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#### **Prose from your President**

Karen Cowell

I did it! I did it! I got all of my labels made and attached to my six quilts. One project down, now if I keep up with the labels as I make the quilts I will be in good shape. I also succeeded in making a twister on my own and didn't even mix up the pieces. Guess it is easy if you follow directions—which seems to be a problem of mine.

After listening to our speaker Mary Fisher, I went home and did some "organizing." I thought I was in pretty good shape until Mary's talk. I removed a dresser that was nothing but a pain in the "you know what." I thought I really needed it but, after moving some things around, getting rid of 5 years worth of magazines and putting my Swedish weaving away I found I didn't need the dresser. The other thing was Barb Brockett's idea for our upcoming quilt show—putting unwanted squares, strips, or miscellaneous material in a gallon bag and selling it for \$1.00, this really helped. I had a bunch of precut squares, strips and miscellaneous material I just could not get rid of. The reason I was keeping these was to make them into a quilt of 2 inch squares. I made the quilt recently with 2,018 two inch squares in it; this is NEVER going to happen again. I made the quilt and it was fun to do—I tried it, but NEVER again. So therefore, all my squares that were left over went into the bags along with the strips I was going to cut in to additional two inch squares. I didn't like that I was throwing away good material so this way someone can get the use out of the material (hopefully) and I don't feel guilty. So WOW my sewing room is now very user friendly.

Now I have to get back in there after traveling so much and cutting wood. I am ready to start some new projects.

#### **Guild Meeting is Monday November 21**

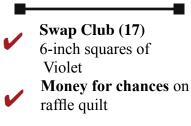
#### **November Program**

Barb Brockett

We will be winding up our last meeting of the year this month. Just in time for a flurry of last minute quilting. I know I have a list to keep me busy for the next month and a half. I hope many of you are looking into cleaning and organizing those workrooms. I thought I was set up, but I have only gotten through the Big Sort, and my daughter did that last year, so it even needs reworking. But I think mine will wait for January. I am trying to get my Mystery done, as I hope many of you are. I will be passing out charms this month, and if you have a finished Quilt, also Charm holders. Next years mystery has been decided and I will preview it at the meeting. If you signup, which is necessary to get the instructions, you can get your fabric requirement sheet in November. The \$5 we are requiring covers the cost of your pattern.

As part of our November meeting we will have election of officers, a business meeting, and a guest speaker for our community service efforts. We will then finish off with birthday cake!!!





Reminders 🗸

#### October, 2011 CCQG Board Minutes

Submitted by Jean Rieniets, Secretary

Board members present: Karen Cowell, Bert Walker, Barb Brockett, Jean Rieniets, Barb Mills, Christina Putnam, Barb Orfield, and Karen Demaree

Absent: Elaine Mitchell

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Cowell.

September 2011 minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was approved with clarification

Membership report: The guild has 102 paid members; 61 attended the October meeting along with four guests. Annual membership renewals must be completed during January, February and March 2012 to have your name on the guild's Master Membership List. All continual membership renewals are \$20 regardless of date of joining. Only new member applicants, depending on date of joining, are half-membership fee of \$10.

Guild newsletter report: 25 mailed to members; copies are available at guild meeting for guests; the remaining members receive their newsletter by email.

Quilt show: The exhibits of various youth groups will be shown in community service. Groups being contacted for participation are Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs and schools. Next quilt show planning meeting is January 16, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity.

Fundraising: Second quilt raffle tickets will be available at the November meeting.

The motion was made to participate in the Fons and Porter Magazine subscription (both new and renewal) opportunity. The cost is \$20 and must be completed by March 31, 2012. Motion made by Barb Brockett; seconded by Barb Mills.

Program report: The theme for the challenge quilt is "Glisten." The project skill level is easy; it is fat quarter friendly; finished size 64x64.

November meeting: Next meeting November 21st. Celebration of guild's birthday; show and tell, election of officers.

Vice-president's report: Nominating committee: The slot for vice-president is still open. The November 28th board meeting will include incoming and current board members.

Proposed budget for 2012: Proposed budget for 2012 finalized and will be presented at the November business meeting.

#### **June Membership**

Christine Putman

#### Please don't forget to sign in!

Attendance:—61 members

Guests: —4

Paid members to date:—101

New Members:—0

#### Get Involved, Make New Friends and Have Fun!!

#### **Treasurer Report**

Elaine Mitchell

September 2011

Beginning Balance	\$3,748.83
Income	\$462.14
Expenses	\$1554.74
Ending Balance	\$2,656.23
CD's	\$11,153.86

#### **Retreat Dates and Info**

March 2-4 2012 March 1-3 2013 Sept 28-30 2012 Sept 27-29 2013

Sept 27-29 2013 Kathy Dulco

We have asked MaryKaye at the Mound if we could come earlier as we are paying for the whole day. She has decided that we could come at 9:00am for each retreat until further notice. Please No One Come Any Earlier Then 9:00am. Hope this helps people to be able to get more work done. I think this is a great idea. We will be responsible for our own breakfast and lunch on the Fridays of retreat. Many people just bring a subway.

