



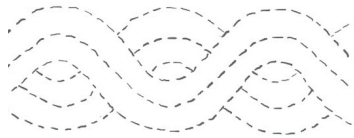
NOVEMBER 2008

Heartstring Quilters

From the Editor

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Upcoming Meetings:

**Nov. 12th (Wed):
Gwen Marstan**

**Dec. 11th:
Holiday Potluck!**

Autumn is my favorite time of the year by far. There is nothing like the combination of a clear, bright blue sky and the outrageous colors of the turning leaves. I seem to shift a bit to the more traditional side of my personality with the first cold snap or whiff of a wood fire, and I become a bit nostalgic. Perhaps the best of Fall (the crisp, but not cold air, the spectacular displays on the trees before the wind and rain strip them) is so special because it lasts for such a brief period. This seems to be one of the best times to be making quilts. The bright one with the Spring colors just won't do for the couch anymore! Although I don't consider "country/traditional" style quilts my favorite to make, I do like that comfy texture, and I have always had an attraction to felted wool crafts with Autumn or Halloween themes, and "penny rug" designs. During this time of the year, there is still that optimism that there is time left to make holiday gifts and ornaments...*I know! I'll make my own hand stitched Christmas Cards! I think I'll sew and stuff dreidels for all the children I know! I think I will make my own Advent Calendar!* Well, I miss the curve on that one every year, and forget about it again for the whole forthcoming

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MEETINGS

On November 12th (WEDNESDAY) we will host Gwen Marstan, who will do a special presentation. On December 11th we will have our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner/Dog-Eat-Dog Fabric Exchange Chinese Auction! It will be held at Lauren Anderson's home. Packages to exchange should include at least two fat quarters and some embellishments and/or notions or surprises. Sign up to bring a dish! Details on location/directions are on page 2.

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

Presidents:

Suzan Hirsch and
Robin Levenberg

Co-Secretaries:

Judy Fliegelman and
Marcy George

Treasurer: Susan Soiferman

Assistant Treasurer: Martha Klein

Hospitality: Lida Pos Klesius

Programs: (In Transition)

Newsletter:

Elizabeth Van Schaick

Membership: Karoline Wallace

Raffle: Terri Ciampitti

Website: Karoline Wallace

Sunshine: Soryl Angel

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.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY

Thursday, December 11th

**At the home of Lauren Anderson
211 Roberts Road
Ardmore, PA 19003
610--649-0430**

Sign up to bring a dish!

Directions:

**One block from Suburban Square to the West,
and from Lower Merion High School to the
East.**

From West:

**Montgomery Ave to Llanfair, left on Llanfair,
left on Roberts Road to last house on left. Park-
ing on right side of street only.**

**From East: Montgomery Ave to Llanfair, right
on Llanfair, etc., see above.**

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year until the next autumn, and then AGAIN the time just flies by headlong into New Years. If I were smart, I would start my Fourth of July projects now.

I succumb to my magazine addiction during this time of year, drawn in by the beautiful covers with pictures of pumpkins and feast tables, and the contents full of savory recipes. The crafting, quilting and knitting magazines hook me in with beautiful textures and lovely little projects to brighten up the rainy or cooler evenings. Grab a copy of Vogue Knitting or the new magazine spin off "Stitches" from Quilting Arts. Not only do these issues offer great projects in many media, some of which can be completed without a huge time commitment, but they also point you toward the latest releases in tempting craft books that will feed your curiosity.

All the best,

Elizabeth

Please submit all
materials for the

**DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER**

by November
16th.

Please bring attention especially to
items on events that are scheduled
for the beginning of December!!

Refreshments

November:

Nancy George: appetizer/beverage

Julianne Grant: Savory

Dianna Heiney: Sweets/dessert

December:

HOLIDAY POTLUCK! Please sign up to
bring a dish!

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

October Meeting Notes

HEARTSTRING QUILT GUILD MINUTES

October, 2008

The meeting was opened with a discussion of two significant issues: Pin making/selling and guild activities. Suzan and Robin expressed concern and invited input about the level of interest and energy for making the Breast Cancer Hope Pins. It was noted that this has been a successful fundraiser in the past and the pins mean a lot to those who have bought them. The group discussed how and when to conduct workshops or teach newcomers to make pins. As noted previously, the effort, commitment and planning of places and events to sell pins are a continuing challenge. The group brainstormed for ideas on how and where to best direct this effort if the pin project continues to be a continual activity throughout the year in the future.

The other point of discussion is how to increase involvement and excitement for activities among our members. The group discussed maintaining energy for pin making and various committees, and how to establish continuing interest in different tasks. The presidents acknowledged the need for members, both standing and newcoming, to plan or implement activities and/or projects in the future. The group will continue looking for ideas to fire up our members and arrange appealing activities. In terms of committees, we might say success is not success without a successor!

There was also a show and tell.

