



Heartstring Quilters

January Meeting

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Hi Friends, We've heard from so many of you that there has not been enough time to socialize at our recent meetings. This meeting is your opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. We will be having an extended show and tell, so please bring all your latest projects to share!

Also there will be a guild business meeting. Topics to be discussed are pin making and sales, committee chairmanships and, future programming. These are the heart of the guild and what make us so

unique. We need your input to keep the guild growing and strong for the coming years. We would love to hear your opinions at the meeting!

Finally--the January 20th workshop day is nearing. We have 22 people signed up and 30 is our cutoff. If you are still interested contact Suzan Hirsch. Don't miss out on this wonderful day!

See you at the meeting!

Robin and Suzan

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PAPER AND OTHER NEW THINGS

The biggest common interest among Heartstrings members is fabric art, but many of us are open to adventures into other media. Since it is a new year, consider exploring a new medium or technique, or a new old medium. Several interesting finds having to do with papermaking clustered in my creative pod lately. Paper can be considered one of the oldest products on earth, as well as one with the newest technologies applied to it.

A new novel, *The Sense of Paper* by Taylor Holden is a narrative about a former journalist and her flashbacks to war zone assignments and her research for a book on a totally new subject. The memories, a love of art and a new romance are combined with factual information about the history of paper itself and papermaking techniques in the

newly industrialized Britain of the Nineteenth Century. The main premise is that the journalist is trying to sleuth out which British and European art papers would have been used by the famous oil painter and watercolorist J. M. W. Turner, and why, and how. Imagine a mixture of the writing styles of contemporary British novelists Maeve Binchy, Rosamund Pilcher and A.S. Byatt, author of *Possession*, and biographical and historical information. If you are thirsty for thorough information on the history of papermaking, you will need a non-fiction book such as *Making Paper: A Look Into the History of an Ancient Craft* by Bo Rubin. If you want to try making paper, look for a how-to guidebook or a complete kit.

The famous American writer Herman Melville wrote a short story detailing the

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Heartstrings Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes - Dec 14, 2006

Robin opened the meeting with thanks to Judy Bergman for hosting our annual Holiday Dinner and Fabric Stealing Show in her beautiful home.

*Guild Retreat will be held Saturday Jan. 20, 2007 at the Conshohocken Marriot, from 9:30AM to 4 PM. The cost is \$22 which includes lunch but we will have to pay \$3 for parking. The plan for the day is exciting as the morning is a surprise. Margo Clyma and Elizabeth Van Schaick have a secret project they will share that day. A supply list was given out but no idea of the project. After lunch we will make pillow cases for CONQUER CANCER... a group that treats young chemo patients to a new jazzy pillow case for each treatment. Simple instructions will be provided as will fabric and plastic bags. If you have any colorful fabric you wish to donate to this cause, bring it with you.

*Karoline Wallace announced that we have two new members, Elyse Schatz and Patty Britt. Welcome to both!!

*January 11, 2007 is a very important

meeting and everyone is urged to attend. We need to discuss, brainstorm, and plan for our future... programs and pins are the major focus of the discussion. Need program chairs for 2008; pin sales are down; where are we going with Susan G. Komen??? Please attend and make your voice heard.

SHOW AND TELL (if I left anyone off the show and tell list, please forgive me)

*Annie Cohen showed us the bibs she made for her two granddaughters. Bright colors and a terry cloth lining. Really cute! Annie also showed her Kaffe Fassett quilt in shades of blues and greens.

*Judy Fliegelman made three easy but colorful TURNING TWENTY quilts all in different color schemes. She also showed a rounded log cabin wall hanging in shades of rusts and greens with piping around each log.

*Jim Vander Noot took Carole Taylor's Architextures class and was happy with the wall hanging of couched circles and beautiful thread work he completed. He also showed a gorgeous large wedding quilt with signed squares from the guests at the wedding.

*Terri Ciampitti showed a wall quilt of couched circles and thread work which she admitted to be derivative of the work of that well known Philadelphia artist, James Vander Noot.

