



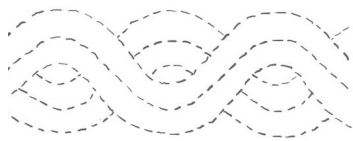
MAY 2010

Heartstring Quilters

From the Editor

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Upcoming Meetings:

May 13th

June 10th - potluck

Happy May! We have two very enjoyable events coming up which are always highlights of this guild: The ArtQuilt Elements exhibition in May and our summer potluck party in June. Both of these events encapsulate the best about our members -- focused hard work and passion for this art form, and our zany, fun-loving side. I am sure we'll enjoy these two final meetings a great deal.

As we only have one more newsletter this year after this one, please consider contributing something to the June issue to show what a great group this is. A picture of your latest piece or a trip to a quilt show, a description of a sewing tip or recommendations for summer reading would enhance the issue that takes us through the summer.

All the best,

Elizabeth

MAY MEETING

We will meet at the Wayne Art Center on May 13 for a private tour of the Art Quilt Elements exhibition. Go to Wayneart.org for directions.

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 \$35/year
Guest fee is \$3, or \$5 when there is a speaker.

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Robin Levenberg

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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.

SUMMER POTLUCK PARTY

**JUNE 10th
at the home of**

**Suzan Hirsch
1423 Wynnemoor Way
Fort Washington, PA**

Directions:

From 309 North or 309 South or the
PA Turnpike:

Get off at Fort Washington. Go to
the 2nd light--Commerce Drive--turn
right. Go through the industrial park
and it becomes residential--turn right
on Wynnemoor Way--1423--down on
the left side of the street.

For further information go to mapquest.com
or call Suzan Hirsch, 215-646-7361

**BRING YOUR UNNEEDED
FABRICS, EXTRA TOOLS AND
BOOKS, and OTHER USABLE
ODDS AND ENDS TO TRADE!**

Exhibit at the Art Museum's Perlman Gallery on Kantha Quilts

Kantha: The Embroidered Quilts of Bengal
from the Jill and Sheldon Bonovitz and the Stella Kramrisch Collections
December 12, 2009 - July 25, 2010

Stitching kanthas was an art practiced by women across Bengal, a region today comprising the nation of Bangladesh and the state of West Bengal, India. Lovingly created from the remnants of worn garments, kanthas are embroidered with motifs and tales drawn from a rich local repertoire and used especially in the celebration of births, weddings, and other family occasions.

This exhibition presents some forty superb examples created during the nineteenth century and first half of the twentieth century, when this vibrant domestic art flourished and encompasses works by women of diverse backgrounds—rural and urban, Hindu and Muslim. While all share a collective Bengali culture, the amazing variety of motifs, patterns, color combinations, and designs of the kanthas in this exhibition demonstrates the imagination and creativity of their makers.

April Meeting Minutes

HEARTSTRINGS QUILT GUILD
MINUTES APRIL 10, 2010

After opening the meeting, Robin and Susan discussed our making and selling Hope Pins. LIVING BEYOND BREAST CANCER is having their annual spring event May 1, 2010 at the Conshohocken Marriott and this is a perfect time to sell our pieces of art. Soryl Angel spoke about the good work this organization does for Breast cancer patients by helping them to attend supportive conventions. We need volunteers to man our Hope Pin booth. See Robin or Suzan if you are able to help out.

Next months meeting, May 13th will be at the Wayne Art Center, where we will get a guided tour of the amazing ART QUILT ELEMENTS exhibit. More details in the newsletter.

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Our June meeting is our annual Spring Pot Luck Dinner with a new twist. We are having a BBQ with hot dogs and burgers. So please bring a dessert, or a starch or a salad to the home of our Co-President for Life, Suzan Hirsch.

Cindy Kerr of CONKERR fame is a new member of Heart Strings and we are pleased to have her. She spoke to us about the children and hospitals receiving gifts of pillowcases for patients and parents. Through her efforts and the efforts of volunteers all across the country, more than 180,000 pillowcases have been put in the hands of sick kids. We can help by making pillowcases at Haynes Sewing Center on Friday May 21, 2010 or at home anytime.

