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President's Letter (Continued)

sometimes shared with other quilters, but, often, only by myself. The point is that, with each new project or class, I not only grew as a quilter, but as an artist and teacher. I discovered the incredible wealth of knowledge that other quilters possess and their amazing generosity in sharing their tips and tricks with anyone willing to listen. Their capacity for giving goes far beyond just tips and tricks. There was overflowing people at Sunshine Sewing's "sew in" for tornado victims, just as an example. We've all experienced "life" and yet continue to do what energizes our lives...we quilt.

Quilt Guild by the Sea could not be as successful as it is if it weren't for the time and talent that members are so willing to share. So, as we end the first quarter of the year, all I can say is "There is so much more to come!" It will be a very fulfilling year and 3/4's still to come!

Quilt Happier, y'all,

Linda

UNCLE SAM RAFFLE QUILT

Tickets for the Uncle Sam Raffle Quilt are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please see Linda McKnight for tickets. The drawing for the Uncle Sam quilt will be the first week of July and will be featured on You Tube.

The Uncle Sam Raffle Quilt is 87" X 107" (Queen). Blocks have been both hand-made and machine appliqued by a group Georgia quilters. It was machine quilted the Quilts of Valor retreat, January 13-15, 2012 in Toccoa, Georgia. The quilt pattern, Sam and Company, was designed by Nan-Hieronymus Barrett, and is used with the designer's permission.



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QOV WORKSHOP & PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES

From Dianne Provost

On February 29th members of the Gold Coast along with a few members of our guild and some from East Sunrise organized a QOV workshop and an occasion for some soldiers and members of the VA Hospital curious to see how the quilts are being made, to visit. After about three hours working on QOV quilts, we were visited by soldiers, VA Social Workers, Therapists, Health Care Specialists, etc. They put together a presentation for us that included 4 person Honor Guard joined by a trumpet player, and the soldiers that received the quilts were introduced by Sheryl Valdes, a representative of the VA Hospital. Several soldiers who had received quilts told us how they felt when they were offered these quilts after coming back from Afghanistan, Iran, &/or the Gulf War. Some of the stories were funny, and some others were very emotional.



The three Guilds represented at this event received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. I was honored to receive the certificate, and it is with pride that I accepted it in the name of our guild for all of your dedicated work for the veterans.

After the presentations, we had the opportunity to meet the Staff from the VA Hospital, the soldiers and their wives and kids, A wife of a retired soldier told her story; very emotional. This was a very special workshop; one that I will always remember.



QOV WORSHIP & PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES (Continued)





March
National Craft Month

**HAVE FUN AND GET
CREATIVE!**

**FAT QUARTER OF THE
MONTH: GEOMETRICS**



**ANIMAL PARTY TOO—
CELEBRATE SQUARES—LIME:**

White, Royal Blue, Sky, Azure, Sapphire, Forest, Grass & Kelly Green, Sun Gold, Lime
Small scale graphic with irregular squares and rectangles creating a geometric celebration of color over a solid ground in this fun contemporary print. Larger rectangle shapes are about 5/8". From the 'Animal Party Too' collection by Amy Schimler for Robert Kaufman Fabrics.

**FEBRUARY FAT QUARTER
BASKET WON BY:**

Jacque Early

CORAL SPRINGS QUILT GUILD BI-ANNUAL AUCTION

The Coral Springs Quilt Guild has extended an invitation to attend their Bi-Annual Auction. Some of the items they will have include: a Featherweight and Brother Machine, Ulmer Quilting Frame, Ott Light, Quilting Notions, Kits, Handmade Items, and Quilts.

Coral Springs Quilt Guild Auction

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

7:00 PM

Cypress Hall at Cypress Hammock Park

1300 Coral Springs Drive

Coral Springs, Fl.

There will be a Live Auction, Chinese Auction, and a Silent Auction.

Cash or Checks, only



QGBTS BEE UPDATE

At the present time we have three operating bees.

The Snowbird Bee is located in Lighthouse Point, It meets weekly, from November through April, at Dixon Ahi Hall (2220 NE 38 Street), 11:00 AM—3:00 PM, under the sponsorship of the Lighthouse Point Library. The members of this bee work on their own projects. For further information, please contact Kathy Radosh at **954-583-4677** or **KMRadosh@comcast.net**.

