

Wayside Quilters

Next Meeting:

March 16, 2009
7pm Social Time
7.30pm Business Meeting
Goodnow Library
Concord Road, Sudbury

Raffle Items:

Town of Framingham

Refreshments:

Towns of Marlborough and
Westborough

Meeting Dates:

March 28 (Saturday)
April 13
April 25 (Saturday)
May 9
June 15

Newsletter Deadline:

Noon Wednesday 1st April

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March 2009

From the President:

Our February Outreach Day was a perfect example of what can be accomplished when talented, artistic and energetic women work together for a worthy and inspiring cause. Half of the guild membership was on hand.

One of the Healing Garden's directors, Betsy Tyson-Smith stopped in to view firsthand the work being done on the quilts they will receive. She was so amazed at the spirit and enthusiasm that filled the two rooms.

I want to thank each one of you for giving so selflessly of your time. Also, KUDOS to Benje Freedman and Leslie Kmetz for so beautifully pulling the day together for us.

On another note---the guild needs a Chair or Chairs (could be two, three or even four) now to start the planning of our 2010 quilt show. Kristine and Marianne are writing a detailed booklet on every step of putting on a quilt show. It will cover everything from the very beginning of the show planning to the end and taking down the quilts. So, the chairs will have an excellent guide to take them through the process. Contact me, Kristine Diederich or Marianne Hatton

Also needed. Program Chair or Chairs. Present Chairs have the entire year of 2010 planned and booked so 2011 will be your starting point. Interested members can contact Carol DeBold or Marilyn Novak

Please consider. This Guild belongs to ALL its members and it is up to all of us to carry on the work.

I would like to have 2 or 3 people to volunteer to greet everyone at the door at Monday night's meeting 3/16/09. I will have ribbon pins yellow/green to give to guests and pink for new members. This way we will know who to welcome and talk with during the 7 to 7:30 hospitality time. The ribbons are to be returned after the meeting. Interested?? Call or e-mail me Jane

Harris at 508-877-7059 or janway@rcn.com.

Think of when you first came to guild---

Wouldn't you have loved someone to greet you and chat with you? Maybe to even sit with you. I would have

Jane

Programs

We're looking forward to some really nice spring programs. This month, Dilla Gooch will be presenting a lecture/trunk show on the topic, "Quilts Your Grandmother Didn't Make." Dilla is an art quilter who lives in Lincoln and belongs to a Lexington art coop. She has a wonderful sense of humor and her quilts are always fun and interesting. We know you'll love her presentation.

At our Saturday, May 9 meeting, Leni Levinson Wiener will give a lecture/trunk show in the morning and a workshop in the afternoon. Leni is a fiber artist who uses free-motion techniques to thread-sketch and thread-paint. Please sign up by the March meeting so we can get ready for her wonderful workshop. Leni invites you to e-mail to her a photograph or other image you think might be appropriate for thread painting. If you want to take the workshop and send a photo to her but don't have the ability to e-mail a picture, we will be glad to pick up your photos at the March or April meeting. You can also mail an image to one of us to be scanned and sent on to Leni. Leni will then print your image onto fabric to use as a template for your thread painting. If you don't have an image to send, she'll give you samples from her butterfly quilt to practice on.

Leni's e-mail address is: leni@leniwiener.com

See you soon!

Marilyn Novak and Carol Debold

Program co-chairs

Outreach

Outreach Day was a HUGE success! The weather cooperated (we even had to open the windows in the afternoon). We had 32 people come thru the senior center that day (we think this is a record!) to help, many stayed most of the day. The assortment of food was sumptuous, and we were busy as bees completing as many quilts as we could. We think the final count will be around 23 completed quilts (some people took their quilt home to bind or finish). Betsy Tyson Smith, the executive director of the Healing Garden, came by to see our efforts, Jane took her around and she was definitely overwhelmed. Benje and I were blown away by the generosity of all of who donated your time and your talents. Thank you all who came for making this such a phenomenally successful and productive day.....this was such a success because of YOU!

Gratefully,

Leslie and Benje, Outreach Chairs

Read a fuller report later in the newsletter

Library

We've received these new titles by donation: *McCall's Quick and Scrappy Quilts; Color, the Quilter's Guide; Easy Appliqué; Angle Antics; Plaids and Stripes; Quilting with Japanese Fabrics; Magic Stack and Whack Quilts.*

I'll bring these books and others to the March meeting. To check out the entire collection, access the library list through the guild's website. E-mail or phone me to make a request: jr2501@charter.net/ 508-366-2501.

Anne Messier

Raffle Quilt News

Although it seems like only yesterday we had our spectacular fall quilt show, we're already in the process of creating the raffle quilt for our next show. Committee chair Kathie Cromwell and members Jane Harris, Jenny Johnston, Marianne Hatton and Kristine Diederich have selected a pattern and fabrics. The springy colors and low-contrast values will complement the design, which comprises both pieced and hand-appliqué blocks. The finished quilt will be approximately 70-by-90 inches, and we plan to have it custom machine quilted. We will have pictures and, hopefully, completed sample blocks to show you at the March 16 guild meeting. Kits are being assembled and will be ready for distribution Saturday, March 28.

