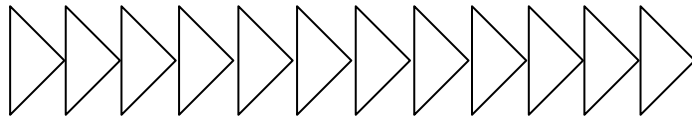


# Sapphire



# Quilt Club



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Next meeting date: May 10, 2011

For those who want an "anonymous" address for Secret Sister gifts,  
you can always use the Club address.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The BITTERROOT QUILT GUILD will be bringing their Raffle Quilt for us to enjoy and to purchase tickets to support their quilt show. Be ready to **ohhhh** and **awwww** as it is **beautiful**.

From President Helen: I've asked that the Proposed Budget be attached to the newsletter again. We will have a short discussion period about it and then vote on whether or not to adopt it as presented.

## HOSTESSES FOR THE MONTH

The ladies on the list to share goodies with us this month are: **MAGGIE NORDENSTROM**, **CHRIS PHIPPS**, and **BARBARA REUTLINGER**. Fingers foods are being requested for our Mother's Day celebration: sweet things, salty things, or even healthy things; whatever it is, I'm sure we will all like it. Four other members are bringing cakes so we will have plenty from which to select.

## SAPPHIRE QUILT CLUB MINUTES FOR APRIL 12, 2011:

President Helen conducted with 27 members in attendance. Introduced was a new member Reita Brockhausen. When you see her, welcome her to the Club.

Helen reminded us that we really need a quilt chairman(s) for our quilt show next summer. Is there some willing soul(s) to head this up???? There are always good helpers, but we need someone to take charge please. A theme is needed and most importantly will be the production of our raffle quilt. Please remember that the quilt show helps fund our Sunshine Quilt Project, our Education programs, and community endeavors. Featured quilter(s) also need to be selected. Be thinking about these items.

As a personal note from me (Tina), the quilt show is fun and a great way to work and play with each other more and increase our friendships.

For the new year 2012, are you interested in being an Board Officer? President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer? Or, perhaps you'd like to nominate someone (with permission of course). The nominating committee of Mary Baughn at 777-4196, Danette Hawkins at 381-1518, and Linda Powell at 777-1070 can be contacted if you're interested in any of these offices or would like to volunteer to chair a Committee.

In the online newsletter of last month was the information on the previous, current and proposed budget for your information.

Thank you to Theresa Blazicevich for the donation of cards for Club use.

A reminder about the "Quilt in a Day" class by Joyce Anderson in June -- so far we have eight confirmed reservations from our club.

### **Quilt in a Day Class on June 15, 2011**

#### **Winning Hand Quilt Pattern by Eleanor Burns**

The class is being taught by Joyce Anderson, a certified QIAD instructor.

The class will be held on Wednesday, June 15th. The class she is teaching is called "Winning Hand".

The cost is \$25/person with lunch and snacks included. The fee is non-refundable but someone can be a substitute to take your place if you can't attend after registering. The class will be open to non-club members after our April meeting. The cost for them would be \$40.

The class is going to be held in the hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 184 Pine Hollow Road just south of Stevensville.

A book is highly recommended for the class. Joyce strongly suggests that people do a table runner or baby quilt during the class so they can experience all the different techniques involved in making a larger project. Details of required materials will be available at our next meeting. A sample of the project will be available also it can be displayed at our meeting.

Joyce will be doing a talk with a trunk show at our regularly scheduled club meeting on the Tuesday night before the class.

A reminder that our website [sapphirequilters.org](http://sapphirequilters.org) is a great resource of information. Thank you, Loey.

Our Sunshine Quilt "pantry" is getting low ... we desperately need to restock the adult size quilts, as we only have about 10 youth/teen quilts. It was reported that we've given out 35 quilts since

Sept!!!! Such generosity is overwhelming. Please check to see if you took a project home to finish up and bring to our next meeting.

Three thank you notes were read from quilt recipients: Kitty Williams, Enid McCafferty, and Pat Peters.

Treasurer Danette Hawkins reported our bank statement balance shows: \$7,826.27

For the May meeting, we will be having some fun with Quilt Bingo so please bring a fat quarter or a quilting notion to purchase your Bingo cards. These will be used for prizes. You'll also need to bring some type of marker for your bingo card ... candy, beans, or pennies .... NOT uncoated or unwrapped chocolate as it gets messy.

The Fat Quarter color for April was blues which were won by Theresa Blazeicevich. May's selection is a small floral print.

Block of the Month winner was Barbara Reutlinger. Does she have a secret strategy going by entering late??? Hum!?!?!?

A gentle reminder -- if EVERYONE puts their own chair away and helps straighten the tables, it goes quicker. That way the same people aren't always having to stay to tidy up ... Thank you.

Our mini class before the meeting was presented by Mary Baughn on the method of twirling the seam intersections of pieced blocks. Thank you, Mary. For the regular meeting, some of us worked on baby quilt construction under Janalee's direction while Pam Matter was busy helping members lay out their Mystery Quilt patterns. Pam was amazing as she helped design 3 or 4 different quilt tops in totally different arrangements. It was fun seeing all of the colors and patterns.

Thank you to the refreshment providers. A pleasant evening of visiting, and Show 'n' Tell was enjoyed by all.....HAPPY SPRING.... Submitted by Tina McPherson, Secretary

## ROSTER CHANGES

Our newest member is Reita Brockhausen of Florence. Her phone number is 273-0895 and email is [reita-brockhausen@att.net](mailto:reita-brockhausen@att.net). Her birthday was April 5<sup>th</sup>, so a belated Happy Birthday, Reita and welcome to the Club.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

We will be celebrating Mother's Day at this meeting. Joann and Theresa are planning an evening of fun with Quilt Bingo with prizes for the winners. In order to play, you need to "buy" a card with payment in the form of fat quarters or quilt related items. These will be gathered together into 2 or 3 groups to make very nice prizes for the winners of the Quilt Bingo game. Joyce, our ever-smiling Hospitality/Party person, suggests that as this is a "tea" you might want

to bring your favorite teacup and saucer. Who knows -- there might be a vote on the prettiest, most unique, the largest, or the smallest!!! We just have to wait and see.

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

The Block is Milkyway. Check it out on the website. The block for Strip of the Month is Stars. We're getting close to the finish ladies. I can hardly wait to see what you have created. Pam has done a wonderful job with this unique undertaking.

### THIS MONTH'S FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

Barbara is hoping that all of the April showers (and snow) will bring May flowers so she has selected **small flower prints** for this month's fat quarters.

### OFFICIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO

some awesome ladies: Chris Phipps on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Heidi Zielinski on May 12, Judy Inslee on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Doris Marjerison on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Joann Magee on May 27, Judy Davis on May 28, and Helen Rude on May 30 (She always thought it was great that everyone got off work to celebrate her birthday.)

### HOW ABOUT NEXT MONTH?

Election of Board Officers will be held. Following the Guidelines for the Club, the Board is elected early so that they have time to get together over the summer and develop the goals and objectives they want to accomplish during their terms.

Joyce Anderson will be presenting a talk about how she got started quilting along with a trunk show of her beautiful quilts. The following day, June 15<sup>th</sup>, she will be teaching the class "Winning Hand". We saw the sample of the quilt at the Board meeting and it is striking. Also, attached to this newsletter is a flyer for your use. Print off a few copies and see if a friend wants to attend the class with you. We have 12 paid registrations so if you haven't decided yet, it is not too late. We can accommodate up to 20. See Joann or Theresa. Joann shared with me that extra books will be available for purchase even if you can't make it to the class - only \$11.

### 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

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