If you have any questions feel free to ask. We still will only be able to take 20 people the first ones that pay get to go. It seems the only fair way of working.

#### **Nominations**

Roberta Walker

We still have no one stepping up to do VP for next year—you can just be the VP and **not** the President for 2013. Barb Brockett said she'd be glad to be the president—but has to finish out her programs job first. Think about this—a way to be an officer for one year only.



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with Barb Brockett

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Blessings, Sandi Carstensen, Operation Support **Shhhhh...** It's supposed to be a surprise. It's that time of year when we show our appreciation for the outgoing president by giving her a basket (created by Andrea) full of fabric (from you). Please bring a Fat Quarter of neutral or warm colored fabric (anything except animal, novelty or seasonal prints) to the October or November meeting. Give it to Andrea Connolly for safe keeping and you can put a "signature paper" into the FQs and tie them shut. Be sure to join us for the Birthday Party in November, when we present this basket of goodies to Karen.

#### **Community Service Workshops**

Pauline Maloney

This is the month we have all been working towards. Sister Charla Bulko, director of DCY Domestic Violence Program, will be with us to receive all the quilts that we have worked on this year. So far we have 30 twin sized bed quilts and some children and baby quilts. Sister Charla has mentioned that they are seeing more children in the program than ever before and can use every quilt. Please bring all your finished quilts to our November meeting. If it looks like you won't be finished—just bring the fabric and/or kits back to me and I will see that the quilt gets finished. We want to clear out our commitment to New Beginnings before Christmas because we have had some very nice children and baby fabric as well as flannel pieces donated to us this past year—in 2012 we will concentrate on making smaller quilts for children and babies.

We plan on making children's quilts next year because we have some very nice donated fabrics with children's motifs as well as lots of flannel.

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#### **Charity Quilt Sizing**

**Doll quilts:** should not be smaller than 20 inches square and not larger than 30 inches square.

**Baby quilts:** approximately 42 x 58 **Youth quilts:** approximately 50 x 65 **Twin quilts:** approximately 54 x 80 **Double quilts:** approximately 72 x 96

**Queen/King quilts:** approximately 90 x 116

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#### **Fundraising**



Quilt was a donation and Shereen quilted it.
The quilt will be raffled at the Nov meeting with chances available Sept/Oct/Nov.
It is hand pieced. We do not know the donor.
\$1 each.

Shop Talk

**Spools N Jewels**—had a great Christmas Open House and there are still a lot of specials in the store. On Saturday, Nov 19 we will be hosting "Decorate for Christmas with Paintstiks." Doris Deutmeyer will demo the use of Holiday rubbing plates and snowflake stencils and share tips for successful use of Shiva Oil Paintstiks. There will be a demo at 10:00 and at 1:00—hope you can come and see this great and fun technique.

**Stitch N Sew Cottage**—There is still a good supply of Christmas and fall fabric, for your holiday projects. Stock up on wide backings, flannel and minky. Shop Kalona on Saturday November 26 and take in the craft show and cookie walk at the community center.

**JoQuilter Fabrics**—Come to Bellevue on November 26th, shop, have your supper at one of our great places to eat, and at 6:15 watch the fireworks and the lighted Christmas Parade.

**Cotton Cabin**—Just back from Market in Texas, you'll find new patterns, notions and fabric samples at the Cotton Cabin. New items will be arriving over the new few weeks. Stop by to check out ideas for last minutes gifts for the holidays!

The Quiltmaker's Shoppe—It's our 11th Anniversary! Come visit The Quiltmaker's Shoppe, Thursday, November 17 through Saturday, November 19. We have great bargains in store for you! Dust off those fat quarter patterns, precut fat quarters will be \$2 each (excluding batiks). Finish any bolt and get 40% off. Selected kits, last ones and last chance to have one, at 40% off. Finally, a Sample Sale: table runners, wall hangings, lap quilts and bags, bags and more bags! If you don't have time to make a hostess gift or last minute Christmas gift, check out the bargains in our Sample Sale. See you next week!

**Phat Quarters**—Cut it out!!!! This month, we are having a "Cut It Out Sale!" Now and through November 30, 2011, receive a 25% discount on all cutting notions and tools, from snips and scissors, rotary cutters and blades to the "Go Baby" and the BERNINA Cutwork Tool and Accessory. Treat yourself or your favorite quilter, crafter, or seamstress with some new cutting edge tools.

