



JULY MEETING

Saturday, July 21, 2007 - 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

Hello!

I can't believe it's already July. Why does summer go so much faster than winter??????

At the June meeting, we had quite a surprise treat! Marilyn brought in a sack of quilts that a widow had given her to do something with, rather than him throwing them away. The bag was a treasure-trove of antique quilt tops! They were beautiful and exciting. Several were unfinished tops, and there were a few tops-worth of blocks as well, waiting to be assembled. I think that Marilyn was going to talk to the Minnesota Quilt Project folks to get advice on what should be done. I can't wait to hear what they recommend.

The July meeting will be fun, too. Valynda will be leading our special project, the Wicked- and Wickedly Easy Quilts. She recommends that we pre-cut our fabric. And I recommend that you don't put it off until the night before. Per Valynda's advice, I measured my fat quarters, and found that they were more like "**fat parallelograms**". And by the time I cut them into the proper shape, they were no longer the proper size, and I had to go on the hunt for several more pieces as fill-in. Glad I didn't discover that the night before the sewing!

Also, for those who prefer not to bring their machines, you can do hand work to finish up quilts that were layered at the June meeting. You'll be just as welcome as those of us working on the special project!

And as a special-request, if you took classes during the Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference, please bring the class samples you worked on for Show-and-Tell. It'll be fun to see what folks were learning!

President's Letter (continued)

Are you working on your Summer Challenge? If you choose to create a finished quilt but want to use Guild batting, you can bring your top and/or backing to the August meeting for measuring out batting. Then in September we'll do the big Show-and-Tell of the Summer Challenge quilts. And remember we'll be drawing for prizes, too!

Hope that everyone is enjoying summer thus far. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting!

--Cindy

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

August meeting: Saturday, August 18 – at the church
August newsletter deadline: Thursday, 8/09/2007

July Birthdays

Birthday wishes from all of us go out to our July celebrants – Carol Jacobson (7/5), Joan Mumaw (7/5), Carol Ogden (7/12), Kathy Stout (7/15), and Zandy Lehman (7/29)!

Food for the July Meeting – Liz Tarr

Since this is the mystery project day the food theme is also a mystery. Bring what you want to sustain you for a day of quilting. (Or if you can think of a wicked food, that would go with the theme too.)

Special Projects – Valynda Machen

July Special Project: At our July meeting, our main project will be our "Wicked" and "Wickedly" Easy Quilts. Come with your fabric precut and plan on having a wickedly wonderful time. Don't forget your basic sewing supplies! Please contact me right away if you haven't gotten the cutting instructions. We can stay later into the afternoon, so, if you normally attend Saturday block of the month at Quilter's Haven, you may want to go on Wednesday instead.

Feel free to bring your own project to work on this month if you aren't making a "Wicked" quilt, or there should be kids' quilts available for tying.

Special note to those of you making the "Wickedly Easy" quilt: make sure your fat quarters are a full 18 x 21 BEFORE you begin cutting. If they are not, you will have trouble with the cutting instructions.

Outreach Report – Gwen Lundgren

Several quilts were delivered this month. Fifteen were taken to CAP, ten to CAC, ten to Trinity Care Center in Farmington and five to the Southdale Hospital for the palliative care unit. Each group receiving them asked to have their thanks conveyed to all contributors. The quilts are greatly appreciated and welcomed. Since the quilt show in March, 146 quilts have been delivered.

You may have seen the news in June about the large apartment fire in Burnsville. Many of our quilts were distributed to families who were displaced by that fire, via the Lakeville Community Action Council.

Quilt Layering Update – Joyce Fagerness

This group continues to amaze me. Even though we were a smaller group, we managed to layer another 12 quilt tops and finish several large bags of quilts. Six kits were also taken. It was fun to see how the "Wicked Quilts," "Wickedly Quilts" and the Quilts of Valor will look before we make them in July and November. I am not a good mystery quilt person, as I like to see the finished product before I pick out my materials. I will not be at the July meeting because of a family reunion and look forward to seeing all the finished quilts tops in August. Thanks to those that donated fabric last month. If anyone has any red, lightweight yarn, we could use some.

Someone brought some good tasting bread sticks to the June meeting, I have looked several times at Cub and haven't found anything similar to what was at the meeting. Can the person who brought them let me know the brand name and what store they found them at? Thanks.

