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QGI Monthly Meeting Schedule

- **General Meeting:**
 2nd Thursday Monthly,
 7:00 pm
 Second Presbyterian Church
 7700 N. Meridian Street
 Indianapolis, IN
- **QGI North:**
 1st Friday Monthly,
 1:00—3:00pm
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- **Out to Lunch Bunch:**
 4th Thursday Monthly,
 11:00am
 (except Nov. & Dec.)
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 I-65 South, Exit #99
 Greenwood, IN
- **Charity Quilts:**
 3rd Thursday Monthly,
 9:30am—3:00pm
 N United Methodist Church
 NW corner of 38th & Meridian
 (bring your own lunch)

April Speaker—KAYE ENGLAND

Kaye began quilt making and fabric collecting in earnest in the early 1980's, but was influenced early on by a family of needle workers. She now designs fabrics for Wilmington Prints and heads her own publishing company, Kaye England Publications. Kaye travels the world conducting sell-out lectures and workshops showcasing her wonderful and infectious fabrics, patterns and quilts, as well as her unique and honest outlook on life. Kaye can also be seen on several episodes of HGTV's Simply Quilts.



Kaye has been described as a colorful individual generating enthusiasm and excitement in her work and having great fun in the process. Despite a hectic teaching schedule, Kaye always finds time to quilt. She has written 13 books and recently produced 3 feature length instructional DVD using her Nifty Notions® "Cut for the Cure™" rulers called More.. Smart Piecing Techniques & Plates-A-Plenty

Kaye was born and raised on a farm in Glasgow, Kentucky. She now resides in Indianapolis, Indiana. She has two children and six grandchildren.

May Program Change—Pam Bono

Unfortunately Pam Bono will not be joining us in May because her husband is having major surgery. We wish Pam and her husband the very best and hope that she will be able to reschedule to speak to us in the near future. Money that has already been paid for Pam Bono workshops will be refunded to our QGI members.

We are in the process of working out the details for another speaker in May. Look forward to hearing more about our "surprise" May speaker!

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Coming in June - Sue Spargo

In June our speaker will be Sue Spargo. Sue will be facilitating two workshops. On Friday Sue will teach a Sew Your Seeds Needlecase and on Saturday the workshop will be Bird in a Tree altered texture techniques. To learn more about Sue, see sample quilts and to view her blog, please visit her website www.suespargo.com.



President's Corner

A Message from Jennifer Fulton

Birthdays, Growing Older, and Scott Vision

I celebrate my birthday every April, by attempting to reconcile the idea that I'm one year older. I'm just old enough now to notice the differences in my body, which no longer responds as it did when I was twenty. I've also noticed that my mind is no longer twenty, which is to say that I've been forgetting appointments and misplacing my keys more often lately. When I start fretting about such changes however, my husband Scott reassures me that I'm still the young girl he married—just as beautiful, just as smart, and just as forgetful as ever <grin>. It's reassuring (albeit, a bit puzzling) because I can tell by his face that he really means it.

I used to wonder why he didn't see the wrinkles getting deeper and the thighs getting thicker, until I realized that if he did notice such things, they were unimportant to the other changes in me that he did notice with pride—my evolving leadership skills, my increasing ability to “go with the flow” as my teenage daughter jumped from one emotional crisis to another, and my growing artistic passion as a quilter.

As quilters, we are often quick to judge ourselves and our work. We are adept at pointing out exactly where and how we didn't accomplish what we set out to do on a particular quilted item. In fact, we often apologize for our mistakes! What I am trying to teach myself to do as I continue to grow as a quilter is to use what I call Scott Vision: to look *not* for the mistakes I made, but the things I did *right*. Did I improve my skills on a familiar technique? Did I stretch myself by trying something new? Heck, anymore, did I get a quilting project done? It's an accomplishment that's getting rarer and rarer for me as my life gets busier and busier.

So as you judge your own quilting work, I invite you to put on your “Scott Vision Glasses” and look for what's beautiful, creative, and well, *finished* about it. Judge yourself as others see you, and not as you see yourself, because honey, your eyes aren't what they used to be. <grin>

President's Challenge

By Jennifer Fulton

Ladies and gentlemen, you have started your creative engines! I'm proud to announce that our first set of winners is in, and boy were the entries inspiring! It's not too late to enter April's Presidential Challenge at any of this month's meetings.

