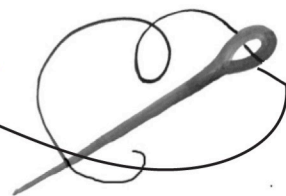




Cable Car Quilters Guild

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Presidential Prose – Karen Demaree

As I watched the movie at the February guild meeting, I couldn't help but reflect on the valuable instructions we have learned from the "old", and the new directions each one has taken the craft of quilting. The instructions did not necessarily build on the past, but used them as permission to blaze new trails.

I also realized that some of the more recent innovators are no longer with us; it was surreal to see their faces and hear their voices. It just goes to show that what we do today often lives on well past our time here on earth. I understand that Libby Lehman is still struggling with health issues – her creative use of thread led to a whole lot of thread painting books and ideas.

Try something NEW this next month, but don't worry if it is "good enough". Take baby steps and remember that we all fall down on occasion.

Guild meets on Monday, March 16, 2015

Meets every 3rd Monday of each month (except December) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall (lower level), 1755 Delhi Street, Dubuque IA, at 7:00 PM.

March Program

Barb Brockett

Catherine Litwinow will present a trunk show on Civil War era quilts. If you have some favorite civil war quilts you'd like to share, bring them for Show-N-Tell. (Read more in *What's Coming Up*, page 2)

Reminders:

Swap Club: Bring 15 (6-inch) squares of fabric that has checks/plaids.

Stitches of Love: Bring fabric/yarn donations and batting scraps (at least 3.5" wide).

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.

What	Date	Time	Location
CCQG Retreat	Mar 6-8		Sinsinawa Mound Center 585 County Road Z, Hazel Green, WI 53811
NEW CCQG Board meeting	Mon, Mar 16	6:00pm	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall
CCQG monthly meeting	Mon, Mar 16	7:00pm	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall
Community Service Projects	Thurs, Mar 19	9am-3pm	Shalom (3 rd floor) 1001 Davis St, Dubuque IA
QOVF Sew Day	Sat, Mar 21	10am-3pm	Breezy Ridge Quilters, 18836 Breezy Ridge (lunch provided) Contact Cyndy B 563-590-2923 so she can save you a chair
American Legion Spring Breakfast	Sun, Apr 19	8am-noon	American Legion Building, 1306 Delhi St. ** Proceeds to benefit QOV/Breezy Ridge Quilters

FYI - Board Meetings

Karen Demaree

Please change your 2015 calendar dates & times for the CCQG board meetings. Starting in March, the board will meet at 6 pm, one hour prior to the monthly 7pm guild meeting. Once the Quilt Show meetings start, the Board will meet right after the guild meetings. We are trying to save time and gas.

Minutes

Mary Nauman



The Cable Car Quilters Guild board meeting was called to order on Monday, Feb 16, by President Karen Demaree. Present: Karen Demaree, Jackie Goodrich, Janaan Gottschalk, Julie Breitsprecker, Barb Brockett, and Mary Nauman; Absent: Kathy Abba and Linda Scofield.

No Secretary or Treasurer reports as the January board meeting was cancelled because of ice and snow. Program: Barb Brockett (Program Chair) reported that all the speaker contracts for 2015 were signed and returned. A Community Service project is planned for June. Barb will talk to Peggy Weber. August will be our garage sale and Christmas Gift Silent Auction. Newsletter reported everything in order. Reminder that if you want your newsletter mailed it will be \$11. Membership: Paula Wade (Membership Chair) handed out a new form to be use for new members. Tech Ed: A Tech Ed Coordinator job description was handed out to all board members and the duties of the Tech Ed Coordinator were discuss. It was decided to change the dates & time for future board meetings. The Board will now meet at 6pm, one hour prior to the monthly guild meetings. The meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2015, at 6:00 PM at the church. Submitted by Mary Nauman, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Scofield



No report submitted.

Fundraising

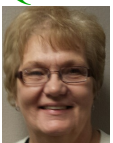
Kathy Abba



I'm working hard to get good door prizes. Don't forget that we welcome your door prize donations.

Quilt Show 2016

Carol Coyle



Just a reminder that I will start looking for committee chairs for the 2016 quilt show at the March meeting.

Membership

Paula Wade



41 members braved the cold weather to attend the February meeting. Most members stayed to enjoy the movie night and fresh popcorn. Several members purchased new quilted nametags. Thank you for your fundraising donation. More nametags will be available in March for those interested. To the members & businesses that have renewed their membership please accept my thanks. A single reminder email was sent as a blind copy to members who may still wish to renew. With respect to your privacy, no further reminders will be sent. The board sincerely hopes all members will continue to participate in the Guild.



