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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

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 Much Potential...

I would like to begin by reminding you about some upcoming events.

FIRST, please check your calendars and make sure you have scheduled our **April hands-on meeting for April 1st**. Yes, this is the FIRST Wednesday in

April. Due to a scheduling conflict with the holiday of Passover, our normally scheduled second Wednesday meeting has been rescheduled to April 1, 2009. Please make note of this.

Second, it is that time of year when we begin to plan for next years' board positions. There will be some openings. Please consider stepping forward and contributing toward the success of Nutmeg Quilter's Guild. Volunteer to be part of the nominating committee and/or volunteer to fill one of the board positions.

Third, at our March guild meeting we will have a discussion about the fiscal issues confronting the guild. This topic was broached at the January meeting. Discussions will continue and I would like to get a general consensus that is mutually agreeable to guild members, on where we should go from here. We have some big decisions to make.

Fourth, please remember the 'Health Quilt Challenge' presented in our last newsletter. Create a quilt that represents a health issue that is important to you. Try a new skill or style that you have not tried before. The quilt can be as small as 12" x 12" or as big as 36" x 36". Finish it by May to share at Show & Tell.

Fifth, please remember that the Kimono block will be raffled at the March meeting, please remember to bring your completed block.

I hope you will come Wednesday, March 11, 2009 to our next guild meeting. The evening will be filled with interesting demonstrations by our fellow guild members. It will be fun and educational.

And finally, I leave you with this poem which I was inspired to write for you.

Cordially,

Gail Berman

President, Nutmeg Quilter's Guild

It Must Be You

Nutmeg Quilters like sewing, friendships, and caring
Food, and speakers, mysteries and sharing.
Challenges, fabric, colors, skill building,
Rotary cutting, strip piecing, needle wielding.
EVERYBODY has fun. EVERYBODY's partaking.
But who exactly is involved in creating?
Who plans these activities and leads them for US?
Members are needed, it's really a must.
To the members, the board implores and asks,
Won't ANYBODY please carry out some tasks?
One task, two tasks, three tasks, four
At the mention of helping, members walk out the door.
If each of us took charge of a task or two,
There's no end in sight of what we could do.
EVERYBODY agrees SOMEBODY should raise their hand.
It's not so hard, ANYBODY can
ANYBODY can do it. SOMEBODY should.
EVERYBODY thought the idea was good.
EVERYBODY expected SOMEBODY to step forward
But EVERYBODY was busy, overworked and too tired

Some live too far away, or had volunteered before.
They couldn't, just couldn't volunteer once more.
They needed a break.
So NOBODY stepped forward to follow through,
For what EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY else should do.
EVERYBODY should have stepped forward you see,
ANYBODY could have, just not ME.
Requests for help... unanswered, sign up lists remained blank
Hopes for fun activities sank, sank, sank.
I'll be frank, it's really a shame
To the planning meetings, NOBODY came.
And in the end NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have.
And so the guild suffers, because EVERYBODY should have.

Programming

GENERAL MEETING: MARCH 11, 2009

Program: Demo Fair (about 90 minutes), inspired by some new members' comments that they'd like to learn from more experienced quilters.
Description: Attendees move in small groups from table to table, at which different guild members demonstrate/show techniques or skills:

Carolyn Cooney (beading/embellishment)
Janice Kelly (accurate cutting, including bias binding & mitered corners)
Cheryn Kwasnik (applique)
Angela Liptack (curved piecing)
Peg Wildman (hand quilting)

****PLEASE ALL GUILD MEMBERS, COME TO THE GENERAL MEETING WITH A FAT QUARTER OF BATIK OR TONE-ON-TONE FABRIC. THESE WILL BE COLLECTED, BUNDLED AND GIVEN TO THE DEMONSTRATORS AS A THANK-YOU FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS.****

HANDS-ON MEETING: APRIL 15, 2009

GENERAL MEETING: MAY 13, 2009

Program: Sue Reich, quilt historian
Description: Tulip Mania--The love of tulips is worldwide and centuries old. This quilt lecture includes a brief botanical discussion of the history of tulips, slides of quilts displaying tulips, and a trunk show from Sue's personal collection of tulip quilts. She will also have tulip quilt patterns available at no charge for members to take home and play with.

Block of the Month

There is some confusion concerning the block-of-the-month as we transition from Marlene's designs to Gail's. Let me try to clear it up. Marlene had introduced a Sawtooth Star block in November that was due in January and Gail introduced a Kimono block in January that is due at the March meeting. The website inadvertently mislabeled the kimono block as 'January', but the instructions are clearly labeled as the 'March' block. The time between the publication of the newsletter and the next guild meeting seems too short to complete the block so releasing the block at a previous guild meeting seemed reasonable. I'm sorry if this confused some members. The kimono block will be raffled at the March meeting... and if there are some Sawtooth star blocks that haven't yet been brought in, we can raffle those as well.

To further complicate the block-of-the-month, Sam Morrissey has offered to take over this function, and will be presenting a 'Lucky Clover' block that will be due in May.

