



MAY MEETING

Saturday, May 16, 2009 - 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

Quilters,

Wonderful weather!! It is hard to think about staying indoors and sewing right now. My bulbs are starting to bloom and the bunnies have stayed away from them so far. My fingers are crossed.

It is time for our Guild's retreat. This year, Valynda has us trying a new place, Milton House. It seems like a great place to sew, chat, eat, and have a good time. Cindy Wilson will lead the Guild meeting for those attending. As always, there will be plenty of quilt activities to keep everyone busy. Keep working on those basket blocks donated by Jean Graham @ Quilter's Haven. Marion would like the completed blocks returned to her by the July meeting.

If your summer travels take you to hotels, save extra hotel soap, etc. Marge Tarr is a member of Operation HOPE - Northfield. The group sews small bags and fills them with essential items for distribution in the US. This is another worthy cause. Thanks, Marge!

Happy sewing!

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Next Meeting: Saturday, June 20, 2009 – at the church
Newsletter Info Deadline: Thursday, June 11, 2009
Visit our website: www.prairieland.net/QuiltDreamers/

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday greetings this month go to Valynda Machen (5/28) and Marilyn Kassube (5/31). We hope both of you have a terrific time on your birthday.

Food for May Meeting – Liz Tarr

Here is my mom's recipe for her cookies she bought last time. I hope everyone has a good time whether they are at the retreat, the meeting or elsewhere this month. No special theme this month for lunch. So we're doing a potluck!

Portable Apple and Cheese Pleasers "Healthy Cookies" – Marge Tarr

About 2 doz. Cookies

¾ c. flour
2/3 c butter or margarine
1/3 c brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla
½ tsp cinnamon
½ tsp baking powder
1 egg
½ tsp salt
1 ½ c. uncooked oatmeal
1 c. (4 oz) shredded cheddar cheese
¾ c. raisin
1 c chopped apple

Combine first 8 ingredients. Mix well. Add oats, cheese, raisins and mix well. Stir in apple. Drop by heaping tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in pre-heated oven (375) for about 15 min. or until golden brown. Store the cookies in a covered container in the refrigerator or at room temperature.

Stop and View the Tulips! – Cindy Wilson

This isn't directly Quilt Dreamers business, but it WILL be the same weekend as our meeting :) I attended an event recently where this open invitation was handed out. It looks like it will be wonderful, if the weather cooperates. Here is the invitation:

"You are Invited to Tulip Time at the Gonnermans"

Enjoy the tulip gardens at the home of Fred and Ruth Gonnerman, 709 West Third Street in Northfield. Come anytime. The best weekend will be May 15-17. Don't bother to knock. Enter the garden through a gate on either side of the house and enjoy the display.

Special Projects – Marion Draeger

A donation to Quilt Dreamers was made of block patterns and fabric for over 80 blocks from Jean Graham at Quilter's Haven. Please remember to bring your finished blocks to the July meeting.

Quilt Layering Update – Joyce Fagerness

The 2009-2010 quilting year got off to a good start. We had a large group in April, with lots of sewing machines, and everyone was kept busy layering, sewing, trimming, turning and tying quilts. It was great to see those people that had not been at our meetings for some time and to welcome two new members. We layered 18 quilts and 14 kits were taken so we are off to a good start.

In keeping with our goal of doing more quilts that are kid orientated, I thought I would try doing a block of the month. I chose the Rocket Ships pattern for May which is attached to this newsletter. The blocks are 10"x16" so it only takes 9 blocks to make a quilt top. The background should be a light color (ex. white, white on white, light tan, light blue, etc.) so that the rocket ships stand out. The rocket ships should be colorful and can be any color, a plain color or print, the brighter the better.

It would be nice to have enough rocket ships to make a few quilts by the end of summer. If you are real ambitious you may make a whole quilt top or if you don't have time to make an entire quilt top, try making a block or two. I would like to do a new block each month, giving everyone who wants to participate a couple of months to sew the block(s). I am looking for simple patterns such as a boat, dog, kites that are either machine pieced or paper pieced. If anyone has any of these patterns or has ideas for other simple blocks, please let me know.

I am also looking for ideas for little girls. See you at the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 16, 2009 and

Friday, October 23, 2009 – Fund Raising Events for the Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center

Event One: Life is Beautiful! Walk – Saturday, May 16, 2009 - 9 a.m. at the Faith Covenant Church in Burnsville.

Event Two: Fundraising Banquet – Friday evening – October 23, 2009 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club in Lakeville.

More Info: www.AmnionCPC.org/Friends

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Upcoming events continued:

Thursday, June 11 through Saturday, June 13, 2009 – “Great Lake, Great Quilts” – 31st Annual Quilt Show and Conference Presented by the Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

Classes begin Tuesday, June 10, 2009

Admission at the door: non-MQ member, single day-\$10; MQ member, single day-\$8 (membership card required); children 4-10-\$5; children 3 and under-free; multi-day, non-member-\$25; multi-day, member-\$15; entrance is included with show registration

Venue: Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center (DECC), 350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN 55802 www.decc.org

Exhibit & Merchant Mall Times: 9am – 7pm Thursday; 9am – 5pm Friday and Saturday

More Info: www.mnquilt.org

Saturday, June 20, 2009 – “Quilts in Bloom” outdoor garden quilt display (2nd annual fund-raiser), Hopkins, MN

Admission: \$10 adults, 12 and under free.

Venue: 310 Herman Terrace, Hopkins, MN – 612-804-9681.

Time: Sunday, 6/20/09 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Presentation: 50+ quilts on display in the garden with free refreshments and live music.

Fund-raiser: All monies collected from sales of quilts and African merchandise (direct from Uganda) will go to help abandoned African children, taking them off the streets and helping them to become active members of their community.

More info: Rhonda Hammons (rhora@qwest.net) or phone 612-804-9681 or 763-588-1655. Also see www.myspace.com/qib.2009 and www.youtube.com/qib.2009 .

Thursday through Saturday, September 10 through 12, 2009 –Wisconsin "Quilt Expo" Presented by Wisconsin Public Television and Nancy Zieman Productions

Venue: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Time: 9 am to 6 pm daily

Admission, lectures and workshops tickets:

One-day - \$7 advance/\$8 at door

Two-day - \$12

Three-day \$15

Lectures - \$10 each

Sit & Sew Workshops - \$30 plus kit/pattern fee

Hands-On Workshops - \$30 plus kit/pattern fee

Evening Events - \$20 each

Parking is paid separately at the Alliant Energy Center entrance gate

Purchase advance tickets and register for workshops by phone or online beginning Monday, July 13. Advance ticket sales and registration will close Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

More Info: www.wpt.org/quiltExpo

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15 REASONS TO BUY FABRIC!

1. It insulates the closet where it is kept.
2. It helps to keep the economy going. It's our patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills and fabric shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. A sudden increase in the boll weevil populations might wipe out the cotton crop for the next 10 years.
5. Because it is on sale.
6. The one who dies with the most fabric wins.
7. It keeps without refrigeration.
8. You don't have to cook it to enjoy it. You never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose or walk it.
9. I need the extra weight in the trunk of my car if I ever drive on snowy, icy roads.
10. Because I am worth it.
11. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry hamper, the dining table...
12. When the big hurricane comes, all the fabric shops might get washed out into the Gulf and never be seen again.
13. Stress from dealing with the Fabric Control Officer (husband) made me do it.
14. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening.
15. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.