



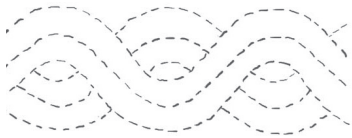
JANUARY 2009

# Heartstring Quilters

## From the Editor

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### Upcoming Meetings:

January 8th  
February 12th

Well, we made it through another holiday season and into the new year! For some of us, it can be a bit of a struggle to wade through the commercialism and hopplah and enjoy the pleasant things about the holidays without all that nostalgia brings with it. But keeping up a creative spirit, and having a group like Heartstrings helps to keep the focus in the right place! Although the general turmoil in the economy and all the necessary belt-tightening that is going on is disheartening, what I hope is that something positive comes out of it -- namely, a kind of reality check to remind us of what is really significant and lasting. The big ticket items and pressure to buy at the mall at this time of year have been our norm in America for a while, but maybe they shouldn't be. I think it would be wonderful if the current climate would nudge us all back into making things ourselves, or having much more appreciation for things that are hand made or unique.

Heartstrings will continue its lineup of programs in 2009, focusing on information and projects on the creative process. I look forward to a new year with all of you and your energy!

All the best,

Elizabeth

## JANUARY MEETING

In January we continue the exploration of the creative process with local fiber artist Leslie Pontz. Leslie "pushes the envelope" by using crocheted wire and creating non-traditional fiber-sculpture, weaving metal and fabric together. Leslie will be sharing some of her work along with a slide presentation and we look forward to our conversation with the artist.

## **Heartstring Quilters**

The newsletter of Heartstring Quilters is published monthly. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:15 PM when there is a speaker, and 7:30 PM if there is no speaker.

Membership dues are \$25/year  
Guest fee is \$3, or \$5 when there is a speaker.

### **Officers & Committees**

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### **Newsletter Submissions**

Send items for newsletter, announcements and information from other guilds, etc. by the 18th of each month to Elizabeth Van Schaick at:  
**skoik@comcast.net**

Please make sure submissions have been proofread and are free of unnecessary formatting.

## **Leslie Pontz Artist Biography**

Leslie Pontz “pushes the envelope” by using crocheted wire and creating non-traditional fiber-sculpture, weaving metal and fabric together. Leslie holds a masters degree in printmaking from Syracuse University and was the recipient of two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts through the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts as an Artist-in-residence. She is the former owner/designer of Leslie Pontz Design, an international manufacturing company that produced a high-end artist designed and hand printed line of table linens and related tabletop products. Leslie has shown internationally in invitational and juried exhibits in Paris, Brazil and Venezuela as well as throughout the U.S. She is the recipient of several awards for her work. Leslie is a co-founder of ArtQuilts at the Sedgwick, a nationally acclaimed east coast venue for the exhibition of art quilts. At present, she is represented by the Snyderman-Works Gallery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Boston Art Inc in Boston, Massachusetts and is part of many private and public collections including but not limited to the Kamm and Best Western collections. Her work is included in the collection of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

# JANUARY RETREAT PROGRAM INFORMATION

## “Make an Elf” led by Joann Nolt

A pattern can be supplied for \$9  
or go to [www.ebpdolls.com](http://www.ebpdolls.com) and select  
“Amethyst”

Email [joannesquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:joannesquilts@yahoo.com) for  
infomation on fabric requirements.

### QUILT RELATED TOUR BEING OFFERED

“The English Experience” is a specialist travel company based in North Wales PA. We arrange tours for quilters for friendship and educational purposes. In April 2009 we have a small group of quilters coming from the UK (their 3rd visit to the USA) to take a week long tour based in Charleston and Savannah. The itinerary focuses on quilting highlights in these two cities and will include visits to museums and quilting shop and special talks by curators of textiles and quilt collections. There will also be a class with Dorothy Montgomery relating to the Gullah culture of quilts.

Guild members would be most welcome to join the existing group. Further information about the tour can be obtained from Sylvia Dawson at “The English Experience Travels Ltd.” email: [syldaw@voicenet.com](mailto:syldaw@voicenet.com). Tel 215 699 6863.

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## Around the Guilds

### **Love Apple Quilters**

<http://www.loveapplequilters.com>

### **Undercover Quilters**

<http://www.undercoverquilters.com>

January: Challenge Intro/Circles, Circles, Circles

February: Kids' Quilt In-house Workshop

### **Valley Forge Homestead Quilters**

<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org>

November: Maggie Walker - her quilt and clothing

January: Barbara Garrett who has been quilting for almost 40 years. Her topic for the evening is Feed Sacks and Quilts.

### **Main Line Quilters**

<http://www.mainlinequilters.org>

January: Jane Hamilton Scrap Quilt Secrets Revealed

February: Pieces of Love Workshop

Please submit all  
materials for the

**February  
Newsletter**  
by January 15

## Refreshments

### **January:**

### **February:**

Patty Hewson-- Appetizer/Beverage

Suzan Hirsch -- Savory

Mary Kay Hitchner -- Sweets

### **February:**

Diana Hutchins -- Appetizer/Beverage

Phyllis Jackson -- Savory

Christina Johnson -- Sweets

If your name appears in the newsletter for next month's refreshments and you will not be able to provide them, please contact another member to take your place. The refreshments responsibility is rotated in alphabetical order. If you do need to switch with another member, please notify the hospitality chairperson, Lida Pos Klesius at [aklesius1@comcast.net](mailto:aklesius1@comcast.net)