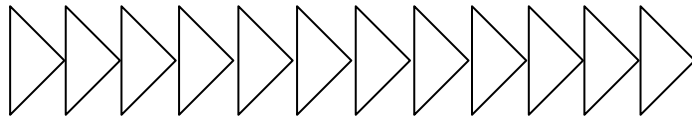


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MEMBER NEWS

Helen Rude is home and doing well. She's getting in and out of bed by herself, playing cards with the grandkids, and has even been cross stitching a little bit. She's not going to let three little, tiny titanium pins in her hip slow her down. "The trip to Antique Roadshow is still on" she informed the Doctor the day she left the hospital.

Good thoughts and prayers are needed for Carol Logan's 16 year old grandson, Ryan. He had a blood clot turn loose from somewhere and work its way into his brain. This resulted in left side paralysis for a short time as well as a horrendous headache. He's doing well now, and after a very quick trip to the San Francisco area, so are Grandma and Grandpa Logan. May Ryan be up and buggin' everyone soon!

SAPPHIRE QUILT CLUB MINUTES FOR MAY, 2010

Our meeting, which started early at 6:30, was held at the Senior Center in Stevensville, Montana on May 11, 2010. President Becky Wilcox was absent due to a family emergency. Vice President Helen Rude presided over a very short meeting with the assistance of Secretary Christy Schmitz and Treasurer Mary Hayes.

Tonight was a Sunshine Quilt Project work meeting with 31 members and 2 guests in attendance. Thank you to all who came and were so willing to work on three quilt tops for our community! That's what we are all about!

Next Quilt Show Committee meeting will be May 20 at 6:30 at Carol Logan's home.

Heidi Zielinski's wonderful fabric art pieces are being shown at the River's Mist Gallery in Stevensville. Be sure to stop by and see what she's been busy doing.

Linda Powell let us know about an Eleanor Burns certified teacher who is coming in September to the Bitterroot Quilters Club. For those who may want to attend the class if there is space available, the cost would be \$55. Please check with Linda for more information.

Linda also mentioned there is a \$30 copy card we could purchase at Valley Drug for all our copies for the Club. This might be a good opportunity to think about.

Mary Baughn and several other ladies showed six old aprons from years ago and shared wonderful stories about their mothers.

Nine Show and Tell quilts were shown. Barbara Reutlinger, who has been gone for the winter, showed the beautiful Baltimore Album quilt she has made while she was away along with an old handkerchief quilt, a table runner, and 3 other wonderful items. Noel Hunt showed a raffle quilt she made for the Darby Fire Fighters raffle. Judy Davis showed a beautiful bow tie quilt. Mary Alice Sutherlin finished a black and white crazy quilt along with another scrappy Sunshine Quilt. Thanks to all who shared their time and talents with the Club.

Our very own raffle quilt was shown all finished! Missy Sorenson is in charge of getting it displayed all around the Bitterroot. She handed out raffle ticket packets to each member to either purchase or sell for the benefit of the Club.

Judy Davis won the Block of the Month drawing and Christy Schmitz won the Fat Quarter drawing. Thank you very much. They are so much fun!!

Minutes presented by Christy Schmitz, Secretary

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

The program for June will be "Fabrics and Trims of the Victorian Age" presented by Gretchen Spiess of Stevensville. Gretchen has a passion for all things Victorian and will share some interesting history and information with us. In addition, she will have lots of wonderful examples to show us! Gretchen is the owner of River's Mist Gallery in Stevensville and is an accomplished seamstress.

The mini class on "Everyday Substitutes for Purchased Tools" will be presented by Linda Powell.

THIS MONTH'S BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Julie Davis is working on a pattern to celebrate the Fourth of July.

THIS MONTH'S FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

Krista Ober has selected florals as the theme for this month's exchange. Maybe if we gather enough of them together, it will begin to feel like summer.

OFFICIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO:

Connie Gevock who was born on June 3rd. This is the only month with just one birthday in it unless the information we've been given is incorrect. If so, please let the Membership person, Helen Rude know.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

One of the ladies who came to visit us in May decided to join our Club. Add her name to your membership roster. It is Eileen Lacey-Powell at 4498 Sunburst Lane in Stevensville. Her phone number is 777-2236. Make her feel welcome when you see her at the next meeting.

HOW ABOUT NEXT MONTH?

The meeting will include a Quilt Show Report and wrap-up details. Beyond that, there is no information about a program at this time.

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 15 - the LAST DAY to get your quilts and other items registered for our show. Don't forget!!!

June 25 - the Missoula Quilters Guild is sponsoring their show which has a theme of "Wild Goose Chase." The show is at Big Sky High School which is 3100 South Avenue West in Missoula. The hours are 10 to 7 on Friday and 10 to 4 on Saturday and should have over 400 quilts on display. Available will be demonstrations; food and beverages; a Featherweight sewing machine (with a table) raffle; raffles for a baskets of black and white fabrics as well as one full of flannels; a Civil War reproduction fabric queen-size quilt; a silent auction; and vendors from near and far. Featured quilters are Allyson Baldwin and Cynthia Spethman. Admission is \$4.

July 9 and 10 - OUR SHOW. TELL YOUR FRIENDS. BRING YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW AND COUSINS. CAROL AND REBECCA WANT YOU TO KNOW "IT'S GOING TO BE BEAUTIFUL!!!"

