## Quilt Matters

## President's Notes

Hello Ladies:

I was so excited to see everyone who attended the meeting. Our meeting went a little backwards this time, and understanding so. I hope the lady from Dizzy Divas mother has recovered from her surgery the next day after the meeting.
After learning what the challenge is from Kathy, I saw a couple faces that were a little confused and scared. I remember my first challenge, and I remember all of my questions and had a lot of help from the guild members. Don't be afraid to ask any of us any questions that may arise. That is what we are here for. Don't make this harder than you have to. Have FUN.
I hope to see more quilters at our next meeting. The attendance each month has increased. Let's keep it going.....I hope to see 30 quilters at the March meeting.....This is my challenge........

See you March 5th

Dana

## Secretary's Report From September Meeting

President Dana opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. There were 25 attendees and no visitors. Our presentation was done first instead of later and featured Deb Smith of Dizzy Diva's from Knoxville and Wanda McCarter. Two projects were presented, the first called a "mondo bag" or "midi bag" which was available in kit form. This project is a favorite of Wanda's and was not difficult but she shared several pointers in its' construction. She also had several examples to show. The second project was a strip quilt or table runner known as Out of the Blue. It was a quilt as you go project making the most use of mirror image cutting techniques.

Treasurer Jane was not at the meeting and Dana gave her Treasurer's report: Opening balance of $\$ 2,960.16$, deposits of $\$ 379.00$ and expenses of $\$ 65.75$ left a balance of $\$ 3,273.41$. Tonight was the final deadline for current dues; please contact Jane ASAP if you are not up to date.

We proceeded with a display of many 30's reproduction stars made for our next opportunity quilt and also lots of 9 -patch variations. The 9 patch blocks will be used for cuddle or charity quilt projects. Anita briefly described the Roman stripe block as well as rail fence and asked for variations for our March meeting. Any size or variation is welcome and those blocks will also be destined for cuddle quilts.

Kathy presented the new guild challenge -- skinny quilts. The object is to keep the projects fairly small and fast as well as skinny. Dimensions can be 6-28 inches wide, $16-60$ inches long. An orange fabric fat eighth is provided by the guild, 12 additional fabrics need to be used and each piece should feature 5 stars of any sort. Additional fabric for the challenge is

Available from Mary Ann Sheffey's or contact Kathy D.
Please have skinny quilts ready by June and keep under wraps till then.
JoAnn gave an update on the quilt show. There will be a meeting $2 / 7$ to continue planning. The Gee's Bend quilts are not available for loan. We have received a $\$ 750$ grant from VEC and additional grants are being sought.

For our March meeting please bring your sewing machines and basic tools to work on Quilts of Valor. The 3 strip units requested last month will be used and additional fabric will be provided. If you would like to contribute patriotic fabric to a project bring that as well. There will also be a "quilt at the museum" day on March 23. More details available next month or contact the museum.

A new quilt retreat is being set up in/near Sweetwater. The facility may be up and running by April. Several upcoming shows were mentioned, Pigeon Forge in midMarch, Maryville March 23-25. This month's mystery block for those participating is a 9 patch, see Anita for details. Mary Ann Sheffey contributed magazines and patterns for general use and door prize winners were Deb Smith and Kathy Dieter. The meeting finished with show and tell. Next regular meeting is March 5, 2013.

## Other News

Block challenge is roman stripe or rail fence In March we will be working on Quilts of Valor and Cuddle Quilts

Please bring sewing machines and other necessities to have a good time sewing together.

In April Vivien from Mamaw's Thimble will be here and also

Pat Knoechel will be here later in the month so plan now to be there.

QUILT SHOWS Pigeon Forge March 12-16, 2013 Quilt Expo in Duluth, GA March 7-
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## It's time for CUDDLE QUILTS FOR BABIES AGAIN

We decided to work on the quilts of valor projects at our March 23rd. sew-in-day at the museum. Sooo... we are going to start the meeting at 6 PM and have pizza again. Then we will have more time to sew on the cuddle quilts.
This year we are going to do a smaller version of the 1600 inch quilt. We think a baby size would need around 500 inches or (13) $21 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. strips. It's a great way to use up scraps because the strips can be any length. We need everyone to bring fabric and time-permitting pre-cut the $21 / 2$ in. strips. We ask that everyone that can help should bring their sewing machine, thread, scissors, cutting boards, etc. The museum will have the extension cords.
We had a lot of fun last year. Now anyone that wants to bring their 9 patch and or the red, white, blue blocks to the meeting, we will use them all. The more blocks donated, the more tops we can make. If you have any questions, call Mary at 2637165. The mothers that receive these baby quilts really appreciate our help.

## Here's the info for the quilt retreat in Sweetwater.

Whistlestop Quilt Retreat
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## A Few New websites to Try Out!

Fresh Lemon Quilts-http://www.freshlemonsquilts.com/

Crazy Mom Quilts--http://crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/

Cluck Cluck Sew
http://www.cluckclucksew.com/
Freshly Pieced
http://www.freshlypieced.com/

If you have a web site that you visit often that you think others would enjoy please send me the link so I can add them in the newsletter. I hope everyone will do it. We are always looking for something new and different!

## Don't forget that the March meeting will start at 6 pm not 7 pm . We will have pizza to eat before we sew, make sure you bring all of you sewing stuff, to work on cuddle quilts.

Pat will be here on Saturday, April 27, 2$4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The program is free to everyone, guild members and nonmembers alike. Pat will be presenting the latest products, books, and techniques that have been developed by the Quilt in a Day staff. She will have those products and books with her for sale, at discount prices and no tax added. So, those who attend the program should come prepared to shop. Pat accepts cash and checks, no plastic money. Her presentation is geared toward all skill levels, from the earliest beginners to those who have been quilting for years. We would like to have a big crowd at the event, the more the merrier. I expect that the Guild Hall at the Museum can accommodate up to 100 people. Anyone who is interested in learning fast-piecing techniques should try to attend.

## 2013 quild Challenge: Skinny Quilts

What is a skinny quilt you ask? It can be a table runner or a wall hanging. In some cases it can be used on the foot of your bed depending on the size!

For our purposes we will be using wall hanging sizes.

In honor of the 2013 Tennessee 5 Star Quilt Show and Competition, we will be challenged by making the following:

1- You must use the provided fat quarter of fabric and add 12 more colors, for a total of thirteen fabrics on the front of your quilt.
2- You must incorporate 5 stars. It can be in the block, appliquéd on or paper pieced. It can also be embellished with buttons or even printed in the fabric but it must be on the front of your quilt.
3- Width sizes are as follows: no smaller than 6 inches wide and no wider than 28 inches. (These are Skinny Quilts!)
4- Length sizes are as follows: no smaller than 16 inches and no longer than 60 inches. You may use any other fabric as long as there are a total of thirteen. The piece provided was purchased from MaryAnn Sheffey's. More is available if needed.
Please remember these are "Skinny Quilts"! I am requesting that they be finished by the June meeting. They will be judged and possibly hung for the August show. I will have categories with ribbons. I would also encourage you to keep them a secret. When you are ready to turn them in please put them in a brown bag with your entry form and give it to me. The entry forms will be printed in the newsletter in May.
I hope you all have fun and be challenged! If you have any questions call me at: 423-337-1408. Leave a massage and I will call you back!

Kathy


