



JANUARY MEETING

Saturday, January 19, 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 New Year!

It's always kinda exciting when a New Year begins, and you feel like you can start fresh with everything. Like finishing UFO's. Or at least sorting through them and refreshing your memory and re-folding them ☺. Or resolving to clean your sewing room so that you can FIND the UFO's. At least that's my own personal resolution! How long do I have to do that before it's considered a broken resolution?????

And of course, we had such a wonderful finish to 2007 with our Guild Holiday Party. The food! Incredible, as always. I hope that everyone had a good time, and learned some Yoga moves to help those arms and shoulders (and wrists and fingers and backs and legs). Several people were interested in Yvonne's website: <http://www.yvonnefitness.com/> and she said it would be updated in the near future. Since the website is still being created, Yvonne said that you can e-mail her at ymcurran@comcast.net and she'll send you materials.

Now it's time to begin preparing for the Show in March. Some of the quilts we've been saving for the show are going to the family of the firefighter with nine kids who lost their home the day after Thanksgiving (and the 3 children in the home that took them all in!). So, we'll be building our show-displayed quilts starting at the January meeting. I'm absolutely confident that you'll all create plenty to wow the crowds.

And as show time is approaching, it's also time to begin thinking about the next slate of leaders! Start thinking about those nominations! If you have a current position and want to keep it, you can re-nominate yourself! We'll be taking care of that at the February meeting. For now, enjoy this deepest part of winter, and Happy Quilting!

Cindy

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

January Birthdays

Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to Sharon Brunet on the 9th and Gail Hayes on the 18th. We all hope you all had or will have a great time on your birthday!

Food for the January Meeting – Liz Tarr

Brr...It's January in Minnesota. It must be a good time to warm up with a chili cook-off. Bring a type of chili or bread to go with chili and let's not forget desserts. I will bring chili topping options: chips, sour cream, shredded cheese, jalapenos, black olives, diced onions. Yum, Yum!!!

President's Quilt Blocks (Cindy please ignore this) – Carol Jacobson

If you would like to make a block for Cindy's President's quilt but have not yet received the pattern, please contact me and I will get one to you. I will have the pattern at the January meeting. The blocks are due back to me by the February 16th QD meeting. Thanks!
Carol Jacobson (952-435-6674)

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.

Quilt Layering Update & Orders for QD Shirts – Joyce Fagerness

Here it is January already and only two months to the quilt show. All quilts finished in January and February will be displayed at the quilt show in March. If you have a special quilt pattern that you are working on and would like it to be displayed with the kid's quilts, it should be turned in at the January meeting so that it can be layered, sewed, turned and tied. I think it is good to have a large variety of different patterned quilts as I have seen lots of ladies look at our quilts and try to figure out the patterns so that they can go home and try them themselves. I was one of those ladies that did that before I joined many years ago. Maybe we can get some new members this way too.

Thanks to all of you who donated fabric in November. I have been busy cutting kits! Mary K donated lots of fabric and arranged them in color groups which really makes it easy for me. Now all I have to do is take a group of colors and decide what pattern I want to use. Thanks, Mary!

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

From Kathy Stout's daughter:

I want to thank everyone who donated to my mom's memorial. The chair is now in place in the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Park in St. Paul. This park was a favorite of my mom - she loved the beautiful flowers and the peacefulness of the park. Mom's chair is located in the atrium that will be the walkway to the expanded Japanese garden in 2009. I thought this was very fitting, as her favorite was the Japanese garden. The atrium is quiet and filled with light - very beautiful. I have attached pictures for you to see hopefully you can go and visit it. (Editor's note: please see the pictures on the last page of this printed newsletter.)

Words cannot express how grateful I am to all of you for everything you have done in the memory of my mom. She means the world to me and I miss her beyond belief, but it makes me feel really good to know what great friends she found in all of you. Thanks for the help with the quilts, the memorial gifts and warm words - you are an amazing group of people.

Thank you so much - Lisa Stout

P.S. I am planning on joining the Friday night group at Quilter's Haven after the holidays. I was assured that nobody would tease me for my ignorance when it comes to sewing - in return I will bring baked goods! Hope to see some of you there in the next few weeks.

2007-2008 Quilt Dreamers Monthly Schedule

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

January and February: Work on kid's quilts to display at the Show in March – election of officers in February for 2007-2008

March: The Big Show!

New E-mail for Carol Jacobson

Effective immediately, please change the email address you have for me to my new email address,* cmjacobson@charter.net * This address should be used for all non-work related messages/emails that you send to me.

On occasion you may need to reach me immediately, so you can still use my work (current) email however that should be used sparingly but please don't send any jokes, etc to my [wellsfargo.com](mailto:cmjacobson@wellsfargo.com) address. I look forward to hearing from you at my new address (which will also help me build my [charter.net](mailto:cmjacobson@charter.net) address book too).

Quilt Show Update

This is our 15th Annual Quilt Show so we have chosen “15” as our theme for the Small Quilt/Challenge this year. You can have 15 petals on your flower, 15 blocks in your quilt, 15 buttons on your quilt, the number 15 worked into your quilting design, etc. etc. Fifteen years is a small deal, not a big deal like a 25th or 50th, but we think that we will want to make a special effort this year in celebration of 15 years of quilting and friendship.

Shawn and I are hoping that now that you all have nothing to do since the holidays are over and dieting just is not that much fun – You are working like mad to finish your quilts for the show - We have just two months to go!

The challenge this year is “15” – is anyone doing 15 quilts for the show?

OK, how about just one with 15 of something in it – sounds much more manageable doesn't it? Let's get those quilts finished and ready for our 15th Annual Show. Last year did you take a class at the MN Quilters Show? NOW is the time to get that project out and finish it!! Make your

New Years Resolution to finish ONE unfinished quilt for the 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)

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.

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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

Quilters

Quilters are a different breed
The things we hope for, the things we need
We wish for fabric to finish that row
We sometimes wish our guests would go

We wish all day for that time to be
That special time - that time for ME
Each needle is threaded, the colours arrayed
Scissors and pattern have been carefully laid

Now we relax, this is our pleasure
Stitching this piece of soon-to-be-treasure
We always ignore that mental warning -
Stitching all night makes it rough in the morning!

But times' unimportant, we don't heed clocks
We just need fabric and a sewing box
Our project awaits us, now we proceed,
This must be heaven - what more do we need?

Author Unknown