

NUTMEG QUILTERS GUILD
HANDS ON MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, 2009 at 7PM
AT PARKS AND REC IN RIDGEFIELD

For a fun, quick project, Angela Liptack will be demonstrating how to sew up a bedwarmer for yourself or a special friend. These safe, feed corn-filled bags can be heated for two to three minutes in a microwave to provide comforting warmth anywhere it's needed. Angela is supplying the feed corn so please register with her at (asliptack@comcast.net or 431-6992), so that she will know how much corn-fill to bring. All you need to bring is a sewing machine (or a friend who will share), basic sewing supplies and 1/4 yard each (cut the regular way--NOT fat quarters) of muslin (for the bag) and of another cotton fabric of your choice (for a decorative cover for the bag). Anyone is welcome. If you don't want to make a bedwarmer, come with a project you're working on and we'll be glad to see you and hear all about it. Minigroups are also welcome to come and gather with us to chat about their projects.

Fat Quarters Needed for March Demo Fair:

March 11th's General Meeting will feature demonstrations by five guild members who will show us their tips and answer your questions about five topics in quilt making--cutting fabric (including bias strips), applique, quilting (hand and machine), curved piecing, and embellishment. To thank our demonstrators, the Programs Committee requests that each Guild member come to the March meeting with a fat quarter (unwashed) batik or tone-on-tone fabric. We'll assemble the donated fabrics into "thank-you" packets to give to our demonstrators.

Note from the President:

Hello,

Two thousand and nine is off to a good start for me! I cleaned and organized most of my sewing room before the new year, and today, Superbowl Sunday, I spent a good part of the day sewing! It felt so good to finally sit down surrounded by a UFO that has been calling to me for months. For those not familiar with the term, UFO stands for an 'unfinished object', a euphemism for a quilting project that has been temporarily set aside... yet we yearn to finish it. In my case, I began this project during the miniature quilt class last September. I've still got quite a bit to do to complete this quilt, but I did make progress today. Perhaps I'll be organized enough to pursue some of the appliqué portion of these blocks, during our upcoming hands-on meeting.

Of course, that was my lead-in to a reminder about **Wednesday, February 11, 2009**. Yes, **at 7 pm at the Ridgefield Rec Center**, we will have our usual exciting **Hands-On Meeting**. This is the time to make choices... or try to do everything. The choices I'm speaking of are all of the fun activities at our Hands-On meetings. This month includes the following:

First, Angela Liptack will be demonstrating the creation of a bedwarmer. Of course, if you do not want to make one but are curious to learn more about it, you can still observe the demonstration.

Second, hands-on meetings are a great time to do a little stitching, fabric cutting, template cutting, or project planning surrounded by friends and fellow sewing enthusiasts.

Third, hands-on meetings are a wonderful time to share a couple of hours, chatting, asking questions you may have concerning a project, and making and nurturing friendships with other members.

Fourth, hands-on meetings are the time to meet with the members in your Mini-Group who share your interest in a particular style of quilt making. Mini-Groups are just getting started; a good number of members have signed up to be involved in the : **Paper Piecing Group, Strippers Group, Challenge Group, Round Robin Group**, and the **Appliqué Group**. As a reminder to those who have signed up for these groups, to meet one of the minimum requirements of the mini-group... you must meet at the hands-on meetings. To learn more about how you can join a mini-group if you haven't already done so, come to the meeting.

Fifth, and finally, many members enjoy participating in community service quilting projects. This is a great time to plan and prepare for a guild community service project. The surrounding communities appreciate our efforts. Let's start planning, or for some of you, work on some of your ongoing projects at this meeting. We can accomplish so much more together.

I hope I've helped you remember why hands-on meetings are so enjoyable. Please join us.

Cordially,

Gail Berman