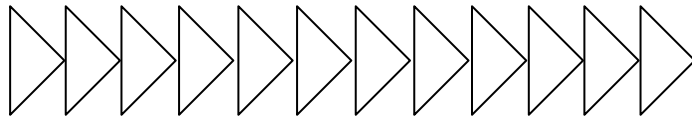


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joann Magee has a "Thank You" she wants to deliver to her Secret Sister from last year. The problem is that the person has not revealed herself. So, if you were Joann's Secret Sister, or if you know who she was, would you please share the information with Joann. Thank you so much.

Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Terry Atkinson and Bruce McFadgen (Janalee's husband) after their knee surgeries and to Jim Davis (Judy's hubby) after leg surgery #2; also condolences to Eileen Lacey-Powell and her husband Leon for the recent death in their family.

Please remember to bring back those Block of the Month kits - finished or not. Putting a top together with missing blocks is really tough even for our quilt magician Mickey. Thanks.

Sunshine Quilt Sewing happens every Thursday afternoon at Helen Rude's house - 1070 S. Sunset Bench. Turn East on Pine Hollow and bear right clear to the stop sign at the end of the paved road. Turn left on dirt road and go to the first driveway on the left (by the big haystack). 777-6981 just in case I've confused you. Many hands make work light!!

INFO ABOUT THREAD SIZES THAT FINALLY MAKES SENSE:

Have you ever wondered why thread gets thinner as the weight or thread size number gets larger? It is confusing but there is a reason behind this system. The goal is to determine how much thread it takes to weigh one pound.

Thread A takes 20 miles to weigh a pound so it is labeled as 20 wt.

Thread B takes 40 miles to weigh a pound and is labeled 40 wt. It is a finer thread because it takes 40 miles to weigh a pound.

Thread C takes 60 miles to weigh a pound so it is even finer yet.

HOSTESSES FOR THE MONTH LIST

The list of volunteers is Carol Logan; Phyllis Scobie; and Etta Miller. Thank you, ladies.

SAPPHIRE QUILT CLUB MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 11, 2011

6:30 pm Mini Class was presented by Pam Matter. Mini pumpkins were made by many of our eager members.

President Joann Magee opened the general meeting at 7 pm. We have 36 members present with 3 guests. And the Club gained one new member, Julie Ludlow, who is one of the first members of the Club.

Joann reminded everyone about the new Show & Tell procedure of putting items on the table for display before and during the meeting. Ten Show & Tell items were displayed by our ladies. Be sure to pick up your bead to add to your pin, then wear your pin to our meetings.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Danette mentioned that a modification had been made to the budget presented in last month's minutes. The Board voted to increase the Guest Speakers amount from \$300 to \$1000, then to bring it before the club members for a vote. Copies of the new budget were handed out. The vote was taken on the new budget and it was unanimously approved.

Linda Powell explained the changes to the Guidelines. Copies were on the table for distribution.

#6 - The outgoing and new treasurers will have a proposed budget prepared prior to the first board meeting of the new business year in September. An audit will occur in August, after the quilt show and before the New Year begins in September.

*Remove the references to "Birthday Fabric Exchange" as the Club does not participate in this activity.

*Calling committee will be called "Notifications Committee".

*The Vice President will no longer be responsible for the Web Site. A person with web site knowledge will be selected and responsible for the site.

A motion was called for by the President. Helen Rude moved that the changes be adopted and Marilyn Stromberg seconded the motion which was approved with no opposition.

Joann called for a vote on Featured Quilters for the quilt show. A question was asked regarding which members had been previously featured. Ballots were passed out for member voting. Linda Powell counted the votes which resulted in the selection of Mickey Frissell and Judy Davis as Featured Artists for the 2012 Quilt Show.

Secret Sisters - Eileen promoted the activity with suggestions for gifts. She will be gone from November until May so has sought the assistance of Linda Powell for that period of time.

Block of the Month - Instructions and fabrics were handed out by Mickey Frissell for next month. These blocks will be made into a twin size Sunshine Quilt. If any member has taken a block packet and is unable to complete it, please bring or send it back so the tops can be completed. No explanations required!!! Julie Davis won the drawing.

The Fat Quarter drawing was completed by Judy Davis with Star Kelly winning lots of fabrics.

Sunshine Report - Helen thanked the ladies for making the labels which were brought in. She announced that on Thursday afternoons at her home, ladies are invited to work on Sunshine quilts beginning in November. Time: 1:00 pm until ??? She also said that more labels are needed for quilts that are being made right now. One quilt was given out to Betty Lowell of the Stevensville Senior Center who fell and broke her hip. (Betty told me that the quilt is proudly displayed on her sofa where she takes her afternoon rests. She's very proud of it and thanks everyone for the kind thoughts.)

