

S'QUILT (News and Views)

SARNIA QUILTERS GUILD – promoting the art of quilting

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January 2008

January 7th

Library opens at 12:30

Afternoon session begins at 1:30

Library opens at 6:30

Evening session begins at 7:30

Fat Quarter Draw – Australia

50/50 Draw

--**Vendors!** - Forever Quilting and
Country Accents

--**Program will be sign-ups** for the
second half of the year

--Show and Tell

--Refreshments to follow 10 minutes
after the meeting in the Fellowship
Hall

Coming up:

12th – Louise Davidson – reverse applique
at the church

19th – Sew What at John's restaurant

26th – Shirley Bobier (from the Marsh
store) – embellishments galore at the
church

February 4th

Library opens at 12:30

Afternoon session begins at 1:30

Library opens at 6:30

Evening session begins at 7:30

Fat Quarter Draw – China and South
America

50/50 Draw

--Surprise program

--Show and Tell

--Refreshments to follow 10 minutes after
the meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Coming up:

16th – Kathy Scott – machine quilting

23rd – Sew What at John's restaurant

**REMEMBER— vendors are after the
afternoon session and before the
evening session. Please come and
support your local quilt shops.**

Don't forget - PLEASE wear your nametag. Be
a good sport and let everyone know who you
are! :)



December 3, 2007 Guild Minutes

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome back to a new year. 2008 promises to be packed full of wonderful times. I truly hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. My holidays were spent with my family and that is always the best time for me.

I will be starting the new year by convening the afternoon session and then in February will do the evening. I will continue with every other

session this way throughout the year.

While visiting with my Aunt Peggy last summer, who first introduced me to quilting, I was given a poem and thought that it might be worth sharing. All quilters will see the truth in this.

My neighbour is washing her windows and scrubbing and washing her floors

But my house is all topsy turvy and there is dust behind all the doors.

My neighbour keeps her house spotless and goes all day at a trot

But no one would know in a fortnight if she swept today or not

The task I am at is enticing, while my neighbour is worn to a rag.

I am making a quilt out of pieces I have saved in a pretty chintz bag.

I know my decendents will exhibit my quilt with prideful heart

"So lovely, my grandmother made it", an example of patience and art.

Will my neighbours grandchildren remember her struggle with dirt and decay?

"No"! They will not, they will wish she had made them a quilt

Like the one I'm making today.

--Author Unknown

Wishing everyone a healthy, propersous and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Friends thru quilting, BarbaraAnne
And Remember to Stay in the Pink

The meeting was opened at 7:00-ish by President, Barbara Anne McBryan who introduced guests Mary Vanreenen and Helen Tithecott.

There will be no executive meeting in December unless everyone has all their shopping done and presents made!! (even then, there's no exec. meeting)

Charity Quilts

Jack Smith introduced Cindy Merton from the Women's Interval Home and presented her with a quilt made by guild members at the charity quilt day. Cindy expressed appreciation from the staff and clients for the 32 quilts that they received.

South African Project

A letter was received from Linda Earley about a project she is involved in with teaching long arm quilting to women in South Africa. This industry will provide these women and their families with much needed sustainable income. Donations of every type of quilting supplies will be gratefully received.



Carol Cote read a very touching and emotional letter, sent to us by the mother of Brent Poland who was killed in Afghanistan. On behalf of the family, she expressed their appreciation for the kind gift and keepsake Maple Leaf quilt made by the guild members. (Let us hope and pray that, in spite of how beautiful they are, no more are needed.)

Carol Cote reported that the nine-patch square, as part of the group project, has arrived from Scotland. Remember the first guild night in September when we played the game with the little squares and met each other? Then we announced that whoever had them was to make them into a nine-patch and return them to the guild (Carol Cote to be specific). One of the visitors was from Scotland and she ended up holding all the little squares at the end of the game. She took them home with her and at the December meeting, the nine-patch was returned to the guild. Most of them are back now but if you still have one try to get it back to Carol as soon as possible.