Gwen Gatto's Lemon Bars Deluxe

from ALL THE RECIPES YOU WANTED TO BORROW BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK
Mizrachi Women, Oak Park, Michigan

Ingredients:

2 1/4 c all-purpose flour, sifted (2 for crust, 1/4 for lemon juice mixture)

1/2 c confectioners' sugar, sifted

1 c butter

4 eggs, beaten

2 c granulated sugar

1/3 c lemon juice

1/2 tsp baking powder

confectioners' sugar (to sprinkle on top)

Directions:

Sift together 2 c flour and confectioners' sugar; cut in butter until mixture clings together (the mixture doesn't really 'cling' for me, but after pressing it into the pan, it all sticks together); press into (ungreased) 9 x 13 pan (glass seems to work best).

Bake in 350 oven for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned.

Beat eggs, granulated sugar and lemon juice.

Sift together 1/4 c flour and baking powder and stir into egg/lemon juice mixture. Pour over baked crust. Bake for 25 minutes longer.

Sprinkle with additional confectioners' sugar. Cool. Cut into bars.

JANUARY RETREAT PROGRAM INFORMATION

“Make an Elf” led by Joann Nolt

A pattern can be supplied for \$9
or go to www.ebpdolls.com and select
“Amethyst”

Email joannesquilts@yahoo.com for information on fabric requirements.

Date and place will be announced at or after the December meeting.

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MUSEUM REVIEW

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by Suzan Hirsch

MUSEUM OF ARTS AND DESIGN
2 COLUMBUS CIRCLE NEW YORK, NY 10019 212.299.7777

New York City’s landmark, Columbus Circle, with the gorgeous Time Warner building nearby, is now home to the newly built and just opened Museum of Arts and Design (MAD, formerly the American Craft Museum). While its former home was near the Museum of Modern Art, “this location gives arts, craft and design enthusiasts an experience unlike any other in New York City.” Based on the exhibits I visited and the crowds coming through this museum, I have to say the new Museum of Arts and Design is an unequivocal success.

This 54,000 square foot building is triple the size of the previous facility and allows the museum dedicated galleries to display their permanent collection. This eclectic collection includes glass, weaving, wood, pottery, metal work, and jewelry with works by many well known artists, including Judy Chicago, Dale Chihuly, etc. While these galleries were interesting, the special exhibit was extraordinary. “Second Lives: Remixing the Ordinary” is an exciting exhibition featuring 50 contemporary artists from 17 countries who transform discarded, commonplace, or valueless manufactured and mass-produced objects into extraordinary works of art. Old vinyl records were transformed into butterflies, books into sculpted faces and spoons and rubber bands into a pyramid. All I can say is wow! This cutting edge exhibit blew me away! It is at MAD until Feb. 15, 2009.

There were three amazing pieces that would be fascinating to guild members. One piece uses clothing labels another other spools of thread and one uses buttons. The surprise is in how the artists used these ordinary objects. I won’t spoil it but if you can’t get to see the exhibit, just ask me at the next meeting and I will tell you about these fantastic works of art.

I highly recommend the Museum of Art and Design. Only a 10-15 minute walk away is Magnolia Café, 200 Columbus Ave. at 69th St., sellers of the best cupcakes in NYC! Another landmark not to be missed!

Fiber Workshop at the Wayne Art Center

Shibori and Block Printing on Fabric

Saturday, November 15th

10 am – 3 pm

Wayne Art Center

With Janell Wysock

Learn two techniques: hand-dyeing Shibori fabric and block-printing on top. Everyone will leave with a hand-printed silk scarf.

\$110 members/\$130 nonmembers, \$15 supply fee

Wayne Art Center

413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne PA 19087

For information and registration, call 610-688-3553

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. Tel 215 699 6863.

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Nov. 15-22, 2008

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Around the Guilds

Love Apple Quilters

<http://www.loveapplequilters.com>

November: Merry May of School House Enterprises will lecture on "Memory Quilts." Explore various techniques that may be used to make a unique quilt to commemorate almost any occasion.

December: Libby Kube Hage of Glory Bee quilts will present an Auction 'Beauty and the Beast' fund raiser

Undercover Quilters

<http://www.undercoverquilters.com>

November: Gwen Marstan - "So Old, It's New"

Workshop Nov. 11

December: In House Fundraiser

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org>

November: Maggie Walker - her quilt and clothing designs

December: Party/Gift Exchange

Main Line Quilters

<http://www.mainlinequilters.org>

November: Ellen Endslow of the Chester County Historical Society, "Pieces and Patterns" lecture.

Contact Ruth Lazarus 610-688-5388

December 12 (Second Fri) Brown Bag Challenge and Winter Tea

Calendar of Events

*September 16, 2008 - December 14, 2008: **Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt.** 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 seventy-four extraordinary quilts that demonstrate how the artists play upon the structure or "architecture" of traditional quilt patterns.

*October 9 - December 7, 2008: **Gee's Bend (play)** by ELYZABETH GREGORY WILDER, Directed by ELEANOR HOLDRIDGE. On the Arcadia Stage, Arden Theater Company, 40 N. 2nd Street, Old City, Philadelphia.

*November 15-22 -- From Bali to Bala Annual Show and Sale