



Heartstring Quilters

From the Editor

As another successful year of Heartstrings draws to a close, there is still plenty to look forward to for the summer months. To feed your fabric fanaticism, the New Jersey Quilt Convention and Quilt Odyssey in Hershey will be on offer, in June and July, respectively. Remember those unfinished projects you put aside? Perhaps summer will offer you a little time, and sunny weather for completing some needle work while sitting outside. If you have neatly finished ALL of your current quilts and projects (!?!), cleaned out your sewing room, and have not succumbed to the Craft Supply Buying Bug again recently (?!?), you can pick up some new (old) material at the Trash to Treasure Swap at the June Potluck. A scrap that someone else had no conceivable use for might be the inspiration for a new project for you. For those who consume quilt or art books the way Snoopy munched through his stack of bones, there are some new titles listed on page four. I have included brief descriptions, but it is fairly easy to check out details and reviews on these titles and browse for others in these subject categories on Amazon.com. It is also quite worthwhile for the

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June Meeting

Please join us June 12 at 6:30 PM for our **Spring Potluck** get together. This year it will be held at the home of Suzan Hirsch, 1423 Wynnemoor Way, Fort Washington, PA 19034. It is right off the Turnpike and 309 expressway. We will be providing the main course and asking members to bring salad, vegetable sides or dessert. If you haven't responded and would like to attend contact Suzan at

suzan.hirsch@gmail.com or 215-646-7361.

This event will also host a "Trash into Treasures" swap so bring quilting/sewing things you no longer want or need and come prepared to take a few things home! Everyone can get into the act whether you bring anything or not! This is a great time to clean out and purge yourself of things that are just collecting dust!

See you all soon, Suzan and Robin

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Upcoming Meetings:

June 12: Potluck!

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.

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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.



Postcard Enso # 3 by Elizabeth Van Schaick

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price discount. To touch base with other members and help support our charitable gifts and our guild programming, come to a Hope Pin workshop. These meetings are truly the best opportunity to get to know members better in an informal situation. Meanwhile, we will all surely be anticipating the arrival of the Gee's Bend quilts to the Philadelphia Museum of Art in September, so communicate amongst yourselves if you would like to make a motion for a group visit.

Please consider documenting your quilt work with photographs and/or writing -- all members are invited to contribute pictures or articles to the newsletter next year! Show members how you did a quilt, or describe a visit to a quilt event.

All the best for the hot season! Beat the heat by making 'cool' quilts!



Elizabeth

Can you host a pin workshop?

If you would be able to host a workshop to make breast cancer hope pins this summer,

please contact

Anita Schechter
at
aschechter002@comcast.net

Workshops have been successful in the past, and the more pins we have, the better we can support our charities and our guild's programs!

Refreshments

June:

POTLUCK! Sign up at May meeting.

September: Stay tuned!

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

BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING AND CREATING!

The Quilting Arts Book: Techniques and Inspiration for Creating One-of-a-Kind Quilts by Patricia Bolton, 144 pp., \$24.95.

The editor in chief of Quilting Arts Magazine offers a compilation of the most popular topics, articles and artists from past issues of the magazine as well as new techniques and inspiration.

Mixed-Media Self-Portraits: Inspirations & Techniques by Cate Coulacos Prato, 128 pp., \$22.95.

This book features a wide range of artists and contributors who explore creative self-portraits through exercises, essays, and gallery art. Inspiration and techniques for mixed-media, paper collage, art quilts and assemblage.

Masters: Art Quilts by Martha Sielman, 415 pp., \$24.95. from Quilting Arts Magazine:

“In this colorful and masterful survey, 40 outstanding contemporary artists from around the world exhibit their art and share their thoughts and themes. Photo spreads with up to a dozen quilts from each artist are artfully arranged on consecutive pages allowing an in-depth look at the quilts. Artists’ photos and a short introduction begin each section and materials and techniques are provided with each quilt image. This group of artists and their wonderful artwork is sure to impress.”

The Object of Labor: Art, Cloth and Cultural Production edited by Joan Livingstone and John Ploof, 422 pp., \$39.95. from Fiberarts Magazine:

“The handling of the subject is anything but labored in this anthology of essays and artists’ projects that deftly blends history lessons, social commentary, art criticism and the works and words of artists from around the world. In their invitation to study the book’s thirty-five chapters in any order, Livingstone and Ploof -- colleagues at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago -- underline ‘how all our lives are becoming increasingly intertwined, culturally, economically and politically.’”

Some of the essays are academic and/or theoretical, while others are documents of actual art projects or satirical reflections. One of the most interesting is a piece by writer and activist bell hooks, who talks about her grandmother’s quilting skills and what she learned from her.

Contemporary Quilt Art: An Introduction and Guide by Kate Lenkowski, 288 pp., \$39.95.

