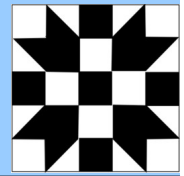


The Friendship Note

Newsletter of the Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild, Inc. Sarasota, Florida



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - OLD & NEW

I want to thank you all who made signature blocks for me as the outgoing President. I came home from the Holiday Party and laid them out on my dining room table. I've got a cute lap quilt in the making with them. I truly enjoyed being President the last two years and look forward to all the interesting and fun things the Guild will be doing in the future. Maybe I'll even have time now to get some quilting done!

Karla

Christmas is upon me as I write this first article for the newsletter as your incoming President. I'd like to thank Karla, our past President, for her service for the past two years. She did a great job. I look forward to 2012. I hope that I can provide a little comic relief now and then to liven up your day. I always say, it's a good day when you're smiling. We all have great friends here at the Guild and some of our new members will become some of those great friends. My closest friends have come from being a member of the FKQG. My abilities as a quilter have improved because of those friends and my techniques have improved tremendously because of the inspiring, knowledgeable teachers we recruit. So pack up the decorations, clean-up your sewing room, sign-up for a class and get ready for a really fun year.

Cass



**All Guild Meetings are held at
Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
4041 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota
Doors open at 6:15 pm**

Monthly Membership Meetings

- January 16 - Under the Influence - Jane Sassaman
- February 20 - When Finishing is Highly Overrated - Beth Ferrier
- March 19 - Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes - Karen Eckmeier

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- January 16/17 - Bountiful Bouquet/Leaf Sampler - Jane Sassaman
- February 19/20 - Romancing the Stitch/Sneaky Piecing Tricks - Beth Ferrier
- March 19/20 - Let's Make Waves!/Accidental Landscapes: Seascapes—Karen Eckmeier

HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY - PARTING

NOTES

Karen Brennan

We had 88 members at the holiday dinner. Much food, many new winners of raffles and door prizes. We have had catering by The Dutch Heritage for several years now. If you have any suggestion for caterers or holiday activities please forward them to the new Second Vice President, Anna Avery, so she has a year to consider them.

All your suggestions to the Board are given consideration even if your suggestion is not immediately incorporated, please know that they are appreciated and may be the one that sparks further discussion, so not a loss. I have enjoyed my time on the Board, getting to know more members and learning how our system works. Thank you to everyone who helped me and encouraged me during this time. Since I do prefer to be more invisible than in front of the crowd, Karla, Ellen and Barbara did announcements for me. I would gladly repay you by taking your place at the dentist but my **BIG THANKS** will have to suffice. Happy New Year to all. Holiday hugs.

EDUCATION NOTES

ELLEN SIMON

I can hardly wait for January to arrive. The Christmas shopping season will be over. Working retail is tough this time of year. More importantly, I am so excited about having Jane Sassaman kick off the new year. Jane's work is quite unique, often based on nature, interpreted through her training as a graphic artist. The designer William Morris and the Art Nouveau movement were two big influences in her work. (Can you tell I was an art history major?).

The Tuesday class, Leaf Sampler, is full. There are a few openings in Monday's Bountiful Bouquet, a class that will teach you Jane's approach to machine appliqué. Similar to the old fashioned broderie perse technique, this class will use large scale prints, either Jane's (Free Spirit fabrics) or fabric you already own. Both classes require ShirTailor, a Pellon fusible interfacing.

Beth Ferrier's class - "Sneaky Piecing Tricks" is all about short cuts and strategies to make piecing easier, more efficient and more fun. We'll learn a LOT about pressing techniques to give our piecing a professional finish, ways to organize our work so we can relax and sew with fewer mistakes. We'll learn about cutting too. There are tips and tricks for quilters of every skill level."

Sunday, February 19th class (Romancing the Stitch) is considered a FULL-day class. It runs from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with no break for lunch. The cost is \$25. The only half-day class (\$15) is in November (David Taylor). Please be sure you pay the correct amount. The same will apply to Juanita Yeager's class in April.

Don't forget to sign up for UFO camp in February at DaySpring. This is a great opportunity for uninterrupted sewing and camaraderie in an intimate setting.

Returning Snowbirds stop by the workshop table for a full 2012 schedule!

FRIENDSHIP KNOT QUILTERS' GUILD WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

You must complete this form and return it with your check to register for classes.

