



Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

Meetings on third Thursday Jan.-Nov.
at Calvary Baptist Church
785 First Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
www.ifquiltguild.citymax.com



A SEWING ROOM CHAT WITH THE PRESIDENT

HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE?

Those of you who are new to quilting may not be able to relate to this - yet, but those of who have been quilting for a while know exactly what I'm talking about. Perhaps you have been sorting through your sewing rooms, collecting items for Stash-4-Cash. I, too have been working on re-organizing my sewing room for the umpteenth time, and during this round made the unsettling discovery that I have MULTIPLES of many quilting items!!!

Now, we all have more than one of some items by necessity. Take scissors, for instance, because we have *cloth* scissors, *paper* scissors, *thread* scissors, *appliqué* scissors, etc, not to mention rotary cutters in different diameters; each responsible for a separate cutting function. BUT - what if you have *eight pairs of mini scissors*??? Really, how many can be used at one time??? What made me stop and seriously think about the amassing multiples of tools was when I was consolidating all of my craft books into one book shelf and discovered that i had duplicates of no fewer than FIVE books!!! In one instance I had *three* of the same book; guess I must really like Fig Tree Quilts. (I have also been known to inadvertently purchase duplicates of sock yarn, but that's another story for another day).

Then I got to thinking about all the other 'multiples' encountered on my reorganizing expedition: tape measures; tweezers; seam rippers (well, a quilter can't have too many of those); pin cushions; quilting hoops; needle books; thimbles; mini sewing kits; cite little containers; jars for buttons; tote bags (the kind that breed like wire coat hangers in a dark closet); caddies, and on and on. Why so many??? How did this happen???

To be fair, some of these items are gifts from cherished friends, and i would never dream of parting with them (neither the friends nor the gifts...). The items that were collected by my own efforts, however, do not enjoy the same sense of security. Some of those 'insecure' items will

undoubtedly be headed for Stash-4-Cash; other items in the 'insecure' group will require more thought as to their disposition. A lot will depend upon how much will still fit into my sewing room when all is said and done. My goal is to get bins, boxes, and bags off the floor and to stow as much as possible in closed containers. We'll see what happens.

SO...HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE???

Keep singing!

Your President,
Connie Rafferty, aka "Genghis Khannie"



P.S. SPECIAL REQUEST FROM ACTIVITIES:

Please do your best to honor the special request from Kat and Bessie, and bring your donations for Stash-4-Cash to the February Guild Meeting. This will allow the Stash-4-Cash crew enough time to sort and group items for best presentation; there is not enough time to do this with good results on the night of the Stash-4-Cash event.



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Minutes for January 15, 2015

Missed the January Meeting? Here's what happened:



Early Bird:

The Early Bird session began at 6:00 PM with Emily Fogg presenting a class on French Braid quilting. Fifteen members attended.

Opening:

At 7:00 PM Connie Rafferty opened the General Meeting with some announcements. Someone had left a Secret Sister package last month without a tag. It belonged to Bonnie Blair.

Connie welcomed four visitors. A motion for the minutes to be approved was made by Linda Echo and seconded by Lee Suski. The minutes were approved.

Announcements:

The National Quilting Association is wanting little quilts too be entered for the show this year. See the NQA website for further information. Kim Jockusch pointed out that since NQA gave us some money for our Quilt Show, it would be nice if some small quilts were entered.

In November 2015, Ricky Timms is doing a Seminar in Salt Lake City. The dates are Nov. 19-21. One can get more information on the Ricky Timms website.

Connie announced that we still have openings on the Board for Equipment Manager, Retreat Organizer and the Quilt Show Chairs for 2017. We will also need to be thinking of a candidate for president next year.

Dianne Cresap is currently dealing with health problems. Margo Fisher's father is doing poorly. Patty Smith has been diagnosed with bile duct cancer which unfortunately has metastasized.

The Quilt Heritage Museum Group needs our enthusiastic help. This is a long term project. They currently need enough money to start grant writing. Karen Price will represent our guild on the Quilt Heritage Museum Board. Joyce Shoemaker has talked to all the guilds in a 200 mile radius.