The Crazy Quilt Bee meets the last Friday of the month at the Lincolnwood Clubhouse, 99 Del Rio Blvd, Boca Raton, from 11:00 AM to whenever! The emphasis is crazy quilts, but all projects are welcome. For additional information, contact Sarah Crew at 561-620-2856 or **Crewhawken@aol.com**.

The third bee draws from Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and Lake Worth. Meetings are once a month, on Wednesday from 1-3PM, at a members home. At the present time, membership is closed due to space constraints. Some members are working on a block exchange as well as individual projects.

QGbtS QUILT CHALLENGE

Quilts created by members of the QGbtS will be featured in the West Palm Beach Mancuso Show in November, 2012.

The theme of the challenge is FLOWER GARDEN. The quilt should measure 24" X 36", made with the technique of your choice and have at least one bird and/or butterfly in the garden. Quilts created by members of the QGbtS will be featured in the West Palm Beach Mancuso Show in November, 2012.

For more information, please contact Janet Eckard .

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

QGbtS annual membership dues for 2012 **remain \$30.00.**

'MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES'

Paid members of the QGbtS are eligible to:

- participate in Guild programs
- participate in workshops at a reduced rate
- receive monthly newsletter
- place ads in the classifieds.

Guests are welcome to attend our meetings with a donation of \$5.00 per month twice during a year.

For information, contact Ellen Heckler.

COMING UP IN MARCH

NANCY BILLINGS, MODERN ART QUILTER

Nancy Billings, Modern Art Quilter, and member of SAQA will be holding her workshop

'Contemporary Twist on a Traditional Block' for QGbtS on **Thursday, March 29, 2012** from **10:30 AM to 2:00PM** at



Lincolnwood Clubhouse. Nancy's workshop will be open for members **\$45.**

Nancy states "The freedom of contemporary quilt making has enabled and encouraged me to design without restraint. By using a combination of fusing, dyeing, mono-printing, freehand embroidery, and other techniques my work has evolved to new directions".



What fun would it be to be able to incorporate all these techniques and mediums!

Examples on Nancy's work are below and can be viewed on her website, NancyBDesigns: www.nancybdesigns.com.



We have wonderful books. Take the opportunity to look through or borrow a book or magazine that interests you.

All books must be checked out and returned at the next Guild Meeting. Late fees will be charged when applicable. Thanks to all who have donated!

Guild Librarian: Joan Cohn

Library Hours: 9:30—10:00 AM during every Guild meeting.



JOIN OR START A BEE!



Contact: Ronnie Luber
lulber@comcast.net

BUTTONWOOD SOLID FABRIC CHALLENGE

Anything sewn or made incorporating at least two Northcott Colorworks solids. You can add any other fabric to your project of your choice.

Challenge Dates: February 1—April 30, 2012

Purchase your fabrics and make your project due at Buttonwood Quilt Shop by April 30, 2012. Projects will be displayed for patrons of Buttonwood Quilts to vote for their favorite between May 1 and May 12, 2012. Winners will be announced Monday, May 14, 2012.

Rules: You must purchase at least two yards of Northcott Solid fabric from Buttonwood Quilt Shop. You may use as much or as little of the solid fabric in your project; however you must purchase two yards (this can be any quantity totaling 2 yards such as eight fat quarters).

Prizes: 1st Prize Winner will receive a \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Buttonwood Quilts, 2nd Prize Winner will receive a \$25.00 Gift Certificate and the 3rd Prize winner will receive a prize worth \$15.00 .

QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA BUILD-A-QUILT

' MY FAVOROTE THINGS'

Each month, beginning in November 2011 through June 2012 you will receive four block patterns with the same theme. Patterns will be sent via email after the monthly guild meeting.

You will choose two blocks to complete each month and set them aside. For the month of February the theme is a Dress & Tea Pot or a Healing Heart & Ribbon. Coming up in the next months will be Americana, Friendship, Housing and more.