Quilt Show Report - Mary Baughn shared that the next show meeting would be Oct. 24, 7 pm at Carol Logan's home. All are invited to come with ideas and to help in any way that they can. Mary will be sharing her ideas for some special projects. Mary also mentioned that the agreement was back from the school and that the new kitchen, multi-purpose room & gym will be available to us for the show.

Reminder to sign up for the challenge project. Rules for the project will be forthcoming.

Show Dates - July 13 & 14. Theme: Bringing Country Home

Mary told us that she will bring a collection basket for books and magazines about quilting for sale at the quilt show. Also be thinking about items to sell at the Country Store.

President Joann asked for a volunteer for Program Chair. Currently the board is filling the gap.

The Program for the evening was to honor our past presidents. Those able to attend were Julie Ludlow 1998-2000; with co-president Marie Everett in 1999-2000, as well as President in 2000-2001; and Debbie Dukart for part of 2004 & 2005-2006. Each of these past presidents shared comments about their term and the Club's history. Helen Rude presented thank you gifts of beaded necklaces to each of these past presidents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam Matter passed around a list for suggestions for mini classes and for quilting classes to be held. Please share any ideas that you may have.

The meeting concluded with Joann Magee sharing information about the activity planned for the November meeting. We will be having a UFO sale with proceeds going to the Sunshine Project. Bring any unfinished quilting projects, fabric, patterns, or other related quilting items that you no longer wish to keep in your stash. Bring them already priced and price them to sell.

Respectfully submitted: Becky Wilcox (Notes taken by Rebecca Stapert in Becky's absence.)

ROSTER CHANGES

Rebecca Stapert has a new email address: rstapert@optimum.net

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Pam is going to be teaching how to create Prairie Points. You will learn how to make single and continuous bands of Points. Come ready to learn by bringing the following items to the meeting:

(6) squares 4" x 4" (fabric scraps); (2) squares 12" x 12" (fabric scraps); MANY straight pins.

For the regular meeting, we will be holding a fund raising UFO sale with the proceeds to be donated to the Sunshine Project. If you don't have anything to donate, bring your wallet. One person's unwanted item is another person's idea of something awesome (or something like that.) If your items are not purchased, please remember to take them home with you. Thanks.

THIS MONTH'S BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Mickey will have packets ready for members to sew. Be sure to bring back those blocks you took home to sew in September or October finished or not.

THIS MONTH'S FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE

Judy Davis, in her capacity as weather predictor, has selected Hibernation Time as the theme for this month's fabrics. She is looking for **forest animal** fabric with any color background.

OFFICIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO:

Pam Matter on the 10th; Eileen Lacey-Powell on the 14th; Linda Powell on the 15th; Mary Alice Sutherlin on the 18th; and Janalee McFadgen on the 20th. Remember to check your driver's license to see if you need to get a renewal. This year it's my turn!

HOW ABOUT NEXT MONTH?

Rebecca is working on a wonderful Christmas party for the December meeting. She doesn't have any details that can be shared quite yet but what I heard so far sounds great. She'll have information at the meeting and will probably need a few volunteers to help her pull everything together.

NEXT MONTH'S PRE-MEETING MINI CLASS

For the Mini Class, Pam will be teaching how to make yo-yos. These will then be made into Santa Claus Christmas ornaments. So bring lots of white or light colored fabrics and a square or two of red for a hat.

QUILT CLASSES FOR THE YEAR

Classes will be offered by Pam Matter to members of our Club as well as non-members.

- ✚ All will be 1-day sessions on Saturdays beginning at 9 and ending at 4.
- ✚ ALL classes will have some cutting & sewing to do BEFORE class day.
- ✚ Class fee is \$5.
- ✚ Class fee is non-refundable.
- ✚ Must pay fee when you sign up & then you will receive class instructions.
- ✚ Bring your own sack lunch and beverages.

Table Topper - Strata Star 42" diameter

- * Saturday November 19; 9am - 4pm
- * Location: Stevensville City Hall



Tree Wall Hanging or Scrap 3-D quilt

- * Saturday December 3; 9am - 4pm
- * Location: Stevensville City Hall



Cathedral Windows

- Saturday January 14 - 9am - 3pm
- Location: Stevensville City Hall

Bargello Quilt

- Saturday February 11 - 9am - 5pm
- Location: Stevensville City Hall

Wedding Ring Quilt

- Saturday March 17 - 9am - 4pm
- Location: Stevensville City Hall

Paper Pieced Star

- Saturday April 14 - 9am - 4pm
- Location: Stevensville City Hall

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