Charity Quilt Day will be April 19, 2008. A chair is needed soon or it will not happen,



50/50 Draw - was won by Donna Ellis

Fat quarter draw - was won by Carol Cote, Helen Mackie, and Nancy Lockhart.

Christmas Block Exchange was shared.

Everyone had a little exercise and a good

laugh with the "Charm Square" game. Thanks Carol, that was great fun.

"Quilting Santa" arrived with presents for good little children, Kathy Schnitzler, Barbara Anne McBryan and Jack Smith.

Show 'n Tell Draw

Lots of busy people had their Christmas gifts ready and ready to show. The draw prizes were won by Donna Moore, Donna Bradley, Carol Cote, Juanita Lew, Bev McConnell, Louise Davidson, Carol Causley, Jean Burrows and Vonda Hutchins.

Everyone received another creative gift - a booklet of things to make - this year from the crafty program committee - THANKS SO MUCH!!.

A amazing array of goodies awaited us in the Fellowship Hall to start our holiday chatting and chewing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.
SEE YOU IN 2008!!

Submitted by Anne Evans

Evening Secretary

*The date for our annual
Charity Quilting Day
Has been set
April 19, 2008
St. Joseph's Church
Stuart St, Sarnia
Lunch and Refreshments
Provided
Please Mark your Calenders*

only a quilter (by Tom and Madge Powls)

- Only a quilter would give the gift of a wedding quilt two months after the birth of the couple's second child.
- Only a quilter would put hundreds of dollars worth of fabric into her fabric stash because she might find a use for it sometime, but wouldn't replace a 50-cent needle on her sewing machine.
- Only a quilter would let three later-arriving patients go ahead of her at the doctor's office because she is on the verge of completing a block.
- Only a quilter would rush to finish a gift quilt. Not so it's done in time for the recipient's birthday, but so it's done for show and tell.
- Only a quilter would make a special quilt to give to her friend, who would then have to attend quilt shows just to see it.
- Only a quilter would use freezer paper in the production of something to keep someone warm.
- Only a quilter says, "I really don't need another project", then offers to make a quilt for a friend.
- Only a quilter would give a quilt book to the guild auction and then bid on it to get it back.

Snacks for February

Afternoon Session

Marg Dallaire
Carol Chenier
Donna West
Lynn Bower
Donna Longley



Evening Session

Barbara Bennett
Karen Ferguson
Edna Phillips
Jean Pattinson
Rena Brandon
Colleen Trott
Yvonne Levesque
Maragert Hogg
Marg Dallaire
Freda Porter
Ginny Fisher



A Question

Do you enjoy the guild? Do you ever stop to think just how much time and energy is needed to organize and prepare for what goes on here each month? Did you know that no position in the guild is a paid position? Isn't it amazing, the days and time that many people give to the guild each year? We should all be impressed with the generosity and willingness of the people who do all the jobs to make the guild run well.

If you're a new member, or perhaps a member who used to have small children but now has more free time, why not consider volunteering. Hopefully, no one thinks that just paying dues is all that's required to make the guild run well. Don't worry if you don't know how to do something or don't know very many people. This guild is full of fabulous, friendly women who will be glad to show you the ropes. By joining a committee you'll get to know people, learn how the guild works, learn lots more about quilting and just plain be more comfortable here.

Try volunteering. I'm sure you'll like it.



If you know of an illness or a death in the family of someone in the guild, please pass on that information to:

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or

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Help make this project a fabulous success!!

Everything will be on sale for the entire month of January to raise money for the African Project!!

We will be going to Kenya in February to the finalize the plans for the East African Quilt Exhibit and to meet with an organization called Amani Ya Juu which is located in Nairobi, Rwanda and Burundi. There are about 70 women, half refugees and half Kenyan in Nairobi.

They are being taught skills, such as sewing and quilting, that provide them with a living.

We will use 20% of the all sales to purchase supplies to bring to them in February.

If you have any questions
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All news and items for the February newsletter can be sent anytime after the January meeting with a deadline being January 20th to Lyn Griffin at lgriffin1@auracom.com

WINTER

Happy New Year!!!