We suggest scrap fabrics to make these blocks. The finished top, without borders, will measure 40" x 56".

In July, you will receive instructions for block placement and border suggestions.

In November 2012, we will have a Show & Tell featuring the quilts that each of you has created. Each quilt will have the same theme but will be different in style, color, and technique.

Register now by sending an email to: paquinprovost@gmail.com

Happy Quilting!

Daisy 12" block - January 2012

Daisy 12" block
(12 1/2" x 12 1/2" unfinished, paper pieced)

Print 4 of the templates from page 2 on foundation paper.

Paper piece block A & B and join them together.

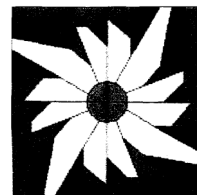
Make 4 A-B Blocks

Option A:

- Sew one C to each A-B block
- Assemble to 4 blocks together

Option B:

- Ignore the C piece
- Make a circle template to replace C
- Applique this circle in the center of the block making sure to cover all the raw edges.



Happy Piecing!!!

EVENT CALENDAR:

TUESDAY, March 13, 2012

- Workshop—One Block Wonder by Linda McKnight

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

- Guild Meeting
Guest Speaker—Nancy Billings
- Workshop—Featherweight Maintenance

THURSDAY, March 29, 2012

- Workshop—Contemporary Twist on a Traditional Block by Nancy Billings

TUESDAY, April 3, 2012

- Board Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

- Guild Meeting
SAQA Mini Quilts Trunk Show
Show 'N Tell
Pauline Salzman Workshop Dog Show
- Workshop—Organize your Sewing Room and Sewing Stash by Dodie

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

One Block Wonder by Linda McKnight

Tuesday, March 13, 2012, Hours: 10AM — 3PM

Location: Grace Community Church

Del Rio Room, Boca Raton

Fee: \$30.00



Featherweight Maintenance by Linda McKnight

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Hours: 1PM—3PM

Location: Lincolnwood Clubhouse

Fee: \$20.00



Contemporary Twist on a Traditional Block by Nancy Billings

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Hours: 10:30AM — 2PM

Location: Lincolnwood Clubhouse

Fee: Members \$45 (Limited Space)



Organize your Sewing Room and Sewing Stash with Dodie Watson

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Hours: 12:30 PM—3:00 PM

Location: Lincolnwood Clubhouse

Fee: Members \$20

Scrap Circle Paper Piecing by Eleanor Yura

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Hours: 12:30 PM — 3 PM

Location: Lincolnwood Clubhouse

Fee: Members \$20



EVENT CALENDAR (Continued):

TUESDAY MAY 1, 2012

- **Board Meeting 10:00AM**

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

- Guild Meeting
 Show 'n Tell
- Workshop—Scrap Circle Paper
 Piecing by Eleanor Yura

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012

- Board Meeting 2:00 PM

TUESDAY, July 3, 2012

- Board Meeting 2:00 PM

THURSDAY, August 9, 2012

- Board Meeting 2:00 PM



As of January 1, 2012 QGbtS has a new email address.

The new address is:

quiltguildbythsea2011@gmail.com

Please note: The name 'Quilt Guild' will appear instead of Ellen Heckler in the 'From' section of the email.

QUILT GUILD by the SEA's FIRST BUS TRIP: MT DORA

The Quilt Guild by the Sea had a very successful bus trip to Mt. Dora on Thursday, March 1 and Friday, March 2. Seventeen members started the bus trip from either Boca Raton or Boynton Beach.

On the way to Mt Dora was a stop at The Quilt Place in Rockledge. The shop was amazing—there were quilts everywhere even hanging from the vaulted ceilings!

On to Mt Dora to visit the quaint little town,



the shops, have lunch, and go to the Mt. Dora quilt shop. Several of the travelers reunited after the quilt show for a Greek Dinner and some relaxation. On Friday, the group went to the quilt show had lunch and went to the



next stop, a quilt shop in Melbourne. The travelers returned to Boca after a successful, fun filled trip.

Special thanks to Dodie Watson for her hard work organizing the excursion, making the wonderful name tags and providing everyone with snacks on the bus.



MT DORA BUS TRIP (Continued)



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