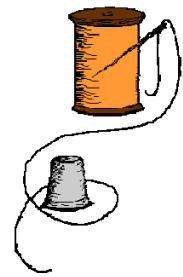




The Quilter's Voice



The Newsletter of the Webster Quilt Guild
February 2012

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 17, 2011
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Kathy Echter*
Cheryl Bond*
Sandy Buckman
Diane Jessop
Kerry Hockham
Carrie Mitchell
Ruth Klingenberger
Jeanne Lockwood
*greeters

President's Letter

As this new year unfolds (wow, it's February already!) I would like to challenge each of you to try something new with regard to quilting. For example, I recently designed and appliquéd a block using some of my batik scraps. Even though I started designing and sewing clothes for my dolls when I was four, I have always preferred sewing by machine so this was a different experience for me. I also used some of those batik scraps to make a decoupage project on a small antique glass door. It's not exactly sewing but I consider it my "glass quilt". Learning to use a long-arm machine has meant more completed quilts and I really enjoy that whole process.

Trying something new does not mean that you have to complete a whole quilt. Sew just a single block. Use it for the outside pocket of a bag, the front of an apron or the center of a table runner. Make a placemat and donate it to Meals-on-Wheels at our June luncheon. Or frame your block and hang it on the wall!

At our January meeting I noticed there was considerable interest in the paper piecing demonstration. Maybe this is the different technique that you would like to try. Or maybe you are stuck in a color or style rut. If we can recognize your project before reading your name on the label, go "incognito" and make something that your friends won't expect.

One of the best reasons to join a guild is to tap the expertise of other quilters and be inspired by their projects. Now might be just the time to think outside your own box. Don't forget to share your results. *Jill*

2011-2012 Officers & Committees

President – Jill Escriva
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Publicity – Marki Price
Baby Quilts – Jean VerHow; Sandy Buckman
Basting – Jean VerHow
Sunshine – Betty Hoffend
Newsletter – Laure Barr, Sandy Buckman
Librarian – Jeanette Lockwood
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Scholarship – Peg Oppenheimer, Sandy Buckman
Website – Gretchen Stumme
Frame Rental – Sandy Buckman
2012 Boutique – Sally Maier

Important Notes



EVENING MTG.

Goodwill Store –
50 Webster Commons
Feb. 9th , 6-8:30 p.m.

We'll be making 4 patches to turn into this baby quilt for donation. Individual patches should be 2 ½" cut – 2 light, 2 dark. Bring your scraps and sewing supplies!

January 20th Webster Quilt Guild

President: Welcome to new members and guests.

There was a question as to the cost of the retreat. Programs were planned last summer. A budget was made and approved by the board. Retreat opportunity in Syracuse came up. To clarify, \$20 per member to a maximum of \$1000 has been approved by the board.

Paper goods are being collected for the Webster Food Cupboard.

There was a question from Sandra G as to whether or not we wish to continue making Christmas Ornaments for the Webster Museum's tree. Comments from the discussion - Some would like to work on the ornament at an earlier time (at October meeting?) Others like to take them home to work on. Only 30 finished ornaments were received this year. Some thought it was good publicity for a low cost of about \$20. Only 5 members attended and voted for our tree, so we didn't win. Diane J motioned to continue the ornaments for the Webster Museum. It was seconded by Marki and the motion carried.

Vice President: Thanks to all the hostesses and greeters. Please note the name tags are now hung on the wall to your left as you enter the meeting room.

Quilt Show Boutique...items that sold well last show were tote bags, purses, pot holders, (please do not violate copyright laws). Last time we included 6 baby quilts and only one sold (for about \$30). We will not sell any this year. We will display some in a crib so people see them as one of our projects.

Treasurer: Balance: \$2828.68 Expenses: Name tag organizer, Prizes for Christmas trees decor
Scholarship balance \$1230.62

Secretary: Peg motioned to approve the minutes, Brigitte seconded. Motion carried.

2012 quilt show: Marki has registration form available now. She would like them as soon as possible to make it easier than doing them all last minute. Please note if it is a mystery or sampler quilt so we can hang them together. Next month we will sign up for jobs at the show. Strong muscles and ladders are needed for set up. Diane will complete the new registration form for website. If you win a ribbon you get to make a ribbon for the next winner! Please pick up your pattern from Marki.

Tickets - we are asking you to pick up your tickets. The money and entry stubs need to be returned to Sandy Buckman by the April 20th meeting. Tickets are \$4 each and each member is asked to sell 10. We will attend other quilt guilds and sell tickets - Spencerport, Brockport, Genesee Valley, Perinton, and Community Arts Day. Please contact Peg if you are available to go to one of these locations.- March 26th 7 p.m. Irondequoit, Brockport -still need someone, Perinton March 5th 7pm, Spencerport Mar 15 7 p.m. Rosemary. March 24 Community Arts,

Scissor doctor is ready to go if you'd like to have your scissors sharpened. (*This occurred during our meeting.*)

Molly - Door prizes have been requested and over 7 boxes and gift certificates have been received.

Baby quilts - are currently at 37. Sandy has batting if you need some. Goal is 98 (same number as the number of members!) Carrie has additional patterns or you can use one of your own.

Sunshine - we sent Vie Do a card at a nursing home to say hi, Judi Gent also should get a card on the loss of her sister. Charlotte Wilson could also use a friendly note or postcard.

Program report -Block of the month was an "I spy" quilt. Four bags of fabric were donated from residents of Cherry Ridge and were placed in the garage sale. No retreat is planned due to lack of interest.

