

Wayside Quilters

Next Meeting:

March 10, 2008

7pm Social Time
7.30pm Business Meeting
Goodnow Library
Concord Road, Sudbury

Raffle Items:

Town of Framingham

Refreshments:

Towns of Acton, Stow, Worcester,
Waltham and Weston

Meeting Dates:

April 14
May 12
June 9

Mystery Quilt:

Step 4

Newsletter Deadline:

Noon Friday 4th April

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March 2008

From the President:

Greetings Waysiders and welcome to the wonderful month of the vernal equinox and other harbingers of spring. There is a pair of cardinals right now sitting in my neighbor's barren forsythia bush. Mr. Cardinal is singing his wonderful love song in hopes of wooing the fair maiden on the next branch. How wonderful! Although it doesn't feel warm enough for spring yet, nature seems to promise it will be here soon. Let's hang in there together!

We're entering the home stretch of the current appointments of officers and some board positions. Unfortunately, my supreme wish of having my phone ring off the hook with eager candidates for these positions has not materialized. Nor has my call for Nominating Committee volunteers been answered. Woe is us!

I am extremely grateful to the many members who give and give of themselves for the guild. Looking around the room at Outreach Day confirmed my faith that we have an involved, passionate and committed group of members. That very strong core is the heart of our group. How about you? What level of service can we count on from you? All of the open positions can be done by a pair of co-chairs. Grab a guildmate and consider the list of openings. We really need you to step up to the plate.

Open positions and VERY brief job descriptions (for more details, contact me):

- President -- I will step down at the end of this term to focus on our fall quilt show. The president presides at meetings, works with committees (as needed) and is the general go-to person for guild-related questions. Organizational skills are needed plus a comfort level with speaking in front of a group. Attending all/most general meetings is expected
- Secretary -- The secretary records meeting minutes and maintains our records. Attending all/most general meetings is expected.
- Activities/Uglies Auction organizer -- These don't necessarily have to be one job; can be split between two people. The Activities Chair organizes 2-4 activities

a year to supplement the speakers the Programs Chairs arrange for. The Ugliers Auction organizer coordinates this annual fundraiser which happens in April of each year.

- Publicity -- The Publicity Chair advertises our guild in local periodicals. Our current chair will end her term in June, however, she will continue with one facet of the job -- publicity for the 2008 quilt show -- through October.
- Hospitality -- The Hospitality Chair coordinates the set up and take down of the refreshments table at regular guild meetings. Attending all/most general meetings is expected.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO NEWER MEMBERS: Please do not let the fact that you are a recent or newer member prevent you from stepping forward. Many of our strongest officers and chairwomen have started their contributing roles after only one or two years of membership. New blood is encouraged -- even necessary, one might argue -- and we need your enthusiasm and new ideas. Please consider getting involved in a leadership role now.

Debbie Ehrmann, our current treasurer, has agreed to be the candidate for treasurer for the 2008-2010 term. Thank you, Debbie, for your service so far and your willingness to continue on the job!

Thanks, also, to the many committee chairs who are staying the course: Colleen MacDonald, Meeting Raffles and Newsletter Support; Judy Merra, Historian; Melinda Connor, Membership; Jenny Johnston, Newsletter Editor; Laura Lane, Workshops and NEQM Liaison; Carol DeBold and Marilyn Novak, Programs; Anne Messier, Library; Marianne Hatton, Quilt Show; Jane Harris and Benje Freedman, Outreach and Cheryl Fraser, Webmaster.

Many thanks also to retiring committee chairs Janet Columbus, Activities and Ugliers Auction; Jill Callander, Activities; and Leslie Kmetz, Publicity and Hospitality.

I am quite proud to have been your interim president then president since the spring of 2006, and I thank you all for your support and encouragement. My parting wish is to leave the position with the guild well provided for. Please help me realize this goal. Thanks, everyone!

Kristine Diederich

Programs

Our topic for the March 10th meeting is "Machine Quilting, From the Beginning." Guest speaker is Karen Pulaski. Karen has taught machine quilting classes for all experience levels. A talented seamstress and quilter, she is a founding partner of Women Who Run with Scissors, a group of quilt artists who regularly show their work locally and nationally. For the Monday evening meeting, Karen will bring examples of quilts quilted on home sewing machines, discuss basic set-up and techniques, and lead a question and answer period on all phases of machine quilting. Members are invited to bring in their machine quilted projects for show and tell or for critiquing.

Anne Messier

Raffle Quilt

DeCordova in June

I've arranged to display our raffle quilt at the DeCordova Museum's Art in the Park event on June 8. Any of you who have sold raffle tickets at this event in the past know that it's a great venue—we make lots of money and have a wonderful time. I need volunteers to help me staff our spot right at the entrance to the event, where we catch people before they've had a chance to put away their wallets! Please call or e-mail me to volunteer for a shift. Thank you in advance.

Carol DeBold

Library Talk

Hi, Quilters!