March 28 is our next Saturday meeting (10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fairbanks Senior Center, Fairbanks Road, Sudbury; BYO-Lunch). A presentation on precision piecing with templates will be part of the morning, and then you can stay and work on a pieced block for the raffle quilt with expert help nearby. Bring your machine and accoutrements. This will be the recommended method of piecing the blocks but quilters with skill in other methods are also most welcome to create a block. Confident hand-appliquers are also being sought; call any of us on the committee to volunteer -- if we haven't called you already! Mary Leonard has graciously agreed to be our hand-appliqué mentor at the Saturday meeting for questions, technique review and encouragement. Appliquers should bring

hand sewing supplies and thread (spring colors; there may be thread to share, too).

If you cannot make it to the March 28 meeting, a sign-up sheet will be available at the March 16 meeting for you to request a kit for either a pieced or an appliqué block and we will reserve one for you to pick up later.

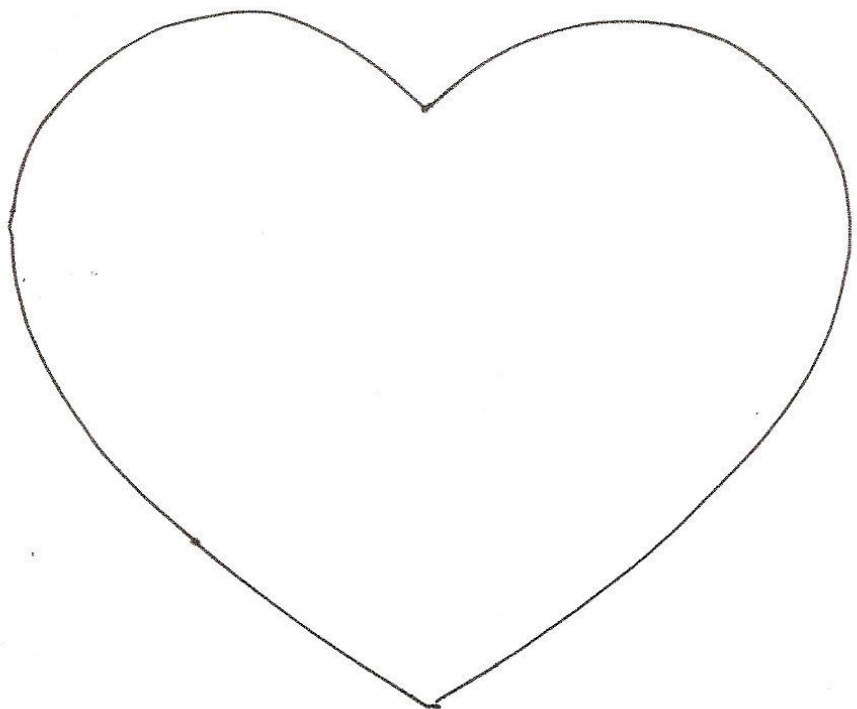


We feel spring in the air!

Caring Hearts

Jane was busy at the outreach day distributing the appliquéd heart squares to members to be made into pillows by adding strips and backs. Pillows can be either 14" or 16". The cover should be approx. 1/2" to 1" smaller than a pillow form. Preferably with an envelope back so the pillow form can be slipped in.

Here's the heart template, the finished size, if



you would like to make some more blocks/pillows.

Finished pillows should be given to Jane, Kristine or Marianne.

Workshops

Thread Painting Workshop

On May 9th in the afternoon we will have a Thread Painting workshop with Leni Levinson Weiner. After we have been inspired by her morning lecture and trunk show we will have the opportunity to try her techniques.

As Carol and Marilyn explained, early sign up allows time to send her a picture to be printed on fabric for custom thread painting.

As an extra incentive to those that sign up and pay for the workshop at or before our March meeting, we are offering a complimentary copy of Leni's book on thread painting. This offer is open to Wayside Quilters Guild members only.

WOW!!! A GREAT WORKSHOP, LUNCH AND A BOOK FOR \$25!!! That's a great deal, but only if you register and pay by March 16th! Laura will be at the March meeting to accept registrations. If you have questions please call Laura at (508)480-8259 or pete.lane@comcast.net .

New England Quilt Museum News

NEQM Artist of the Month

Every month the New England Quilt Museum shop features the works of a New England quilter. This month the featured artist is Wayside Guild member Diane Loomis! Visit the NEQM anytime in March and see several pieces made by Diane showcasing her

incredible machine quilting. Congratulations Diane!!

See the separate attachment for the complete museum news and events if you do not receive the email of events from the Museum.

Sudbury Day

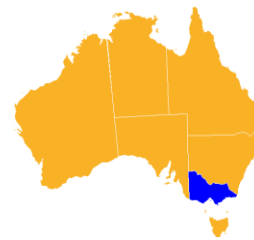
The Guild is planning on having a booth for the day at the upcoming Sudbury Day Festival, which will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at the Lincoln Sudbury regional High School, from 12 noon to 5 pm. The aim is for the guild to be visible in the community, and share our passion for what we do. We will be able to show some quilts, and demonstrate some quilting techniques, and perhaps have some children's activities to offer also. We will also raffle one of the Caring Hearts pillows on the day.

