do something different/new—try a new block, technique, or machine quilting design.

## Treasurer’s Report

As of November 1, 2009, our cash balance was \$8,596.25. The 2009 Raffle Quilt ticket sales totaled \$3,849.00.

Those of you who sold quilts at Sisters still have an opportunity for a 2009 tax deduction by donating 10% of your total sales to the Guild.

I would appreciate receiving from the Committee Chairpersons their budget requests for 2010 by December 31, 2009. Please email me at [joalar@comcast.net](mailto:joalar@comcast.net). Thank you.

*Joan Helzer*

## 2010 Raffle Quilt

We completed the top of the 2010 Raffle Quilt and plan to show it at the next guild meeting. Thank you all for your help in making blocks and coming to our workshops to put blocks together. This effort truly could not have been done without all of you giving up your time to help out. Dianne, Allene and I were pleasantly surprised at how quick the top was completed. We had a group hug when we put it on the design wall. We may even have the quilt completed for January ticket sales! Can you believe that? Jean McDaniel has agreed to quilt it for us so the quilt will be even more spectacular!

It was really easy using a pattern already made. It also helped having everyone in the guild make a part of the quilt. And best of all, having three friends working together and for moral support, it could not have been easier.

*Debra Van Der Sommen*

## For Sale:

Juki TL98E sewing machine and New Joy Gold Standard quilting frame that can configure up to 105". Both are in good condition and have not been used much. Seller would consider reasonable offer. Please contact Judy Juntunen at [jmrjuntunen@aol.com](mailto:jmrjuntunen@aol.com) for more information.

## Hospitality News

Starting in January there will be a change in the name tag drawing, but only in the prizes that will be given. You will still need to write your name on a slip and put it into the basket when you come to the meeting. You won't be "required" to wear your name tag, but please do, as there are many new members and we want to get to know everyone. The prizes now will be two fat quarters in block of the month colors and a \$10.00 gift certificate for --(surprise!?)

*Dianne Jackson - hospitality chair*

## Stitches in Bloom Quilt Show

Our guild has an opportunity to have a table to sell tickets for our 2010 raffle quilt at the Stitches in Bloom Quilt Show at the Oregon Gardens January 29th & 30th. If we can get 10 guild members to show their quilts we will get the space for free.

Entry deadline is January 9th, but if you plan to enter a quilt (or two....) please contact Allene Schnittger ([aschnittger@comcast.net](mailto:aschnittger@comcast.net) or )754-3885 right away so we can see if we have enough quilts entered to have our raffle quilt on display for ticket sales. Entry cost for each quilt is \$10.00.

The Stitches in Bloom show features a Janet Fogg workshop on Innovative Traditions, January 27th-28. The Oregon Garden Resort has a special room rate during the workshop and quilt show - so gather some quilting friends together and have a fun weekend looking at fabulous quilts.

If we get enough entries to get a spot for our raffle quilt displayed we will need participants to spend an hour or so selling tickets, but this should be a terrific venue to put our gorgeous batik Fourth of July quilt on display. Several guild members attended the show last year and it was a worthwhile and enjoyable event.

Entry forms are on the Oregon Garden website <http://www.oregongarden.org/Quilt-Show.htm> (scroll down to entry form)

## Columbia-Willamette Quilt Study Group

The study group will be meeting Saturday, November 14th from 9:30-2:30 at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson in Portland. For more information and to RSVP contact Martha Spark - [mspark@frii.com](mailto:mspark@frii.com).

**Blocks of the Month**

November's block of the month is Turkey Tracks to be done in harvest colors.

The directions for the block are on the website:  
<http://www.marysriverquiltguild.org/> Click on blocks of the month.



**Quilts in Gardens DVD Fundraiser**

We are creating a slideshow of images from the Quilts in Gardens Tour 2009. The slideshow DVD will be for sale very soon. ALL of the proceeds will be used to purchase supplies for the Permission 2 Play "Living Well with Cancer and Healing through Quilting" classes.

If you had a quilt or quilts displayed in the Quilts in Gardens Tour 2009 that you **DO NOT** want included on the DVD, please contact LuAnn Kessi 541-438-4771 or [kessi@pioneer.net](mailto:kessi@pioneer.net) no later than January 1, 2010.

**Challenge Photos**



Grand Prize - Allene Schnittger



Best Representation of Theme - Cindy Graff



Viewer's Choice - LuAnn Kessi

### New Books for the Library

Just arrived today: **Color Shuffle: New Quilts from Karla Alexander** More of Karla's trademark stack, shuffle them up and resew. I have found some of the new designs to be quite interesting and substantially different from her other publication to make this well worth reading.

**Thread Work Unraveled** by Sarah Ann Smith. Not just a project book, but there are those in here, Sarah covers tension, needles choices, tools for marking, impact thread color has on your work.

**Art + Quilt Design Principles and Creativity Exercises** by Lyric Kinard. The title pretty much sums it all up. This is a fabulous book for the art quilter and those wanting to add a bit of extra to their traditional quilts.

**Motion fun with Feathers** Volume 3. In this DVD Patsy Thompson explores non traditional feather spines to add punch to your feathers.

Do you currently have a Patsy Thompson DVD checked out? Please keep these for ONE MONTH ONLY and then return them. There are line up's at the book cart to check them out. Be kind to your fellow quilter and return these DVD's promptly.

*Jean McDaniel, librarian*

### Patsy Thompson DVD'S

The DVD's we have purchased for the library have been very popular so here is another one: **Free**



#### CALENDAR:

**NOVEMBER 19**  
Quilt Tying, Silent Auction

#### DECEMBER

No Meeting

#### JANUARY 28

Linda Johansen - Creative Process

#### FEBRUARY 25

Jody Houghton - Fabric Designer

### Membership Application/Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**January 1 - December 31, 2010**

**Type of membership**  
(Check appropriate box below)

<input type="checkbox"/>	child up to 17.....	\$10.00	Mail to MRQG P.O. Box 1317
<input type="checkbox"/>	adult .....	\$25.00	Philomath, OR 97370
<input type="checkbox"/>	senior (65+) .....	\$20.00	(or bring to the meeting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	over 80 .....	free	

I can volunteer for the \_\_\_\_\_ committee.