



Cable Car Quilters Guild

Dubuque, IA



Meets every 3rd Monday of each month (except December) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall (lower level). • 1755 Delhi St. Starts at 7pm.

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Prose from your President

Happy Quilting! Bert Walker

Lint ? Oil ? Needle ? GRRRRRR!

About a year ago, I decided I wanted to make another one of those pointy quilts in time for our up-coming quilt show. No problem! I drafted out the paper piecing pattern, had the copies made, collected all the batik FQ's I needed, and proceeded to begin.

Then, half-way through the 48 blocks, my sewing machine started skipping stitches. Bummer! Now, you must realize this is my mother's old Montgomery Ward machine that my dad got for her sometime around 1975. But it is such a reliable workhorse, and sews a perfect seam every time. So, what's up with it now?

I'd recently foofed out the lint with my air compressor, like I usually do when I put in a new bobbin, and oiled it really, really good. Since the needle was making little popping noises with each stitch, I figured I should probably change that, too, while I was at it. It might have gotten dull from sewing all those C'mas quilts. (My basic rule for anything is, if you can't remember the last time you did it, it's probably time to do it again.)

OK—back to sewing the blocks, and it's s-k-ipping stitches . . . WHAT??? Re-thread the machine (That usually fixes everything!) Sew over that section. Next piece. More ski-p-p ed stitches. Alright, this is not really happening, is it? What is going on??? Stupid machine! Re-re-thread the machine and change the stitch length (like that's going to help!) OK—it's better—then, nope—still skipping stitches! Time for a break—Grrrrrrrr! (Yes, I was growling by this point, and Tom knows that is never a good sign about anything!)

So, we ate lunch. Then I vented to my friends on Facebook, soliciting any and all suggestions for a cure. What had I changed? Maybe that would pinpoint the culprit. The lint, the oil, the needle . . . what else? Everyone suggested I backtrack and re-do what I did. OK—re-clean the lint (OMG! I got the biggest wad of crud out from under the foot plate!) Check the tensions—OK, so I turned the knob one way, then back to where it was. Is that what she meant? Make sure the new needle is in right and tight. Wipe off some of the extra oil. Dial down the stitch length (which should have been closer, anyway, for tearing off the paper.) Check, check, check.

The next pieces were much better. Then, yup—it skipped again—just one or two little misses—but harder to see because of the tighter stitching. Good enough? No . . . More growling . . . only much louder this time. (Tom's really starting to worry about me!) The only thing left was to change out the thread. Like that's going to make it all better!

So, I changed the thread. And now it's working just fine again Was that it? Are you kidding me????? I recalled then, yes, I had used up the first spool of thread, changed it out for a new one, and hummm, that's when the trouble started? Apparently so. But I also advise everyone, when you have a problem, try fixing it one step at a time, not three or four. Otherwise you might never know who the culprit truly was.

Guild Meeting is Monday—March 19

Barb Brockett

We are having Laurie Aaron Hird, of *The Farmers Wife* Sample book come to speak to us on March 19. She will also have books and supplies for sale. She will be sharing with us about her books and her quilting journey, it should be fun and informational. Don't forget to bring you block #2 for your mystery quilt and pick up your #3 instructions.

Reminders ✓

- ✓ Swap Club (16)
6-inch squares of yellow fabric
- ✓ 2012 membership form
- ✓ Mystery Block
- ✓ Calendar Block

Jan., 2012 CCQG Board Minutes

Submitted by Mary Nauman, Secretary

Board members present: Roberta Walker, Elaine Mitchell, Mary Nauman, Barb Brockett, Jackie Goodrich and Karen DeMaree. Absent Barb Mills and Jean Rieniets.

The February, 2012 meeting was called to order. There was no Secretary's report due to no January meeting. Treasurer's monthly report was given by Elaine Mitchell and approved. Getting a state gambling license was discussed. Without one we could be hit with a big fine. So it was moved and seconded for Elaine to apply and purchase the license.

Membership Jackie Goodrich reported that 62 members had turned in their dues. February dues have not been counted. She will have a legal roster out to members by the April meeting. There was no report from the Newsletter committee.