*JoAnn Dooley wins mother/mother-in-law of the year award. She designed and made a magnificent wedding quilt top for her son and daughter-in-law. They decided it was too bright... the colors too "loud". So JoAnn, being the good person she is, created an equally magnificent back- an inverted V in gradations of subdued earth tones. Lucky children get two quilts in one.

Our amazing Co-Presidents for Life, Suzan and Robin, added to the festivities by getting gift certificates to our favorite stores and raffling them off to our members. See what you missed by not coming. Among the winners were new member Patti Britt and Judy Fliegelman. Our co leaders for life also treated us to a pair of thread snips as a holiday gift. Great idea ladies, and so thoughtful. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Respectfully Submitted

FINDINGS: January 2007 by Elizabeth Van Schaick

workers who made paper in the Nineteenth Century. "The Paradise of Bachelors and the Tartarus of Maids" presents a bleak view of the industrialization of paper making, and the machinery itself, painting a picture of female mill workers slaving to operate the engine which supports a privileged male society.

Most of us don't remember the process, and the poetry behind this extremely common product. With her poem "Recipe for Paper," contemporary poet Shin Yu Pai takes a pensive walk through the process. Section I is a simple but suggestive poem. Section II consists of notes about the ancient origins of paper. Read the poem at:

www.asianamericanpoetry.com/show_poem.php?poem=Shin_Yu_Paidna5mlube4

The January 2007 (Vol. 3, Issue 2) issue of Art Jewelry magazine contains two intriguing articles. In the category of "new old" arts, the article "Finders Keepers" consists of a discussion with seven jewelry makers about how they incorporate and preserve found objects in their work. The accompanying photographs prove that art made with discarded, odd or recycled components can look incredibly modern. A separate article describes three ways to use epoxy resin in jewelry components. The three techniques - coating flat images, filling in windows, and layering a three dimensional collage - are exciting in themselves. However, this new two part epoxy product suggests interesting relationships between qualities of suspension and layering with a clear, hard material and what we attempt to do with quilting

and avant-garde fabric collage.

A side announcement: Olfa has created a limited edition pink rotary cutter and self-healing cutting mat in support of the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The mat is 12" x 18" and costs \$15.49. The 45 mm rotary cutter is \$23.49. For more information, go to www.olfa.com.

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, 7:30 PM if no speaker.

Membership dues: \$25/year
Guest fee: \$3, \$5 if there is a speaker

Officers & Committees

Effective September 2006

President: Suzan Hirsch, Robin Levenberg
Co-Secretary #1: Judy Fliegelman
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Treasurer: Cindy Friedman
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Programs: Gwen Gatto, Susan Brooks
Newsletter: Jim Vander Noot, Judy Fliegelman
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Newsletter Submissions

Send (or deliver) items for the newsletter, address changes, announcements of shows, information from other guilds, etc. by the 23rd of each month to:

jvanderoot@comcast.net

Heartstrings 2007 Workshop Day

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007 9:30AM - 4PM, Marriott Conshohocken

This is always a fun day with some creative learning to boot!! We have a creative project planned for the morning and a charitable project for the afternoon. And of course a yummy lunch is served by the Marriott. Margot and Elizabeth will show some sample projects and explain the steps to construction. The project will not be difficult, so the excitement will come from doing your most individual interpretation.

Supply List

- Sewing machine and an extension cord if you have one
- Several (try 6) fabrics you like, either fun or mysterious, plain, ethnic, whatever - about 12 inches square
- Cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter
- Fabric scraps, yarn, thread, embroidery floss, embellishments, beads, buttons, sequins, found objects, wire, prismacolor pencils, and fun things you would like to work with (no paint or messy items)
- examples, ideas or books for imagery, symbols, patterns, visual elements that strike you
- any textures/weights of fabrics could be used as small added appliqué
- If you like working by hand/appliqué, small scraps, fabric photos, special papers or previously printed or stamped fabric pieces, etc.
- Bring extra fabric pieces, scraps and/or embellishments if you are willing to contribute to for the "sharing" pile
- You have free reign on colors, style, degree of detail/embellishment.
- The hotel will furnish several ironing stations
- We will provide some supplies

You might brainstorm about any imagery, symbols, photographs, objects, myths, etc. that really inspire you, any needlework technique you particularly like or have wanted to try, or anything to do with themes of personal adornment and/or using your body to connect, reach out, build, etc. Putting in a little searching of your "artistic" or "stitching" soul first will help take the finished products beyond just basic. We hope everyone will attend since this is a fun day and a chance to relax and explore your right brain!

