



FEBRUARY MEETING

Saturday, February 16, 2008 - 9 A.M

South Suburban Evangelical Free Church
12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
Apple Valley, MN

Located two blocks north of the corner of McAndrews (County 38) and Johnny Cake Ridge Road. Go in the side door located on the East Side of the building. Turn right and walk until you see the stairs. You may go up the stairs or take the elevator located to the right of the stairway. Turn left from the stairs or elevator and then turn left into the hallway and go to room 255.

President's Letter

Happy February!

I don't know if you all share my opinion, but I'm feeling pretty happy that the darkest parts of winter are behind us now! It might get cold, it might get snowy....but the sunshine is earlier and later than in recent weeks and I find that wonderful!

February also brings the election of the next slate of officers for the Guild! If you're unable to attend the February meeting but would like to nominate or volunteer for a position let me or another guild member know. I can't believe it's already been a year since the last election! It's so much fun that the year just flew by!

We had an incredibly productive meeting in January, making fantastic progress in having a large assortment of donation quilts to display at our Show, which is sneaking up on us in about a month! A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who took quilts home to finish up

Have you made your quilt for the silent auction? Have you picked out the quilts you want to display in the Member display?

Those who attended the January meeting were able to hear of a very special announcement. For those who were unable to attend, I'll summarize here:

One of the new outreach locations that receive a few of our quilts is the Palliative Care Unit at Fairview Southdale Hospital. One woman received a quilt, and it "calmed" her; she herself had been a quilter. When she passed away, her family was so touched by how our gift had touched their mother that they contacted me and said that they would be requesting that memorials at her funeral go to our Guild. The check arrived and I was shocked by the amount. We received \$750 from this gracious family! Everyone at the January meeting signed a card, and I added a note inside the card about our immense gratitude for the beautiful gift, and that their gift, a legacy for

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their mother, would go on to comfort many others for several years to come. I also invited them to our Show in March, and gave them a brochure about our Guild.

We don't always hear about how our quilts touch the recipients, and I know that we don't do this to receive the praise or any recognition at all. But this was such a touching outreach back to us.

Now, we don't want anyone to not do their silent auction quilt just because of this gift! So I hope you've all got your small quilt in some phase of completion (from idea to all done). I finished mine this very evening...well, almost. I need to bind it. But that still means done, doesn't it???

Cindy

Please visit our new website at: www.prairieland.net/QuiltDreamers/

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes this month go out to Jean Loken (2/8) and Shawn Mothershead (2/20)! We hope both you have a terrific time on your birthdays.

Food for the February Meeting – Liz Tarr

Hope everyone is getting ready for the quilt show. Maybe this is like a marathon and we will need some carbo-loading. So everyone get ready with your favorite pasta and sauce recipes. We can have our own pasta bar as we get going for the last run to the finish line of the quilt show....(a few desserts might not hurt either).

2008 Quilt Show Update – Carol Ogden

This is the last meeting at the church before the quilt show on March 15, which takes the place of our March meeting. The show is from noon to four but we ask our members to be there around 10:00 to help hang the quilts and get everything ready for the show. We also take a group photo and vote for member's viewers' choice of the silent auction quilts before the show opens to the public.

For the silent auction/challenge, we were thinking that it would be fun for each person to include a note as to how she incorporated the challenge theme of 15 in it!! Please type it if you can so that we do not have any handwriting giving away the maker!!

Gwen has provided the Quilt Show Registration Form for the quilt(s) that you are going to show. Please get the information to her as soon as you can. Remember: No Quilts = No Show!!!!

If you have questions about the quilt show or preparations for the show please contact Carol Ogden or Shawn Mothershead, Show Co-Chairs.

Quilts for the Show

We have reserved a location. We have lots of publicity. People are coming. Now we need quilts, or it isn't a quilt show. Please send the information about your quilts soon so that I can make up signs to go on them. Try to tell something interesting about your quilt. Why did you make it? Who did you make it for? What was happening in your life while making it? Did you start it in 1976? Maybe not. Has it won any ribbons? Did you start it in a class? The viewer wants to know something about the quilt. Also be sure to give credit to the quilter and the designer of the pattern.

Please email all the information on the form that is attached to me at glundgren@charter.net. Or mail a paper copy to Gwen Lundgren, 14660 Dallara Av, Rosemount, MN 55068. Thanks.

