

River Heritage Quilters' Guild

# Quilt Chatter

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(Meetings on 2nd Monday)

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Hello Quilters,

Now that the Holidays are in full swing, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day with family and friends. I would like to say *Thank-You* to the membership for allowing me to be your President for the past two years. It has been a wonderful opportunity for me and as they say, I can check this off my bucket list. I would suggest that every member of the guild think about serving on a committee or even working as the Committee Chair. Each organization is as good as its committed membership.

I want to say *Thank-You* to the Board Members and Committee Chairmen who were willing to work with me and made my job fun and easy.

December has always been one of my favorite meetings. We will not have any business only fun, food and fellowship with each other. We are meeting at The Church of Christ on West End Blvd. in Cape. Bring a dish to share and we will celebrate this wonderful time of year with our fellow quilting friends.

Let me be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Blessed New Year!!

**Sally Miller, President**

## Dixie Lee Quilt Guild Trunk Show & Workshop:

Jenny Doan from Missouri Star Quilt Co. will be in Fredericktown 3/21/14 (trunk show, 7 pm, cost \$10) and 3/22/14 (workshop, 9am-3pm, cost \$40). Contact Sharon Smith 573-783-0112, Karen Turner 573-783-1559, or email DLQGnewsletter@gmail.com (subject "Registration Form").—**Saphrona Brewington**

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Ruth La Clair 12/01
- Mary Tripp 12/04
- Joycelyn Kasten 12/07
- Cathy Warren 12/10
- Nelda Steffen 12/12
- Linda Tansil 12/17
- Kathy Keith 12/18
- Julie Antill 12/19
- Sarah Goin 12/21
- Vonda Slinkard 12/25
- Cookie Little 12/27
- Karla Kiefner 12/29
- Les Lange 12/30
- Jeanette Mastin 12/30
- Thelma Stone 12/30

### MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

As of October dues were increased to \$15 so the Guild may continue to get the high quality speakers and programs. Forms are on the website or will be available at the meeting. Please renew before the February meeting in order to be in the phone book.

### PATTERN OF THE MONTH QUILT DUE AT DECEMBER MEETING!

There are 8 blocks total and finished quilts or quilt tops will be judged at December meeting. We will be voting on the winner. Contact **Pat Smith** for questions.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Cape Public Schools are closed, RHQG will **NOT** meet. The President will contact each officer and will attempt to get out an email. Guild members are responsible for contacting them. Please use good judgment when driving.

**Community Quilts:** Meets first and third Mondays from 9a.m.-2 p.m.; bring sack lunch.—**Nancy East, 2638 Janet Drive, Cape Girardeau**

### OPPORTUNITY QUILT

It's from the book **On-Point Quilts** by Retta Warehime and is called Trellis. Congratulations to **Cookie Little** for winning this beautiful quilt!

DECEMBER PARTY

Our Christmas party will be held at the Church of Christ on the corner of West End and Bloomfield December 9th at 6:00. Bring your favorite dish to share at the potluck supper. Drinks and utensils will be provided. Please join in the ornament exchange. Place your ornament (handmade or purchased) in a gift bag with your name on the gift tag.—**Chris Ludwig and Betty Meyer - Co Vice - Presidents**

Robbins Tours

12/6/13 tour to Badgett Playhouse-Christmas Spectacular, Grand River, KY; 12/31/13-1/1/14 New Year's Eve Celebration, Branson, MO. Includes round-trip transportation on chartered, luxury, restroom equipped coach. For full itinerary and more info contact Robbins Tour 573-783-5707, Connie Cossou 573-264-3933, or [www.facebook.com/RobbinsTours](http://www.facebook.com/RobbinsTours). —**Connie Cossou**

"Twas The Night Before Company"

Twas the nite before company, And all thro' the place, For a spot to sit down, There was not a trace  
Quilt blocks were hung, On the sofa with care, And draped on the arms, And the seat of each chair  
The patches were nestled, In neat little piles, Some arranged on the floor, And they looked just like tiles  
Fabric was draped, In a colored array, And it seemed spools of thread, Rolled every which way  
The telephone rang, And I answered churley, To hear that the guests, Were arriving early  
My breath came in gasps, And my heart seemed to flutter, As I turned with a start, And stared at the clutter  
Now dashing, now dancing, Now neatnick a-blitzing, I whirled like dervish, From parlor to kitchen  
I whisked up the needles, The pins too I reaped, The fabric I folded, On closet shelves neat  
I picked up the snibbles, I vacuumed the ravels, And I huffed and puffed, In my panicky travels  
Finished I fell, In my old rocking chair, And I looked with dismay, At the neatness so bare  
No swatches of color, No calico so pretty, No patterns to inspire me, I cried with self pity  
"Bong," said the doorbell, My guests now I greeted, And said with decorum, "Please won't you be seated?"  
We nodded and chatted, And chuckled and prattled, And I prayed that I seemed, Not the least bit rattled  
I poured them some tea, And my hand never trembled, Till I look in her cup--, 'Twas my errant thimble!  
From under the sofa, Peeked quilt magazines, And those pieces of border, With unfinished seams  
My great bravado, Was wearing quite thin, We said our goodbyes, And I staunchly grinned!  
Alone now again, I danced with great pleasure, As I scooted around, And retrieved all my treasures  
My rulers and paper, Ironing board, stencils, Scissors and clippers, And then colored pencils  
Here were my templates, I tossed them at random, And dragged out the fabrics, And strew with abandon  
The doorbell said, "Bong!", And there was this fella, "May I come in?, I forgot my umbrella."