What's Coming Up

Barb Brockett



March: Catherine Litwinow will present a trunk show on Civil War era quilts. If you have some favorite civil war quilts you'd like to share, bring them for Show-N-Tell.

April: Our April program will be a special Show n Tell "Stash Challenge". Make something or several things from the supplies (stash) you had on hand by the January Guild meeting. (see guidelines in the January Newsletter, page 2). Enter your name in the drawing - one per project - to win a prize.

May: I am taking sign-ups for the ABCD Quilting workshops on May 19. Times are 8:30am-1pm, and 12pm-4:30pm. The hour overlap will be used as a Quilt Design period. The classes are \$20 each, and the presenter is asking for 10 - 12 participants for each session. You will need to be prepped for the class (i.e. all your fabric precut and machine in good working order) if you want to get all of your squares sewn during class.

July & October: Our last two speakers scheduled for 2015 are Doug Leko (July) and Diane Eisenman (October).

August: In addition to our Garage Sale, we're adding a Christmas-themed fundraiser. I am challenging you to make and donate items that would be suitable for Christmas gift giving throughout the holiday season. We will have a silent auction to sell the item(s) to raise money for the Guild. (and, if you win, you can go home with your holiday shopping started!)

Bus Trips

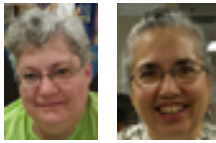
Joan Oberfoell



No bus trip until Des Moines on Saturday, October 3.

Retreat Dates

Barb Brockett & Bonnie Heiberger



We will be heading to our spring retreat the first weekend of March and I'm so looking forward to it myself. If you have never been to a retreat, and wonder what all the fuss is about, I invite you to come up to Sinsinawa Mounds on March 6 - 8 and visit. We will begin Friday morning at 9 am and end between 1pm and 3pm on Sunday. Mark will be available on Friday morning to help with unloading, but may have to work on Sunday and not be able to help load and pack up. Do we have another husband willing to help out on Sunday? Barb B

CCQG Library Book Sale

Joyce Voss

Library book sale report for 2/16/15 = 26 books displayed; 17 bids; 12 books picked up; \$26.50 profit



Quilts of Valor

Cyndy Billmeyer (IA)



- 1) **March 21, 2015:** QOV SEW DAY. PLEASE JOIN THE BREEZY RIDGE QUILTERS, 18836 BREEZY RIDGE, 10am to 3 pm, lunch provided. RSVP to Cyndy at 563-590-2923 and she will save you a chair.
- 2) **EASY PEASY CHALLENGE:** due at March or April guild meeting. (Details below)
- 3) **April 19, 2015:** Sons of American Legion Spring Breakfast, 8am to 12pm, Amer. Legion building, 1306 Delhi St. Proceeds benefit Quilts of Valor, Breezy Ridge Quilters

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: **March 21st, 10-3,** QOVF Sew Day. I will be hosting the Breezy Ridge Quilters, AND everyone is welcome and invited to come sew/cut/press that day. Lunch provided, fabric and projects to sew, or bring your own QOV project. Please RSVP so I have a chair for you... I haven't heard if anyone locally won a prize during National Sew Day.

We didn't, but our Veterans are the winners, as we finished 2 tops and 5 more went out the door that day to be finished at homes. And, I know that the Traveling Sisterhood planned on completing at least 5 that day.

The **Easy Peasy QOV challenge** was originally due at the March guild meeting. Because the guild scrap challenge was also due in March, I changed our deadline to April. Then I heard the guild challenge is also due in April. So, if you have your Easy Peasy Challenge ready for the March meeting, please bring it and we will have a group show & tell. If you have your EP challenge finished for April meeting, please bring it, and we will have a 2nd group show & tell. You will receive the 2015 QOV charm for a completed QOV. PLEASE attach your name to your QOV, so I can credit you properly on the label. I'm looking forward to seeing two great Show & Tells the next two months.

Marilyn Rothenberger and I are traveling to Karen Demaree's QOV retreat in Green Lake, WI in mid-March. I'm already checking patterns and getting ready to cut fabric so I can sew, sew, sew...and eat chocolate of course! Wouldn't it be great to have an Eastern Iowa QOV retreat? Can we make it happen?