The Summer Challenge – Cindy Wilson

Between now and September's meeting, your challenge will be to make a quilt with an animal theme. The details are purposefully fairly vague, so that you can throw some creativity at it.

Here are a few guidelines:

1. Finished quilt should be the size of our kids quilts, so in the vicinity of 40" x 50".
2. You can use a pattern from the Quilt Dreamers pattern book (available at meetings), come up with one of your own, etc.
3. Any technique is acceptable as long as it will work well as a kid's quilt.

And the benefits? Aside from some fun, there will be a drawing! The first prize will be a \$30 gift certificate to Quilter's Haven in Rosemount. There will also be "very gently used" items such as books, rulers, etc donated, and we'll draw as many names as we have items (or run out of names). Then you'll be able to pick the item of your choice from the items that haven't already been selected.

1. Make one top, and you get your name in the drawing once
2. Finish the quilt (including the label) and you get your name in the drawing twice (that's the maximum - each member gets one-quilts-worth of chances)

At the September meeting, we'll show-and-tell all of our Challenge Quilts and then have fun with the drawing! So have some fun!

Round Robin Quilts

I love to read about the origin of phrases as sometimes they are quite humorous and interesting to see how the 'old' phrase has been translated into current usage. Here is what I found when I checked online for the word origin of "round robin".

"A *round robin* is a type of sports tournament where all the players play one another in succession. This sense comes from an older, nautical jargon term referring to a document signed by mutineers. In a round robin document, the mutineers would sign their names in a circle, so the authorities could not identify the first to sign, who presumably would be the ring leaders. Some sources suggest that this usage of *round robin* comes from the French *rond ruban*, or round ribbon, that was tied around these petitions--but little evidence exists to support this guess. The sports usage seems to be taken from this naval one. No players are ranked in the tournament, they all play as equals."

A round robin quilt to me is where all quilters participate in succession to build on someone's main theme or center block for a quilt where the quilters can remain anonymous or they can sign their work. One person creates the main or center block or quilt theme. It is then sent around to other participants to also complete another block that matches the theme or otherwise they add another whole or partial border or sewn pieces to a center block. The quilt goes 'round' to those who want to participate until the quilt or blocks are completed by each participant.

Quilt Dreamer's Bag Ladies are now working with 2 types of round robin quilts. One set of round robin 'bags' create a quilt for kids while the other round robin is for Quilts of Valor (QOV). Each bag should be marked with 'kids' or 'QOV'. These projects are optional but lots of fun and get your creative juices flowing. And it can also relieve you of some of your fabric stash.

At each meeting, if you have finished a 'round', bring the bag to the meeting and put it in the pile with the other round robin bags. During the meeting, those who brought in a round robin bag, have first selection of another bag (or bags.....one for each one they brought back). If there are round robin bags left over, anyone else at the meeting can pick up a bag (or 2 or 3) to bring back at the next meeting or whenever they get the round completed (hopefully in no more than 2 or 3 months).

For the kid's round robin, add borders to make a kid's quilt that will fit a 40" to 42" backing fabric. If you finish a quilt in your round, add another center block to the bag to keep the quilt going 'round'. If you are working on a QOV quilt, add blocks and/or borders to build the quilt to a lap size (approx 50" x 60" or larger if preferred). Take a picture of yourself while creating your 'round' which will be included in the booklet that will accompany the QOV quilt. Also be sure to sign the booklet and include any thoughts you'd like to share with the recipient. Instructions should be included in the QOV round robin bags. If you have any questions be sure to ask, and if you haven't tried it yet, pick-up a round robin bag at the next meeting. I'm sure you will find it fun and very rewarding.

Happy Quilting! Carol Jacobson

1 Information from *Dave Wilton, Friday, April 20, 2007, www.wordorigins.org*

Potential Field Trip

We have a potential field trip! The Willow River Piecemakers Quilt Guild in New Richmond, WI is having their "Showcase of Quilts 2007" show Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30. It would be approximately a one-hour drive. If we carpooled in a handful of cars, we could go as a group and wear our Quilt Dreamers' outfits. The show includes vendors, a raffle and a silent auction. Admission would be \$3.00 each.

