

EVENING STAR GAZETTE

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Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Eastside Church of God.

Dues are \$20 for the first year and each year thereafter

Just a Note

Welcome Happy April! At long last we have sunshine (well, some) and a few warm days to remind us that beautiful days are ahead. This has been a traveling month for several of our members and some of our "snowbird" members are returning. I always look forward to their stories and new finds from their travels. I want to say a few words about the amazing "Show and Tell" that we continue to have. Many guilds plan meetings, speakers, programs and workshops to inspire and teach their members and it is always so rewarding to see our members bring what they have learned to life! When you Guildy Girls walk across the room with your newest creation or come to the group with questions about a project in progress it makes our hearts soar. We are enjoying between 25 - 40 Show and Tell participants per month which is absolutely fantastic! We have cut back on the business end of the meeting and are including more of that information in the newsletter and in "For Your Consideration" pages so that we can enjoy even more Show and Tell. Great work Guildy Girls!

Leader of the Pack

Sherry McConnell



What's Happening Tonight?

"Triangle of Knowledge"



Connie Combs - "Summer Fun" Connie will present hints and tips for using different types of outdoor fabrics to enhance your porch or deck furniture.



Sharon McElfresh and Ann Shaffer - "Magic Box" - the girls will show us how to make a fun little make it and take it project.



Judy Tescher - "Getting the Point" - Judy will present hints and tips for squaring up and getting our points to match perfectly every time.



Block of the Month

Uneven Log Cabin





Sew What Happened Last Month....?

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Fifty seven of us showed up in "celebration" of the day. Sherry McConnell welcomed us all to the meeting and welcomed our new members (and the youngest), sisters Americus and Lillian Russell. Sherry thanked our hostesses for the delicious food. She asked that before taking pictures; ask for permission and also before posting on Facebook.

The Quilters Hall of Fame challenge is a 12 1/2" block of Sunbonnet Sue-on vacation, gone wild and" kill her off". Evidently, Sunbonnet Sue is not a favorite of all quilters!

Linda Lupton had an article in the National Quilters Association about Peg Peters. Sherry had a pieced top for Wendy Shepard in the April/May Quilters Magazine. We have national celebrities amongst us!

Ann Fisher reported a new ad and a coupon from Quilt Expressions (Fishers). Stephanie Crabtree updated the volunteers needed for April and May. Peg Peters reminded us about the Madison County Home Extension Quilting Seminar to be held on 3/22/14 at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Alexandria. There will be several vendors, presentations and a fashion show of quilted items.

Linda Lupton will lead a workshop at the McElfresh estate 4/26/14, using layer cakes, charm packs and candy packs. The cost is \$20 (to be given to Ann Shaffer by the next meeting) with lunch provided. Linda will also be giving a small class in Shipshewana, as well.

Judy Tescher received a Judge's Award at the Bloomington Quilt Show and a 3rd in the Phoenix NAQS. The Redbud Quilt Show will be May 23-24 at the Fine Arts Center, Anderson. There will be tickets for the Opportunity Quilt raffle at the next meeting.

The Block of the Month was the Half Log Cabin and the Half Log Cabin with Cornerstones, present by Sherry. Thanks to Rita Shively and Connie Combs for the samples. Sherry had her block samples on a new design wall (medium size). If there is an interest, they are \$40 for orders over 6.

Irene Silva's son is being deployed next year. When items are sent to the soldiers, usually items are sent for the troop. Irene asked if we could help her make 55 quilts to send with them. She is also asking her other quilt guilds. Irene and Sherry will get together and come up with some guidelines for the twin size quilts.

The next meet will be April 21, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Crabtree, Secretary



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Treasurer Cindy Garretson

Need a name tag?
Lost your name tag?

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Meet Stephanie Crabtree



My grandmother was a professional seamstress, my mother learned from her and my sister and I learned to sew from our mother. I have done crewel work, counted cross stitch, needlepoint and English Hand Smocking (from Kaye Judt). My first quilt was a sampler wall hanging in 1995 with a number of baby quilts afterwards. I enjoy taking classes and learning new techniques to put into my quilts (or attempt to!!). I am still doing a lot of baby quilts and lap size quilts but have started making larger ones for family. I really love to give quilts as gifts.

I have been married to my husband, Jerry for 37 years and we live between Anderson and Alexandria. We have two sons and daughter-in-laws and a wonderful 4 year old grandson. Jerry is a supervisor in the lab at Community Hospital Anderson and I work for Xerox in Marion. I used to like working in the yard and keeping the flower beds nice and neat but I have found that I really want to come home and work on my quilting projects. So if you come to visit, that's my excuse for pathetic flowerbeds!!

Besides quilting classes, I enjoy the inspiration I get from getting together with other quilters and seeing the projects they are doing. I have enjoyed being part of the Evening Star Quilt guild and I look forward each month to see what else I may want to put on my to-do list!!

Steph goes to Japan!!!