Class Title _____ Class Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Class Fee _____ Lunch (if applicable) _____ Total Enclosed _____

**Please send to: Pam Zeck, 5613 Merrimac Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231
Ph. 941-925-3240 Email pamzeck@comcast.net**

Make your check payable to Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild.

Supply lists are available from our website, by mail with a SASE or in person at the meetings.

Those paying in person will receive their supply list in person.

- **Fill out one registration form for each class you are signing up for. You may copy the form or use one from an old newsletter. Only paid class participants are permitted in classrooms.**

WORKSHOPS - 2012

Monday, January 16...9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m....Bountiful Bouquet - Jane Sassaman - www.janesassaman.com. Students will combine Jane's wonderful printed fabrics with her machine applique techniques to create a unique, floral broderie perse collage.

Tuesday, January 17...9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m....Leaf Sampler - SOLD OUT - Add personality to your quilts with machine embroidery. Using a leaf appliqué, change the finishing embroidery stitches to give your leaves different personalities.

Sunday, February 19...1:00 p.m. to 6 p.m....Romancing the Stitch—Beth Ferrier, www.applewoodfarmquilts.com. For the confident beginner machine quilter, we will explore scads of free motion designs that don't require marking the quilt, including feathered wreaths and border garlands.

Monday, February 20...9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Sneaky Piecing Tricks. Everything is easier when you know the tricks. Beth will show you her favorite tricks to improve your piecing, saving time and effort in the process.

Monday, March 19...9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Let's Make Waves- Karen Eckmeier - Let's Make Waves! Play with layered curves and peaks using Karen's layered/topstitching technique.

Tuesday, March 20...9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Accidental Landscapes: Seascapes - Karen Eckmeier. An 8 x 10 beach scene, quick and easy to make, just free form rotary cutting and topstitched edges.

CLASS FEES: Full day \$25, half day \$15 Members rate (Non-Members full day \$50 and half day \$35). Lunch included for full day classes at a cost of \$7.00. *Class fees are non-refundable.* Please be sure you can attend before you sign up. Workshops are held at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, 4041 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota.

FOR A GOOD TIME CALL JUDY SCHMALZRIED

Be a Hostess for an upcoming workshop. You get to sit in on a class for free, and have a lunch on us. It is a fun job. Call me. Judy Schmalzried at 941-922-1237

Kidzquilts CHARITY QUILT GROUP Contact: Jo Wiczynski - j.wiczynski@comcast.net

KIDZQUILTS met at the Fruitville Library on December 6, 2012. Nineteen gals attended and 54 quilts were donated to Sarasota Memorial Hospital. **That brings our 2011 yearly total to 689. WOW, WHAT A RECORD!!**

Many thanks to all those who have made quilts and donated fabric and batting in the year 2011. Our next meeting is January 10, 2012 at the Fruitville Library from 12:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Join us!

Membership

Ann Greene

The FKQG is currently accepting membership for 2012. Please make sure to fill out the membership form in full even if there are no changes. It may be mailed to me at 4759 Ringwood Meadow, Sarasota, FL 34235 with your check made payable to FKQG for \$25.00. Membership cards will be given out on meeting nights. If you want it mailed to you, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If you need a form, please email me, and I can email it back to you for printing.

The FKQG 2012 membership roster will be available at the February 13th meeting at the Membership Desk. **REMEMBER:** Your membership renewal **MUST** be handed in at the January meeting in order for your name to be included in the roster for 2012.

New Members:

Van Dyke, Donna
Pinson, Chris
Putz, Beverly
Rye, Florence
Wyse, Linda
Zabel, Patricia
Holzapfel, Donna

Email Changes:

Peterson, Connie
Wieczynski, Jo

**Kudos**

Pam Morris

Hopefully, many of you saw the short interview on "The Quilt Show Daily Blog" featuring our own Betty Seeman and her quilt that was in the Houston Quilt Show. Congratulations Betty!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Trish Bobeck

The cottage groups have passed on borrowing the DVD "Why Quilts Matters" so it will become part of the regular library to be checked by any member. Please let me know if anyone has suggestions for new additions needed for the library in 2012. New additions in January include:

Beading on Fabric by Larkin Jean Van Horn - this concise technique book shows you how to add bead embellishment to your work.

Serendipity Quilts by Susan Carlson - free-style cutting loose fabric collage.