To enter the April challenge, make something quiltly that:

- Is at least 75% **blue and yellow** (you can use other colors too, as long as they don't make up more than 25% of the entry)
- Is inspired by the words **move aside, let someone pass, yield**
- Includes **applique**

If you like, you can include a short description with your entry (on an index



card) describing your personal interpretation of the spark words and how they influenced your final creation. Who knows? Your description may be just the thing that inspires the judges to pick you. Bring your entry to any or all of the April Guild meetings for your chance to win!

The President's Challenge, inspired by the Indy 500 and the Guild's 33rd anniversary, is well underway! As of this writing, the OTLB entries have not yet been seen, but there was lots of creative energy at both the General and QGIN meetings in February, as you can see in the photos I took. There may not have been tons of entries, but there was tons of inspiration to be found. Great job, everyone!

President's Challenge Winners – February General Meeting

1st Place: Margaret Duke – tissue box

2nd Place Meg Sullivan – “Necessary Stop” wall hanging

3rd Place Mary Kay Horn – liturgical vestment (stole)

President's Challenge Winners – February OTLB Meeting

1st Place: Lisa Harrington

2nd Place: Karen Burkett

3rd Place: Bobbie Mennel

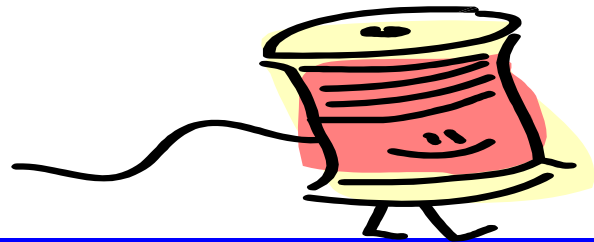
The next President's Challenge is due in April, and I'd love to see more people participate--so please give this a try!

March Quilt-Ins

By *Jennifer Fulton*

On March 19th, the Guild hosted three charity Quilt-Ins throughout the city. Altogether, over 55 members attended, and tons of charity quilts were assembled. Everyone who attended had lots of fun, chatting and sewing (and sharing good food!) with fellow Guild members. The need is great in these tough times, so everyone's help was greatly appreciated. In the upcoming months, after these quilts are tied and finished, watch for them to be given away at Guild meetings where you can share in the good work our Guild has wrought!

If you could not attend the Quilt-Ins, you can still help by sewing charity quilt tops (twin to full-sized, please) or by attending the Third Thursday Charity Group, which assembles tops into finished quilts.



Frugal and Fancy: A Quilt-In

By *Jennifer Fulton*

As you know, the Guild is supporting the new quilt exhibit at the Indiana State Museum with volunteers who demonstrate quilting techniques on weekends by working on their own quilts. If you would like to volunteer as well, please see Catherine Carvey.

In addition, in support of this exhibit, the Guild is hosting a charity Quilt-In on May 21-22. At the Quilt-In, you'll have an opportunity to sandwich, edge stitch, and tie charity quilts. This event will also be open to the public, so it is a perfect opportunity for Guild members to share our love of quilting. If you would like to attend the Quilt-In, please see Mary Stinka for more information.

QUILTERS GUILD OF INDIANAPOLIS 2011 LECTURES and WORKSHOPS

April 14	Lecture	Kaye England	Voices of the Past: Women's History in Patchwork
May 12	Lecture	TBD	See Page 1 for more information
May 13 & 14	Workshop	TBD	See Page 1 for more information
June 9	Lecture	Sue Spargo	Trunk Show Website: www.suespargo.com
June 10 & 11	Workshop	Sue Spargo	Friday Workshop: Sew Your Seeds Needlecase Saturday Workshop: Bird in a Tree (Altered Texture)
July 14	Lecture		Dine In / Pitch Out
August 11	Lecture	Susan Cleveland	My Eclectic Quilt Pageant
August 12 & 13	Workshops	Susan Cleveland	Friday Workshop: Piping Hot Binding Saturday Workshop: Piping Hot Curves Website: www.piecesbewithyou.com
September 8	Lecture	Flavin Glover	A Progressive View of Log Cabin Design Website: www.flavinglover.com
September 9 & 10	Workshops	Flavin Glover	Friday Workshop: Colorful and Creative Log Cabin Diamonds Saturday Workshop: Innovative Courthouse Steps
October 13	Lecture	QGI Members	Mini Workshops
November 10	Lecture		Quilt Show Report
December 1	Lecture		Christmas Party





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Quilt Show Committee Update

By Carol Victory

Thanks to Debbie Goold and her volunteers for taking the raffle quilt to the Bloomington Show and selling tickets there for three days. We did very well for our first time there and introduced a lot of people to our guild. Please be sure to pick up tickets to sell from Debbie or Lorelei Campbell at the guild meetings. Each guild member is encouraged to sell/buy ten tickets. Emma Merrick has posted flyers with a picture of the quilt and the ticket at several locations around her workplace. If you can post flyers, that would be great. Carry the picture of the quilt and your tickets with you wherever you go. You never know if the dentist or the vet might just be a big quilt fan. The proceeds from the raffle quilt help to support guild programs that we all enjoy.

