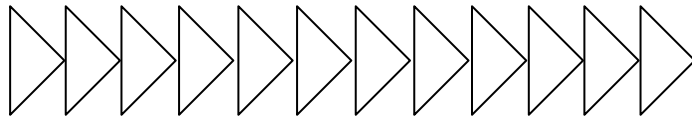


# Sapphire



# Quilt Club



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Out and About:** Several fine art, quilt, and other interesting shows are happening:

\*\* Big Sky Fiber Arts Festival on June 10, 11, and 12 at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds Convention Center in Hamilton.

\*\* West Kootenai Amish School Auction on June 11 in Rexford.

\*\* Under the Big Sky Fine Arts and Crafts Festival on June 17 and 18 at the Missoula Fair Grounds.

\*\* Bitter Root Day on June 18 at the Ravalli County Museum in Hamilton.

\*\* Whitefish Arts Festival on July 1, 2, and 3 in Whitefish.

\*\* Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead Summer Art and Craft Festival on July 8, 9, and 10 in Kalispell.

\*\* Main Street Flathead Cherry Festival on July 16 and 17 in Polson.

\*\* A Quilt Show on September 4 and 5 in St. Mary's, Idaho Quilt Show

\*\*And finally, the sure-to-be-wonderful show "Sentimental Journey" Quilt Show being sponsored by The Bitterroot Quilters Guild on June 25 and 26 at the Fairgrounds in the 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Building in Hamilton.

**A Story to Ponder:** While attending a big quilt show in Arizona two years ago, I found myself standing in front of a small quilt that wasn't exactly square with seam intersections and corners that almost met, but not quite. The quilting stitches were not evenly spaced nor were they straight. I thought to myself that this quilt wasn't what I would expect to see in such a well-known quilt show.

Then I read the card attached to the quilt. This quilt was made by a young girl only nine years old. It was the last line that really brought me up short. She had only one arm. I stood there for a moment and thought to myself "Just who am I to judge this girl's efforts. She did the very best she could."

### HOSTESSES FOR THE MONTH

Those sharing goodies with us this meeting are Phyllis Scobie, Missy Sorenson, Rebecca Stapert, Marilyn Stromberg, and that lucky lady, Mary Alice Sutherlin. Thanks to all of you.

### SAPPHIRE QUILT CLUB MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 2011:

The meeting was conducted by President Helen Rude. There were 38 members present with 3 guests.

Helen brought up the following names of members who have expressed interest in being on the board. If anyone else is interested, please let Helen know so your name can be put on the nominations list/ballot.

President - Joanne McGee

Vice President - Theresa Blazeicevich

Treasurer - Danette Hawkins

Secretary - Becky Wilcox

Several people have expressed interest in chairing our regular committees for next year. After the new Board members are officially elected, please make your offers to chair that certain committee known to them.

The project of heading up the Quilt show is still VERY, VERY OPEN. This can be a joint job. There are lots of people willing to help, so please consider chairing this. The quilt show is the money maker for our club which enables us to finance our Sunshine projects and other educational activities. If YOU are interested, please speak up now. That way, as you attend other quilt shows this summer, you can be gathering ideas!!

Rebecca Stapert and Carol Logan shared their feedback about being co-chairs of the quilt show last time. They both said there were LOTS of helpers and great new friendships made.

Potential theme ideas were submitted by many members. As part of the planning process, these will be brought to the membership at the next meeting for a vote.

Who might be willing to head up starting a raffle quilt??? We still need to do this to earn money so **this really needs to have our quickest attention**. Please realize that it takes lots of helpers to do this. The Membership Chair reviewed this year's Membership Applications and found that Judy Davis and Linda Powell had expressed interest in working on the quilt. Are there more of you who are interested?

The Bitterroot Quilters Guild of Hamilton is having their quilt show June 25-26 with the theme of "Sentimental Journey". Jamie Christian set up their beautiful raffle quilt for us to see. It measures 54" x 74". Raffle tickets are now on sale at \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. They have also hired a quilt appraisal expert for their show, so you can make an appointment with her to have your quilt appraised. An appraisal is good for insurance purposes and to set a value for any quilts you may donate. For a 15 minute verbal appraisal, the cost would be \$20.00; for a 45 minute/written appraisal it would be \$45.00; for more info, contact Linda Powell.

Loey Knapp has had a major change in her "real" job. In her spare time, she has been maintaining the Club's web page. Thank you very much for this, Loey! Joanne McGee has offered to take over this responsibility. Thank you so much.

Ideas were brought forth about possible fundraisers for the Club such as using a Sunshine Quilt which could be raffled during Creamery Picnic.

A poem was read by Helen called "Mother's Quilt" which was very sweet.

An opinion was expressed by Mary Hayes about a Sunshine quilt binding that needed some extra help on it. If anyone is still learning (which aren't we all?) about doing bindings, Mary is willing to help. So please call or see her if you are working on a donation quilt and need some tips.

We had a nice selection of Show and Tell items. One person mentioned that she had participated in doing the block of the month project and this helped them with her sewing skills. Two of the flannel baby quilts were finished that we all had been working on for Sunshine quilts.

A thank you note from Dan Ashmore of Stevensville High School was read.

The Superior Quilt Show will be held Aug. 5 and 6.

The Block of the Month winner was Mary Alice Sutherlin, while the Fat Quarters of the month were shared by Mary Baughn and Pam Matter.

???Is someone checking into using the City Hall room for a Sunshine Sew Day???

Quilters Bingo was enjoyed by all.....Prizes were sewing notions, fat quarters and other miscellaneous quilt related items....lots of winners...very fun night with great refreshments...Thank you to our refreshment committee and program leaders...Joanne Magee and Joyce Walters. Also a BIG THANK YOU to our great bingo caller, Theresa Blazicevich. Submitted by Tina McPherson, Secretary

## ROSTER CHANGES

We have two email address changes for your rosters: Mary Hayes is now at [nanamary5@q.com](mailto:nanamary5@q.com) while Robin Anthony is now [Boomerbuggy99@hotmail.com](mailto:Boomerbuggy99@hotmail.com).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Joyce Anderson will be visiting with us from Idaho and sharing a trunk show of her quilts. This should be wonderful. She will also conduct the pre-meeting activity by teaching us a quick and easy method to make flying geese. Then on Wednesday, she will be teaching "The Winning Hand" class at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 184 Pinehollow Road just south of Stevensville. There are still two or three openings if you are interested.

## THIS MONTH'S BLOCK AND STRIP OF THE MONTH

The Strip of the Month project is coming together; now is the time to stitch up any of those unfinished strips and begin to get them sewn together. We are looking forward to seeing your tops, or even finished quilts, at the July meeting.

THIS MONTH'S FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE will celebrate weddings and family reunions so bring those prints that depict people, men, women, or children.

OFFICIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO all of those wonderful husbands, children, and grandbabies born in June as none of our members were.

## LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President - Helen Rude

Secretary - Tina McPherson

Vice President - Mary Baughn

Treasurer - Danette Hawkins

### Committees

Block of the Month - Pam Matter

Historian - Joann Magee

Notifications - Lynn Koeppen

Programs - Teresa Blazicevich and

Joann Magee

Sunshine Quilts - Janalee McFadgen

Fat Quarters - Barbara Reutlinger

Hospitality - Joyce Walters

Newsletter - Linda Powell

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Website - Loey Knapp; Joann McGee