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In This Issue – Angela Liptack, President

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Welcome to the new DisPatch! We hope you find it easy to read and timely. You may notice that several types of content that used to appear in the print newsletter--for example, the treasurer's report, board contact information and Block of the Month--aren't here. Instead, they will be available at our general meetings. Please let us know how you like the new DisPatch!

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1. Meeting/Event Information

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All meetings: Ridgefield Parks & Recreation

Route 35, Ridgefield, CT (see directions at end of newsletter).

Meeting cancellations due to weather will be announced on News Channel 8 and MYTV9.

General Meeting: Wed., Jan. 9, 2008

Potluck supper - Bring a dish

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Begins: 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting: Wed., Jan. 23, 2008, 7:00

At Angela Liptack's home; all are welcome.

Fabric Valentine's Day: Sat., Feb. 9, 2008, 1-4 p.m.

Fun for families & open to public; see details below.

Hands-On Meeting: Wed., Feb. 13, 2008

Tutorial: A quick method for piecing half-square triangles

Millie Foster

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.; we can sew 'til 9 p.m.!

Board Meeting: Wed., Feb. 27, 2008, 7:00

General Meeting: Wed., Mar. 12, 2008

Trunk show on crazy quilts with Leslie Levison.

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Begins: 7:00 p.m.

Workshop: Thurs., Mar. 13th, 2008, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Crazy Quilt Workshop with Leslie Levison

Please keep these future dates open:

Apr. 9, May 14, Jun. 11, Jul. 9, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

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2. Treasurer's Report - Leo Ludwick

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You may pick up a copy of the most recent Treasurer's Report at our January meeting.

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3. Co-Vice Presidents' Report - MJ Fitzgibbon & Marlene Gerhard

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There were 33 members and 3 guests present at our November meeting to hear Karen Eckmeier. To date we have 57 dues-paying members.

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4. Upcoming Programs & Workshops – Debbie Buescher

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Wed., Jan. 9th, 2008, General Meeting/Potluck. Many have already signed up to bring something. If you haven't signed up and want to bring something, just bring your favorite potluck dish!! We'll have Show & Tell, a meeting raffle and Block of the Month.

Also, many of you participated in a challenge to use fabrics from our Guild stash. Please bring your challenge quilts to the Jan. meeting, along with your reasons for making the quilt. Prizes will be awarded!

Wed., Mar. 12th, 2008, General Meeting/Presenter. We have Leslie Levison scheduled to do a lecture and trunk show on crazy quilts. Leslie lives in Waterbury and has been active in the New York City quilting scene for many

years.

Thurs., Mar. 13th, 2008, Work shop. Leslie Levison will conduct a workshop on making a crazy quilt block from beginning to end. Supply list coming. The time will be from 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. The Ridgefield Recreation Center may not be available, but we promise we'll have central location for it. Cost: members - \$40.00 and non-members - \$50.00. Should be a fun day!!! Sign-up list will be available at the January potluck supper, at the February hands-on meeting, and at the March 12th general meeting. Deadline to sign up and pay for Leslie's workshop will be the March 12th general meeting; however if you wait until March 12th to sign up, make sure you have the supplies you need to do the block on hand already.

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5. Library News - Cheryn Kwasnik
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Please return all library books!
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6. Save Feb. 9 for Fabric Valentine Day! - Angela Liptack
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Last year we had a wonderful time on Fabric Valentine Day helping 50+ children to make valentines and learn a little about quilt-making in the process. We are co-sponsoring this event again in 2008 with Ridgefield Parks & Recreation on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 1-4 p.m. (Feb. 10 is the snow date.) We hope to repeat last year's success having fun, attracting new members and even raising some money! So please reserve the dates and sign up to help during the January meeting.

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7. February Hands-On: Quick-Pieced Half-Square Triangles - Millie Foster
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When: Wed., Feb. 13, 2008, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Where: Ridgefield Parks & Recreation

At this meeting, we will learn how to make half-square triangles using the grid method. Bring your machine (straight stitch is perfect), neutral thread and bobbin, a rotary cutting blade, ruler and mat. Also a sharp pencil (mechanical if you have it) and a ball point pen All fabric will be provided. At the meeting we will make blocks called Annie's Choice, for quilts to be given to Ann's Place. If you can't make the Feb meeting, I'll have directions and fabric at the Jan. meeting.

Other Upcoming Tutorials

April: OPEN - Please let Debbie (Programs) know if you could share something in April

June: Jennifer O'Brien, with a new appliqué technique using paper and fabric.

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8. NQG Gains Visibility and \$ at White Silo Farm Sale & Show - Jennifer O'Brien
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The Fiber Arts Show was a great success. We had 53 items on exhibit and sold 8. Entry fees brought close to \$200 to the Guild. That is a good result for a first show. We also had lots of wonderful help from our members at the opening reception on Dec. 1, 2007, with plenty of food and drink for our visitors. We had over 100 people visit the display the first weekend. During the next two weekends it was less, as the weather was not good. We learned a lot doing this show and I hope we will try something like this again, maybe at a different time of year. Thank you all for your time and support for the show.

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9. Guild Round-Up - Angela Liptack
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Connecticut Piecemakers (ctpiecemakers.org): Karen Echmeier, Happy Villages (Tuesday, January 15).

Northern Star (northernstarquilters.com): Christine Fries-Ureel, thread painting animals, insects, trees and leaves (Wednesday, March 19).

10. 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.

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