Pam Reid has created some very attractive bookmarks that will be used to inform the public about our show. If you are going to a quilt shop or a show during the next few months, please contact her so that you can get some of the bookmarks to leave at the show or the shop. If you know of a good location where the bookmarks could be placed please advise Pam.

Please continue to bring your donations for the Peony Shop, the raffle baskets and the mystery bags to every meeting. Terry Lichtenfeld brings the bright turquoise tub to each meeting to collect items. Thanks for all you have donated so far.

Now that spring is close I hope that everyone is working on a project for the Small Quilt Auction. The auction is always a highlight of the show and it is fun to see all of the quilts that our members donate. We will also have quilts at the auction from Mickey DePre, Laura Wasilowski, Teri Degenkolb and more nationally known speakers.

If you are a detail-oriented person and enjoy working with figures and layouts, then the job of layout/setup for the show is for you! Arranging the quilts so that they all fit in and show well is an important job. Please contact me if you would like to help with this.

Be thinking of your favorite trip so that you can create a quilt for the challenge. There are no restrictions for the challenge – just create something that brings back memories of that special trip. Janet Shotwell can answer any questions you have.

Newsletter Deadlines

All material for publication in the newsletter must be received no later than the 10th of the month prior to following month's publication (i.e.: November 10th for the December newsletter).

Please email submissions to Jennifer Metz at jmetz11759@yahoo.com

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OTLB President's Challenge Winners

It was too late to get the OTLB winners of the February President's Challenge into the newsletter, but that doesn't mean I'm not proud of them! Here they are, in all their glory:

President's Challenge Winners – February OTLB Meeting

1st Place: Lisa Harrington

2nd Place: Karen Burkett

3rd Place: Bobbie Mennel

The next President's Challenge is this month, and I'd love to see more people participate--so please give this a try!



NQA News

Barbara Arnold voted teacher of the year

Barbara took up quilting thinking that keeping her hands busy would keep her from overeating. She soon learned that quilters love to eat. So much for that diet plan! After learning to quilt, all other needle arts fell by the wayside. Finding a local quilt show in 1986 opened new doors. Barbara and her sisters still make visiting this show an annual event.

Quilt shows and taking classes taught Barbara not just how to quilt but that she might have what it takes to teach quiltmaking. Barbara began teaching non-relatives in 1996 and hasn't stopped. Honing her teaching skills in a variety of local, regional and national venues, Barbara completed her journey to become a National Quilting Association Certified Teacher in 2003.

A traditional quilter at heart, she has recently begun to explore outside her comfort zone by incorporating a color that she's been known to struggle with. Except for that 'certain color', there's nothing about quilting that Barbara does not enjoy and believes that quilting should be an activity including humor and laughter.



AQS News

The Kentucky Travel Industry Association (KTIA) has selected the 27th Annual American Quilter's Society's Quilt Show & Contest as one of their 2011 Top 10 Festivals & Events.

According to KTIA, "Paducah flows with creativity and becomes the Mecca for quilters and quilt enthusiasts each spring. In addition to the 500+ competition exhibits of the finest workmanship and most imaginative quilts being created today, visitors from around the world attend the merchant mall, hands-on workshops and lectures by world-renowned teachers.

This year's event will be held April 27—30, 2011 For more information, go to www.americanquilter.com or call 270-898-7903.