If you're like us, you just love to look at crazy quilts. Even if you don't do crazy yourself, you'll find *Crazy Quilts*, by Penny McMorris, a good read. This is a history book with interesting prose and gorgeous pictures. Ms McMorris debunks some myths (crazy quilts were probably not the first American quilt form), and provides close-ups and diagrams of some especially interesting work. A favorite is a quilt by Leila Butts Utter who made a quilt embellished with 3-dimensional figures in 1898. The figures are men, women, and children, in all kinds of period costumes. Check it out!

Vote at the March Meeting

At the March meeting, we will be voting on what to do about the Wayside Quilters' extensive library. As you may know, we have seven large boxes of quilting-related books, with a master list available on paper and on the guild website. As you may not know, nobody is using this library, despite the best efforts of years of enthusiastic librarians. These are good books and we do want to see them used, so here are the proposals we will submit for a vote at the March guild meeting:

- Donate the books to the Goodnow library, assuming that they will keep the best and sell the rest. We can donate new books regularly and/or provide a small upkeep budget to the library.
- Donate the books to the New England Quilt Museum.
- Sell books at the Ugliers auction and donate the rest.
- Keep the library with the assumption that members will start to use it.

Marilyn Novak

Carol DeBold

Library Co-Chairs

Workshops

MACHINE QUILTING WORKSHOP-MARCH 11

There are still a few more spaces in the workshop on Tuesday, March 11th with Karen Pulaski titled "Machine Quilting, From the Beginning". Karen is a well known area teacher. The workshop will be held from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the First Church, Congregational in Marlborough. The church is at the corner of Bolton St. (Rte. 85) and High Street. The cost of the workshop is \$35 for Wayside Guild members and \$45 for nonmembers. Workshop registration is now open and checks can be mailed to Laura Lane, 29 Ahern Road, Marlborough, MA 01752. Many people indicated they were interested in this workshop, so please be sure to sign up. For additional information, Laura can be reached at (508) 480-8259 or lanep@rcn.com
Laura lane

Activities

✂ The challenge has been extended by one month due to last month's snow storm. You will still have two more opportunities to pick up and add embellishments to your quilts

before we do the reveal on May 12th before Anne Gallo and Susan Raban's lecture.

✂ The UGLIES AUCTION is fast approaching and Janet and Jill are taking donations for the auction now so that it can be measured and bundled in readiness for the auction at the April meeting. Donations will also be taken the night of the auction (April 14th) but will need to be labeled and bundled. If you can fold and bundle your donations into groupings (a few yards together works well) and tie it up with a string or strip of fabric this will help keep the auction moving quickly. A slip of paper on the top with a few details of what's in the packet will help the auctioneer as well. Books and patterns don't move very well during the auction but if you have something unique or specific to a fabric donation put it in the bundle it goes with and we'll sell it. Remember the auction is one of our major fund raisers each year and is important for funding great speakers like Anne and Susan in May. Do your part, donate something you don't need, can't remember WHY you ever bought it, or simply want to pass along to the auction to help support your guild. Bring a friend or two and make the event even more fun for everyone.

Janet needs some members to help her with the following:

- To pick up things at the storage unit
- 3 or 4 people at 6pm at the library on April 14 to help set up tables, unpack my car and put everything out. Please contact Janet to volunteer.

✂ June is our end of year pot luck dinner; a sign-up sheet will be available during the next two meetings for people to sign-up for what they will be bringing. We will have a simple summer challenge this year. Everyone will get a piece of fabric (from the same bolt)

and a block pattern. The challenge will be to make something unique from these two common elements that everyone will have. Sign-up for the challenge and pick-up your fabric at the June meeting. If you aren't going to be able to make the meeting let Janet or Jill know and we can bring it in May for you or mail it to your home.

Janet Columbus
Jill Callander, co-chairs

Outreach

Wayside Quilters annual quiltathon was held on Saturday, February 2nd from 9 to 5 at the Fairbank Senior Center, Sudbury.

What a great and fun day it was!! Twenty three energetic, ambitious, industrious and very warm hearted Wayside quilters showed up to work. And, WORK they did!!!

Coffee, tea and delicious breakfast breads were provided in the AM. A wonderful lunch was served at noon. Partially provided by Sudbury Farms.

It was a true example of what Wayside Quilters Guild is all about. Working together for the benefit of those in our communities who can use a helping hand.

And, there was excitement too! Part of the Sudbury Fire Department showed up ---to check out our Work! See picture album at the March meeting.

Benje and I want to thank each and every quilter who helped make the quiltathon such a huge success. Quilts finished 24, quilts finished except for bindings 10.

COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE QUILTATHON???

Come early on March 10th meeting night, 6PM. Bring a large basting needle. (we will provide the thread). Help us sandwich and baste these two outreach quilts.

Jane Harris and Benje Freedman

Quilt Show Update:

We are pleased to tell you that many things are falling into place for our October quilt show. We have a terrific raffle quilt -- which was ready way ahead of time (thanks to Jane Harris and Mary Leonard). We have dates, times and a place for our show. We have rented the poles. We have selected vendors and sent invitations, and have received two deposit checks and additional positive responses. We have filled several positions: Volunteer Coordinator, Barb McCarty; Raffle Ticket Coordinator, Debbie Morakis; and Publicity, Leslie Kmetz.

