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1. Calendar Information

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

General Meeting: Wednesday, September 10th, 2008
Speaker: Elizabeth Carlson
Ridgefield Parks & Recreation, Danbury Road, Ridgefield
Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Begins: 7:00 p.m

Workshop: Thursday, September 11th, 2008
Elizabeth Carlson, "Irish Rose"
Miniature Quilt UCONN Agricultural Extension Center, Bethel, CT, 9:00 a.m.-3:00
p.m. \$40 members, \$50 non-members; registration deadline September 1 (see below for
details).

Fundraiser/Membership Builder: NQG Quilt Show & Tea: Saturday, October 4th, 2008,
1-4 p.m.
"Quilts Across the Centuries"

Jesse Lee Memorial United Methodist Church and Keeler Tavern Museum & Garden House, Ridgefield, CT
\$12/Adult; children under 17 admitted free

Hands-On Meeting: Wednesday, October 15th, 2008
Tutorial: To be announced
Ridgefield Parks & Recreation, Danbury Road, Ridgefield
Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Begins: 7:00 p.m

General Meeting: Wednesday, November 12th, 2008
Speaker (tentative): Merry May of Merry Mayhem on color
Ridgefield Parks & Recreation, Danbury Road, Ridgefield
Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Begins: 7:00 p.m

Please keep these future dates for the Guild:
Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, April 15, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 14

2. Treasurer's Report and Slate for NQG Board, 2008-2009
Leo Ludwick, ###-###-#####,
Incoming Treasurer: Betty Licarie,

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

Your Nominating Committee (Leo Ludwick & Sam Morrissey) puts before you the following slate of officers to be ratified by the membership at the next General Meeting on September 10, Ridgefield Parks and Recreation Center.

President	Gail Berman
Vice President	Margo Bacon
Secretary	Janice Kelly
Treasurer	Betty Licarie
Program	Debbie Buescher
Newsletter	Gina Spiaggia

Some board positions from the past have now been repositioned to operate as Committees and thus, it is not a requirement to meet with the board of officers when they have their meetings. Committees that have chairs are:
Library: Cheryn Kwasnik
Meeting Raffle, Peg Wildman & Betty Buccino
Web Site: Sam Morrissey & Marlene Gerhard

Shop on Site: Peggy Giumarra
Community Service, Carol Anne Keely

Open slots are for Historian, Hospitality (3 people needed) and Fund Raising. If you are interested in being a part of any of these committees, please let Angela Liptack, Sam Morrissey or Leo Ludwick know.

We thank you for stepping forward to take on the responsibilities that are needed for the Guild to operate.

We asked board nominees to supply a brief bio. Here are the ones we'd received by the publication deadline:

Gail Berman: Professionally, I was a systems engineer and programmer for 13 years, designing and coding computer application software systems. Prior to that I was involved in genetic and blood research. Along the way, I have been involved on numerous boards and committees in various roles. One of my favorite roles was chairing the quilt committee for the Long Ridge Schools' annual auctions. We created one quilt per class (six per year), and auctioned them to support the school budget. My favorite quilting experience was creating quilts for terrorist victims in Israel which began as my sons Bar Mitzvah project. My son made one quilt and I helped by creating a few additional quilts to give away. The stories of the recipients touched me deeply and I was so thankful that we were able to do something for them. I created my first quilt in the early 70s. After making several more quilts, I realized they weren't just sewing projects. I had become a quilter. But I'm not sure which is more fun, quilting or collecting fabrics.

Debbie Buescher is a 5th grade teacher in Danbury, CT. She is married to Ken Buescher, also a 4th grade teacher in Danbury. Her son Shaun lives with them with his wife, Beena (a former student of Debbie's) their 2 and 1/2 year old daughter, Alexis, and 3 week old son, Tristan. Also 2 Scottie dogs, Mackie and Annie-Laurie complete the family!

Janice Kelly: My first quilt lesson was in 1989 with Florence at Contemporary Quilting in Fairfield. Of a class of 8 I think only 3 of us kept on quilting. My background is clothing and textiles however quilting beats them all. I love to take classes and challenges and have enjoyed many thru the Nutmeg Guild. Besides making bed-size quilts for family members for wedding presents, I have made many for charity and craft shows. When a quilt is finished I take a photo and date it, after 100 quilts and wall-hangings one forgets what has been done. Between Goodwives Quilters and Nutmeg something exciting is always happening in the quilt world.

3. Co-VPs' Report: Membership & Pineapple Ladies

MJ Fitzgibbon, ###-###-####,
Marlene Gerhard, ###-###-####,
Incoming VP: Margo Bacon, ###-###-####,

It's time to renew your membership. A form for this is carried as an attachment to this email. Please print it, fill it out, write your check, and mail to Marlene. Her address is printed on the form. Please renew early. The more people that renew early, the less fuss there is at the September meeting. Thank you.

We need help at the member sign-in desk every general (odd-month) meeting to greet members, hand out information, collect block of the month entries, register and welcome guests, etc. We would like to have two people (a.k.a. Pineapple Ladies) from the general membership help out each time. If you would like to volunteer to be a Pineapple Lady and help at the registration desk, please give one of us a call.