Mini-Groups

The following groups had sufficient members to go forward. Some members signed up for multiple mini-groups. Please be sure to split your time amongst them, especially if a group only has three members. Without you the group isn't a mini-group. (If you prefer to opt out of a group because you want to devote yourself to only one group or you would like to change groups, please let Gail know so she can notify the other members accordingly).

As we continue to launch the concept of mini-groups, I would like to offer an additional meeting time. Currently mini-groups are asked to meet at the hands-on meetings. Now, you can also meet prior to our regular guild meetings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. As a reminder, mini-groups consist of members who share an interest in a particular quilt style or technique. The members in the group determine whether to share a challenge or simply work on their own projects of this style or technique.

The following members have signed up for the following mini-groups. Please come to the next mini-group meeting time (regular guild meeting 6pm-7pm: hands-on meeting 6pm-9pm). You must be proactive. There are no official leaders for these groups.

If you don't see a mini-group that interests you, you can create your own mini-group. There are 'Create Your Own Mini-Group' sheets for you to fill out to define your group. If you can get three members to sign-up, you can qualify as a mini-group.

Paper Piecing Mini-Group

Amy Trompetter, Margo Bacon, Peggy Giumarra, Marlene Gerhard, and Carol Anne Keely

Challenge Mini-Group

Millie Foster, Carol Anne Keely and Joy LaVon

Strippers Mini-Group

Margo Bacon, Millie Foster, and Carol Anne Keely

Appliqué Mini-Group

Amy Trompetter, Carol Anne Keely, and Gail Berman

Round Robin Teeny-Group

Millie Foster, Joy LaVon and Angela Liptack

Teeny-Groups

These are not yet a bona fide mini-group because only two members have signed up. But don't give up! If you can "sew" just one more person into your group, you will become a mini-group. The following are soooooo close.

Fusing Teeny-Group

Margo Bacon and Carol Keely

Trading Cards / Post Cards Teeny-Group

Margo Bacon and Joy LaVon

Community Service

Carolanne Keely

www.NQGCommunity@Gmail.com

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 Children's 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.

Lots of fabric has been given out and we cannot wait to see what has been created! We need donations. Please consider donating anything from quilts to place mats. If you have extra blocks from other projects, we can use them. If you are cleaning out your fabric stash, we can use that too. We will take donations of other crafts, such as knitted items, as well. Please help with our community service. If you are interested in helping to make kits from our supplies please contact me. If you would like to get together and work on projects for donating let me know! If you want to be involved there is something you can do.

Library News:

Cheryn Kwasnik

www.NOGLibrarian@Gmail.com

The library is coming out of the closet .

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.

Mini Library Sales (and rules)

If you signed up with Cheryn to do the mini sale this month, please remember to bring in your sales items.

Sign up with Cheryn and then 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 her 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.

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.

QUILTING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Greenwich Historical Society

The Greenwich Historical Society is having a Quilt Exhibit in the fall. They are looking for volunteers from our guild to help with the attaching of sleeves onto old quilts. This would probably take place in the summer. Please contact Susan Reich for further details at 1-860-868-0028.

Mountain Laurel Quilters Quilt Festival:

Sat., April 25, 2009 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sun., April 26, 2009 10:00am to 4:00 pm

Sarah Noble Intermediate School, 25 Sunny Valley Road,
New Milford, CT Info call 1-860-210-1191

“Recycling and Resourcefulness: Quilts of the 1930’s”

Now thru March 15, 2009 at the American Folk Museum, New York City

www.folkartmuseum.org

“The Essential Art of African Textiles: Design Without End”

Now thru March 22, 2009 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street, New York City

www.metmuseum.org

Hudson River Valley Art Quilt Workshops

Now thru May 2009: 1-888-665-0044

www.fiberartworkshops.com

Urban Inspirations 2009

Sat., March 21, 2009 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sun, March 22, 2009 10:00am to 4:00pm

Reeve Great Hall at the Fashion Institute of Technology
28th ST. and Seventh Ave, New York, NY

www.empirequilters.net

Northern Star Quilters Guild: A World of Quilts XXX Quilt Show

May 2 & 3, 2009 Saturday 10-5 & Sunday 10-4

John F. Kennedy High School

Route 138, Somers, New York

Fiber + Thread = Art

31 artists are displaying their work in the Mahopac Public Library. The show opens March 2 and closes April 3. Artist reception March 8th from 2 until 4 PM. Please visit <http://www.mahopaclibrary.org/> for directions.

Hospitality

The Guild is in need of someone to step forward and be our 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.

Snack Volunteers

This is a reminder that the following members have volunteered to bring snack for the March meeting:

Linda Ostrander, Eleanor Tropsa, Peg Wildman, Gina Spiaggia, Stella Langer, and Angela Liptack.

Thank you for volunteering your time and efforts for your fellow guild members.

Publicity

We need to publicize our guild and so we are in need of someone to step forward and be our Publicity person. If you would like to 'apply' for the job, please talk to one of the board members at the meeting. All this requires is the writing of a few articles about our Guild and the submitting them to the local newspapers.

FYI....For Your Information

Beginning in April, The Country Quilter in Somers, NY will close and become an online store. Their website is www.countryquilter.com You will be able to see them at shows and workshops, 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.