Accidental Landscapes by Karen Eckmeier - our March 2012 national teacher creates landscapes in simple layers.

Modern Block by Susanne Woods - 99 Quilt blocks from your favorite modern movement designers.



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New _____ or Renewal _____ (Please check)

Yearly Dues - \$25.00 (January 1st - December 31st)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Are you currently a member of a Cottage Group? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, name of Cottage Group _____

Note: The above information is published in our Membership Roster which is distributed to all members. If you DO NOT want this information made available to other members, please check here _____.

The success of our Guild depends on member participation. In what area would you like to serve?

Board Member	_____	Committee Chair	_____
Education	_____	Quilt Show Chair/Committee	_____
Library	_____	Programs	_____
Membership	_____	Historian	_____
Parliamentary	_____	Friendship	_____
Newsletter	_____	Cottage Groups	_____
Website	_____	Quilt-Ins	_____

New Members: If you are joining by mail, your member folder will be available at the next meeting. If you would like your folder mailed, please include \$2.00 for mailing. **Renewing Members:** If you would like your member card mailed, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with this form.

Newsletters are available on our website at www.friendshipknotquiltersguild.com and a small number will be available at the meeting. An e-mail will be sent each month to let you know when the newsletter has been posted to the website. If you **do not** have access to the Internet, check here and your newsletter will be mailed _____ (no Internet access).

Make check payable to Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild or FKQG and mail to:
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Quilt Show

Today's Pleasures - Tomorrow's Treasures XIV

DATE: March 2nd and 3rd, 2012

Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lutheran Church, 11220 Oakhurst Road, Largo, FL

Judged Show - Boutique - Vendors' Mall - Charity Quilt - Silent Mini Quilt Auction - Quilters Walk Auction - Quilt Appraisals - Make 'n' Take Booth Sponsored by Bernina Pfaff Sewing Center

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Share Your Good Works

Dawn Moore

On February 7, 2012, the Sarasota County Commissioners will proclaim the month of March 2012 to be "Quilting Month". We will have the opportunity to report on and show off some of our charitable projects such as KidzQuilts and our Comfort Quilts. If you or your Cottage Group made and donated items to charities, please call or send me a note with more detail. Include Your Group, Charity or Organization Name, Number and type of items. Dawn Moore, 941-408-9572 or dawn@quiltmoore.com.

2013 QUILT SHOW NEWS

MARLENE KURTZ

Show dates are:

Setup - Thursday, March 7, 2013

Show - Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9th.

Quilt Show Theme - We are still looking for a theme for our 2013 Show. We are asking for members to submit ideas for the theme for our 2013 quilt show. I imagine every one of us has at least one theme they could dream up. Maybe you haven't ever offered a theme suggestion in the past, so take a plunge and play a word or phrase game with your cottage group or even your non-quilting friends.

I know we have so much beauty around us in Sarasota which has inspired some beautiful quilts; some have even won awards in both local and national shows. So just imagine a phrase that puts an image into words that will cause you to pause a moment. Kind of a reverse of a picture is worth a thousand words, we need a few words to highlight our show. Share your theme suggestions with me by either email or mme-kurtz@aol.com or regular mail to Marlene Kurtz, 4514 8th Street, Sarasota, FL 34232.

Past show themes:

2011 - Threads of Life

2009 - Quilts - My Favorite Things

2007 - Celebrate the Spirit of Sisterhood -
A Common Thread

2005 - Enchantment of Fabric - A Burst of
Color

Entries will be accepted until February 1,
2012.

Quilt Show Volunteers Needed

Here is a condensed list of areas that need coordinators/chairs. The list is a bit shorter as we have filled a few more areas this past month. We have a great support system in place from members who have provided wonderful notes and reports to get you up and going. Please call me if you would like to volunteer but would like a bit

more information. Everyone has a great time and can help in some way. My number: 941-371-4596.

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Ellen Simon

Len Damond

UFO - Winter Quilt Camp Reminder

Mary Nissen and Ellen Simon

Don't forget to sign up for our **Winter UFO - Quilt Camp**. What a perfect time to work on those projects that you started and never finished or you could start something new. We will not have organized classes at camp. Fun games, door prizes, late night sewing and, of course, eating and enjoying sewing. **Who could ask for more?**

The registration form appears in the November Newsletter or contact Mary Nissen at nissen-mary@gmail.com or Ellen Simon at cqmaker@tampabay.rr.com.

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