

Wayside Quilters

Next Meeting:

Saturday February 6
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church,
162 Landham Rd, Sudbury

Raffle Items:

No raffle

Refreshments:

Bring your mug

Meeting Dates:

March 6
March 15
April 3
May 1
May 17
June 5
June 14

Workshops:

May: Virginia and George
Siciliano

Newsletter Deadline:

Noon Sunday 28th February

www.waysidequilters.org

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From the President:

Thirty five hearty souls attended the January 11th Monday night meeting

Our beautiful raffle quilt was on display. We announced the winner of the "Name the Quilt" contest---Barbara Clifton submitted the perfect name of "Roses by the Wayside". Thank you to all who also submitted entries. They were all so good, it was hard to pick just one.

After a quick business meeting, we talked about fun and important coming events, such as "The Naked Ladies" and "House" challenges for the show. More on those later. Also, connecting with a sister guild in Australia and, of course, we are still promoting and handing out the "Caring Hearts" blocks to be appliquéd and sewn.

Sharon had a great activity for us. We snipped, ripped, and passed "not so pretty" fabrics about while sitting in a huge circle. What we ended up with (UG) will be made into a challenge block.

A good time was had by all.

Our Saturday, January 23rd meeting was a pure delight. Barbara McCauley gave an excellent talk on inkjet printing on fabrics. After Barbara answered our many questions, we brought out our lunches, had show and tell and then settled down for some serious sewing on our own projects. Marianne demonstrated several crazy quilting stitches. Please consider sharing something you do that members of the guild could learn from you at a future meeting. The meeting is informal and friendly, and made so rich by contributions from our own talented members, and we would love to hear any ideas you have for a short program/presentation/demo

I think I am safe in saying; all 26 members who attended had a very enjoyable time.

See you all on Outreach Day, February 6th.

Ciao.

Jane



Outreach

Our Outreach Day is just around the corner! Please plan to join us on Saturday, February 6, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 162 Landham Rd. in Sudbury. We will be making comfort quilts to donate to injured veterans who are back in this area. Last year we donated 40 quilts from our Outreach Day, and we hope to donate as many – if not more – this year! But we need your participation to make it a success. Come for a few minutes, a few hours or stay for the whole day – whatever time you can spare will be appreciated. You can bring something you have started yourself, or work on something someone else has started or donated. We'll provide lunch, and have drinks and snacks available as well. Please bring basic sewing supplies and a sewing machine if possible. If anyone needs batting cut before Feb. 6, please call Benje at 978-443-5560 (or email) and it can be cut to size. We also have some large pieces for backing and a small selection of other fabrics if anyone needs them to add to your quilt. We hope to see you there – it promises to be a fun day doing something for others.

Thanks – Benje and Jennifer

Programs

Hi, Quilters! We assume you're busy getting ready for Outreach Day, but we do want you to keep in mind that we have two more wonderful speakers lined up for this term.

On March 15, Debbie Wendt will be talking about Egyptian Tentmakers Appliqué. To see some of her work, go to

<http://www.wendtquilting.com/index.html>

and click on the 'Classes' button. Then, click the button for Egyptian Tentmakers Appliqué. Her lecture should be fascinating!

On May 17, George and Virginia Siciliano will be with us. He will do most of the talking and his topic is "This Guy Must Be Nuts." Check out

<http://www.georgesiciliano.com/>

to see what George and Virginia do. See Laura's Workshop article to find out about the workshop they'll be giving us on May 18.

Carol and Marilyn

Workshops

May Workshop: George Siciliano

This is a workshop not to be missed! George Siciliano and his wife, Virginia will be coming to Wayside Quilters Guild to do a workshop on Tuesday, May 18, after a Monday evening lecture. George teaches a "Log Cabin Variation" that is hard to describe. Go to his website and look at the workshop samples.

www.georgesiciliano.com If you have a workshop preference, please e-mail it to Laura. These quilts are sewn on a foundation for accurate seams, and with two great teachers, everyone will get lots of help. The cost will be \$25 for Wayside members and \$35 for guests, plus the cost of the kit. There are two types of kits available: \$20 for the basic kit (required) with pattern, foundations and tool. A kit that contains everything in kit #1 plus all of the fabrics needed for the project costs \$50. For questions contact Laura at pete.lane@comcast.net Laura will be accepting registrations at the Wayside Outreach day.

Activities:

Hi Everyone I hope you all liked our meeting activity in January. It was fun to hear about all the "favorite tools" that everyone uses. I already went out and purchased a "over the door organizer" to put my overflowing Quilting Supplies. It has not gone up yet, but it was a bargain at \$7.00 at TJMaxx – so if anyone is looking for one, check out the Clearance section at your local TJMaxx, Marshalls or Homegoods.