#### **Swap Club**

Ruth Lyon

Please bring 17 VIOLET color squares to the November meeting. Our current Swap Club session ends at this meeting, so be sure to hand in all the squares you were supposed to bring by that night.

Also, it's time to sign up for the JAN-JUNE, 2012 Swap Club session. All CCQG members are welcome to sign up by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. This time we will finish the Color alphabet and more. The fabrics may be prints or solids but the Color of the month should be predominant. Each month, please bring your 6" squares in a plastic bag with your name written on it. The number of squares to bring will be printed in the newsletter. Please use Good-Quality 100% cotton fabric that is pre-washed and pressed. If you miss a meeting, please send your squares with a friend if possible. All squares for the session must be turned in on or before the June meeting. Our newsletter

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Here are the fabrics to bring:

**January:** W is for WHITE

February: X is for your "X-TRA" (black and white

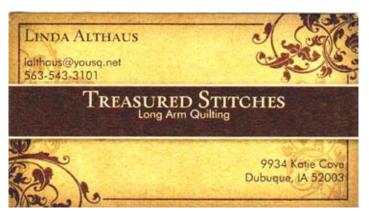
stripes or favorite color (your choice) prints)

**March:** Y is for YELLOW

**April:** Z is for "ZEBRA COLORS"

May: RAINBOW COLORS

June: SUMMER COLORS



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#### **Quilt Show 2012 Update**

Sue Kahre-Stradford

#### **Registration:**

Once again, registration will be mostly online. This is much faster and more accurate. Remember you can register your quilts and send the payment later as long as I receive it by the payment deadline. If you would like to receive registration information and entry forms when they become available, please contact Sue Kahre-Stradford at sikahre@hotmail.com. Those of you who do not have computer access will receive the paper forms with the January newsletter. If you know of someone outside the guild who needs a paper registration form, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to CCQG – Demaree, P.O. Box 628, Platteville, WI, 53818. 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.

I'd like to give a big thank-you to Kathy Regan and her Publicity committee for all their hard work in getting the word out about our quilt show May 19 - 20! In a few months you can help them out by taking posters, book marks and yard signs and covering the Tri-State area with them! And speaking of yard signs, if you still have any from the last quilt show hiding somewhere in your house or garage, could you unearth them and return them to Kathy to be used again? Thanks!



#### From the Judging committee

Judging Chair, Cyndy Billmeyer

After several meetings, the judging committee has tweaked definitions a bit for the 2012 Colors in Motion Show.

"Rookie" entries are now called "First entry." You do NOT have to be a first year quilter to enter with the "First Entry" designation. Any quilter who has Never entered a CCQG show before can check the First Entry box on the registration sheet. This is **Not** a separate judging category, but a recognition on the description tag of your first entry(s) into our show.

The definition of "original" for our show is: "The design of the quilt, including layout and color/fabric choices, is entirely the maker's own work, using **no** existing pattern or design, purchased or not. Changing one or two elements of an existing design is **not** sufficient to make it original. This will be the criteria of our judge for any quilt that is labeled "original."

BTW—An "original" quilt can be entered in any division. However, note that to qualify in the "Art Quilt" division, the piece must also be entirely done by the maker, including the quilting.

We are having a Junior division. Juniors pay \$3 entry fee, which entitles them to free entry into the show. Junior entries will be judged by one of our qualified 4H judges. Size to be determined yet, but if you are encouraging a junior entrant, think wall hanging up to baby quilt size.



Do you have a subscription that needs to be renewed? Would you like to start getting this great quilting magazine? How about giving one or two as a gift? You can do any or all of these and help the guild at the same time.

Along with a one year subscription, you will also receive 3 spools of Sulky thread AND 2 quilting booklets. What a deal! All you have to do is write a check payable to CCQG in the amount of \$20 for each new, renewal, or gift subscription and give me your information. The guild will receive \$5 for each one we send in. I will be sending the information to F&P after the November meeting and again in Jan, Feb, and March of 2012. You can renew early, but it must be with a check for \$20 (not the renewal notice amount, but you get the free stuff with this amount). Offer expires March 31, 2012.

I will have a few copies of the magazine at the meeting if you are not familiar with it.

#### **Newsletter – by Mail or E-Mail**

Thanks to the members (about 3/4th of you) who have signed up to get the newsletter by e-mail. Some of you don't have access to a computer or have trouble getting it by e-mail so you have it mailed to you. If you have access to a computer, you can always go to the guild web site, www.cablecarquilters.com and download it. This way your service provider won't bounce it or filter it. A year of mailed newsletters costs \$15.62 for each person. So if you can get it other than having it mailed, it will reduce our newsletter expenses and help balance the budget.

#### Calendar quilt Challenge

So far 26 people have accepted the challenge to make a "quilt of the month" and possibly be in our 2013 Quilt Calendar. Are you going to be next? Draw an inspiration month at the Nov. meeting or let me know and I will draw for you. Rules are below and also available on the web site. Don't you want to be 'a calendar girl'?

