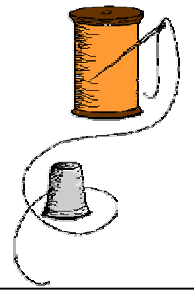




The Quilter's Voice



*The Newsletter of the Webster Quilt Guild
February 2009*

The Webster Quilt guild meets on the 3rd Friday of the month, September thru June at the Webster United Methodist Church, 169 East Main Street, Webster, NY

Come join us!!
**Next meeting is
February 20, 2009
10am to 2pm**

February Hostesses

Judy Emery*
Bonnie Foley*
Gail Rivers
Doris Jeffords
Diana Petzar
Jennifer Martin
*greeters

Officers and Committees for 2008-2009

President – Michele Sanderson
Vice President – Pat Hogan
Secretary – Cheryl Bond
Treasurer – Marge Crouse
Membership – Peg Oppenheimer
Programs – Debbie Lester, Carrie Mitchell
2010 Quilt Show – Marki Price
Baby Quilts and Basting – Jean VerHow, Diane Elmendorf
Sunshine – Betty Hoffend
Newsletter – Laure Barr, Sandy Buckman
Librarians – Diane Jessop, Paula Melino
Historian – Sandy Buckman
Scholarship – Laure Barr
Publicity – Marki Price

Hi Quilters!

Happy Valentine's Day!! We now have enough blocks to start putting a quilt of valor together. If you would like to be part of the planning or sewing process please see me so we can set a date to meet. Jeanne Wasmuth has asked for donations of small or medium unstuffed pillows to donate to Camp Joy in Rush, NY. The camp is for mentally and physically challenged adults. So if you have a orphaned block or any type of panel, sew it to a back and leave an opening in the middle of one side so it can be stuffed by one of the campers, who will then get to take the pillow home with them at the end of camp.

It is about that time of the year to select officers for the coming year. Every year, each officer position is up for election. I am bringing this up a little earlier than normal just because it always seems to be difficult to get members to serve as officers. We are once again fortunate, as Marge Crouse has agreed to act as Treasurer.

According to our By-Laws, a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members is appointed by the president at the March meeting. Members wishing to volunteer for an officer position should submit a request to anyone on the nominating committee before the April meeting. Elections will take place at the May meeting. The officer positions are as follows:

President – Presides over all meetings, appoints all committee heads, may call special meetings, and writes monthly column in newsletter.

Vice-President - Assists president, presides over meetings in President's absence, organizes hostesses, and maintains kitchen inventory.

Secretary – records minutes of each meeting and publishes it in the newsletter, maintains a directory of members, handles guild correspondence, member of newsletter committee, shall supply members with copy of the membership list.

Treasurer – maintains the financial records of the guild, collects dues and necessary monies of the guild, makes disbursements, makes monthly finance reports, and supplies new member information to the secretary.

Running an organization of any size is a challenge, but if shared by all it can be rewarding and fun. You can play a part in this important club function by taking on a leadership role and help shape where the guild will go in the future. I have heard many reasons why not to serve. I have made the excuses too, like I don't have the time, I don't like to talk in front of people; I am not good at dealing with problems. But let's talk about the why you should volunteer to become an officer.

From my own personal experience, I had many of the same thoughts going on in my head when I was asked, then I said, "why not, it might be fun." And it has been. I am a newer member to the group and a little on the shy side. Being president was a great way to become involved and meet more of the members. So if I can talk in front of the group with my small squeaky voice, think about it as if you were talking to a group of friends. The nice thing is that there are past officers to ask for advice and if you forget something they will help you out and are always willing to answer questions. For issues or problems that come up, ask the group that is the easy way to fix it. Most of the time there is an easy solution.

Do I have the time for all of this? I work a full time job and didn't feel that holding the president's position for two years took up a lot of my time. And remember there are a group of officers so you are not alone. I have a great set of officers doing an outstanding job. We all work together to make our jobs easier.

So positions are available, let's put together a great team for next year. Please consider running for an officer position and get your friends to do it with you. It's more rewarding than you think!!!

See you at the meeting,
michele s

Program information - Debbie Lester and Carrie Mitchell

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We only had 18 blocks this month. Again the weather was bad and I know we have a lot of snowbirds in the guild. But Bonnie was our big winner and after seeing what Cheryl and Carrie have done with the small blocks I know she is inspired to make a really beautiful quilt.

This month is Valentine's so we have a heart block for everyone to make. Carrie has the fabric for the background and we ask that the blocks be sewn with pink and or purple fabrics. THEN we ask that you embellish the heart block in some way. Buttons, lace, embroidery, dollies or anything that you like may be used. This is the year to try something new and think outside of the box. So start sewing and have some fun.

Don't forget to bring in any blocks from other months that you didn't finish on time or forgot, as we'll have some bonus drawings later in the year. Or if you've won and don't use all that you've won you may bring those in for our bonus drawing.

