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NOVEMBER 18TH – QUILT STORE REPRESENTATIVES

Our local quilt store owners have been to market and will be sharing all the latest in quilt related gadgets, books and patterns. This is your chance to fill out your Christmas wish list and see what is new for the holidays.

DECEMBER 16TH – GIVING AND SHARING WITH OTHERS

Our service committee has been hard at work putting together quilt tops for us to tie at our annual holiday meeting. Tables will be set up with all the equipment required (you might want to bring your own pair of little scissors). It's time to socialize and tie quilts to be given to those in need in our area. Many hands make light work of getting these quilts together. (note: this date is earlier than usual to avoid conflict with holiday activities Plus we want to get these quilts to those who might need them during the cold winter months.)

SUMMERWINDS QUILTS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND CRAFT DAY

December 4, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
1430 SW 14th Place

Come and see the new class samples, make and take wool felt ornaments, gift bags, or fabric and stamped Christmas cards (for a nominal supply fee), enjoy treats and tea, and enter the prize drawing.

Please let us know if you plan to attend, so we have enough supplies and COOKIES! 757-0004
Tracy Byers

RAFFLE QUILT

Here is the scoop on the winner of the raffle quilt. Her name is Rosalind LaBriola, and she is an elementary school principal in Culver City, CA. She bought her ticket at Sisters, where she went with her sister (who lives in Sutherlin, OR) and a cousin from Australia, both of whom are quilters.

Rosalind says she has made one quilt, and is interested in a variety of needlecrafts (she was coming out of a yarn store when reached her on her cell phone with the news she had won the quilt)

She lived for a while in "wine country" in northern California, so she really appreciates the wine theme. The raffle quilt earned \$3255.00 in ticket sales.

QUILT RELATED FICTION BOOKS

There are quite a few authors that write fiction books related to quilting. Some of these books have been reviewed previously in our newsletter. The newest additions to these series came out this summer. Jennifer Chiaverini has added **The Master Quilter** as her latest novel about the Elm Creek quilters. Earlene Fowler's latest mystery/quilting book is **Broken Dishes**, and a newcomer to the quilting fiction genre is Emilie Richards.

Wedding Ring is the first in a series of 3 books by Emile Richards that brings together a family of 3 women in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. This first book follows a wedding ring quilt top pieced by the grandmother – only to put it away without quilting it after her husband was killed. Her daughter picked up the top and quilted it as she struggled with her own marriage, and finally the quilt is found by the granddaughter who attempts to restore the quilt to its original beauty. If you go to Emilie's website www.emilierichards.com you can register to win a vintage Wedding Ring quilt given away by the publisher of **Wedding Ring**.

TWO YEARS OF LOCAL FAME

I'm writing this shortly after Election Day, having dutifully filled out my ballot and lived through the election clatter. As we look forward to the next couple of months with Mary's River Quilt Guild there is an election coming up for us too. Wouldn't it be great to be an organization where the number of nominations for offices had to be limited because there were so many nominees? Unlike the high pay-high power political offices, we don't have a rush to fill the jobs that need to be done. In a volunteer organization such as ours it's important for everyone, not just some, to take an active role whenever our busy lives permit. While the recent Voter's Pamphlet isn't exactly scintillating reading, it does always make me ponder what improves my life and enriches my community. Various organizations certainly enhance and enrich my life and MRQG is one of them. Our community would be the less without it. It's important that I support the Guild not just with my annual dues, but with my participation which includes volunteering for an occasional committee and taking a turn serving in a leadership position. I hope you feel the same. Has the time come for you to be more involved in MRQG and help lead your organization? Here are the top 10 reasons to be a board member or head a committee.

You will:

1. Have a forum for your good ideas and high opinions
2. Have one more night a month to justify ignoring dinner dishes
3. Be privy to the innermost secrets of the Guild
4. Get to bond with other board members
5. Keep your car battery charged
6. Miss one more evening of prime time television
7. Have 2 years leadership experience to pad your resume
8. Fill yet another square on the calendar
9. Receive the adoring gratitude of the guild membership
10. Have the great satisfaction of giving back to the Guild

Please step up to the "quilting frame" and get involved. Volunteer for one of the 2 year board positions, (or join a committee). The board positions to

be filled this year are President and Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these, or have talked your best friend into volunteering with or without you, flag down a current board member (or telephone). We can tell you what is involved and give you a rough idea of how much time the job might take. Your name will then be put into nomination for one of the two important positions that will be voted on at our January meeting. None of the jobs is difficult, all are important. "I'm Linda Hansen and I approve this message."