Fund raising Karen DeMaree reported that the calendar quilts are due in March. You will vote for your favorite then the committee will choose the ones for the calendars. If we have enough we will do 2 calendars. Karen's brother will take the pictures.

Quilt show is moving along with good results. The sign up work sheet will be passed around again next month.

Program chairwoman, Barb Brockett, reported that only 5 people signed up for the appliqué class next month. Please re-think this and sign up by next month by calling Barb at 564 0993. This is not a good showing for our club or for the speaker. Barb spoke about some interesting speakers she has line up.

Several things were talked about under new business. Some of the board policies were discussed. It was moved by Karen that we have 2 greeters at the door on meeting nights. Barb B seconded. Membership will have a sign up sheet for this. This should help people feel welcome.

Board policy states that deposits on things like retreats, bus trips, etc., are nonrefundable but can be transferred if someone from the waiting list takes your place.

7:30 meeting was adjourned.

Newsletter Information

Barb Manders

All information for the newsletter is due to the editor by the first of each month that it is to be published. The same for ad copy. Thanks.

Retreat Dates and Info

Kathy Dulzo

Sept 28-30 2012 March 1-3 2013 Sept 27-29 2013

February Membership

Jackie Goodrich

Don't forget to sign it!

49 members and 3 visitors

Don't forget to pay your dues by the March meeting—otherwise you will not be on the membership list.

Get Involved, Make New Friends and Have Fun!!

Treasurer Report

Elaine Mitchell

October 2011

Beginning Balance	
\$2,656.23	
Income	\$1250.13
Expenses	\$609.50
Ending Balance	\$3296.86
CD's	\$11,153.86

November 2011

Beginning Balance	
\$3296.86	
Income	\$617.65
Expenses	\$3477.92
Ending Balance	\$436.44
CD's	\$11,153.86

December 2011

Beginning Balance	
\$436.44	
Income	\$252.41
Expenses	\$368.13
Ending Balance	\$320.87
CD's	\$11,153.86

January 2012

Beginning Balance	
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Programs with Barb Brockett

We will continue to take sign ups for our workshop in April with Debra Hennigar, of Hobo Quilts, on April 17. The workshop will be on Free-Form Applique. The hours are 9:00am–3:00pm. The cost is \$25—a fabulous price for a full day workshop. I have a supply list, or you can order a supply kit for an additional \$20.

March 19: Laurie Aaron Hird, Farmers Wife Sampler

April 16: Debi Hennigar, Hobo quilts

April 17: workshop, 9 - 3

May 19-20: Quilt show

May 21: “A Funny Thing happened on the way to the Quilt Show”

June 18: Magic Stockings

July 16: Mini Workshops

Community Service Projects

with Pauline Maloney

Join us for the first Community Service workshop of 2012 at NICC (Town Clock) on Friday, March 30, 2012 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Bring any quilt top that you’ve completed from the kits distributed last December and we will layer them up for quilting. We will also try out several new patterns such as the Disappearing Nine Patch suggested by Linda Alhaus and several easy and fun patterns that Sherene Lockner found for us online.

See you on the 30th.

Presidents Quilt 2011

Karen Cowell

I just wanted to let all of you see the quilt I made from all the material you gave me as the outgoing president. I wanted to use as many materials as possible and found a pattern that really worked well for this quilt. I named it my “*Presidents Quilt 2011*”. Thank you again for everything.



Spring ^{along} 20 Shop Hop

March 29, 30, 31st

- shop specials
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Shop Talk

Spools N Jewels—Lots of new spring ideas and fabrics coming in. Spring Open House at the Cascade Shops is March 15, 16 & 17. Open House hours - Thurs 10-6, Fri 10-5 and Sat 9-3. Come out and see our new items and samples.