#### **CCQG Calendar Challenge and Fundraiser Rules**

Create an ORIGINAL small quilt that reminds you of the month selected. Submit it for "judging" at the March 2012 meeting. Sign a release statement if you are willing to have it photographed for a 2013 calendar. Wait for the calendar to get printed and buy them for your friends and relatives.

#### **Details**

Quilt can be no larger than 24" x 24". It must be quilted and bound. It may have embellishments (although they may not photograph well).

You will draw your month's assignment from the "hat." It is YOUR interpretation and inspiration that counts. This must be an ORIGINAL design – you may use any traditional block and modify it any way you want, or create your own pattern. You may NOT "adapt" a commercial (copyrighted) pattern. It can be pieced, appliqued, painted, etc. Any technique is acceptable.

If you wish to have it considered for the calendar, you must sign a release giving the guild permission to reprint your design. You will not relinquish any other rights to the design/pattern and may distribute it in any other manner other than a calendar. If you don't want to have it reprinted, you do not have to sign the release and it will still qualify for the challenge.

The intention is to have the calendar available at the May 2012 Quilt Show but deadlines may prevent this.

**WIIFM** – you will be part of the challenge. You will have bragging rights if your quilt is in the calendar. Prizes will be awarded to challenge quilts by a vote of the members in attendance at the March, 2012 meeting. Selec-

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You can draw your month from the "hat" at any meeting between Oct. and Feb. If you can't get to a meeting—call me and I will draw one and tell you what you have. Hope you all have fun with this challenge.

**Questions?** Call Karen Demaree 608 348-5094 or email Quilthyme@yahoo.com or talk to Karenat a meeting.

#### There Will Be Pins: How to be a Quilter's Husband

Submitted by Patrick Cook, the husband of Valorie Cook from Grand Rapids, MI

So your wife is a quilter. That doesn't seem so bad, does it? It's a nice quiet hobby, conjuring up images of our sturdy pioneer mothers, keeping their families warm and creating beauty out of old shirts and printed feedbags. You think of plump grannies in rocking chairs, piecing a Log Cabin block by firelight, cat asleep at her feet. An idyllic picture, right?

You're living in a dream world, buddy. They buy their fabric whole now, in yardage and "fat quarters" (whatever they are). They cut this perfectly good cloth into smaller pieces, and then painstakingly, by hand, sew them back together. This process calls into question all the advances of the industrial revolution.

Quilting generates a blizzard of debris. Fabric scraps and batting clog and burn out your vacuum cleaner. (Hint: don't go barefoot. Your feet were never meant to be pincushions). The cat frequently swallows a length of discarded thread. Soon, one of two things will happen; you won't like either of them.

This is not the end of your problems. There are frequent expensive trips to the fabric store, and even more expensive quilt shows in faraway cities. There are bees, which are little groups of quilters who get together occasionally to complain about their husbands and children. These bees may meet in church basements, but occasionally they come to your house and take over the dining room table. Your presence in the next room won't intimidate them.

Quilting also tends to take up more and more of the house. Sure, your wife might decide at some point that she has enough fabric. I've never seen this myself, but it could happen. More likely, your home will become a candidate for that TV show where some poor fellow's dead body is found under a collapsed pile of old newspapers. In your case, it will be a tower of yardage and color-matched prints.

As far as I know, there is no twelve-step program for quilters, but you may avoid codependency by following these tips:

- 1. Set up a space outside the living area for the quilting equipment and fabric storage. I have refinished the basement, and we are moving everything down there. Other husbands have constructed pole barns, rented industrial space, or moved to another city under an assumed name.
- 2. Have your wife make a small business out of her hobby. Internet sales can be lucrative. They might even partially make up for the enormous sums she spends. Very important: Do not participate in the business yourself. First thing you know, you'll be maintaining complicated machinery, acting as an errand boy, and dealing with the post office. You have better things to do.
- 3. Don't be tempted to accompany your wife to quilt shows, thinking that time together will add spark to your relationship. You won't see her all day. You'll wander around aimlessly among the booths, finding nothing remotely interesting. Sure, you could meet other lost husbands, and find camaraderie in the nearest bar. Usually, though, a woman in a quilted vest will mistake you for a fabric vendor. She will try to hustle you for free samples.
- 4. Don't try to distract your wife with other activities, such as gardening, cooking or housework. Though she may have done these things in the past, that's all over now. Quilting is her life. Accept your fate. Learn to cook and run the vacuum. Get a hobby of your own. You could join a softball team-slow-pitch, preferably-or learn simple carpentry skills. Then build a pole barn and move into it yourself.

Finally, remember you are not alone. There are plenty of other quilt-widowers out there.







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#### November 2011

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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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