
DISPATCH

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 12
Ridgefield Parks and Rec
Rt 35, Ridgefield, CT
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Meeting begins 7 pm

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PRESIDENT'S Letter

Sew Crazy...

Little did I know when I volunteered to help plan the quilt show and tea last June, that I would be writing articles and serving the guild as its next president three months later. I didn't see that one coming, but here I am. So much is in the works, I'm getting dizzy thinking about it..

The 2008/2009 board and committee chairpersons are dashing forward following the exciting beginning of its term. I'm speaking of the October Quilt Show & Tea, of course. It was a lovely event with lots of sandwiches, cookies, a variety of teas, all beautifully displayed and elegantly dispensed... and of course, seventy two beautiful quilts on display. What a talented membership we have, and what wonderful, creative, hardworking volunteers, too. The one thing I would do differently at our next show... and yes, this show was too lovely not to do this again at some point... is to choose a different venue where each and every quilt could be displayed on a frame, so that we can view the quilts in their entirety.

The board and committee chairpersons participated in a wonderful retreat filled with exercises intended to psych your leadership team for an exciting year ahead. The team stretched their minds, tested their memories and honed their communications skills, played some games, dug really deep... and created a lot of wish lists, while brainstorming ideas for every area of the Nutmeg Guild. And ladies, do we have ideas? Yes, we have so many ideas. And we're not finished yet. The evening ended too soon.

So what do we have in store for you? I'll offer you a peek into the future. First, we have so many ideas for speakers for odd-month meetings I'm not sure which Debbie will choose , but we were all impressed by landscape artist, Laura Breitman. The only thing everybody could say about her work was "Wow" and then we were all speechless. Hands-On will have some exciting programs. We'll introduce Mini-groups, Challenges, a Mystery, and a community service project or two. There is an increased demand for our support in our communities. I don't know that we'll have enough hands-on meetings to do everything, but we'll try. In addition, we'll try some new ideas, like having a Hands-On meeting during an afternoon.

You may recall that Gail Pantezzi from The Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden, and also a member of our guild, has invited us to participate in their "Zen Stitches: A Quilt Exhibition". Quilts are due in June 2009, and to help inspire you, we hope to have some programs along the way to arouse your creativity. To begin, check out the December Hands-On Meeting.

Did you know the 2009 Paducah show is *not* during Passover? As long as I've been researching the Paducah show dates, it has always been scheduled at an inconvenient time for me. What could this possibly mean for the guild? Hmm... I'm not sure, but we're throwing the idea out to you.

Speaking of ideas, we'll be asking for yours. There are so many wonderful things to choose from, but ultimately, it's up to you. The board is ready to take off. Won't you come with us?

Cordially,
Gail Berman
President, Nutmeg Quilter's Guild
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Programs

Debbie Buescher
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At our General Meeting on Wednesday, November 12th, **Merry May** will present a program titled "**Consider Color.**" Merry is a Quiltmaker, Designer, Instructor, Innovator, and Historian from New Jersey who has won numerous awards and has been published in several Quilt magazines.

We have had to cancel the workshop scheduled for Thursday, November 13th titled "Rags to Riches" as not enough people signed up to take it.

Our General Meeting on Wednesday, January 14th will be our traditional potluck supper and a possible tag sale evening. A sign-up list for the picnic will be available at the November General Meeting on Wednesday, November 12th. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish.

Community Service

Carolanne Keely

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Five quilts were given out in October.

1 to Anns Place

3 to Family and Childrens Agency

1 to Mid-Fairfield Hospice, nursing and home care

I have been in touch with a number of agencies. There is a need for lap quilts, Baby quilts, and twin bed quilts. The social service agency would like placemats for shut-ins to be given out when they deliver meals on holidays. There is also a group called hug for homeless animals that collect small quilt for animals in the shelters. Also, the Family and Childrens agency would like quilting supplies. They have a hand quilting group for the women coming in for help, they find that quilting helps to get the women talking. So any donations you would like to make will help someone! If you are interested in more information let me know.

Quilt Show & Tea

Fun, Profit & a New Member

Nutmeg Quilters turned out in force to make the October 4th "Quilts Across the Centuries" event a great success. Thanks to each and every one of you who contributed your time, lent your quilts, and spread your enthusiasm. According to the tally (thank you, Leo!), and we attracted 85 attendees (including a new member).

Special gratitude to our committee: Cheryn Kwasnik and Jennifer O'Brien (see their separate, heartfelt thanks to all the bakers) for a smooth-as-silk tea; Gail Berman and Millie Foster for so capably organizing nearly 80 quilt submissions, an elegant printed program and fun activity sheet; and Barbara Liddi and Angela Liptack for handling the admission and raffle in a way that warmly welcomed and entertained all who came. The postcards and publicity about this event spread information about who we are and what we do throughout southwestern Connecticut, and we can

hope that the energy this event generated both inside and outside the Guild spurs our growth into 2009 and beyond.