Everyone knows quilt show weekend is an all-hands-on-deck affair and we have absolutely no worries about that -- we know that time and time again, you all step up to the plate at the show to make it happen. In addition to the needs on that particular weekend, however, there are many jobs -- large and small -- that require attention. Some now, some closer to the show. Please take a look at our current "open jobs" list and contact us with your interest.

Open Jobs for Quilt Show 2008:

- Booklet Advertising Rep. -- Writes to prospective advertisers and follows up, as needed. Coordinates the ad copy and payments. This job will start in the summer but will be light, getting a bit busier in September.
- Refreshments Coordinator -- You will be responsible for keeping the refreshment area well stocked at the show. You will coordinate bakers ahead of time and handle the take in of goods, plus clean up at the end of the day.
- Mum Coordinator -- Obtain the potted mums that we use to decorate the bases of the poles and coordinate the sale of the plants after the show.
- Take-down Chief -- Coordinate the take down of the quilts and organization of returning them to members.
- Take-in Assistants -- Two to four people needed to take in quilts on Thursday, Oct. 16. Locations will be in Sudbury and Framingham.
- Vendor Liaison -- Must be present at set-up (Friday 4-11 p.m.) and take-down (Sunday 4-6 p.m.); be the go-to person for the needs of our vendors and supervise their set-up and take-down.
- Demonstration Coordinator -- This year's show will have periodic demos through the two days. Some vendors have indicated they will give brief presentations. Coordinate recruiting other guild members to do demos, handle the scheduling and maintain the dedicated space which will be set up at the show.

Please contact either of us for questions or to volunteer for a position. As always, these positions can certainly be done with one or two other friends so grab a partner and pick your job before the good ones are all gone!

Many, many thanks,
Marianne Hatton and Kristine Diederich

New England Quilt Museum News

The juried show, "Puzzled and Board" continues at the NEQM until March 29th. The show features contemporary quilts on the theme of puzzles and board games.

Wanted: Leaf and tree blocks in any tree or leaf pattern for a project at the museum on the theme "Roots of Strength". The blocks must be 12 ½ inches with seam allowances (12 inch finished). The blocks will be sewn into lap quilts which will be displayed at the museum and at the Sew Expo in Worcester. Eventually they will be donated to charity as comfort quilts. Laura Lane will bring some sample patterns of a Maple Leaf and a Pine Tree to the March meeting. Finished blocks can be given to Laura Lane or mailed to the NEQM.

For your interest

Dear Wayside Quilters, The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury invites you to join us in a look forward to the beauty of spring blooms and fashion. Our fundraiser for this year is a presentation by Bill Graham, one of New England's leading floral designers. The date for this event is April 2, 2008 at the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School. What better way to learn about the newest spring fashion trends and enjoy the glorious colors of uniquely arranged seasonal flowers? Mr. Graham will provide you with an entertaining and fun filled evening.

Ticket price for Bill Graham's presentation is \$15. There will also be a number of raffle baskets available for you to buy tickets at \$1 each. A silent auction which includes Red Sox tickets, a weekend on the cape, a day of golf, Legal Seafood's gift certificates and much more will be available. For tickets, call Betsy at 978-443-3916. I hope to see you there. Jeanne Lavine

A request from Maura Cain of Concord Piecemakers: [Pillowcases needed](#)
ConKerr Cancer is an organization that donates colorful pillowcases to children battling life changing illnesses. To date they have donated 22,000 pillowcases. The Boston Chapter which recently started delivers pillowcases to Mass General and Children's Hospital. If you've never made one, they are very easy and fun to make. To help visit their website for directions on how to make a pillowcase <http://conkerrcancer.org> For more information contact Marie Nader at 978-448-2636 at conkerrcancerboston@mail.org. Maura indicated she is willing to collect pillowcases made by our group. She can be contacted at cain216@comcast.net,



Mystery Quilt 2006

by T. Mahone

Finished size: 78" x 94.5"

Step 4 - 9-patch My Way

<p>1. From Dark 1 and Dark 2 cut 2 strips from each fabric 2" x width of fabric.</p>	
<p>2. From Background cut 4 strips 3.5" x width of fabric.</p>	
<p>3. Sew a Dark 1 and Background strip together along the length. Press seam toward Background. Repeat to make 2 sewn sets. The strip sets should measure 5" wide when sewn.</p>	
<p>4. Sew a Dark 2 and Background strip together along the length. Press seam toward Background. Repeat to make 2 sewn sets. The strip sets should measure 5" wide when sewn.</p>	
<p>5. Cut the strip sets into 40 sections of Background/Dark 1 units and 40 sections of Background/Dark2 units. UPDATE: Cut the sections 2" wide.</p>	
<p>6. Sew the units cut from number 5 above to the units made in Step 2 and Step 3. Make sure the four-patches are oriented as shown. Press seam toward background. Sewn units measure 5".</p>	