Michele moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ruth K.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laure Barr

PROGRAM

Social time starts as soon as you get there. We do have the church starting at 9:00, but our meeting doesn't start till 10:00. It's followed by show and tell, and then a break before our program starts. Remember our guild time is till 4:00, plan your day to stay and participate in our programs.

February –	17 – Trunk show with Marlous 25 – Sit and Sew	June –	15 – Luncheon 30 – Sit and Sew
March –	16 – Trunk show by Ann Nash 24 – Sit and Sew	July -	21 – Sit and Sew
April –	20 – Ready for our show – demo of preparing your quilt for the show 21 – Sit and Sew	August –	18 – Sit and Sew
May –	4 – Show set up Keep your calendars free to help 5 - Show 18 – Garage Sale Day, finish up work from the show	September –	15 – Sit and Sew
		October –	13 – Sit and Sew
		November –	24 – Sit and Sew
		<u>2013</u>	
		January –	19 – Sit and Sew
		February –	9 – Sit and Sew

SIT AND SEW

Please remember to sign up for the sit and sews. Sign up sheets will be at each meeting. If you don't sign up you are still welcome to attend. They are held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church at 813 Bay Road from 9:00 to 8:00. Bring food and we'll send out for supper. The cost is \$5.00 for the day, whether you stay 1 hour or all day. The hours are subject to change. If you can help with the sit and sews please contact Debbie Lester. We provide coffee, iron and ironing board and have access to a refrigerator to keep your lunches cold.

BABY QUILTS

We are a very gifted guild and we only ask that each member donate one baby quilt each year. Jean VerHowe collects the quilts and donates them to Asbury House, where they are greatly appreciated. Some guide lines we ask is the quilt be 36" to 45" wide and 45" to 55" long. The guild will provide batting and Sandy Buckman has the sign up sheet.

SQUARE SPARROW

We have some openings in the groups. Please contact me or Jill if you are interested in participating.

PLACEMATS

Starting making placemats for our June meeting. Please take some time to make as many placemats as possible. They are going to be donated to Meals on Wheels and to decorate your table for our annual pot luck lunch.

MAY GARAGE SALE

Now is the time to start cleaning out and getting ready to sell some of those unwanted projects, books, fabrics, patterns, and any other item/s you have. We will have tables set up for you to sell your priced items for others to buy and enjoy. It doesn't have to be quilting related!! All we ask is that you donate 10% of your sales to the guild. I would like to donate the monies collected to an organization in Webster.

Volunteers are seldom paid: not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!

Author Unknown

A THANK YOU NOTE:

Hi everyone,

Thanks you again to all who contributed, fabric, sewing, pressing, cutting, and any other time towards making the 4-patch blocks for the cancer quilts. You will be pleased to know that I am taking another 536 blocks down to Chestnut Bay tomorrow. Most came from our club and that combined with the previous blocks sewn at our January night meeting of 199 gives us a grand total of 735 blocks donated. What a great response!!! Thanks again and looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Cheryl

Sewing Room Tested Product Review for January

This month's item to be tested was "Lil'Twister". The product was donated by Ivy Thimble in Victor and our tester was Jean Forstbauer. The approximate cost of the product is \$10.00 and she thought that this was a reasonable price. Jean also admits that she would not have tried this quilt design without it. She recommends the product as fun especially if you want "something new and different." She did find the last cut using the tool on the last side a bit difficult. She also felt that the color contrast regarding light and dark could have been better explained but acknowledged that this may be better explained in a book or related pattern. She was thankful for the opportunity to use this product. I agree with her on this point because I tried the Lil'Twister in a class and it made more sense to me after using it. I also found since I did a lap quilt that by practice I became more adept at the last cut and eventually I had even learned to use the tool left handed. The feet on the bottom of the tool keeps it from slipping and the tool is a thick acrylic and your rotary cutter rode right along the edge nicely.

Webster Quilt Guild...Block of the Month...February 2012

Double Stuff

Finished block: 10" (unfinished 10 1/2")
 Use RED sweetheart center provided.
 Use black, white & red for the print strips.

Directions:

Construct block from center to outside...begin with 2 1/2" center square. Add "strip sets" log-cabin-style working around the block as you go.



Cut fabrics:

Fabric	Cut	Size
A. Center (provided)	One	2 1/2" square
B. White with print	Two	1 1/2" WOF
	Four	1 1/2" x 4 1/2"
	Four	1 1/2" x 8 1/2"
C. Dark w/ white print	Two	1 1/2" x WOF
	Four	1 1/2" x 4 1/2"
	Four	1 1/2" x 8 1/2"

Sewing:

- ✓ Use 1/4" seam allowance...caution scant is better than a generous 1/4".
- ✓ Sew 4 1/2" B & C together to create four "pair strips"...always press away from center.
- ✓ Sew 8 1/2" B & C together...four "pair strips"
- ✓ Start with the center block, add short print set sewing 2 1/4" seam, stopping 1/4" before end of center square. (1)
- ✓ Pin strip "tail" out of the way to add the next pair strip...sew seam stopping 1/4" before end. (2 & 3)
- ✓ Unpin tail and sew across strip to complete the seam across the "top edge" of 2nd strip. (4 & 5)
- ✓ Press well with each step.
- ✓ Continue around square until short pairs are completed. (6)
- ✓ Repeat same technique to add the long pairs. (7)
- ✓ See pictures to follow the steps...