Workshop has a 30 person limit. Payment can be made out to Heart String Quilters and mailed to Suzan Hirsch 1423 Wynnemoor Way, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Hope to see you all there!

January

Diana Heiney - Beverage/snack
Suzan Hirsch - Savory
Mary Kay Hitchner - dessert/sweet



Refreshments

February

Diana Hutchins - Beverage/snack
Bobbie Isaacs - Savory
Christina Johnson - dessert/sweet

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 refreshment responsibility is rotated in alphabetical order. If you do need to switch with another member, please notify the Hospitality Chairperson, Lida Pos Klesius (aklesiusl@comcast.com or 610-642-1763).



With Loving Hands, presented by Love Apple Quilters

Dates: February 10-11, 2007

Location: The Enterprise Center at BCC, 3331 Route 38, Mount Laurel, NJ.
Raffle quilt, boutique, vendors, challenge quilts, mini-quilt auction, educational programs

For information, contact Jill Platt at (856) 795-8533 or Karen Dever at (856) 234-6631

Quilts in a Material World - Selections from the Winterthur Collection

Dates: March 10 - September 16, 2007

Location: Winterthur Museum and Country Estate, Route 52, Wilmington, DE.

Discover Winterthur's outstanding collection of quilts - some considered to be icons in the field. Most will be on view to the public for the very first time! For information, call (800) 448-3883

Alex Anderson Program

Alex Anderson is going to be at Shady Maple on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 from 9:00 – 11:00 am and 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00. This program is sponsored by Hinkletown Sewing. (Mr. Zimmerman)

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Alzheimer's Foundation of America Quilt to Remember

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is bringing our national initiative, the AFA Quilt to Remember, to cities across the United States in 2007. The AFA Quilt to Remember is the first national dementia-related quilt of this grand a scale and consists of large and creative quilt panels contributed by individuals and organizations from across the country.

Panels created by individuals measure 4 feet by 4 feet and those created by organizations measure 8 feet by 8 feet. We ask that each panel has a backing and finished edges so that it is sturdy for transport. A summary package with more information about the AFA Quilt to Remember and a panel maker application are enclosed. Please visit www.alzquilt.org to read more about the AFA Quilt to Remember and the quilt tour, and to view photos of some of the panels contributed so far.

In addition, AFA would like to invite quilt guilds from across the country to attend the displays of the AFA Quilt to Remember, and to spread the word to their community about visiting the quilt.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to become involved in a truly unique project. For more information please contact Ashleigh Egan, AFA's director of Together for Care, at aegan@alzfdn.org or 866-232-8484.

Around the Guilds

Love Apple Quilters

<http://www.loveapplequilters.com/>

January 2007 - Challenge Voting

February 2007 - Quilt Show Wrap-Up

March 2007 - Trish Hodge, Auburn, CT - Batik Traditions

April 2007 - Cindy Souder, Annandale, VA - Lessons Learned

May 2007 - Eleanor Levie, Downingtown, PA -Not for Mother's Day Only

June 2007 - Charity and Boutique Night- Come join your fellow members in finishing projects for each of these worthy areas. Bring your favorite sewing supplies and be ready to put on that binding or finish a kit for a boutique item!

Undercover Quilters

<http://www.undercoverquilters.com/>

January - Make and Take project

This year we will be doing English paper piecing. This is a hand

technique that uses a paper foundation and allows you to get perfect angles, all meeting in the right places. We will be doing a 6-inch 8-pointed star block

February - **B.J. Titus**

Award-winning quilt artist and member of Brandywine Valley Quilters

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/>

January - **Ergonomics and Quilting** presented by Robert Cannell, massage therapist.

February - **Quilted Counted-Cross Stitch Iron-on Wallhang-ing** presented by guild members, Rosemary Geisler and Judy Snook.

March - **Needle & Thread Approach to the Folded Hexagon** presented by Mary Anne Ciccotelli.