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ANNIVERSARY DATES

Recently if you have read magazines or gone on-line, you will note that there are milestone anniversaries out there in the quilting themed world. Has it actually been 20, 25 years or more since we were introduced to techniques or tools or books on quilt fiction?!?!

Where has the time gone, because we haven't aged that much [or have we] as to sit back and make the statement 'I remember when...'. But with Calico Capers Quilt Guild starting it's 32nd year, we may be getting older.

In this 2nd Quarter newsletter, we will be sharing just a few of the milestones that have caught our attention.

- 20th Anniversary Edition of The Persian Pickle Club is showing up again on shelves of book-stores. Author Sandra Dallas dubbed "a quintessential American voice" shares in her novels themes of loyalty, friendship, and human dignity.

This novel of hers is set in the 1930's and hard times have hit Harveyville, Kansas, where the crops are burning up, and there's not a job to be found.

For Queenie Bean, a young farm wife, a highlight of each week is the gathering of the Persian Pickle Club, a group of local ladies dedicated to improving their minds, exchanging gossip, and putting their quilting skills to good use. These women band together to support and protect one another.

Excerpt from page 14: *"Rita had plenty to learn about quilting. You didn't just go out and buy all the fabric even if you had the money, which most of us did not. You made quilts out of what was on hand, like flowered feed sacks or pieces remaining when you cut out a blouse, or from trading scraps with one another...Forest Ann said quilt scraps were just like 'found money.' Of course, sometimes you went out and spent a nickel at the Flint Hills Home & Feed for an eighth of a yard of material you just had to have, but you didn't buy yards and yards to make a quilt top."*



- Jinny Beyer's PALETTE COLLECTION TURNING 25! Can you believe it?!?! Remember when Jane presented a program for CCQG on color utilizing the VCR tape & 100 fabric swatches that Jinny had put out for a teaching tool for retail stores and quilt guilds?

In her most recent on-line newsletter, Jinny shares "what better way to celebrate my Palette collection turning 25 than with an updated edition, Palette #12. The first Palette collection was launched in 1990 with 100 fabrics. I've added to (there are now 150) and refreshed the fabrics throughout the years and I'm so happy with the 36 new fabrics."

- OLFA cutter in 1984, the company changed its name to Olfa Corporation and the size and angle of the OLFA blade are now accepted as the world's standard. Laura Lane who co-curated the 'Backstitch' exhibit identified rotary cutting as the most important lo-tech advance of the last 25 years; the technique enables faster and more precise quilting with less waste.

- The exhibit 'Backstitch' functions as a retrospective of not only the New England Quilt Museum, which celebrates 25 years, but also the changes taking place in the quilting world as a whole.

- Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns is moving closer to that 25 year mark. This pattern identification book places at your fingertips illustrations & sources for over 4,000 pieced patterns. Originally published as eight volumes between 1979-1984, this edition was condensed and allows for ID based on design or pattern name thus making it a valuable tool for quilt historians.

Written by Barbara Brackman known as a renowned quilt historian and author, and an honoree of the Quilter's Hall of Fame. Quilt history is her profession and local history a passion.





MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings will be held at the Trinity United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall located at 234 N. Church Street, Endeavor unless otherwise noted.

April 6—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

PROGRAM: *If Potholders Could Talk*. Potholders tell a lot about a person. Jill Melton Editor of Relish shared ‘Mine are over 20-years old, burned, torn and tattered. But they’re also comfortable, flexible, soft—and comical.’

Join in by bringing your favorite potholders to share. We’ll be looking for potholders in the categories of “Work Horse (aka You’re Still Using That?),” “Most Protective,” “Princess of Potholders,” and “Most Unusual”. Now is your chance to show off the potholders you love the most. We’ll have a table for display, and everyone will have an opportunity to tell us the stories behind their potholders. We’ll show you some different methods of making potholders, as well.

Tonight is also the The Great Potholder Challenge kickoff of 2015! Everyone is invited to join in and make as many potholders as they’d like for this challenge, in any style. In addition to potholders-oven mitts, pot pinchers, and fabric trivets will be welcome.

At our next quilt show, they’ll be on display, and viewers can vote for their favorites. Prizes will be awarded for the top 5 vote-getters.

If you choose, your potholders will be given to Meals on Wheels recipients, similar to the place mat program we held in the past.

- * *Reaching Out* BOM
- * Show ‘n Tell & JOT
- * Hostesses
- *

May 4—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

* PROGRAM: *Marquette County Barn Quilts*. Tonight, representatives from the Marquette County group will be our featured guests. Learn more about the blocks that hang on barns/buildings and the trail along county roads to view these rural works of art.

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June 1—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

* PROGRAM: *Salvation Army...Doing the Most Good*. In these four words, the Salvation Army mission—to feed, to clothe, to comfort, to care will be shared by our featured guest Jill, who serves our core service area. The evening will end with the donation by CCQG Outreach Committee who will present the *2014 Reaching Out BOM* now finished quilts to the Salvation Army to use in their mission.