If you could spend a little time at the booth during that time, please let one of us know, so we can draw up a schedule. Perhaps we will find someone new seeking a group of like-minded people with whom to hang out, just as we did at outreach day!

You could bring some piecing or quilting to do at the booth. It is often of great interest to some folk that people actually still do this kind of thing! Hope you can join us.

Jane Harris
Kristine Diederich
Marianne Hatton

Australian Sister Guild



At the last board meeting, the idea of becoming a sister-guild with an Australian guild was discussed. The **Seabreeze Quilters**, is based in Altona, Victoria, which is very near the city of Melbourne in the south-east corner of the country. There exist possibilities for exchanges on many levels, from challenges to pen pals. Someone even suggested a field trip! Seabreeze is a young guild relative to Wayside, just a few years old, I think, and very enthusiastic and growing well. They recently held their second annual quilt show, and are in the enviable position of exhibiting their quilts in a community centre building, and being able to leave the show up for at least a couple of weeks! I visited the guild with a friend while we were living temporarily in Melbourne a couple of years ago, and found them a very warm and friendly group. I have since received several of their newsletters and enjoyed seeing their ideas and programs. Indeed, the Caring Hearts pillow project was inspired by their guild. Jane will be in contact with Kim, the guild president, soon and will report back. In the meantime, we would love to hear your ideas for ways to interact with the guild. Perhaps you have done this before and could provide suggestions, or else have ideas we could implement.

We have proposed the possibility sending some of our outreach quilts to the guild to be distributed to families who lost their homes in the devastating bush fires in the Melbourne area recently. We know that their guild is currently making quilts – comforter-style – for immediate use, will make quilts later for when people have rebuilt and have homes to move back to, and will be contributing fabric to recreate stashes lost along with quilters' homes. I heard from my friend last week that more record high temperatures were expected, fire danger remained extremely high, and that many people were evacuating early this time. It seems such a long way away from us and is almost inconceivable in the cold and snowy winter we are experiencing, but it is also an opportunity to expand our horizons, and theirs, through simple acts of kindness and support.

So, stay tuned for further news, and please pass on your ideas! I'm thinking of quilts made of similar blocks but Australian vs. New England interpretations to exchange and hang side-by-side in our quilt shows.....hmmm!

Marianne Hatton

For Your Interest

The Needle Arts Guild of the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society will hold its Annual Needle Arts swap on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 2 PM at 130 Waltham Street, Lexington. Bring your unwanted yarn, fabric, trim, thread, buttons, patterns (no unrelated supplies, please) beginning at 10; stay as long as you want ~ bring some hand work & chat; take what you'd like. Professional scissors/knife sharpening will be available onsite from 10 AM to 4 PM. Contact (781) 862-9696 or NeedleArtsGuild@verizon.net with any questions. Anne Raisia

Outreach Report February 7, 2009

The Wayside Quilter's Guild Outreach Day was held Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9:30 to 4:30 at the Sudbury Senior Center on Fairbanks Rd. Outreach Chairs were Leslie Kmetz and Benje Freedman.

Unfinished quilt tops were brought to be sandwiched, tied or quilted and bound. Each member brought her own sewing essentials. Some also brought sewing machines. At the end of the day, several quilts were taken home to be finished. It was requested that all finished quilts be brought to the March meeting. They will be donated around the end of March to the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden in Harvard, MA. Depending on the amount of quilts that are finished, some may also be given to another charity to be determined later.

32 women participated. 30 of whom were members and 2 were visitors. One visitor had seen an article in the Middlesex News came to help and is planning to join our guild along with a friend who was unable to attend this meeting.

Gift certificates of \$50.00 from Roche Bros and \$25.00 from Shaw's were used to provide lunch, while many baked goods and miscellaneous items were very generously donated by our members. Signup sheets were passed around at the two preceding meetings. Those who signed up to donate food were reminded before Saturday.

Expenses: Each room at the center cost \$60.00. Outreach rented 2 adjoining ones both of which were used fully. Each room had tables and chairs. More were available if needed. The only other expense was batting. It is hard to determine exactly how much of the batting cost was directly linked to this day as some of it had been purchased and used last year and the rest used throughout this year. It was all itemized in the Outreach Budget when purchased. All fabric was donated.

Publicity consisted of several email reminders to members along with mention in the guild newsletter and the newspaper article mentioned above.

Supplies: Refreshments (baked goods, drinks and lunch), paper plates etc. From storage came the donated fabric (which had all been washed), batting, box of accessories (twine, needles, pins, scissors, masking tape) table risers, irons (3), and ext. cords. We brought ironing boards, tea bags, coffee pot, instant coffee (milk and sugar) along with boxed coffee from Dunkin Donuts. The guild also has coffee pots available.

Procedure: The rooms were rented well in advance. Keys had to be picked up on Friday before 4pm as no one is at the center later on week days or during weekends. Leslie and Benje came Friday night to bring most of the supplies. Sign-up sheets for attendees were available. Thank you notes to Roche Brothers and Shaws', as well as those who participated were written by the Chair