I learned a great way of making half square triangles using the strip tube ruler (courtesy of Geogria Goebel's Roberta Kuhn class.) I used to hate making HSTs, but now they are fast and more accurate. I'm willing to show you how.

The Sons of the American Legion, 1306 Delhi, are designating their spring breakfast to benefit Quilts of Valor, Breezy Ridge Quilters. Save the date--**Sunday April 19th, 8 to noon.** Adults \$7.00; ages 3 to 12, \$4.00; under 3 free. Menu includes ham, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, eggs, ...and so much more. You will not go away hungry. Please support if you can. THINK SPRING!



Swap Club

Lynn Johnson



For the month of March, bring 15 (6-inch) squares that have checks/plaids on the fabric to the guild meeting! Place your squares in a plastic bag with your name on it. Fabrics may be any color, but should be good quality 100% cotton quilt fabric that was prewashed and pressed. If you miss a meeting, please send your squares with a friend. Or, call me to drop them off ahead of time at my home. Lynn Johnson (563) 845-7110 cjohnson516@mchsi.com

Community Service Projects

Peggy Weber & Karen Demaree



Save the Date! Our first charity sewing day of 2015 will be Thursday, March 19 from 9 -3 at the Shalom Spirituality Center (1001 Davis Street), 3rd floor. Come for an hour or stay the whole day. Welcome back to all the "regulars" and a special invitation to anyone who has been unable to take part in the past. We appreciate all of

you! Some of you have other commitments (such as work) and cannot take part, but you still found time to sew items and donate them to Community Service Projects. Thanks for all you do! Bring your lunch - there is a refrigerator and microwave available.

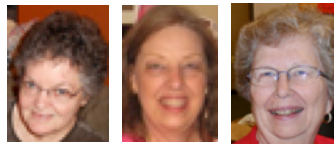
Wish List: scrap batting (at least 3 1/2 inches wide), large pieces of fabric for backings, other size pieces of fabric for making quilts (kids fabrics are especially appreciated), ties for ditty bags and wheel chair totes, "hotel" toiletry items, doll quilts for the Salvation Army, quilters to tie or machine quilt the tops we make. Gratefully, Peggy W

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Barb Manders, Jane Petersen, Barb Scoggin



If you want to place an ad or advertise your quilt-related business in our CCQG Newsletter, contact Barb M for cost and details. Deadline to submit reports, pictures, and/or items for the monthly *CCQG Newsletter* to Jane is the last day of each month. (No newsletter in Dec). Thank you to Barb Scoggin for volunteering to proofread the newsletter each month.

Stitches of Love

Jane Petersen

Thank you to CCQG members for continuing to bring your *Stitches of Love* fabric, batting, & yarn donations and finished hats to the monthly guild meetings. Please continue to make (or consider making) fabric, knit, or crochet (adult-sized) hats and kerchiefs for our tri-state chemo and radiation patients. Give all donations to Jane Petersen or Peggy Weber.

Spring along 20
Shop Hop

March 26, 27, 28th

- Grand Prizes
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Must visit all three shops to be eligible for Grand Prizes.

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QUILT SAYINGS:

- A Lifetime's not too long to live as friends and a quilt is not too small to sew them in!
- A quilt is something you make to keep someone you love ... WARM!
- A Quilt Will Warm Your Body and Comfort Your Soul.
- A creative mess is better than tidy idleness.
- A day hemmed in prayer seldom unravels.
- A family stitched together with love, seldom unravels.
- A family is a patchwork of LOVE.
- A yard a day keeps the blues away.
- A fat quarter is not a body part.
- A Stitch in Time saves Nine.
- A messy house is the sign of a happy quilter.
- A fat quarter has fewer calories than a hot fudge sundae!
- A good friend is like a warm quilt wrapped around the heart.
- A family is a patchwork of Love.
- A family is quilted and bound with love and grace.
- A family is pieced together with hope and faith.
- Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.
- And the quilt tells a story and the story is our past.
- Any day spent sewing, is a good day!
- Anytime is stitchin' time.
- As ye Sew, sew Shall Ye Rip.
- Asking a seamstress to mend, is like asking Picasso to paint your garage!

I CAN'T CLEAN
MY CRAFT ROOM
BECAUSE I GET
DISTRACTED
BY ALL THE GOOD
STUFF I FIND
AGAIN.



Are you a Fabriholic? There might be help for you!