Library News:

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The library is coming out of the closet. If you noticed at our last regular meeting, I took the books out of the closet so you could peruse them better. This seems to work much better than having you go inside the closet to try and find a book.

There is a white 3 ring loose leaf binder that has complete lists of our books by author, title, subject, and numerical order. The binder also has complete instructions on how to take out and return books.

Please keep books out for a *reasonable amount of time* – meeting to meeting would be two months – very reasonable indeed.

Coming Soon and starting with the November Meeting:

Mini Library Sales (and rules)

Bring in those quilting books and magazines that you would like to sell. You set the price and YOU come sit at the library table with me during the meeting to sell them.

**Profit to you 50%,
Profit to the Guild 50%
*This is a WIN / WIN Deal of a lifetime!***

Absolute Rules to Follow: All unsold books and magazines go home with YOU. We just do not have the room to store that kind of Stuff.

Possibly in the future we will open these sales up to hand crafted items and material that you no longer have a need for.

December 10, 2008 Hands-On Meeting

Panorama Box

"When folding paper, there are two possible goals: to create a new form... or even more frequently – to wrap something. From the very beginning, origami played a role in this practical function... long before today's interpretation of origami came into being.", so says Kunihiko Kasahara in the book, "Extreme Origami".

Just as I have become entranced by the art of paper folding, so were the board and committee chairpersons during the October Board and Committee Chairpersons Meeting and Retreat. During an unusual team building exercise they discovered treasure and beauty in a small Panorama Box. Come

discover the secrets of this box, learn to create your own, and begin to imagine it's versatile possibilities. It makes a fun decorative piece to display or play with or a fun gift. Join the board on this fun adventure, they all want to make their own boxes too!

It doesn't seem to have anything to do with fabric you may say. Not so, there are possibilities...

Bring the following:

- A favorite roll of wrapping paper - OR - a package of origami - OR -washi paper - OR - a beautiful sheet of handmade paper

- Measuring and cutting supplies such as:

A rotary cutter, ruler, and mat - or - a straight edge ruler, pencil, and scissor

Get into the spirit for "Zen Stitches: A Quilt Exhibition" during this December Hands-On Meeting "Panorama Box", December 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH "SEPTEMBER"

Just in case you missed the last Dispatch, I am sending along Marlene's info on this year's block of the month...with a Friendship Star block.

As per Marlene last month.....

"The plans for it are attached -- we're doing the first one in patriotic colors -- so if you made one for July and forgot to bring it to the meeting -- you still have a chance to enter.

Instead of templates or paper piecing patterns, I'm including rotary cutting instructions. For those of you who like templates, I'm sure you can figure out how to draw them from the measurements listed for the rotary cutting.

All stars this year will be for 6" finished blocks. So, as you make your Block of the Month entry for September, start your collection now by picking the colors you would like and making an extra block or two for yourself. By the end of the guild year you should have enough blocks to make a star-themed wall hanging."

There has been a little bit of confusion with this month's block but we hope to have it to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your understanding about the delay.

Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden

In late June, some members went to the The Hammond Museum in North Salem, NY (very close to Ridgefield) for a tour of the Japanese Stroll Garden. The entrance fee is only \$5.00, the grounds are lovely and they always have an art exhibit. The reason for the tour is that the museum is asking quilters to make an Art Quilt that is inspired by the Japanese Stroll Garden. A nice afternoon was enjoyed by all. Please contact Gail Pantezzi at pantezzi@optonline.net if you are interested in making a quilt. The quilt can be as small as a post card or as large as a wall hanging

using any sewing techniques of your choice. They have a lovely display area. Quilts are due early next year.

Visit the website for more details: www.hammondmuseum.org
Open Wed.-Sat. Noon-4pm closed July 4th

Directions from 684 are as follows:
From I-684 take exit 7 (Purdys) and make a right onto Rte. 116 heading east (to continue on 116 you will actually make a left onto Rte. 22 north, then almost immediately bear right onto Rte. 116). When you reach Route 124 (June Road) make a left, then the first right onto Deveau Road. Go all the way to the top.

Hospitality

There is a need for someone to take over as the hospitality chairperson. If you would like to 'apply' for the job, please talk to one of the board members at the meeting. If you want to share the position of being the chairperson, this would work, as well.

Directions to Ridgefield Parks & Recreation

Coming from the north on Rte. 7 south, turn right onto Rte. 35. Go about 2 miles. The entrance to Ridgefield Parks & Recreation is on the right-hand side, opposite the Fox Hill Pond and condominiums.

Coming from the south, take Rte. 7 north to Rte. 102 in Branchville. Turn left onto 102 and proceed about 4 miles to Route 35. Turn right onto Rte. 35 and proceed about 3 miles through Ridgefield town center. Ridgefield Parks & Recreation is on the left-hand side after you pass the Copps Hill Shopping Center. The entrance is opposite the Fox Hill Pond and condominiums.

If you haven't already paid your membership dues, please pay so that we can continue to send you the newsletter, otherwise this will be your is your final issue and we would hate to loose you as a member. Thanks.