Suzan thanked Jim Vander Noot for leading us in a super productive Saturday Retreat in Chestnut Hill. We learned to make lovely applique pieces and in the afternoon we made pins. All of this occurred while Philadelphia had one of the worst rain storms with downed trees and floods.

Our evening program was a GET TO KNOW THE NEW MEMBERS SHOW AND TELL. Each new member brought a first piece and a new piece to help us get to know them through their own quilt journey. Ellen Poplicastro, Susan Osbourne, Lisa Kaupp, Cindy Kerr, Sylvia Louise Richardson Ryland, Jane Shofer and Bonnie Waetzman all had amazing and varied journeys and wowed us with exciting and creative work. Welcome to Heartstrings, ladies.

SHOW AND TELL

*Suzan and Robin had a very exciting TELL. They are going to New York to see the OPRAH show and participate in a two day Oprah Happening. They were so excited they were almost speechless. Also, in honor of our new members, Suzan brought the first quilt she ever made... a bright orange, green and red baby quilt. Compare this to the quilt Suzan made for the 2010 Quilt Elements show and we can see that Suzan is on a new and different plane!

*Judy Fliegelman completed the very staid and country plaid piece she began at the retreat. She added a flowers and vine border to liven it up.

*Christina Johnson told us about seeing a very worthwhile exhibit at the Perelman Museum.

*Joann Nolt had a great Ricky Tims Convergence quilt that she enlivened with an appliqued lizard in one corner.

*Patti Hewson is working on hand quilting a beautiful quilt and showed her progress.

*Jim went to Maine over spring break with his family and worked on a cloud print wallhanging.

*Judy Allison had lovely necklaces made with leftover pieces of yarn. Many of us bought some of these colorful creations.

*Soryl Angel made two more quilts for her new "niece-let". Yea Soryl!!

*Annie Cohen showed us a great little purse made of recycled tabs for soda cans.

*Martha Klein had her finished Retreat applique to show.

*Rene Neibauer had hand painted fabric and made some interesting blocks with the yardage.

Another creative and exciting meeting . Thanks to everyone for sharing your creativity with us.

Respectfully submitted
JUDY FLIEGELMAN

Letter From Deborah Schwartzman

Dear Heartstrings Guild

Cindy, Suzan, Shawn, Margo and I would like to extend a big thanks to the Heartstring volunteers that distributed the postcards for AQE 2010. This is such an important part of our marketing and we could not accomplish so much without your help. We also would like to give a big group hug to the entire guild for your continued support of this exhibit. We are looking forward to the meeting at the WAC on May 13 where Margo and I will be giving a more in depth tour of the quilts. At that time we will be thrilled to share with you the quilt that won the Heartstrings award.

Thanks

Debbie

Debbie, Cindy, Suzan, Margo and Shawn

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Around the Guilds

Love Apple Quilters

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Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org>

Main Line Quilters

<http://www.mainlinequilters.org>

Wonderful New Mixed-Media Book

Dusty Diabolos: Folklore, Iconography, Assemblage, Ole has just been published by Northlight Books. This is artist/author Michael deMeng's second book. Like his first book, this one is part guide, part journal, and part photography exhibition. The page layout and design are very creative, adding another dimension to the artist's writing and artwork. DeMeng is known for using just about anything and everything in his found object assemblages, and making all those parts gel together.

The pieces featured in this book all derive from his experiences in Mexico. There is a piece inspired by Mezcal tequila, a tribute to Frida Kahlo and many others inspired by Mexican religious or mythical characters or symbols. One of the most valuable things about this guide is how the artist traces and explains his thought process while gathering or selecting objects, assembling the sculpture and finalizing the details and finish. He discusses all aspects from the overall vision or inspiration to choosing objects, dolls and odds and ends, to how to accomplish evocative paint effects. Anyone who works with either three dimensional art or any type of mixed media art quilts will find inspiration in this book.

Refreshments

May:

Meeting at Wayne Art Center

No refreshments

June Potluck:

Sign up to come!

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