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TREASURY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Income

Auffle	\$60.00
Ugly Fabric	74.15
Mini quilt	16.00
Dues	100.00
Service committee fabric	77.00
Total	\$472.15

Expenditures

Kinko's	\$ 73.00
Harriet/library	120.87
Harriet/library	94.53
challenge fabric	102.23
Kinko's	48.00
	\$438.63

NEW BOOKS AND TOOLS AT MRQG LIBRARY

Some more recent acquisitions to the library include two new books of baby quilts: “*PS I Love You Baby Collection*” by Lynda Milligan and N. Smith and “*Sweet and Simple Baby Quilts*” by Mary Hickey. The library was particularly lacking in baby quilt books.

The 2005 raffle quilt includes lots of traditional appliqué work and that inspired the purchase of more appliqué books: “*Coxcomb Variations*” by Anita Shackelford and “*Red and Green, An Appliqué Tradition*” by Jeana Kimball, an older, but beautiful book of traditional appliqué patterns. And since we had no books from the Piece O’ Cake Designs, we added “*Contemporary Classics in Plaids & Stripes*” by Becky Goldsmith & Linda Jenkins to provide some needleturn hand appliqué techniques and tips on working with plaids and stripes.

“*Monkey Wrench: New Quilts from an Old Favorite*,” issued by American Quilter’s Society, is the latest in this series of books showing award-winning quilts made from creative interpretations of traditional blocks. This book brings our collection to 12.

Some quilt member requests included: “*The Quilter’s Review Guide to Picking a Sewing Machine You’ll Love*” by Sharon Darling, a clearly written booklet that details how to test run a sewing machine, what features to look for and how to bargain for the best value; and three books that expand our imaginations about colors and piecing techniques: “*Passionate Patchwork*” by Kaffe Fassett, “*Circle Play, Simple Designs for Fabulous Fabrics*” by Reynola Pakusich and “*Ricky Tims’ Convergence Quilts*” by Ricky Tims.

For those looking for additional help with assembling quilt blocks, we added the revised edition of “*Sensational Settings*” by Joan Hanson, which shows over 80 ways to arrange your quilt blocks, and “*Borders, Bindings & Edges*” by Sally Collins which provides sophisticated ideas for finishing your quilt.

New in the library are some Marti Michell **Perfect Patchwork Templates**. Guild members may check out these templates before investing in their own sets. (I personally love the way these templates work to yield perfectly-sized, intricate blocks.) For starters, two sets of templates (Sets A and E) and their accompanying booklets (Encyclopedia of Patchwork Blocks, Volumes 1 and 3) have been purchased to see how well they are received. Set A provides templates to make numerous traditional blocks in mostly 6” to 12” sizes. Set E has templates to make many variations of eight-pointed stars and other related blocks.

Harriet

SECRET SISTERS NEWS

Secret Sisters met Oct. 21 for a fun evening of swapping tricks for making quilts and eating treats. We also got a chance to see several seasonal quilts.

Our next event is Tuesday December 7 at JanniLou Creations for a rousing game of Trivial Pursuit. Study up on your trivia and bring a festive snack. Looking forward to seeing you.

ROUND ROBIN

Looking at the Round Robin Schedule, we discovered we had an extra meeting planned which we didn’t need to finish the round robin quilts. Therefore, members decided to cancel Nov. 9th’s meeting. This change allows us more time to do round two on our given quilt and not have to be working on it over the holidays. Yea!! Now I don’t have to come up with an excuse why my quilt wasn’t finished in time.

Take note: Next Meeting is Tuesday January 18 at JanniLou Creations at 7:00

Debbie and Colleen

PLACES TO GO

November 19 through December 4

Emerald Art Center will host The American Spirit Quilt Collection Art-Quilt Show in its first and ONLY visit to Oregon. This project incorporates 12 original quilts and features "Ground Zero" by Lois Jarvis of Madison, WI. Lois Jarvis created her quilt with the images of over 700 people who perished in the tragedy of 9/11. This quilt is part of the collection that expresses the resiliency and spirit of the American people. 500 Main St. **Springfield, OR**

2005 MEETINGS

Mark your calendar for January 27th for our first meeting in the new year. Our program chair Linda Alexander is hard at work setting up the programs for 2005.

Q-SNAP FLOOR MODEL QUILT FRAME FOR SALE

New in box pvc type frame componets for hand quilting or tying your quilts. No tools required. Height of frame is 31" once put together. Instructions included. Purchased several years ago for \$89.00. Sale price is \$75.00. Contact Debbie Garvin at 745-7038