**QUILTERS GUILD OF INDIANAPOLIS NORTH
2011 PROGRAMS**

Date	Speaker/Instructor	Details
April 1	Daren Redman	Introduction to Indigo Dyeing and Shibori
May 6		Make and Take
June 3	Sherry McConnell	What if I Tried it This Way?
August 5	Lydia Stout	What is New on the Market
September 2	Beekeeper	Bees (mini groups)
October 7	Julie Wheeler	History of Quilts
November 4	Jennifer Titus	How to Use a Quilter's Calculator
December 2	Christmas Party Comedian Clara Trusty	Comedian, Food and Fun

**OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH
2011 PROGRAMS**

Date	Speaker/Instructor	Details
April 28		The Fussy Cut Quilt Shop
May 26	Julie Wheeler	History of Quilts
June	Pat Knoechel	The Latest Eleanor Burns' Books and Quilting Ideas



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QUILTERS GUILD OF INDIANAPOLIS NORTH GUILD MINUTES

March 4, 2011

Respectfully Submitted by *Ann Slabaugh, Secretary*

Jo Kidwell, President, welcomed the group and asked if we had any guests today. There were none.

Announcements

Mary Ann Drahman, QGIN charity quilt representative, presented a Spring themed quilt to Sherri Ballard and Kathy Bruen of Prime Life Enrichment Center. Sherri thanked the guild and indicated that this quilt will be used as one of the items in their Spring auction to be held at Woodland Country Club. **LIFE'S A JOURNEY 2011-"GREEN & GROWING WITH DR. DIRT"** is the theme of the meeting where Dick Crum is to be the speaker. Sherri indicated that all proceeds would go to their Transportation budget

Jo also announced that a Phone Tree was being established so that important information regarding meetings and other items can be sent out. Some of our members do not have computers and, therefore, do not receive information sent out via e-mails.

St. Vincent Hospice needs individuals to help make Memory Bears.

Jo also told the group, the North group will not have a meeting in July. Instead, the North group will have two meetings in June. The first one will be our regular meeting on Friday, June 3rd. The second meeting will be on Friday, June 24th. The Guild Members might want to note this information on their calendars.

Pat Wilser is getting the new membership roster ready to go to the printer by the end of the month. Please get your dues paid today if you want to be included.

Mary Strinka said that the Indiana State Museum is asking for volunteers to demonstration at the current quilt show "Frugal and Fancy." Any kind of demonstration that someone might want to do would be welcomed from hand quilting to cutting, etc. Just be able to talk about quilting and whatever project you might be working on to those who might have questions.

Jennifer Fulton talked to us about the **President's Challenge**. The challenge for April should include at least 75% blue and yellow, (other colors can be used as well as long as they don't make up more than 25% of the entry). Use the words, "move aside," "let someone pass," and "yield" to inspire you. The April entry must also include appliqué. Ladies, get your creative juices flowing!!

Minute Fact about QGI –Debbie Goold told the group that as of February the Quilters Guild of Indianapolis was 33 years old. The membership is up to approximately 400 people and there are four venues for meetings.

Quilters Tip of the Month – Deb Geyer pulled from her sack two blocks of wood and a hammer. She said that when we are working on a pattern where several points come together, to make is easier to quilt over this area, put a block of wood on the table; place the offending points on the block of wood, then place the second block of wood on top of the points, and then pound on the wood with the hammer to flatten the points.

Block of the Month – Margaret announced that Barbara Carr won the Crazy Quilt blocks this month. The April Block of the Month will be paper pieced bird houses. If you pick up the pattern, you will only be given half of the pattern – either the tall bird house or the half with two small bird houses.

Mystery Quilt – Ruth Middleton said that the new clue for next month can be picked up after the meeting. Please check and show her what has been accomplished to date. At a quilt retreat, she recently attended she found that the mystery quilt can easily be divided to make two lap quilts.

Program – Jo Kidwell introduced our speaker for today, Cathy Franks. She is a member of our own quilt guild, but more notably, she is an international quilt artist, she has developed innovative design techniques and has won awards and ribbons at many prestigious events. Her topic today is: "Where Did I Get That Idea?"

Fabric Exchange – Wanda Haneline told the group that the April fabric exchange should include six 6 1/2" squares in pastel prints. They can all be used for the mystery quilt. The fabrics can all be the same or different prints.

Door Prizes – Sharon and Maridean drew tickets and called the numbers for five door prizes.



May Block of the Month

Checkered Flag

9 inch finished block

B		B		B	
	B		B		B
B		B		B	
	B		B		B
B		B		B	
	B		B		B

Colors – the inspiration for this block came from the flags used during the Indianapolis 500.

Light - White

Cut 18 units 2" square

Dark - Black

Cut 12 units 2" square

Medium - Red, Yellow, Green

Cut 2 units 2" square of each color

Construction

The block will look like a chequered flag when it is completed BUT not all the alternate (black) patches are black.