SELF TEST TO DETERMINE IF YOU ARE TRULY ADDICTED TO FABRIC OR JUST A SMALL TIME COLLECTOR

Check all that apply:

- You subscribe to two or more fabric related magazines. (Yes, quilting magazines count.)
- Every bed in the house has fabric stored underneath it.
- You tell the salespeople at the fabric store to mind their own business when they ask you what you are planning to make with your fabric purchase.
- The trunk of your car has a least one sack of fabric that you are waiting to bring in when no one is looking.
- You could make outfits for the entire cast of a large Broadway musical with fabric you have already purchased.
- You buy fabric when it is on sale even though you have no idea what you will use it for.
- You buy fabric when it is on sale even when you don't really like the fabric.
- When you go to quilt shows you find at least one fabric in each quilt that you have in your collection.
- Even when you have no money to buy fabric, you are compelled to go to fabric stores just to touch and smell it.
- You would rather shop for fabric than take a cruise to the Bahamas. (Unless there were fabric stores available on the boat of course.)

If you checked at least two of these questions you are a borderline fabriholic. If you checked at least four you are a member in good standing. If you checked five or more you are my kind of person and worthy of the title "Fabric Queen," or "Fabric King," as the case may be. (Not all fabric collectors are women, you know!)



MARCH SHOP TALK



Barb's Sewing Room: Stop on down and check out all the new patterns and panels from Block Party Studios and the selections of fabric markers. I should be getting some patterns in to handle all the show pins and charms you may be collecting too. The Main Street Quilters Bee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 1pm-3pm. We collect \$2.00 (our kitty) in hopes of planning something special, although we haven't decided what that is yet. Join us - come to sit and chat and stitch for a while with friends.

JoQuilter Fabrics: Winter hours are in effect. We are here most of the time, but call the shop at (563) 872-3473 or my cell (563) 542-6605 to double check before you come. Also, mark your calendars for a unique crafting getaway in beautiful Bellevue, Iowa held on April 24 - 26. Join crafters of all types to work on projects, learn new skills, enjoy great food, and meet new people. Details coming soon!

Pfat Quarters: Spring into action between Mar 12-16 and save on a new Bernina. For 5 days only, save \$500 on a B550 QE or \$700 on a B750 QE. The quilter editions come with Bernina's exclusive Bernina Stitch Regulator presser foot. Save on other models including \$800 off the top of the line B880.

Stitch n' Sew Cottage: March makes me think that spring is not far away. A road trip to Kalona would be a perfect solution. We have new store samples ready to show with new fabric collections. As always, there are new batiks, flannels, wide backing, panels, and other collections. Hope to see you soon. Stitch 'N Sew Cottage, Kalona IA 319-656-2923 Go to www.stitchnsewcottage and sign up for our newsletter to stay informed on store events and sales, or email us at stitchnsewc@yahoo.com. Our mission is to serve, teach, and inspire.

The Cotton Cabin Quilt Shop: Stop by the Cotton Cabin on Main to check out our new line of flannels from Primitive Gatherings. We are also carrying the Bloc Loc rulers which are great for making half square triangles and flying geese.

The Quiltmaker's Shoppe: 1) Don't Miss the Bus! Our bus leaves Saturday, April 18 taking you to 4 quilt shops in Wisconsin and then an overnight stay in Minnesota. On Sunday, you will visit 2 shops in Minnesota and 2 shops in Iowa. Your meals, bus fare, and motel stay are all covered at \$149. Grab a quilting buddy and ride along with this fun group!

2) It's a *March Madness Sale* on Saturday, March 14. Finish the bolt 25% off, books 30% off, fat quarters \$2 and select patterns \$5. Enjoy cookies and chocolates too.

3) *Spring Along 20* rounds out the month. Shop hop with Vintage Threads, Merry Stitchins and us, from Thursday, March 26 through Saturday, March 28. Have your bookmark punched at each shop to be eligible for gift certificates from each shop and terrific door prizes from fabric to books and notions! It's a small and sweet hop so you can take your time and enjoy shopping in each shop. Complete details for everything are available on our website—thequiltmakershoppe.com See you soon!

Vintage Threads: Don't know if Spring is ever going to happen, but we are looking forward to its arrival. Many of our spring fabrics are expected here at the shop in March and April. March 26, 27, & 28 is the *Spring Along 20 Shop Hop*. Check out the ad in this newsletter (page 4) for more details. The Spring Bus Hop is scheduled for April 17 & 18. We still have space for you so sign up soon. Go to our web site - vintagethreads.net for more details and a listing of the 7 other wonderful shops we will be visiting.





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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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