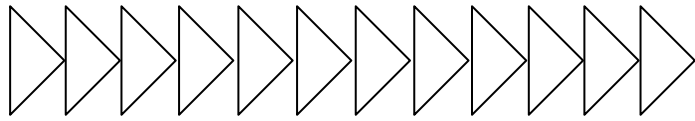


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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Missy and Bryan Sorenson are the proud grandparents of a baby boy -- 7.1 lbs and 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall. Grandma is on her way to Salt Lake to welcome this latest addition to their family.

The Missoulian printed our meeting information -- not once, but twice! We've been discovered!!!

SAPPHIRE QUILT CLUB MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2011

Phyllis Scobie treated us with a wonderful variety of information at the Mini Class -- how to make that "magic" quilter's knot; how to twirl intersecting seams so they lay flat; and where to find great directions on how to make scalloped edges on our quilts. Thank you so much Phyllis.

The regular meeting started a few minutes early as everyone was eager to get to the Program. Six guests from the Bitterroot Guild joined us for the evening. President Helen announced that our Christie Schmitz had moved from the Valley. Everyone wished her and her family well. However that leaves us in need of a fill-in Secretary for the rest of the year. Tina McPherson volunteered to take minutes at the regular meetings and Linda Powell said she would do the same at the Board meetings.

Thank you notes were received from the Stevensville Sharing Tree Project for the 315 filled Christmas stockings which were included in their food baskets given to local families and from Pantry Partners for our food donation to them.

Trout Creek Mercantile sent a notice of their sale.

Our own Betty Mayes is selling many of her quilts and other items at the Red Willow Antique Store annex.

Membership cards had been prepared and distributed to most club members. These cards will allow our members to receive a 10 percent discount on fabric purchases at Hokey's Quilt Shoppe on Eastside Highway. Thank you to Eileen, JR, and Hokey!!

Theresa shared information about the June class with Joyce Anderson who is a certified Eleanor Burns instructor. The fee for the class will be \$25 with a limit of 20 participants. Theresa or Joann will accept your payment for the class.

Pam shared the instructions for the latest Mystery Quilt which takes 6 fat quarters and 2 yards of a background fabric to create a lap size quilt. This project will take two months to complete - the first to sew the squares and the second to lay it out which is where the mystery part of the project will occur.

Carol Logan won the Block of the Month drawing while Lucy Lewis won all of those beautiful Fat Quarters. Congratulations ladies. The March Fat Quarter will be Fresh Green Grass or Leaves.

Helen asked for a volunteer to complete an already cut Turning 20 quilt. Lucy shared her idea about a different way to use the donated 9" blocks which we received last month.

Our liaison with the Bitterroot Quilters Guild announced that spaces are available at the upcoming class with Margaret Miller if anyone was interested.

The program for the evening was presented by Sharon Marble who has a truly awesome collection of antique quilts dating back to the 1850s. We were all delighted to see the beautiful fabrics, patterns, and stitching which were used by our ancestors and amazed that so many of the patterns are still being used today. Thank you goes to Sharon and to Becky Wilcox for arranging the presentation.

Submitted by Linda Powell

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Several things will be going on this month. For the **Mini-Class**, Theresa and Joann have arranged for a Physical Therapist to come show us exercises for quilters. No one wants carpal tunnel or quilter's elbow.

Pam will be sharing more information about the **Mystery Quilt** project.

Helen and Janalee will be working with small groups on the **Sunshine Baby Quilt** project which requires sewing machines, rotary cutters, cutting mats and quilters ready to sew. The fabrics have already been cut.

In another corner of the room will be Linda working with **bindings** -- sewing double mitered corners and stitching them down. For those of you who want to learn this technique, bring two 6" squares of fabric and four 3 1/2" wide strips of contrasting fabric at least 10" long. This technique can be done with a needle and thread but machine sewing is the method most people use.

The **Goodie List** indicates that Loey Knapp, Lynn Koeppen, Eileen Lacey-Powell, Lucy Lewis, and Carol Logan are the ladies who will be treating us to refreshments this month.

THIS MONTH'S BLOCK AND STRIP OF THE MONTH

Pam has selected Cobweb for this month's block and Mountain Splendor for the Strip of the Month block.

THIS MONTH'S FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

Barbara is getting us ready for Spring with her selection of a Fresh Green Grass or Leaves fabric.

OFFICIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO:

Paula Burrier on the 5th; Mary Ann Beilke on the 13th; Barbara Reutlinger on the 14th; Lena Dawson on the 15th; Star Kelly on the 20th; Lynn Koeppen on the 21st; and Christy Schmitz on the 22nd.

HOW ABOUT NEXT MONTH?

Not only will the upcoming quilt show be on the agenda, but also the featured quilter selection criteria, and officers and committee chairs for the new year. Therefore some time will be devoted to discussing the duties of each position on the Board and the committees. These jobs are not time consuming nor difficult; in fact have been enjoyed by those who have taken them on. Think about what your contribution might be to continuing our success as an awesome quilt club.

The Club has been asked to participate on April 2nd in a fund-raising event for our Sunshine Quilt Project at St. Mary's Family Center. Further details will be shared at the meeting.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President - Helen Rude

Vice President - Mary Baughn

Secretary - Tina McPherson

Treasurer - Danette Hawkins

Committees

Block of the Month - Pam Matter

Fat Quarters - Barbara Reutlinger

Historian - Joann Magee

Hospitality - Joyce Walters

Notifications - Lynn Koeppen

Newsletter - Linda Powell

Programs - Teresa Blazicevich and
Joann Magee

Publisher - Noel Hunt

Sunshine Quilts - Janalee McFadgen

Secret Sisters - Terry Atkinson

Website - Loey Knapp

It is never too late to have a happy childhood. Planning this one is up to you.