Lynne Saul is now taking reservations for a Workshop with Kathi Carter who has been trained by Judy Niemeyer. The dates for the lecture and trunk show are July 16th with classes on the 17th and 18th. The class fee is \$80.00 and you are not considered registered until the fee is paid.

Bessie and Kat did the silk ribbon and floss handouts for the Crazy Quilt Challenge Group. Bessie offered to loan her books to interested individuals. A Crazy Quilt Play Day is scheduled for February 21, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Idaho Bureau of Lands Management. There is a \$5.00 fee which included lunch. Beginners will be instructed in the basics and members can bring their blocks for help and suggestions. Ruth Fortson and Barbara Bradley won the Crazy Quilt Challenge prizes.

Members were asked to bring their donations for Stash-4-Cash to the February meeting.

Sandra Brow and Marsha Nipper each did a quilt top for the Stash Reduction Challenge.

Kat Blakely brought her Accuquilt cutter with the Log Cabin die to cut pieces for members. Next month she will bring appliqué dies.

Watch the newsletter for an upcoming Quilt Challenge which will only be available in the Newsletter. If you bring your completed project in to the guild, you will get a prize.

Three people showed their BOM (block of the month) November's Star block.

Linda Hunt gave a charity report. Ruth has received 2 baby quilts, 2 doll quilts, and 1 quilt.

Show & Tell:

Show and Tell participants included Kat Blakely, Taylor Smith, Bonnie Baird, Lee Suski, Crystal Foster, Marilyn Dedman, and Trudy Stubbs.

Education Segment:

After a short break, the education segment on Sewing Machine Maintenance was presented by Bill Blakely. His suggestions were:

Thread: Don not use cheap thread; Use the right type of thread for the project; Beware of combined threads such as polycotton; Bill prefers 100% polyester thread for sewing. Needles: There is an app for your iPhone for choosing the proper needle to go with your fabric; Don not push fabric through the sewing machine; Sewing speed affects needles; Titanium needles run cooler; Schmetz makes a new Floriani needle @ schmetzneedles.com.

Raffle Ticket Draw:

Raffle drawing was completed. With several people winning some great prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at a little after 9:00 PM.

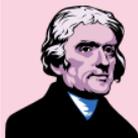
Notes Taken By Trudy Stubbs

Submitted By Karen Price, Secretary



Meeting Agenda:

- 6:00 Early Bird: Hawaiian Appliqué
- 6:30 Set-Up and Social Time
- 7:00 Welcome and Announcements
- 7:30 Show and Tell & BOM
- 7:55 Break
- 8:10 Education: Appliqué Rotation
- 8:55 Raffle
- 9:00 Adjourn





Treasurer's Report



February 2015 Edition January 2015 Treasurer's Report

Income:

Community	\$0.00
Education	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Intraguilid	\$0.00
Library	\$0.00
Meeting Raffle*	\$92.50
Member Dues/Pins*	\$0.00
Newsletter Ads*	\$0.00
Quilt Show	\$0.00
Retreat	\$0.00
Sew-Ins	\$0.00
Workshop	\$800.00
Other Income*	\$0.00

Income Total **\$892.50**

Net for the month: **\$193.90**

*General Fund

Expenses:

Community Support	\$164.00
Education	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Historian	\$0.00
Intraguilid	\$136.84
Library	\$0.00
Membership Supplies	\$0.00
President's Fund	\$66.73
Quilt Show	\$0.00
Retreat	\$0.00
Sew-Ins	\$0.00
Workshops	\$0.00
Youth Auxilliary	\$0.00

Expenses Subtotal **\$367.57**

Meeting/Office*	\$0.00
Newsletter*	\$6.00
Rent*	\$50.00
Stamps*	\$11.27
Storage*	\$0.00
Website Upkeep*	263.76

General Fund Subtotal **\$331.03**

Expense Total **\$698.60**

Fund Balances:

	6-Jan-15	29-Jan-15
Community Support	\$437.64	\$273.64
Education	\$907.52	\$907.52
Equipment	\$742.00	\$742.00
Historian	\$80.14	\$80.14
Intraguilid	\$386.45	\$249.61
Library	\$400.00	\$400.00
Membership Supplies	\$150.00	\$150.00
President's Fund	\$144.70	\$77.97
Retreat	\$995.26	\$995.26
Sew-Ins	\$250.00	\$250.00
Workshop	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Youth Auxilliary	\$50.00	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$4,943.71	\$5,376.14
General Fund	\$2,046.80	\$1,808.27
Account Total	\$6,990.51	\$7,184.41

