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1. Meeting Information

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All meetings: Ridgefield Parks & Recreation, Route 35, Ridgefield, CT (see directions at end of newsletter)

Please note that in the event of bad weather, cancellation/postponement information will be available at News Channel 8 and posted at WTNH's website, www.wtnh.com.

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

General Meeting

Trunk show on crazy quilts with Leslie Levison.

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Begins: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 13th, 2008

Workshop: Crazy Quilt Block with Leslie Levison, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9th, 2008

Hands On Meeting: Top Marks

4-5 members will show us their favorite ways to mark fabrics for applique/quilting (pouncing, different types of pens and pencils, etc.).

Please keep these future dates open:
April 9, May 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

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2. Treasurer's Report – Leo Ludwick

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Please be advised that the Treasurer's Report is available at general meetings; it is no longer published in DisPatch.

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3. Upcoming Programs & Workshops – Debbie Buescher

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Program: Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

We are pleased to present, Leslie Levison, "Crazy Quilter Extraordinaire." Leslie will speak about crazy quilts and will also have some example quilts to show.

The vendor for March 12th is Bailey & Murphy Textile Designs. Nancy Bailey & Marcia Murphy began their business by taking a class from Mickey Lawlor of "Skye Dyes". Nancy Bailey will have dyed, stenciled, stamped & foiled fabric for us to purchase. The fabrics will be in 2, 1, & 1/2 yard cuts, plus some fat quarters. We are looking forward to again seeing their unique fabric.

Workshop: Thursday, March 13, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Leslie Levison will give a workshop on creating a crazy quilt block at the Agricultural Extension Center, 67 Stony Hill Road (Route 6), in Bethel. \$40.00 to members, \$50.00 to non-members. The deadline to sign up and pay has been extended to Friday, March 7. You may wait and sign up at the March general meeting, but you will have to pay \$5.00 more.

NOTE: Angela sent a supplies list and directions to the Extension Center to everyone through e-mail on February 25th.

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4. Library News: New on the Shelf – Cheryn Kwasnik

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We have purchased a subscription to Quilting Arts magazine, which will be available through the Library. The first issue should arrive in the next few weeks.

Please remember to return any books to our librarian. The Library will now be available during the even month (Hands-On) meetings, as well as during our General Meetings.

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5. Community Service: Common Grounds Quilts – Millie Foster

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We have enough quilts to fulfill our commitment to Common Grounds for the Veterans! Thank you all so much for doing such a great job. I know they are enjoying the ones I sent, and I will send the rest by the end of March. We have a reserve of several other quilts that will be given out soon.

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6. Kids & Kindness at 2008 Fabric Valentine Day - Angela Liptack
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Many Guild members cheerfully prepared fabrics, assembled supplies and drove courageously through a wet snow to help at this year's Fabric Valentine Day on February 9th. The weather dampened the turnout, but everyone had a wonderful time, including the Girl Scouts from Guild member Barbara Liddi's Ridgefield Troop #50788. With their help, more than two dozen blocks were designed and appliquéd for community service quilts.

Regardless of the numbers, Fabric Valentine Day did an important job. We spread word of who we are and what we do, through the publicity leading up to the event and the participation of the children whose parents now know more about us. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and support, and special thanks to Ridgefield Parks & Recreation, which provided publicity, a raffle prize and the event space at no charge, and to The Quilter's Alley and Fabric Tree, both of which donated supplies.

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7. UGLY Fabric Challenge - Marlene Gerhard
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New Guild Challenge: Bring 1/2 yard of UGLY fabric (good condition, please), in a brown paper bag with your name on it, to our meetings in March. We'll collect as many as we can and redistribute them that night.

Your challenge: Make a lap-size or larger quilt using no more than 5 other fabrics and the UGLY one you receive at the swap. The quilt must also have something appliquéd on it. Entries will be due at our September 2008 meeting.

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8. Guild Round-Up - Angela Liptack
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Connecticut Piecemakers: Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6, Spring Shower of Quilts XII, Seymour Middle School, Seymour, CT; Monday, April 14, lecture by Mark Lipinski (www.marklipinski.com), New Jersey-based quilt teacher, designer and creator of the irreverent Quilter's Home magazine, with a workshop the following day.

Northern Star Workshops: Wednesday, March 19, pictorial art quilter Christine Fries-Ureel of Vermont (www.loveabideth.com) shows how to create small, individualized nature scenes. Wednesday, April 16, Canadian Sharon Pederson, author of books on creating reversible quilts and mastering machine appliqué (www.sharonquilts.com), teaches machine methods for Sashiko, an ancient Japanese quilting technique.

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9. Local Shop Hop: Cruise to the Islands
www.ctnyquiltshops.com

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Several of our favorite shops are sponsoring a shop hop and they'd love to see you!
Register for \$5.00 and receive a tote bag, map and passport.

When: March 7, 8, & 9, 2008 (9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Fri. & Sat.; 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sun.)

Shops: Country Quilter, Quilt Basket, Pinwheels, Quilters Attic, Woodstock Quilt Supply, Fabric Tree, Quilters Corner, The Quilt Shop.

For more details and info on the shops, see the website.

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10. Directions to Ridgefield Parks & Recreation

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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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