President's Quilt Blocks – Carol Jacobson

Please be sure to return the completed president's block to me by the February 16 meeting. If you need more time to complete the block, please let me know so I can arrange a time to get it from you. Also be sure to sign the block according to the instructions on the pattern. (I didn't want to say 'be sure to sign by the dog's right leg' because then Cindy would know what we were making....LOL) If you have not received a block yet but still want to make one, please contact me at 952-435-6674.

Thanks for your help! Carol J

Quilt Layering Update & Orders for QD Shirts – Joyce Fagerness

Last month's meeting was a busy one and it was good to see so many people come out despite the cold weather. Many quilts were layered, trimmed, turned, and tied. These finished quilts will be displayed at the quilt show next month, along with any other quilts that are finished this month. We still have lots of quilts to tie, so hope you can join us to help finish them. Eleven quilt tops were handed in and layered and we were able to catch up a little on the backlog of quilt tops that were handed in over the last few months. It is amazing how many quilt tops are handed in each meeting. I look forward each month to looking at the wide variety of color and patterns that you talented women use in your quilt tops. Hope to see you on the 16th.

I will be taking orders for Quilt Dreamers' shirts in February if anyone is interested. If you are thinking about a new shirt, you need to give me money when placing your order.

Quilts for the Hospital Walls – Gwen Lundgren

Ridges Hospital has determined that the size quilts they can best hang on the walls of the neonatal nursery is 36" x 45". If you plan to make a quilt for them, please let me know. I would like to see them be quilted, rather than tied. You can work in teams or just make a top, if you don't want to quilt it. Please allow fabric for binding when making your plans. They have room to vary that by a few inches either way. There will be 12 rooms, so our goal is to make 12 quilts. It would be fun to have them displayed at our show in March before taking them to the hospital.

2007-2008 Quilt Dreamers Monthly Schedule

To help everyone with planning, here is our schedule for the rest of our year.

February: Work on kid's quilts to display at the Show in March – election of officers in February for 2008-2009

March: The Big Show!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 6 through Friday, March 7, 2008
Dakota County Star Quilters' 13th Annual Show – “Stargazing”

Dakota County Historical Society -130 3rd Avenue North, South St. Paul, Minnesota 651-552-7548 (for hours and directions)

March 2008 - Scott County libraries are sponsoring Celebrating Women's History Month with "Making Memories - a Celebration of Quilts and Needlework"

Enjoy an exhibit of quilts and needlework in each of the libraries in Scott County. Displays vary at each library! All exhibits are free and open to the public during regular hours at each library.

Savage & Shakopee: Sat., March 1st – 10-4; Sun., March 2nd – 1-5

Prior Lake: Sat., March 8th – 10-4; Sun, March 9th – 1-5

New Market: Fri., March 7th – 10-5

New Prague: Fri., March 7th – 10-5; Sat, March 8th – 10-4; Sun., March 9th – 1-5

Belle Plaine & Jordan: Sat., March 8th – 10-2

For locations: http://www.scott.lib.mn.us/open_hours.html

Saturday, March 15, 2008 – Quilt Dreamers' Annual Bag Lady Quilt Show

Dakota County Library - County Road 42 and Galaxy Avenue Apple Valley, MN
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

2007 – 2008 Quilt Dreamers Officers

President	Cindy Wilson
Vice President	Carol Jacobson
Treasurer	Gwen Lundgren
Outreach	Cindy Wilson & Gwen Lundgren
Special Projects	Valynda Machen
Quilt Coordinator	Joyce Fagerness
Newsletter/ Membership	Stephanie Power
Food	Liz Tarr
Quilt Labels	Zee Ebeling
Turban/Preemie Coord	Gwen Lundgren

2008 Quilt Show Chairs

Co-Chairs:	Carol Ogden & Shawn Mothershead
Member Quilts:	Jean Loken
Quilt Descriptions:	Gwen Lundgren
Small Quilt Auction:	Marion Draeger
Food Coordinator:	Carol Jacobsen
Special Projects:	Gail Hayes
Publicity:	Liz Tarr & Valynda Machen
Shirts:	Joyce Fagerness
Kids Quilt Display:	Joan Mumaw
Welcome Table:	Susan Ude

Black Bean Salsa with Pineapple

- 1 can (15 oz) Bush's black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups pineapple tidbits, drained (reserve juice)
- 1 cup red bell pepper diced
- 6 green onions, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup cilantro leaves, chopped
- ¼ cup reserved pineapple juice
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 seeded jalapeno pepper, minced or hot sauce to taste

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Toss and serve.

Serve as a side to grilled chicken or on top of baked fish to add an extra punch of color and flavor. Goes great with tortilla chips or on your favorite Tex-Mex food.