I'm thinking that the Saturday date would probably work best for most of us, but I want to put it up to a vote. Let me know via e-mail to Cindy Wilson at CLW@charter.net if 1). You'd be interested in going on the field trip, and 2). If you would be interested, which day would be your preference? The date will be picked based on responses.

2007-2008 Quilt Dreamers Monthly Schedule

To help everyone with planning, here is our schedule for the year. There may be an extra meeting or two added, so that we can all work on our own projects for an afternoon. Are there months that would work best for people? For instance, what do you think about October, to allow us to prepare for holiday gifts?

July: a special project lead by Valynda. The project can be used for kids or for Quilts of Valor.

August, September and October meetings: Work on kid's quilts

November: a special project lead by Valynda. This will work well for Quilts of Valor.

December: Our annual Holiday Party

January and February: Work on kid's quilts to display at the Show in March

March: The Big Show!

Upcoming Events

July 13 & 14, 2007 – "Quilts on Lake Bemidji" – Bemidji, MN

Headwaters Quilters Guild

Cost: \$3

Times: 7/13/07 - 3 pm – 8 pm – 7/14/07 10 am – 5 pm.

Location: Hampton Inn, 1019 Paul Bunyan Dr. South

September 13 - 15, 2007 – "Quilt Expo" – Madison, WI

Wisconsin Public Television and Sewing with Nancy® (Nancy Zieman)

Admission: \$8

Location: Exhibition Hall, Alliant Energy Center

Show includes a 10-category quilt contest, lectures, Sit & Sew workshops, a vendor mall, stage presentations, prize drawings and appearances by Nancy Zieman

September 15 - 16, 2007 - "Confluence: Color & Creativity Quilt Show" - Eau Claire, WI

Clear Water Quilter's Guild

10/15/07 – 9am – 4pm, 10/16/07 – 10am – 3pm

Location: historic Schlegelmilch-McDaniel House, 517 S. Farwell

Quilt appraisals, Raffle Quilt, quilt "bed turning" all day.

September 15 - 16, 2007 – “Our Town In Quilts” – Amery, WI

Apple River Quilt Guild

Admission: \$3 – under 16 Free

Times: 9/15/07 9am – 5 pm, 9/16/07 11am – 4 pm

Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church just north of Amery on Highway 46

Raffle quilt, vendors, demonstrations, guild challenge, silent auction, and lunch on Saturday

September 29 – 30, 2007 – “Showcase of Quilts 2007” – New Richmond, WI

Willow River Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Admission: \$3

Times: 9/29/07 9am – 4 pm, 9/30/07 11am – 4pm

Location: Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC), Cashman Conference Center

***Possible field trip for us!**

October 19 – 20, 2007 – “Stitches In Time” – Mahtomedi, MN

Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society

Admission: \$2

Times: 10/19/07 10 am – 8 pm, 10/20/07 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Mahtomedi District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue

Silent auction, raffle quilt, quilter garage sale, vendors and boutique and refreshments

October 27, 2007 - “Women Hanging By A Thread” Quilt Auction – Prior Lake, MN

School Sisters of Notre Dame

Times: Review Quilts: 11 am – 12:30 pm; live auction at 1 pm

St. Michael School, 15280 Duluth Avenue, Prior Lake, MN

Proceeds benefit women and children in need

November 3 – 4, 2007 – “Patchwork Harvest VIII Quilt Show”

Hudson Heritage Quilters

Admission: \$4

Times: 11/3/07 – 10 am – 5 pm, 11/4/07 – 11 am – 4 pm

Guest lecturers will be Darlene Zimmerman on Saturday and Celine Perkins on Sunday.

Location: Hudson Middle School - 1300 Carmichael Road. Take I-94 to Exit 2/Carmichael Road Exit. Turn north on Carmichael Road and follow the show signs.

2007 – 2008 Quilt Dreamers Officers

President...Cindy Wilson

Vice President...Carol Jacobson

Treasurer...Gwen Lundgren

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Quilt Coordinator...Joyce Fagerness

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Food...Liz Tarr

Quilt Labels...Zee Ebeling

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Auction...
Kids' Quilts...
Welcome Table...
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Food...
Special Exhibits...
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How to Plant Your Garden:

Plant Three Rows of Peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No Garden is Without Turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.