4. Program Details for September: Miniature Quilts

Debbie Buescher, ###-###-####

At our General Meeting on Wednesday, September 10th, Elizabeth Carlson will do a lecture called "Small Wonders: Tiny Treasures in Patchwork and Applique." Elizabeth firmly believes that the best things really do come in small packages. In this lecture based on her book she shares her many small, traditional pieced and appliqued quilts and explains the techniques she uses to create them.

Then on September 11th, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (bring your lunch), Elizabeth Carlson will do a workshop called "Irish Rose." The workshop will be held at the University of CT Cooperative Extension Center, 67 - 69 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, CT (see directions at end of newsletter).

This pretty little quilt from Small Wonders combines the Irish Chain with the Rose of Sharon. Students will learn precision piecing for small-scale quilts and how to hand applique tiny pieces with confidence.

Elizabeth Carlson's quilts have been featured in numerous quilt publications including Miniature Quilts magazine, American Patchwork and Quilting and the 1999 American Quilt Calendar and she appeared on HGTV's Simply Quilts. You can check out her website at www.elizabethquilts.com.

To take the class, send Debbie Buescher (###-###-####) a check (members \$40 if mailed September 1st or before, \$45 if after September 1st, non-members \$50 if mailed September 1st or before, \$55 if after September 1st.) If you send a check and a return address, I will send you a supply list.

5. September Shop-on-Site: The Quilt Shop

Peggy Giumarra, ###-###-####

The on site vendor for September 10th meeting will be The Quilt Shop located at 5 Padanaram Road on Route 37 in Danbury at the rear of the parking lot. This is a great place to shop, take a class or two, or three, or just check out some of the best fat quarters to be found in this area. They stock all the latest, greatest fabrics & are also your source for all your Bernina needs. They can help pick fabric, provide patterns or any other quilting necessities you may imagine you need. Lots of samples to pick from in this light & airy shop.

6. Community Service: More Thanks for More Quilts

Millie Foster, ###-###-####

Incoming: Carol Anne Kee ly,

We have given six more quilts to the Women's Center in Danbury, and have one left that is being saved for Habitat for Humanity. I received a very nice thank you letter from Common Ground thanking us for all we did for them, and inviting us to their annual reception in Manhattan in Sept. I am always amazed at the quality and number of quilts that our group makes to donate; we can all be very proud.

7. 2008 NQG Tea & Quilt Show (10/4/08): Info & Help Needed

Angela Liptack, ###-###-####

NQG's 2008 Autumn Quilt Show & Tea is just around the corner! To be held on Saturday, October 4, 1-4 p.m., at Jesse Lee Memorial United Methodist Church in Ridgefield, this event will feature quilts new and old (no jurying/judging; just a display), with an old-fashioned ladies' tea and door prizes. Keeler Tavern Museum, which is just down the street from the church, will also have quilts on display and is collaborating with us on marketing the event.

The organizing committee (Angela Liptack, Cheryn Kwasnik, Jennifer O'Brien, Millie Foster, Barbara Liddi and Gail Berman) is working on the basics but will ask you on September 10th to help in the following areas:

Promotion and publicity (Angela): If you can, please download and print the attached poster and distribute it in your home town and at quilt shops and guild meetings. You should already have received postcards to mail. Please do this immediately. More will be available at the September meeting.

Tea (Jennifer and Cheryn): Everyone bakes for this, so start scouring your cookbooks now! If you need suggestions/recipes, please call Jennifer or Cheryn.

Quilt Management (Millie and Gail): Every Guild member is encouraged to submit at least one quilt. See Gail and Millie's quilt submission information below.

Registration and door prize(s) (Barbara): We'll be coordinating with the Keeler Tavern Museum to offer a "combo" ticket (\$12/adult, children admitted free). Barbara needs "white glove" helpers to keep hawk-eyes on the quilts and people to staff entrances.

This is a great venue for showing off your talents, both artistic and culinary. Every Guild member is expected to do something, so please make sure you put your name down to help before or during the event.

Please note: Everyone Guild member who is working the day of the show, obviously, will be able to view the quilts at the church site at no charge. Knowing that show workers probably would also like to see the quilts on display at Keeler Tavern Museum & Garden House, the committee is trying to create shifts so that everyone has time to go to the museum, too. Also, we are trying to negotiate for show workers to be admitted to the museum at reduced or no charge. We'll keep you posted!

8. How to Submit Quilts for the Show & Tea

Gail Berman, ###-###-####

Millie Foster, ###-###-####

Attention all Nutmeg Quilters! On Saturday, October 4, 2008, the Nutmeg Quilters Guild will be having a quilt show, museum tour, and tea. This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Share the fine needle work of our members with the community
- Introduce potential new members to our guild
- Raise funds to continue our tradition of hosting wonderful speakers at our meetings, and
- To enjoy an afternoon together, ooh-ing and ahh-ing over each others quilts.