At the January Meeting I handed out a pattern for a block to do an activity. As the "Ugly" activity morphed into a Challenge (see information on UGLY CHALLENGE information) the Block Pattern I passed out has now changed a bit. Please use the pattern provided at the meeting (or here for those who were not at the January Meeting) and make one or more blocks to bring to the March Meeting. Please use the color

BLUE somewhere in your block. For each block you bring you will receive a chance to win all the blocks.

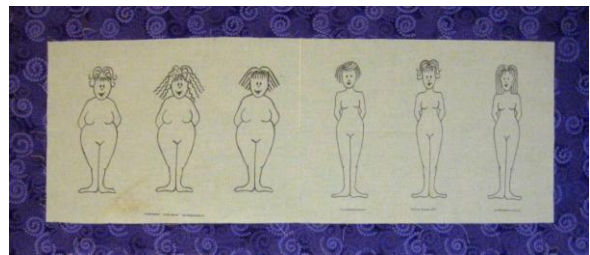
<http://www.quilterscache.com/M/MemoryABlock.html> (pattern)

Next month (March) I will hand out another pattern – Please go to <http://www.quilterscache.com/BlocksbySizeC.html> and check out the 12" blocks – email me your suggestions of the next block we should try along with a theme that might be fun and go along with the time of year we will be turning the blocks in (MAY Meeting for the next set) so "SPRING" might be the theme.

Sharon Macomber
knittingauntie@gmail.com or
sharon.macomber@verizon.net

Ugly Challenge Rules:

- 18" square finished quilt
- use an appreciable amount of each fabric you received in the swap (don't leave any fabrics out)
- you may alter the fabrics you received (dye it, bleach it, scrunch it)
- you may add 1 fabric to your quilt (not including the backing)
- you may embellish the piece – as much as you want.
- you must quilt your piece (hand or machine, both are ok)



The NAKED LADY

ProjectWHO WE ARE and WHAT WE DO!

In the coming months we will have ready for you a little package to purchase for a nominal amount, with your very own naked lady printed on base fabric. If you have been at one of the last meetings, you will have heard some talk of the project, in which each guild member will "dress" one of these little ladies or gentlemen as a little bit of a clue to her/his own personality. Instead of choosing one type of attire, we opted instead to let you have free rein, and choose the kind of outfit that might represent you best! It could be a sports outfit, what you might wear for a night on the town, a day at the beach, pool or on a cruise, at work, at play, in costume, in your pajamas.....or whatever you might wish you were doing! Serious or playful.....there are no wrong answers! They will be easiest to dress using fusible appliqué, and it will be fun to add small details – beads, buttons embroidery, and so on. There will be diagrams to help you get creative, and directions to create your little panel that will be joined to all the other panels and ready to hang at the quilt show in October. Should be a lot of fun!

Stay tuned!
Marianne Hatton

2010 Quilt Show Challenge - "Houses"

At our last quilt show we exhibited a beautiful collection of challenge quilts called "Everything's Coming Up Rose's". All who saw it were impressed by the little quilts which were innovative and each very special. The quilts were made with a common theme and a uniform size, and really looked beautiful displayed together. Following on that success, the theme for the upcoming show challenge has been chosen and will be called "HOUSES - The Roof Over Our Heads". Any interpretation of a house or houses - real or imaginary, practical or fanciful, your house, a dream house, a special house in your life; houses you have lived in; houses you have seen in your travels, wish you could see; wonder how anyone lives in, wish you could live in; one house or a whole collection. The choice of design and technique is yours, and all that is required is that the quilts be 24 inches square when finished, and speak to the theme. The techniques can be traditional, contemporary, pieced, appliquéd, fused, embellished whatever.....but still be a three layer "quilt".

You may want to use a photo as a base or foundation and there is no time like now to start on that. The quilt needs to be finished at the edges with a binding, and be no larger and no smaller please - just 24 inches square to fit the display stand! It is always exciting to see how everyone interprets the theme, and we look forward to seeing another inspired group of challenge quilts.

Questions? Please talk to Jane Harris, Marianne Hatton, or Kristine Lundblad



Saturday Meeting

For the Saturday, March 6th meeting we will have a class on the construction of a decorator pillow. The main focus of the lesson will be how to measure, finish and secure the back of the pillow cover. Using four different methods to secure the pillow back.

If you have a piece you have always wanted to make into a decorator pillow, please bring it. Hopefully, by the time the class is over, you will be the owner of a lovely new decorator pillow.

More details will follow in the March news letter as to what tools will be required for the class.

Jane, Kristine and Marianne