

Bits & Pieces

Winter/Spring 2012

Holly Berry Quilters Guild

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Presidents Message

Show and Tell is one of my favorite parts of our meetings. It takes a lot of work to get a quilt from idea concept or pattern to the finished product. That's why we ooh and ahh over the projects that our fellow quilters bring to show and tell. We know all the labor and love that goes into seeing these projects to completion. Some projects have us all fired up and we can complete quickly, others for some reason take years to complete or become UFOs for what ever reason.

We have also been given ideas on what to do with those UFOs - turn them into placemats, pot holders,

add a little more fabric to a square and make a bag or tote out of it. We will be doing a finished project auction as our fund raiser this spring. Maybe using some of our set aside projects for this will serve two purposes, clean out an old project and help raise money for the guild.

Our first half of the year flew by so quickly. Jeanie, Pat and Mary will make our programs the second half of the year go just as fast. A spring bus trip is in the works. Should be exciting.

In the McCall's Quilting magazine for January/February 2012 there is an

article Quit Happier in 2012. It's basic concept is that quilting is a hobby that is meant to be fun, creative and refresh your spirit. You should derive pleasure from your craft. There are 10 points in the article, the last one is quilt for you. We seem to sew for every one else in our life. Take the time to be nice to you.

Happy Quilting
Marge Overholtz

"Friends are like fabric, you can never have enough"



Show and Tell

A spectacular show at all of our meetings

Why do we feel the need to confess any flaws in our work at Show and Tell? We have to remember that we are all learners and we all admire everyone's work, so don't apologize for your work. Instead:

- Tell us about a new technique you are trying,
- Who you are making the quilt for,
- Why you chose that fabric selection,
- What you have learned

from this quilt,

About a class where you learned about this design, Your inspiration if it is a person or a book or a pattern, or just a special piece of fabric.

When you point out your imperfect stitches, when you make mention that the triangle points don't meet, when you apologize for messy places or imperfect appliqué, when you make any disparaging comments, guess what people look at?

Your quilting project is an inspiration to all of us so show it with pride.

Next Meeting

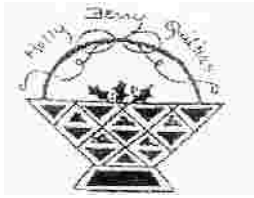
Thursday,
January 12

9:00 am
Refreshments

9:30 am
Meeting and Program

Barnstable County
Fairgrounds

(See inside for program details)



New

We have a website.
Check it out at
www.hollyberryquilters.com



Comfort Quilts

We received approximately 20 comfort quilts. Eight were delivered to the Falmouth Service Center and the remainder were given to Nam Vets of Cape Cod in Hyannis and to the Baby Center in Hyannis. We also donated Snugglies (felt squares with ribbons) to the Baby Center in Hyannis. They were all gratefully received and the volunteers wished to thank the guild for their continuing support.

Share With Us

Do you have a favorite recipe, a quilter's quote or poem, or a quilting tip that you would like to share? See me at a meeting or E-mail me at anne@fordsplace.net.

Anne Ford



"Asking a quilter to mend is like asking Picasso to paint your garage."

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Programs for Winter/Spring 2012

Jeanie Weinrich, Pat Arcese and Mary Rys

We welcome you back for the start of 2012 hoping you all had a happy holiday season. We hope to include some programs that will spark your interests for the rest of the year.



Being the keeper of many bolts of fabric from Cynthia's Shop – 6 bolts will be coming to each meeting until we deplete what I am storing. Fabric will be \$1.50 yd for Cynthia and .50 yd for guild so plan on \$2.00 per yard. We had voted on extra .50 to allow us to buy another die or two for the Accuquilter.

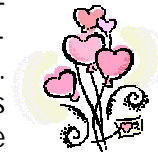
IRON NEEDED – We could use an iron if someone has a spare that can be left on library cart. We will be using the Accuquilt for cutting at several of the meetings and fabric has a nice clean cut if ironed.

12 January
Adele Scott will be returning to conclude her previous workshop. If you are bringing your machine – please have it set up by 9:15. Also those that have kits, please bring what you have back to meeting. Those without kits can bring a couple of binding width fabric strips as she will be devoting some time to mitered corners and scalloped edges. Adele will also bring along some of the items that she previously ran out of that will be for sale.

The business meeting will be very short so we can benefit from Adele's wealth of information.

PLEASE BE AWARE—IF SNOW DAY ON 12 JANUARY – ADELE SCOTT MOVED TO 26 JANUARY

26 January
Valentine projects with several options. Mary has made up little heart kits that are on a 6 inch piece of Kona white fabric. You should bring embroidery floss (pinks, reds etc) little scraps of lace, tiny buttons and thin ribbon. Bring what you have of these items and we can do some sharing. Needles and scissors are a must.



I have the heart die so if any one chooses to cut out some hearts, prepare by having fusible ironed on your fabric. We have 3 sizes of hearts that can be cut.

9 February
Lessons on the use and upkeep of the cutter. The goal is for everyone to feel comfortable with using this machine. Sizes that Holly Berry owns are as follows so if you need to cut for a project that includes any of these sizes this is a great chance to utilize our machine.

- Guild dies:
- 2 1/2" strips
 - 5" squares charms
 - 4 1/2" squares
 - 2 1/2" squares
 - 2 1/2" half square triangles

Jeanie has 2", 3" and 4" circles and 2", 3" and 4" stars which we can share. Lynn probably has even more dies that she may share with us so check your patterns and see what you need.