Stitch N Sew Cottage— Check out our web sight for up coming events, BOM and shop hops. Wonderful new Easter & summer fabric. Great ideas for kitchens and home decor. Need a heirloom quilt quilted? We can help you with hand quilting, batting and backing. www.stitchnsewcottage.com

JoQuilter Fabrics—Some new and interesting fabrics arrived at the shop in February, stop in and see them. And you can check out my quilting progress at www.joquilterblog.blogspot.com

The Cotton Cabin—Just in at the Cotton Cabin, Grow with Me baby flannels in happy toddler colors like Sunshine Yellow, Creamsicle Orange, Sky Blue and Lime. Also, Kansas Troubles has arrived as well as, would you believe it, Christmas 2012 Charm Paks! There are many new beautiful spring stitchery patterns in stock. Watch for details on our Block of the Month and a new Mystery quilt.

The Quiltermaker's Shoppe—Spring floral fabrics are here! Come see our new samples. We'll be in Muscatine for their quilt show, March 16-17. Join us for the Spring Along 20 Shop Hop, March 29-31.

Phat Quarters—The Morris Meadows Applique Block-of-the-Month will be starting in March 2012. This will be either a block-of-the-month, an applique class or both. We have had a few beginners comment that this quilt looked too advanced and they were hesitant to join the club. We are structuring this club to include all applique students and artists. In addition to each month's block, you will also receive a lesson packet with an easy sample on which to practice the technique of the month. Club participants can choose to take the applique class, participate in the block-of-the-month and complete the quilt, or do both. The club will meet on the second Tuesday and/or third Saturday of each month. Learn a technique and then complete a new family heirloom quilt. If interested, please call or email us. The price of the applique class is \$15.00/month and includes the lesson packet. The price of the monthly block is also \$15.00. If you sign up for both the lessons and the block-of-the-month club, the price is \$25.00/month. As with all our clubs and classes, you will receive a 15% discount during club sessions on all regularly priced merchandise (excluding machines, furniture and software). The classes are filling fast. Don't miss this opportunity to learn a variety of applique techniques or hone your applique skills.

Vintage Threads—Spring is just around the corner. Stop in on March 17th - St. Patrick's Day - for 25% OFF all green fabric on the bolt. Get a car load of your friends together and join us March 29, 30, & 31 for "Spring Along 20 Shop Hop". See ad in this newsletter. Our new BOM - *Bird's Eye View* - is on display in the shop. It's not too late to join.

Hidden Quilts— Sign up for our "*Farmer's Wife Pony Club Sampler*" block of the month club or our "*Strip Club*."



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Swap Club

Ruth Lyon

This month please bring sixteen (16) six-inch squares of yellow fabric. As always, the fabrics may be prints or solids but the Color of the month should be prominent.

Fabrics to bring in future months:

April: ZEBRA COLORS (black and white, stripe or print)

May: RAINBOW COLORS

June: SUMMER COLORS

Fundraising

Karen Demaree

Calendar quilt challenge is due at the March meeting. Please put your name on the back (label or just pin it on). Turn in to Sue Kahre-Stradford.

Don't forget to enter your name for door prizes.

Let's all remember a bit of meeting etiquette. Please visit with your friends before the meeting or after the meeting, but not during the meeting. This is very distracting for the speaker up front and the people sitting around you, who are trying to hear what the speaker is saying.



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Barb Mills

Registration:

Sue Kahre-Stradford

Registration deadlines for the 2012 Quilt Show are:

March 31, 2012 for paper registrations;

April 30, 2012 for online registrations;

May 7 for receipt of payment

Please contact Sue at sjkahre@hotmail.com

or 608-348-9026 if you have any questions.

ATTENTION Mini Quilters

Kim Lange and Peg O'Reilly

Just want to send everybody a reminder to get their mini quilt ready for the Quilt Show Silent Auction. At the last Quilt show this was a popular and successful part of the show. We will have an auction on Saturday and then another one on Sunday. We would like to have about 25 mini quilts for each day. Quilts can be given to Peg O'Reilly or Kim Lange at guild meetings or give us a call and we can collect them at another time. Thank you

Would you rather quilt than do alterations?

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Mission Statement

The Cable Car Quilters Guild is organized to promote quiltmaking and related fiber arts. The guild will conduct educational programs in the techniques and design of making both heirloom and modern quilts. The guild will, from time to time, make charitable quilts for distribution to individuals and organizations.

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