{This was in a 1989 magazine and is a take off on The Quilter's Night Before Christmas. —**Barb McGill**}

25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Challenge

The 25th Birthday Challenge is just seven months away so I hope you are thinking about your design, organizing your ideas and collecting your fabrics. You can find the challenge rules are in every newsletter.

We would like to get an estimate of how many entries to expect, so if you could email me, call me or sign up at the December or January meetings, that would be great. We realize that sometimes projects that are planned do not get finished and sometimes projects unexpectedly just happen to get finished by the deadline, so we know this is an estimate of entries.

The eight finalists will be chosen at the July 2014 regular RHQG guild meeting. You do not need to be present to have your quilt entered but your quilt does need to be there. There will be a separate category for all of the challenge quilts at our 2014 quilt show. That is a chance to win one of those fantastic ribbons!!! The eight finalists will be entered in the AQS Guild Challenge in 2015.—**Betty Phillips** ([bettphill@gmail.com](mailto:bettphill@gmail.com)) 573-517-0204

## MINUTES 11/11/13:

The River Heritage Quilt Guild was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 11th, 2013, at the Church of Christ by President Sally Miller.

We began the ceremony by honoring our Veterans and military families by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Meeting minutes were approved by: Betty Meyer and Pat Smith.

Our speaker for the month was Dana Hughes from Backyard Fabrics out of Mayfield Ky. Dana had a large selection of quilts she has made throughout her life. She also had patterns, kits and fabric to purchase. Oh, my, what a wonderful night, the fabric came to us. Quilters' paradise.

November birthdays: Jo Payne, Donna Irvin, Barb Reininger, Lois, Rosie, Sherry Presley, Joyce Penland, Lois Rose, Rosie Conrad, and Betty Carroll.

Chris Ludwig started the meeting by telling us about the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Church of Christ on West End. We will have a pot luck dinner. No meat will be provided but there will be tons of other foods. Please bring a covered dish and a Homemade Christmas Ornament and we will have an exchange. If you don't want to participate, this is fine.

Nancy East is still going to be over the community projects committee but will have Deanna to help her do the leg work. She has quilts that need to be quilted. If you want to volunteer to quilt some tops call Nancy and then go pick them up.

Membership is due by February 2014 if you want to be included in the book. Get a form from Lynne Taylor or off the internet.

Pat Smith wants all who participated to bring in their finished quilts from the pattern of the month, all who participated will receive a special gift.

Anniversary challenge quilt is due by July 2014 so we need to get to work on these. Please look on the back of the newsletter for the details.

The quilt retreat is March 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. Be looking for additional details coming up soon.

Saphrona had 2 gadgets of the month: one was the all powerful plastic baggies in the large sizes and the other was a perfect seam guide.

There were 70 members present and 2 guests: welcome Hannah and Vicky.

Attendance prizes were won by: Pat, Mary Kay, Joan, and Diane.

Name tag: Ellen Coffman.

Fat quarters: 20 were won by Jo Payne.

Cash for Stash: \$26.50 was won by Mary Jo.

Gadget of the Month: Mary Green.

Our opportunity quilt was won by Cookie Little.

Show and Tell, Deanna, Cookie, Harriett(3), Sherry(3), Martha, Mary Tripp, Chris, Mary Kay, Nancy (3), Madeline(3) and Linda (2).

Our very own Anastasia made it into the 573 Magazine. Way to go.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherry Welker, Secretary**

## RHQG SHIRTS

T-shirt (both short & long) and sweatshirt orders will be taken at 12/9/13 and 1/13/14 meetings. Logo will be in upper left and white. Cost depends on number of orders. Estimated costs of short sleeve (\$9.50-\$12.50), long sleeve (\$14-\$18.50) and sweatshirts (\$16.50-\$21.50). Sizes 2X and 3X will cost additional. There are many color choices (short-17; long-6; sweat-28). I will try to have sample sizes, color charts, and order forms at the Dec. meeting.—**Donna Irwin**

**RHQG 25<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE**

Open to all RHQG Members to be displayed at the 2014 RHQG Show. Finished size 35"x35", Center must be 25"x25", and Border must be 5" wide. It does not need to be one fabric or a single border. Must include a heart (e.g., heart fabric, heart charm, heart block, etc.). Must include 25 of something (blocks, hearts, etc.). Quilt must be completed by one Guild member. No group projects. Any technique is welcome but entry must be quilted. Deadline is July 2014 RHQG Monthly Meeting. All entries are eligible for judging in RHQG 2014 Quilt Show. These quilts will be in their own category and eligible for a ribbon. Eight finalists will be chosen in July 2014 to submit to AQS Guild Challenge 2015.

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Finished quilts due at  
December meeting

**MEETING LOCATION/TIME CHANGED!!!**

6:00 p.m., Mon., 12/9/13  
Church of Christ, West End Blvd.

**FAT QUARTER**

NONE FOR DECEMBER

**Pinterest**

Check out RHQG's page

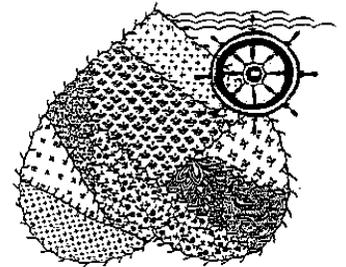
**2014 RETREAT**

March 12-16, 2014

**10/4-5/2014 RHQG SHOW**

Theme: "Patriotic"

Please send all information to be published in the newsletter by the 20th of the previous month to **Cindy Spaeth**. If your email changes or for any email announcements, send an email to **Donna Irwin**.



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