

# Wayside Quilters

## **Next Meeting:**

February 12, 2007

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church

162 Landham Rd Sudbury

Snow Date: (as determined by  
the Sudbury schools)

Tuesday Feb 13th at the same  
time

## **Raffle Items:**

No raffle this month

## **Refreshments:**

Provided by Outreach

## **Block of the Month:**

Will return in March.

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**February 2007**

## **From the President:**

Happy February, Waysiders!

This is the month that we eschew our evening meeting at the Goodnow Library for our all-day Outreach event, Monday, February 12, 9 a.m. to 8-ish p.m. Our dear, good friends at the First Baptist Church (Landham Road, Sudbury) have again opened their generous hearts and Multi-Purpose Room doors to our group so that we may sew, baste, quilt and iron the day away for charity.

Although many people will be there all day, if you are only able to pop in for a hour, we can still use your support. Lunch/dinner and snacks are provided. You can spend the whole day or a small part of it quilting, quilting, quilting! And laughing! And eating! And did I mention quilting? Non-members are more than welcome, too, so bring a friend! See Joan Cannalonga's message later in this newsletter with more details about the day. For anyone with questions prior to Outreach Day, please feel free to call either Joan or me (our contact info is in the member booklet) -- we'd be happy to provide any information we can.

I have tabulated the Fall 2006 questionnaires and the results are attached in "report form" to this newsletter. First off, I'd like to thank all of the members who took the time to answer the survey. We really need to know what you want/need/think! In summary I can say, from the 29 responses we got (about one-third of all guild members), that most people had positive and very constructive feedback. The WQG Executive Board has already seen portions of the survey report. The information will be helpful in planning future programs and in-house activities, and in many other ways as well.

Several people, especially some new members, longed for better ways to make friends at meetings. This is always a challenge with big groups. I apologize to any member, new or "seasoned", who has ever felt alienated or unwelcome. That is DEFINITELY NOT our intention. Remember, though, that we were all new members once. What did you do, Seasoned Guild Member, to make yourself more comfortable when you were new or -- turning the tables -- what did an already-member do for you when you first came to make you feel welcome? If anyone has specific "ice breaker" ideas, please share them with me. And let's all try to be as welcoming as we can be. Say hello to a new face, or invite her (maybe him) to sit with you. Show them where the bathrooms are and invite them to have a snack. You get the idea!

Many also mentioned their desire for small-group activities. I believe, small groups happen when people take initiative to start them. We have a terrific medium at our disposal -- our monthly newsletter -- a perfect forum to "advertise" for like-minded quilters. For example, if you love hand appliqué, put a notice in the newsletter about starting a hand appliqué group. Many of our members have been meeting in small groups for years and years. I did this myself a few years ago. Although the group did not last, I got to know four other quilters better and we shared a lot of tips, techniques and laughs. Like any "organization", small groups can be challenging to maintain. (Many people fondly remember the Outreach Bees we had in 2004/05 and 2005/06, but even there, interest was keen at the beginning and petered off significantly at the end, when the only people who came to the events were Outreach Committee members.) At this time, I don't anticipate the guild "officially" organizing any small groups -- that's really an individual thing, I feel. In other words, if you would like to meet with others in a small group, go for it and organize one. You can do it!

The survey report ends with a thought-provoking, extensive comment from one member; a comment that I read aloud to the Executive Board at our most recent meeting. Let me tell you, the whole guild as well as this individual, that we very much took these comments to heart. Please tell me if you ever feel that I/we are being too dictatorial. It's hard to lead in a vacuum -- I need and want your feedback. I really appreciate you all very much.

I hope to see you on the 12th at Outreach Day!

Kristine

## Programs

**Program Help Wanted:** Would anyone be willing to take on the job of "equipment manager"? This would mean scheduling a get-together with the librarian in charge of our meeting room and learning from her how to run the AV equipment, including how to change the projector bulb, and then arriving early to help any speaker who comes with slides set up (this doesn't happen very often any more, but our March speaker will have slides). This would be a true service as the half-hour before meeting time can be a little hectic for me and for our speakers, with meeting

and greeting, unpacking, rolling out tables etc etc... So far, we've improvised using the AV equipment, clicking this button or that, but as you may have noticed at the Sylvia Einstein meeting, this is not a fail-safe method. Please e-mail or call me if you are willing to help. Anne Messier 508-366-2501 or [jr2501@verizon.net](mailto:jr2501@verizon.net)

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We do need some healthy, strong-backed help to set up tables around 8:30 am and again at 7:30-8:00 pm to tear down. Husbands and sons if available for a short time would be a blessing. Depending on the time you have available the following supplies will be needed: sewing machine, rotary cutter, cutting board, and any other accessories you usually use. We will have available: kits for sewing quilt tops, material, batting, ironing boards, irons, thread and needles for tying, and a host of misc supplies. We also have a small project going during the day for those interested. We will be making some placemats (to be written on) for children in bereavement. Kits will be supplied.

There will also be refreshments: coffee, tea & sweets to start the day, lunch, and leftovers for supper. We will also have drawings during the day for prizes. This is a fun day for all and a wonderful opportunity to meet your fellow quilters in a relaxed and rewarding atmosphere. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Joan Cannalonga,  
Outreach Chairman

P.S, Kristine Diederich is submitting her cell number 508-361-5461 so you can reach her that day if you are lost or just need to check in.

## **Library Talk**

Hi, quilters!

We've been busy this month sorting through a big donation of books from Jan Carrvalho. Even though these books did not strictly conform to our requirements, they were a delight to review. We donated all of the books our library could not use to the Goodnow Library book sale. All of the separate patterns will be on the raffle table at the next meeting. Buy bunches of raffle tickets to get a chance at some of these great patterns!

The books we kept filled some holes in our collection. Now, we have more baby quilt books and more holiday-themed books, among other things. We will try hard to get an updated library list posted on the website soon.

Meanwhile, here's a taste of one of our new acquisitions.

Great Little Quilts, by Eleanor Levie has some lovely crib- and doll-sized quilts, one of which has a rose theme! Our favorite is the lovely Rose of Sharon appliqué. It can easily be adapted to our challenge quilt's 24" x 24" size limit. Check it out!

Call or e-mail one of us if you want to know whether we have a book on a topic you find interesting.

Carol DeBold  
Marilyn Novak

## **Activities**

Thank you to the many helpers who made quick work out of the cutting session we had in preparation for the Outreach day. Lots of hands made light work. Can't wait to see you all at the Outreach Bee.

Just another reminder that The Ugliest Auction is fast approaching, April 2nd <http://waysidequilters.org/calendar.htm>. This auction is open to everyone, members and non-members. It is a fun evening and a great opportunity to bring someone along to see what our guild is like.

For those participating in the box challenge remember we will NOT be exchanging in February, so you have plenty of time to complete this round of the exchange.

Janet Columbus and Jill Callander, co-chairs