This is going to be a fun afternoon, but we can't do it without you. We request each member submit at least one quilt for display during this event. We will be draping most quilts over the pews in the bright natural light of the Jesse Lee Memorial Church sanctuary. We can accommodate a few small quilts, which will be draped over a railing. If you have a quilt you don't mind displaying outdoors on a clothesline, please let us know. We hope that a few quilts flapping outside on the lawn will attract the attention of passers-by and shoppers at the church's outdoor pumpkin sale.

Important information for timely submission of your quilt(s) follows.

- 1) All quilts must have a label sewn onto the back lower right corner of the quilt. The label must have the owner's name, address, and phone number.
- 2) All quilts must be received by Gail Berman (###-###-####) or Millie Foster (###-###-####) by September 21, 2008. After this date, we will not be able to accommodate your quilt. We know that this seems early, but the early submission allows us the time we need to create a printed program and a fun "can you find it?" type activity, based on the quilt images/themes/fabrics, for kids (and adults). The last convenient time for you to drop off your quilt will be at the September meeting on September 10th. After that day, you will have to arrange to bring the quilt to Gail's (Weston) or Millie's (Brookfield) house. But we must have the quilts no later than September 21, 2008. Please.
- 3) When you submit your quilt, we will ask you to complete an entry form, and you will receive a receipt to be used to retrieve your quilt at the end of the show. The show ends at 4 p.m. Quilts can be retrieved at that time, using your receipt.
- 4) Guild insurance covers the event but not the replacement value for your individual quilt. While we are trying to create a secure submission and retrieval process, and while we will try to protect and handle your quilt with tender loving care, insurance for each individual quilt will be the responsibility of each quilter.
- 5) All quilts submitted must be clean, please.
- 6) Photography will be permitted during the show.

Finally, there are a few more thoughts and a request. When the site of the church was selected as the venue for this quilt show, the primary considerations were the easy-to-find location, natural light, and the simplicity of displaying the quilts over the pews without the need for assembling quilt frames. Since the guild does not own sufficient quilt frames, and since it is difficult to find volunteers to assemble them, using a church where we could drape quilts over the pews seemed like a good solution. We hope we have not offended any of our members nor alienated any potential members by having this event at a religious institution. The Nutmeg Quilters Guild is not affiliated with The United Methodist Church.

In addition, the church has requested that Halloween themed quilts not be displayed. For this one time, as a courtesy to the venue owners, we are asking Guild members to respect this limitation, and we hope that this will not deter you from showcasing your quilt(s) at this show.

Thank you. Again, for your convenience, please remember to bring your quilt to the September 10, 2008, monthly meeting. It's going to be a fun show.

9. UGLY Fabric Challenge: Bring to the September Meeting!

Don't forget! For those of you who swapped an ugly fabric, your challenge is to make a lap-size or larger quilt using no more than 5 other fabrics and the one you receive at the swap. Entries will be due at our September meeting and displayed at the October quilt show.

10. Call for Entries: Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden
Gail Pantezzi, 914-669-5247, pantezzi@optonline.net

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.

11. Another Show Includes Works by Judy Cuddihee

Angela received a call from a former Guild member, Judy Cuddihee (we hope to lure her back!) whose quilts are on exhibit in a Stamford show, "Fiber for the Imagination" -- artwork by 22+ Fiber Revolution artists. Details follow:

September 1 - October 30, 2008

Opening: Saturday, September 6, 2008, 1:00-3:00pm (Gallery Talk 1:30)

University of Connecticut Art Gallery

One University Plaza (corner of Washington Blvd. and Broad St.)

Stamford, CT

<http://www.stamford.uconn.edu> (directions and hours)

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Art quilts, Wearable art, and assorted fiber artworks

12. Directions to Ridgefield Parks & Recreation

From the North: Rt 7 to Rt 35: Ridgefield Parks & Recreation is on the right-hand side just before you reach the Kohl's/Stop & Shop plaza (Copps Hill Shopping Center).
From points South: Rt 7 to Rt 102 at Branchville; proceed to t-intersection with Rt 35. Turn right onto Rt. 35 and proceed through the center of town. A quarter-mile past the Kohl's/Stop & Shop (Copps Hill Shopping Center) plaza (on your left) is the entrance, also on the left, to Ridgefield Parks & Recreation.

13. Directions to Agricultural Extension Center, Bethel

From Danbury/Points South: Via Route 84, take Exit 8 (Wal-mart/Target, etc.) and turn onto Route 6 going east. Proceed up the hill (past Target, past the little store selling angels) approximately 1.5 miles. Look for the firehouse on the right. Just past the firehouse, turn into the driveway just past the brick building on right and *the white Extension Center is in the back parking lot behind this brick building. If you get to the next light, you just missed it.

From Newtown/Points North: Via Route 84, take Exit 9 (Hawleyville Road/Route 25). Turn left onto Route 25 and go 0.5 miles to the intersection with Route 6. Turn right onto Route 6 west and go 1.5 miles. The Extension Center is on your left, just past the Stony Hill Inn. * (see above)

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