My husband and I had the opportunity to travel to Japan last month to visit our youngest son and his wife (he is teaching English as a second language for a year). What an amazing country. We arrived in Tokyo and stay for a day. That is one BUSY city!! One day was enough for me. We did manage to visit a fabric district before we left, though! There were many shops on both sides of the street for a number of blocks. We visited a few of the shops, bought a little fabric and oohed and aahed the silks. It was a banker's holiday so the big Tomato stores (that's the name of the store) were closed. Their loss, I said.

We spent the majority of the time in Kyoto, where the kids live. Everything is so clean (no litter!), the people are very respectful and we all felt very safe. The cherry blossoms were starting to bloom while we were there and we enjoyed all of the potted plants that were outside all of the apartment buildings and shops. We really needed to see those signs of spring after the winter we were finishing up.

We took a trip to Hiroshima and walked through the Peace Memorial Museum. What a powerful and thought provoking day that was. Outside Hiroshima, we travelled by ferry to Miyajima where we saw a Japanese wedding ceremony and I finally got to see the beautiful orange tori gate (part of the Itsukushima Shrine) that I have been wanting to see for many years. Check it off the bucket list!

There are beautiful shrines and temples everywhere (or so it seemed to me) and the gardens are fabulous!! It was wonderful to see all of the ancient buildings and I was fascinated by the rooftops and the detail work on the ends of the roofs and eaves. They have a number of different designs and I took many pictures of them. I want to quilt them in the two quilts I will be making from the store I visited.

Save the Date(s)

Spring Valley Quilt Guild in Pendleton has two upcoming programs of interest to all quilters and you are invited! **Both programs will be at a larger facility, the Conservation Building, 520 Falls Park Drive, Pendleton, IN 46064 at 6:00 PM. There is a \$5 fee for non-Spring Valley members.** The building is on Huntsville Road, set off the road across from the large Pendleton Ball park.

Wednesday, June 4th: Shirley Adams, "100 purses". You may remember Shirley from her Sewing Connection TV program in the 70's. and 80's. She has repurposed previous projects into lovely ultrasuede and woven purses. She will talk about her design inspiration and have her bags for sale. She is just as interesting and inspirational today as she was on her television show.

Wednesday, October 1st: Mary Buvia, come for a trunk show by this amazing award-winning Indiana quilter. She has achieved the status of "Master Quilter" and has published books about her beautiful quilts.

On The Road Again.....



April 23-26 AQS Quilt Week
Paducah, KY

May 23-24 Redbud Quilt Show
Anderson Fine Arts Center
www.redbudquiltguild.com

May 29-31 Original Sewing & Quilt Expo
Indianapolis Marriott East
www.sewingexpo.com

June 25-28 Shishewana Quilt Festival & Shop Hop

July 25-26 One Stop Quilt Shop Hop
Kokomo Event & Conference Center

September 4-7 Quilts in the Park
Spring Valley Quilt Guild. Pendleton



What's a meeting without snacks?

May

Debbie Rundquist, Bev Carr, Jan Baker

June

Ann Shafer, Gykala Jones, Sharon McElfresh

Vanna Girls

May ~ Charlotte Bright, Americus Russell

June ~ Betty Lloyd, Rita Shively

Sign-In Table

May ~ Joan Maddox, Sandy Kovach

June ~ Janet Estes

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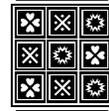
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Quilting Down at the Old Folks' Home

(continued from last month)

It took her exactly
One night and two days
To involve all the people
In various ways.

All the fabrics were cut up
And pieced into blocks.
The colors and patterns
Would knock off your socks.

The men loved the cutting;
The women would stitch.
They all worked together
To quilt "in the ditch".

When they ran out of fabric,
The curtains were used.
Said the staff at the rest home,
"We are not amused."

They cut up their napkins.
Pajamas went next;
Then nighties while Nursie
Grew dangerously vexed.

"Oh stop it," she shouted.
"Don't strip this place down.
We'll buy you some cloth
At that shop in the town."

They stripped the new
cloth,
And they pieced, and they tacked
Until every last senior
Got into the act.

Clair, who'd been silent
Since first moving in
Hollered, "Take out that yellow;
It's ugly as sin."

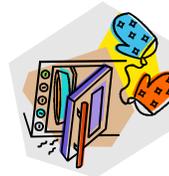
Eduardo, who scarcely
Ate even a bite
Developed, from sewing,
A huge appetite.

Then George who'd done nothing
But wheedle and whine
Bellowed, "Wait, I can do
Geometric design."

Priscilla who stayed in her
Room day and night
Came out shouting, "Hold on there!
Let me do it right."

Three crutches were tossed.
Some arthritis diminished.
The aches and pains vanished
As quilt tops were finished.

(to be continued....)



Texas White Sheet Cake 375° 15-20 min

2 sticks butter
1 C water

Melt or heat to boil and cool, then mix and add:

1/2 C sour cream or buttermilk

2 beaten eggs

2 tsp. almond extract flavoring

Sift together: 2 C flour 2 C sugar 1 tsp baking soda 1 tsp salt

Mix wet with dry ingredients until smooth...no longer than 2 minutes.

Icing: Bring to boil 1 stick butter or margarine and 6 T milk.

Let Cool and add:

1 lb powdered sugar

1 tsp almond extract

1/2 C nuts (optional)

Pour over warm cake