ROW QUILT

Please bring in your row quilts for all to see. Directions are being taken every month and I hear a lot of talk of how the quilts are coming along but I've only seen a few. If you need any directions please call Debbie. Or if you are out of town give me a SASE and I'll send the directions out along with the block of the month.

Sandy showed us how easy it is to make yo-yo's and I made sure that Hobby Lobby has the makers ready for you. You can do this while watching TV, as I did.

This month is an easy 9 patch row. Bring in at least 6 fabrics in the colors of your quilt ranging from light to dark and we'll help you get them in color order for this row. Bring your machine so we can sew together.

Some errors were found in the directions for the yo-yo row. You don't need to cut 12 of the 2 1/2" squares from the leaf and background fabric. Just cut 6 and it makes the 12 squares needed. And the size of the rectangles to cut from the 2 fabrics is 2 11/16" by 4 7/8". If you are confused with that you may cut them 3" by 5" then trim them to 2 1/2" by 4 1/2"

When you are unsure of a measurement, the picture of the quilt is done with each square = 2" and you can figure out the finished size from that.

If you're stuck with color or fabric suggestion or directions please ask and bring it in to our meeting. I'll be happy to help.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Quilted Postcard for Spring Fun! Laure Barr

I'll demonstrate then you can try to make your own!

We'll give you the foundation (Tintex) and Heat 'n Bond Lite

You bring the scraps to create a Daffodil Postcard

Background 4"x 6"; Bright yellow 4" square; Lighter yellow 2" square

Bright green 3" x 5"

If you wish to sew – bring your machine or play with mine! Other embellishments – yarn, beads, or whatever are also fun!

If you are sick of winter and thinking of spring – how about making your own daffodil postcard. You may appliqué we'll give you fusible). This is your time to play and experiment with, scraps, techniques and materials to create a tiny work of art!

WARNING: I made a few of these last year was soon hooked. Made one for each of my faith sharing friends, for my nephew when he got his black belt, and my mother when she broke her wrist (a blue casted little bird...)

These are addictive!



TRUNK SHOW

Sandy Pickerton will have our trunk show this month. Don't know what it is but I do look forward to the talents of our members. April and June are still open so please see Carrie or Debbie to sign up.

April Overnight

The money is DUE this month. Many of you haven't paid. I would like to start getting more ready for this and need some numbers. Please mail your check to Debbie but make the check out to Webster Quilt Guild. I would like to see more members participating.

If you can not spend the night at the hotel but would like to participate in the overnight the cost is still \$25. Rooms are \$105 and can sleep up to 4. Many of us are sharing as you do spend very little time in the room. Please book now to get the lower rate as it's only being offered until mid February. The guild will be supplying Friday supper and Saturday's lunch. The hotel supplies breakfast for those spending the night. Sewing will be into the night with the last one locking the doors. We'll start again early the next morning and have the room until 5:00. If you don't have enough projects or supplies for the weekend, Ivy Thimble will be in attendance with lots of goodies for sale. This will be set up early for the entire guild to enjoy. I have a few goodies for us but won't take up a lot of time with to many games etc. so we can sew! I know that you may have questions. So ask at the meeting and I hope I can address any questions you have. Please take advantage of this weekend. If you are having trouble with a project, bring it. There are so many members with experience in our guild to help. Remember the money is due.

Webster Quilt Guild – Minutes from January 16, 2009 Meeting

Michele Sanderson, president opened the meeting at 10:10am with 38 members and no guests.

President: Michelle Sanderson called the meeting to order. She wished everyone a happy new year and announce that she is still needs a few more blocks for the "Quilt of Valor" service project.

Vice President: Pat Hogan told all the hostesses that they had done a great job and were making delicious treats. Pat cannot be at the February meeting and Sandy Buckman agreed to substitute.

Treasurer: Marge Crouse read the treasure's report. The guild balance is \$5371.89 and the scholarship fund balance is \$818.72.

Secretary: December, 2008 minutes approved - no corrections.

2010 Quilt Show: A motion to hold the show on May 1, 2010 was made and all members present approved. Marki Price, show chair person will confirm availability with the church.

Programs: Debbie Lester reminded members to sign-up for the over night the Webster Holiday Express on April 17-18. She is working on retreat activities, including a Quilt of Valor project and also hosting Ivy Thimble. A future guild activity will be making guild logo tote bags. The cost for the embroidered logo will be in the range of \$3-\$5. Laure Barr introduced making postcards for the February program.

Announcements: Jean Wasmuth volunteers for Camp Joy in Rush, NY which is a camp for the mentally and physically challenged adults. She asked the guild if they would make pillows (any size) that would then be donated to the camp for the campers to stuff. Contac Jean if interested in helping out.

Block of the Month Drawing: The winner of 21 star blocks was Bonnie Foley.

Show and Tell Drawing: The winner was Jennifer Martin.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bond