A beautiful guide to the form and some outstanding artists. Part One is a short introduction to the history of the art quilt. Part Two contains chapters profiling nineteen prominent artists who work in widely varying styles, including Liz Axford, Susan Brandeis, Nancy Crow, Michael James. Part Three is a practical guide for buyers and collectors of art quilts.

May Meeting Minutes

The meeting began with a business update: Susan Soiferman, Treasurer, advised that the guild has \$3200 in the bank. 25 pins were sold at the most recent Living Beyond Breast Cancer conference.

The speaker for the evening is the owner of Fabrics on the Hill, in Chestnut Hill. She gave an informative and interactive talk on the care of our sewing machines.

Tracey Kuehn was the winner of our evening raffle.

Show and Tell:

--Toni Cox used a Quick Crazy Quilt project to use up batiks and come up with a gorgeous "math quilt"! It was 2 1/2 years in the making! She also showed progress on her yo-yo's Cafe Curtain panels.

--Mary Kay Hutchison shared pictures of her granddaughter, Leela Helen, born Jan. 24th. Her rubber ducky quilts for the crib in yellow's and green's will be the envy of all her granddaughter's friends! Way to go, Mary Kay!

--Susan Osborne announced that she is published in the latest Art Dolls magazine. Congratulations, Susan!

--Deb Schwartzman told us of a project which Cindy Friedman is spearheading to raise money in Africa. Approximately 22 artists in Fiber Revolution are working to hang an exhibit of their work in the American Embassy in Botswana.

--Lauren Anderson is making a series of quilts based on watercolors that her great-grandmother did as part of a book on native species of flowers in Texas. Lauren silkscreened a page from the book and incorporated the page into her quilt on the Batswing Coral Plant -- absolutely lovely!

--Judy and Robin teamed up to tell the story and show the quilts from a book -- Quilts that look impressive but are easy to make. Judy made a red & black version with a center piece and curved piecing that allows you to ease in the curves. Robin had a couple that she had made - one in yellow/red, one in purple/orange (13-year-old-girl colors). Robin also showed the fruits of her labors on a green bargello quilt that she'd made. All were wonderful.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy

Around the Guilds

Love Apple Quilters

<http://www.loveapplequilters.com>

June: Guild quilt show boutique sew-in.

Undercover Quilters

<http://www.undercoverquilters.com>

June: Social and dinner

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org>

June: Summer picnic. Begins at 6:00 pm.

Main Line Quilters

<http://www.mainlinequilters.org>

The Main Line Quilters Guild will meet 9:30 a.m. Friday June 13, 2008 at the Court Yard by the Marriott Devon, 762 W Lancaster Ave, Wayne. Guest speaker Judy Vadney, lecture and show of "Redwork Yesterday and Today"

Guest Fee \$4 A light luncheon will follow the program, guests are welcome please Contact Ruth Lazarus 610-688-5388 Note this meeting is a week earlier than normal schedule

Calendar of Events

June 12 – 14, 2008 NJ Quilt Convention at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison, NJ. 500 plus quilts, wearables and special exhibits, vendors, hourly demos, and kids interactive area. Presented by The State Quilt Guild of NJ, Inc. For information call Debbie Stanley at 732-591-0257 or visit www.NJQuilts.org.

July 24 – 27, 2008, Quilt Odyssey 2008 at Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA. For information call 717-423-5148 or visit www.quiltodyssey.com or write to quiltodyssey@embarqmail.com.

Through Sept. 16th, A Quilt Sampler at Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester, PA. Includes a pieced silk quilt, autograph quilt, album quilt top, whitework quilt, Civil War applique quilt, all from the early to late 1800s. 610-692-4800.

www.chestercohistorical.org.

Through Sept. 18th, Blue at The Textile Museum 2320 S Street, Washington DC. 202-667-0441. www.textilemuseum.org. Exhibition on the meaning of color and indigo dying. A film, Blue Alchemy: Stories of Indigo, is also playing.

September 16, 2008 - December 14, 2008, Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt at Philadelphia Museum of Art. This exhibition takes a fresh look at the quilting traditions in the community of Gee's Bend, Alabama, introducing new artists and motifs in works dating from the early twentieth century through 2005. Presented are approximately sixty-five extraordinary quilts that demonstrate how the artists play upon the structure or "architecture" of traditional quilt patterns. Each quilt is unique, yet shares a common visual vocabulary with others made in Gee's Bend. With newly discovered work from the 1930s to the 1980s, as well as more recent designs by established quiltmakers and the younger generation they have inspired, the exhibition documents the development of key patterns—such as housetop, courthouse steps, flying geese, and strip quilting—through outstanding examples. www.philamuseum.org/exhibitions/311.html