Cash on hand \$50.00
Ending Balance **\$7,040.51**

Cash on hand **\$50.00**
Ending Balance **\$7,234.41**



QUILTIN

Guild Quilting Bees are small subsets of the guild that typically meet in members' homes to socialize and quilt together. Some Bees meet monthly, some weekly, some in the daytime or evenings. Usually their membership is limited by the size of the room in which they meet. Call ahead to see if a particular bee is open to new members, or is full for now.



Q-Bees

Next: Mar. 4th, **Contact:** Kat Blakely

For our project this year we've decided to do a Row Round Robin. Each member that wishes to participate will make a row of blocks (whatever size you wish) with a total length of between 18" and 36". We are to have these rows ready by our April meeting along with any details regarding themes, fabric choices, and background colors. We meet the **first Wednesday** of the month from 1:00-4:00; each month we meet at a different person's house. Contact katblakely@juno.com more information.



UFO* Bee

*UnFinished Object.

Next: Feb. 18th, **Contact:** Sandra Brow

Have a lot of UnFinished Objects (UFOs)? Here's the Bee for you; This Bee meets the **third Wednesday** of each month at Sandra Brow's house from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join the UFO Bee at any time. Our main purpose is to encourage ourselves to work on our own stalled projects to get them finished. At the bee, we have good light for handwork, and tables and connections for sewing machines, and even a couple of machines you can use for the afternoon. Join us! By committing to keep a project going, little by little we get our quilts done. We have a good time working and talking together at the bee, and it's a real thrill to enter a piece in local shows or the State Fair that you never thought you would finish, and maybe even win a ribbon — it has happened! Call Sandra Brow for information and directions at 208-524-6230.



Prairie Girls Bee

Next: Feb. 11th , **Contact:** Trudy Stubbs

Prairie Girls meets at the Day Dreams in Idaho Falls at 10 AM on the **second Wednesday** of each month.

If interested email Trudy for a materials list: tsdandelion@gmail.com



Busy Bees -

Next: Feb. 23rd, **Contact:** Andrea Fryzowski

This evening quilt bee meets the **Monday Following Guild Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Remember to bring whatever you want to work on as this is a 'do your own thing' group. Most plan to do handwork - applique, binding, etc. but there is room to set up a machine if you prefer. (Bring your own surge protector.) We love show & tell, so bring anything you would like to share. Contact Andrea Fryzowski at afryquilt@yahoo.com for meeting location or other information.



Quilty Pleasures

Next: Feb. 27th, **Contact:** Christina Mayne

This bee will meet the **fourth Friday** of the month from 5:00 – 8:00 at St. John Lutheran church located at 290 7th Street. Due to the holiday schedule, Quilty Pleasures will meet November 21. The schedule for December is still to be decided. We are currently looking forward to some new projects beginning in January. We will be doing machine fusible applique, working from Kim Schaefer's Calendar Quilts and Calendar Runners. These are quick projects to put together and offer plenty of variety to pick the patterns that suit you, or bring your own project and join us! I do have a couple of copies available at a discount on a first come basis.

If you would like more information: 208-709-7668 or christina.mayne@yahoo.com.

Workshops

Submitted By: Lynne Saul

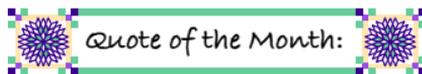


INTRA-GUILD ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED BY: KAT BLAKELY

PREVIEW: The Guild is happy to announce that we will be bringing in Kathi Carter who is a Judy Niemeyer certified instructor. Kathi will give us a trunk show at our July 16, 2015 meeting and teach a 2-day class on July 17 & 18, 2015. She will teach "Cactus Rose" (See photo below). Kathi has won numerous awards, including 2 Best Longarm Workmanship awards a AQS Shows, 2 quilts placed at the IQA Houston Show, and in February 2014 won Best Of Show at the phoenix AQS Show. She was also presented with the National Teacher Award by Elly Sienkiewicz in 2013. The cost is \$80.00 for a 2-day Workshop plus the cost of the pattern which is \$48.00. (Your registration is not complete until ALL your fees are paid in full!)