The dies do not wear out but the mats do so we may need to have a back up mat which we can now purchase at wholesale price .

23 February
Penny Bartlett will teach us how to construct a large wool pin cushions that Penny and Pam had at their weekend getaway. They are the greatest. We have wool for the basic cushions but then will make a pretty flower for top of cushion so an 8x12 piece of colorful wool or flannel and a fancy button will be needed as well as basic sewing kit. If you have a light weight machine and wish to use it versus hand sewing that will be your choice. The filling will be purchased by Penny in bulk and a nominal fee may need to be charged. Sample will be available prior to this meeting.



8 March
Paper Piecing Demo by Mary Rys and hopefully another member to assist. You can bring your machines and give it a try. We will just do some very basic patterns and review of the best techniques.

Programs (Continued)

17 March - Workshop

This workshop will be held at our regular meeting place sponsored by Crazy Quilters. This is a Saturday workshop, times to be announced closer to date. Cost is \$35 per person and we do not have full details of what needs to be brought at this time. Teacher will be Pat Delaney who has been the winner of many quilting awards. The name of the workshop is New York Beauty. You can go to her web site which is as follows:

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

22 March

Large quilting tote with wooden handles. Pat and I received the most beautiful fabric to make these totes from Bea Boucher. Directions will be passed out prior to meeting and you will need to purchase lining and fusible batting for these bags. You can pick out your fabric at 8 March meeting so you have time to get matching lining. Each person needs an empty fabric bolt as that is your bottom piece. Save any of those you see and we can again share. We need a husband to cut our dowels in half as they

are the heavy duty kind. Let me know if you have a volunteer.

26 April

Finished Project Auction

This was very successful last year so lets see if we can repeat or even beat our last years sales. You are asked to bring a finished project in whatever media you wish (quilting, knitting, embroidery etc.) Label your item if there is any special information the purchaser may need. Perhaps even the name of pattern etc.

26 April

Members Demos

We have two of our members who will share their talents via demonstrations. Kay Schnell will share her methods of doing beautiful hand quilting. Liz Devlin will demonstrate the various crazy quilting stitches that she uses on her beautiful work.

10 May

To be announced. Maria Lage is no longer available for week day meetings as she has a full time job. Please speak to one of the program people if you

have a suggestion for this meeting.

24 May

Members Demo

Cindy will review her way of completing the binding on her quilts. Jeanie will demo the tube quilting with surprising outcomes determined by placement of ruler. A second look at the 60 degree ruler and all its possibilities.

14 June

End of Year Pot Luck luncheon and election of officers for the following year.

Other Events

Shop Hop - May Time Frame
Going to Auburn, Sturbridge and Charleton
(4 shops and lunch stop)

Bus Trips

Machine MQX Quilting Expo – Providence

Mancuso Show

Manchester New Hampshire

Quilter's Husband's Lament

Shared by Mary Rys and Sue Moore

She learned to quilt on Monday. Her stitches all were fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner, so we went out to dine.
She quilted miniatures on Tuesday. She says they are a must.
They really were quite lovely, but she forgot to dust.
On Wednesdays it was a sampler. She says stippling is fun.
What highlights! What shadows! But the laundry wasn't done.
Her patches were on Thursday – green, yellow, blue and red.
I guess she was really engrossed; she never made the bed.
It was wall hangings on Friday, in colors she adores.
It never bothered her at all, those crumbs there on the floor.
I found a maid on Saturday! My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away and the house will still be neat.
Now here I am on Sunday. I think I'm about to wilt.

I cursed, I raved, I ranted, because,
the MAID has learned to QUILT!

Author Unknown



Recipe Corner

Old Farmhouse Chutney Cheese Ball

2- 8oz. pkg. cream cheese
1/2 cup Stonewall Kitchen Old Farmhouse Chutney (Roche Bros.)
1/4 cup green onion, diced
1 clove garlic- crushed
Dash of salt
Dash of pepper
1/2 cup Colby cheese, shredded
1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Mix together the cream cheese, Old Farmhouse Chutney, scallion, garlic, salt and pepper. Fold in the Colby and Monterey Jack cheeses. Divide in half and wrap each half in plastic wrap and form a ball. Refrigerate. Before serving roll in chopped pecans.



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Dedicated Quilting Weekend

March 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2012

We had so much fun at DQW #1 that we can't wait for the next one in 2012. Want to join in the fun? Email us for a registration form or more information at DQWCapeCod@gmail.com, or mail us at DQW, Attn: Pam, PO Box 496, Forestdale, MA 02644-0496! Space is limited.

It is an all-inclusive weekend (Friday – Sunday) at the Shoreway Acres Inn, Falmouth, MA ... Park your car and enjoy a great weekend of sewing, chatting, meeting old friends, making new friends, sharing knowledge with others ... good food and a lot of fun.

If you have questions about the weekend, please call us: Pam or Penny -- leave a message for us if we can't answer when you call, and we will call you back!!

Membership



Holly Berry Quilters Guild welcomes new members throughout the year. If you know anyone interested in joining, they can go to our website at www.hollyberryquilters.com for information about our guild or to download our member registration form. They can also e-mail us for more information at info@hollyberryquilters.com or mail us at:

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