Add the 6 colored 2" units to the 12 black patches. They should be treated as black patches from now on and can be placed anywhere a black patch would go in the block.

Arrange the black and colored patches alternatively with the white patches to create the block above.

April Birthdays

Swinehart Jennifer	April 1
Byllesby Joyce	April 2
Horn Mary Kay	April 2
Karnes Roberta	April 2
Miller Susan	April 2
Fulton Jennifer	April 8
Cook Susan R.	April 11
Meek Elizabeth	April 14
Vriesman Helen	April 19
Case Donna L.	April 20
Clapp Nancy Jo	April 21
Harlow Bonnie	April 22
Van Arkel-Goold Deborah	April 22
Hoel Michelle M.	April 23
Barclay Becky	April 23
Jones Beverly J.	April 30



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Key Note Speaker: Kaye England

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THE ROVING REPORTER

By *Carol Victory*

This month the Roving Reporter went to a familiar quilt shop in a new location. Quilt Quarters moved to 9840 Michigan Road during the past year and increased in size by 2,000 square feet.

Terri Gunn, who has owned the shop for 5 ½ years, stocks an eclectic collection of fabrics – batiks, current lines, repros and more – but her favorites are bright and beautiful. She says that the trend has been toward simpler patterns but she feels that patterns are becoming more involved. People are trying applique and using fabrics in home dec projects. She is concerned that the price of fabrics will increase during the coming year more sharply than in the past due to the poor cotton crop worldwide and the increasing cost of fuel.

Quilt Quarters offers classes, service for most brands of sewing machines and a new, larger classroom available for bees and meetings. There is no charge for the room but there is a charge if a teacher is requested.

Be sure to stop by and sew the new location. You will be awed by the selection of fabrics, books, patterns, tools, sewing machines and more.



Quilt Quarters



View From The Front Door



The Classrooms



Lots of Books

Out to Lunch Bunch Minutes

February 24, 2011

Respectfully Submitted By: *Diane Billiard*

Alice Martinas Smith opened the meeting and created laughter by reading the demise of the Pillsbury Doughboy. Dallas Reed sent greetings from the cruise he is was on in the Caribbean. Happy Birthday was sung to honor all March birthdays.

There were 77 members and 14 guests were present. Lilly Rohlman and Jeannette Bagley won red hammers for pounding fabric given by the guest speaker. Door prizes were won by Pat Dane, Helen Gardner, Kathy Shanks, Bobbie Mennel, Terry Lichtenfelt, Marie Henderson, Teri Wentworth, Marsha Poteet and Connie Weiger.

Alice read a poem that Dallas Reed composed called "The Big Quilt-In" to remind everyone of the upcoming National Day of Quilting on March 19th. The south location will be at Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian Street (Hwy 135) from 10-4 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring large-eyed needles, scissors, and a dish for a pitch-in luncheon at noon.

The spring retreat has been moved to the Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN.

Anita Hardin announced the upcoming Indiana Heritage Quilt Show in Bloomington. Debbie VanArkel-Gouldis is looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets for the beautiful QGI quilt and give out information on QGI workshops.

Terri Linhtenfelt is looking for volunteers to sew teddy bears for a hospice unit at St. Vincent Hospital.

Block of the Month Chair, Monica Santangelo conducted the drawing for 11 February BOMs. They were won by Bobbie Mennel.

Jennifer Fulton, QGI President, thanked everyone for participating in the new President's Challenge in red and yellow colors. Small charms were given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizewinners. April will be the next date

for the second challenge in blue and yellow.

With the current Frugal & Fancy quilt show at the Indiana State Museum, Catherine Carvey is looking for volunteers to demonstrate quilting. Call Catherine if you would like to participate at the museum as she has many dates to be filled.

Stephanie Brokaw thanked everyone who participated in the Triangle Exchange. She invited members to stay after the meeting to help her sort and assemble the packets of triangles turned in today.

SPEAKER: Clara Trusty, comedian, who has been on numerous TV shows and played venues from coast to coast, gave an upbeat recycling presentation along with her sister, Pam Durant. They showed lots of interesting reused objects, many of which could be incorporated into quilting. Thanks to Clara and Pam for sharing so many good recycling ideas we can all use in our homes!

SHOW & TELL – Quilters, too numerous to list, described their beautiful quilting items that were hanging on the back walls. Everyone agreed the new way of displaying the quilts are a better way to show them.

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