We will selling the remaining 10 spots at Guild meeting on February 19, 2015!!!



Quote of the Month:

"The want of a thing is perplexing enough, but the possession of it is intolerable." - ?

Crazy Quilt Add-On Challenge continues...

The Crazy Quilt Add-On Challenge is to constructed their foundation piece. Then, the participants are asked to include fabric manipulations, appliqué butterflies, embellish motifs, and incorporate traditional embroidery stitches, embroidery 'fill' stitches, and dimensional embroidery stitches as part of this ongoing challenge. Please join in on the next Crazy Quilt Challenge!

Other Events to Remember...

Stash-4-Cash:

Bring donations for Stash-4-Cash to the January and February meetings. We can take a FEW last minute donations in March.

Monthly Shape Cut:

Instead of fabric exchanges this year, you will bring scraps from your own stash, cut shapes and return home with cut fabric. February's Shape Cut will be a variety of appliqué shapes; hearts, stars, flowers, leaves, etc. They can be needle turned or fused but the **fusible web needs to be on prior to cutting.**



Mystery Quilt:

If you come to February's guild meeting prepared to start a Mystery Quilt, you will get to pick a prize. First choose a size Baby, 60 by 60; Twin, 66 by 83.5; Double, 83.5 by 101; Queen, 101 by 101. Second, bring the following to the guild meeting: Baby, 9 Fat-Quarter's and 2-1/4 yards background fabric; Twin, 12 FQ's and 3 yds. BK; Double, 20 FQ's and 5 yds. BK; Queen, 25 FQ's and 6 yds. BK.

Sign-up for 2015 Guild Activities:

We hope everyone will sign-up to participate in at least one activity. The sign-up sheets for fabric exchanges, quilt challenges, block exchanges, and sewing circles are at the Intra-guild activities table. **If you have questions, contact Kat Blakely or Bessie Bradshaw, co-chairs.**



STASH-4-CASH TIME SAVING TIP:

If you plan on participating in the Stash-4-Cash paper bag auction remember to bring some self-adhesive address labels. Save valuable donation-viewing time by putting the address labels on the back of your tickets instead of writing your name on each ticket. Put some labels in your purse, planner or backpack NOW!



BOM (Block Of the Month) Challenge

BOM for February are due and March's block will be announced! We would like all of you to participate. Bring your block to guild each month to show and we will have a little prize for those that bring the block. You can choose the size and colors you want to make it. Contact Emily Fogg at (208) 522-3406 for more information.

MONTH	BLOCK
October	9-Patch
November	Star
January	Log Cabin
February	Appliqué
March	Flying Geese
April	Bear Paw Or Maple Leaf
May	Dresden Plate
June	Shape Out Of Piecing
July	Paper Pieced
August	Work On Finishing Quilt Top
September	Bring Quilt For Show & Tell



BULLETIN

Comments, Questions, Corrections,
OR Do you want to advertise in the
SRVQG Newsletter?

\$2.50 for 1/4 page Ad

\$5.00 for 1/2 page Ad

\$10.00 for full page Ad

Rates are quoted are per month.

If you have questions or
would like to place an ad,
please contact

Crystal Foster by email:

crystalffoster1983@yahoo.com

or call (208) 360-2772

SECRET SISTERS:

Don't forget that February is one of the official
Secret Sister months. (The others are your
Secret Sister's birth month and favorite
holiday.) Bring a card, a gift, something to let
your secret sister know you have been
thinking of her. A Valentine's Day theme is of
course appropriate, though not required.
Wendy Schoonmaker, please call Sandra
Brow at 524-6230. (I have your Secret
Sister's form, but not your contact
information!)

GUILD BOARD MEETING INFORMATION:

In an effort to improve organization an advance
notice of our Board meeting dates have been set

for February, March, and April:

Tuesday, February 24th, 2015

Wednesday, March 25th, 2015

Monday, April 27th, 2015

Each of these meetings will be held at Emily
Fogg's house, 743 Randy Drive, Idaho Falls; from
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Contact Connie Rafferty at
(208) 521-4942 if you have questions.