July 17 and 18 - Quack'n Quilters Guild of Townsend is celebrating another year of quilting with their annual quilt show at the Broadwater School Gym. The school is at the corner of North Cedar and 2nd Street, just two blocks east of Route 278/Route 12. The

hours are from 9 to 5 on Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday. Featured will be a raffle quilt, a silent auction, demonstrations, and numerous vendors. Admission is \$2 and children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. For information, contact Marie at 980-0786.

October 2 and 3 - The first ever Sapphire Sew-A-Thon/Sleep-In-Your-Own-Bed Event. Plans are being made to hold a low-cost, high-energy sewing get-away on October 2 and 3 at the classroom next to About Fabric in Stevensville. The hours will be from 9 am to 11 pm each day for those of us who need to get away from the kids, cats, dogs, and telephones in order to get some serious (?) sewing done.

Right now, it looks like O J, coffee, and muffins will be available for breakfast. Lunch will be on our own -- brown bags, pizza delivery, or whatever else sounds good. Dinner will be a slow cooker potluck of something like taco soup (minus the beans) or a vegetable stew or something similar. And of course, chocolate!!

The cost, which will cover goodies and electricity, will be \$20 per person per day.

As a special favor, Jane will keep the store open in case we need more fabric, more notions, still more fabric, or more of whatever else you may run out of. How awesome is this going to be?!? More information will be available as the event gets nearer. Get your name on the list. Yes, you can bring hand work and your slippers. Come join the fun.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President -- Becky Wilcox	Vice President - Helen Rude
Secretary -- Christy Schmitz	Treasurer -- Mary Hayes
Quilt Show Chairs -Carol Logan and Rebecca Stapert	Program/Special Events - Heidi Zielinski and Joyce Walters
Block of the Month -- Julie Davis	Fat Quarter Exchange-Krista Ober
Historian -- Christy Schmitz	Hospitality/Friendship - Mary Baughn and Joann Magee
Membership Chair - Helen Rude	Notification Chair -- Wendy Finlay
Online Editor - Linda Powell	Potholder Exchange - Theresa Blazicevich
Publisher - Noel Hunt	Raffle Quilt Chairman --
Secret Sister --Betty Mayes	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales -
Sunshine Quilt Project - Becky Wilcox	

QUILT SHOW STUFF

Lots and lots of things will be happening at the show. As members, we are being asked to volunteer to contribute to the show's success. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting so be thinking about where you can help out. The show is a great way to get to know other Club members.

Boutique: Krista Ober and Phyllis Scobie are asking for new and used quilting items (either as donations to benefit the club or as consignments for your benefit less a 10% commission to club), fabric scraps at least 3" wide to sell by the pound, and lady-themed or quilting magazines. The price for the items to be sold is to be determined by the giver/consignor. Keep your prices in even dollar amounts and under \$15 please.

Challenge Fabric Contest: Judy Davis and Tina McPherson have fabric kits for sale for \$4. Get yours and think outside the box to create that prize winning item. It's a fun way to try something new.

Demonstrations: Someone is needed to host and schedule demonstrations. Some vendors and club members have volunteered to do demonstrations. We would like about four demonstrations each day. Do you have an idea? Can you show something that makes quilting easier or prettier? Contact Carol Logan at 777-6999 or Rebecca Stapert at 273-9078.

Food: All club members are asked to bring salads and cookies to the high school on **Wednesday**. This is the day the racks will be set up. These salads and cookies will be used to feed the workers and vendors throughout the show.

Raffles: Members are asked to bring fat quarters and half yards of either cream or blue fabric for the fabric raffles to the **June** meeting. Also for the show, at least four people are needed each day to set at raffle tables to sell tickets.

There will be four separate raffles: sewing machine, fat quarters, and half yards of fabrics, as well as that awesome quilt. Envelopes with 12 tickets and a picture of the quilt have been prepared for each member either to sell or purchase. These will be given out again at the June meeting.

Set Up and Take Down: On **Wednesday**, tall guys and guys with ladders are needed for set up. The racks are bolted together on tables, then get lifted, set in place, and tied together. Husbands, brothers, sons, and the next door neighbor's basket ball player are wonderful choices.

On **Thursday**, the quilts get hung. People are needed to do this. We will have some help from a 4-H group which will be moving tables and chairs, hanging the display sheets, and getting the quilts in numerical order ready to be hung. This part of the show takes many hands in order to get everything done in time for the **Preview Party** which starts between 5:30 and 6:00 Thursday night.

At take down time on **Saturday**, the same type helpers are needed. Getting the racks down, display sheets and hangers boxed up, and quilts ready to distribute to their owners takes many hands.

Silent Auction: Joyce Walters and Loey Knapp are looking for donations of items that will be auctioned off for the benefit of the club. You might think about such things as certificates for haircuts, massages, or manicures, machine quilting, meals; plants; finished quilts or table runners; or framed paintings or pictures. Really, anything with a value of at least \$25. These items will go to good homes. Ask your friends and neighbors to go through closets and drawers for those gently used items that would be so attractive in someone else's house.

Tables: We may have an issue getting enough 6 or 8 foot tables. Our source has been changing over to round tables and selling the long ones we used two years ago. Do you have any 6 or 8 foot tables that can be used for three days at the show? Contact Carol or Rebecca. Also card tables will be needed for the café. Mary Baughn is the contact person for these.

Thank you in advance for your help in making our 2010 show a huge success. It wouldn't happen without you.