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Hostesses:
 Thank you for sharing your hospitality with us. We ask that you have the snacks ready for members by **6:15 PM**. We will start with this and then proceed to our meeting promptly at 6:30 pm.
 Doors at the church Fellowship Hall will be opened by 6:00 PM for your convenience unless you make other arrangements.
 Thank you.

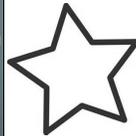
TIP: Before you sew on your quilt label, tuck some fabric scraps from the quilt between the label and the quilt then stitch your label on.

This way, the fabric scraps get relatively the same amount of wear & tear and washing as the rest of the quilt so you will always have the perfect repair fabrics right with the quilt if ever needed.



DROP POUNDS OF FABRIC

- Blast Fabric Fat with Scrappy Throws
- Metabolize Old Fabrics As New Pillows
- Work Out Scraps in Pretty Wall Hangings
- Trim Your Fabric Pile with Pincushions
- Revitalize Your Stash with New Patterns



One of Santa's elves, from Christmas Gathering 2014, shared with us that the lovely star button on the name tags for the Christmas party was handmade by one of his helpers. Thank you Tom.

SAVE THE DATE

August 3, 2015

6:00 PM

Annual
CCQG Picnic

Endeavor
Community
Center

CCQG QUILT RETREAT 2015



The CCQG Quilt Retreat will be held on Monday September 28 & Tuesday September 29, 2015 starting at 8:00 am on the 28th. You may participate in either a one day [\$58] or two day [\$115] retreat. Option available for Sunday after 6:00 PM overnight for [\$46].

The location of the retreat will be at the Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center W6016 Blackhawk Road Wautoma.

Nora & Julie of Antoinette's Quilt Shop will be teaching an original Antoinette's pattern, Every Which Way. They will also present a trunk show on panels and offering ideas on how to complete UFO panels. They will have available from their shop: kits, fat quarters and miscellaneous items you may have forgotten to bring along.

Upon registration and payment, a colored picture and material list will be given.

Along with this sewing experience, there will be several fun projects offered. Bring along an 8-inch square of your favorite fabric.

Make checks payable to: CCQG and mail your registration form to E14331 Wall Street Baraboo, WI 53913. Questions??? Contact 608-963-9273 or 608-742-6849.

LET ME OUT!

"Several nights ago, my husband was startled by a sudden noise in our backyard.

"What was that?" he asked.

"I'm not sure," I responded, "but it sounded as though it came from the storage building."

With a flashlight in one hand and a big stick in another, we cautiously approached the door of the building. Slowly we eased open the door and stood ready for combat.

Just as slowly our cat Smidgeon stretched, gave us an "it's about time you showed up look" and walked out the door...

Later, as I thought about my poor kitty being stuck in storage all afternoon, I could not help but think about all the UFO's "trapped" in my fabric closet. If they had the ability, would they, too, knock over something and make a loud crash in order to summon me to their rescue?

It was probably guilt, but the next day as Smidgeon enjoyed a special kitty treat, I could not help but peek in at my many UFO's. Several were almost complete. I thought, what am I waiting for?"

For the 'rest of the story' check out the January-February 2015 edition of The Country Register page 9 for the article by Deb Heatherly or her blog www.Purrfectquilting.com.

Do we all have UFO's just waiting for rescue? Maybe peek in on them and see if they can get completed and released in 2015.





WORKSHOPS

Gibraltar Rock Quilt or Bed Runner Workshop

Patti Hellenbrand, Instructor

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015

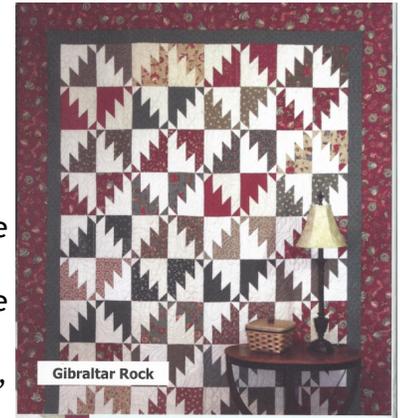
Time: 9- 2:30 p.m.

Place: Marquette County Service Center, State Hwy 23, Montello

Must have a minimum of ten and a maximum of twenty people to host the workshop.

Cost \$20 - Includes lunch—bring your own beverage. Bottled water will be available.

Registration started at the March CCQG meeting and if space is available, again at our April meeting.



BARN QUILTS, FALL COLORS, & VARIETY STORE



Looking for a road trip this coming fall—sign up now to be sure to get a seat on the bus!

On Wednesday, October 7, 2015, Able Trek Tours out of Reedsburg, Wisconsin will be sponsoring a day bus trip to Houston County, Minnesota. This area features colorful, picturesque hills and valleys graced by over sixty strikingly painted barn quilts.

In 2008, Caledonia was proclaimed *Heart of Quilt Country* by the Minnesota State Legislature.

This tour will welcome a local step-on guild who will introduce travelers to many of the beautiful pieces of art and provide some interesting and enlightening insight into the area and the barn quilt project.

A fascinating stop at Horsfall's Lansing, Iowa Variety Store will be a real treat. Featuring over a million items—if you can't find it at Horsfall's they probably don't make it anymore.

LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD READING & PATCHWORK BLOCKS WITH A BARN THEME?

- [Barn Quilts & American Quilt Trail Movement](#) by Suzi Parron
- [From the Bedroom to the Barnyard](#) by Kansas City Star Quilts
- [Quilt-in-a-Day Quilt Blocks on American Barns](#) by Eleanor Burns

\$8 SPECIALS

WANTED...individuals to teach a technique or quilt pattern at a monthly workshop. If you are willing to do this, please contact our \$8 Special committee. All that is needed is a sample, supply listing and date—your committee will plan the rest and get the word out to members.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

All the members of the guild have really helped make an impact on our quest to complete quilt tops for the Salvation Army this year! From donating fabric, making BOM blocks, long arm quilting, binding and coming to our work days to assemble the blocks into quilts, measure & cut and piece backing for the quilts— you all have made a contribution!

We want to let you all know how much we appreciate the support you have given the Outreach Program! An idea is just an idea. It means nothing if there aren't people behind it to give it support and help make it happen and all of you did that for CCQG!

Upcoming Outreach Dates

March 24

April 28

May 26

We will not be having Outreach work days in June, July nor August.

We will continue to put together 2014 *Reaching Out* BOM at the March and April workshops. Then we need them all quilted, bound and back to us at the May 4th meeting so can ready them for the presentation to Salvation Army at our June 1st guild meeting. If you are able to quilt these quilts or bind them in time for the presentation, please give one of us on the committee a call and we will get the quilt tops to you. Several are ready for quilting now. As of this publication some may be ready to be bound.

Our May work day is going to be devoted to assembling quilt tops for Quilts of Valor. We are gathering up all our red, white and blue fabric we have in the guild stash and if anyone has any they would like to donate, we will add it to what we have. More information about the workshop will come at the April guild meeting.

When we start back up in September, we will be focusing on assembling quilt tops with the 2015 *Reaching Out* BOM. Those quilts will then go into our “quilt bank”.

Your CCQG Outreach Committee is always open to new ideas as how we can continue to support our communities. Feel free to call or approach any one of us at the meeting to let us know what ideas you may have.

The Outreach Committee

WHAT IS OUR MISSION???

This question seems to have arisen at our March meeting so to address it promptly, the officer team went to our by-laws to secure the answer. Below, please find:

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of the CALICO CAPERS QUILTERS GUILD are:

- To promote & preserve the art of quilting
- To provide educational opportunities to the community
- To provide a forum for the gathering together of members during the year
- Arrange & sponsor events of interest to quilters
- To provide a clearing house of information to members on sources of quilting material, classes, instructors, and other related quilting areas
- To reach out into our communities and provide warmth & comfort with the donation of quilted projects as a need arises

If you wish to have a complete copy of the by-laws, Jane is able to send it to you via email. Changes or additions to the CCQG by-laws are **only able to be made** at our Annual meetings in October.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH—SALVATION ARMY QUILT DONATION UPDATE

At each of our 2014 monthly meetings, a BOM (block of month) was shared. We are given the pattern with instructions, a brief tutorial on the construction of said block plus a suggested fabric color way. Then each member was encouraged to go home and create blocks to donate back to the guild. These donated blocks were collected at the next monthly meeting and set aside for our Salvation Army Quilt Donation project. This has proven to be a great way to accumulate blocks and thus making a quilt top come together easily. Plus each project has a number of volunteers who have willingly shared themselves and their stitches to help others.



The CCQG Community Outreach Committee has a monthly scheduled work day where attendees concentrate on taking donated blocks/fabrics and making tops. We are blessed to have the Village of Endeavor share their Community Room with us for these workdays. The space is large with lots of tables and great lighting - a perfect space to create! Plus the day is filled with sharing fellowship and food while making quilts to *cover those in need*.

The Community Outreach Committee plans for the first part of 2015 is that we would make quilts and donate them to the Salvation Army. We had numerous piles of donated blocks ready to put into this project and some fabrics in our 'stash' to work around for borders and binding. But the expense comes in when you have to purchase the batting and backing to complete the project.

Member, Jeanne Metcalf, served on the Marquette County Thrivent Board and shared with the committee the Action Team Program that one could apply for. So the proper paperwork was filled out and to our delight, we were approved! We received a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial. With this funding from Thrivent Financial plus a donation from the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Briggsville Carl Grabman Post 329, we were able to purchase batting and backings.

The kick-off for our Salvation Army Quilt Donation project was at the monthly meeting on January 5, 2015 with our first workday being held on January 27, 2015 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. When the women arrived at the workday, they donned their Live Generously™ T-shirts and set out to work. Tables were set together to allow for enough room to lay out each set of blocks into a pleasing setting, the seamstresses got busy on their machines stitching blocks together to create rows and then rows together to create tops. Other volunteers cut borders & bindings and still others were kept busy at ironing boards pressing rows and tops. This first work day produced six tops ready for long-arm quilting.



CCQG members are graciously donating their long-arm machines and time to quilt these tops for the Salvation Army Quilt Donation project.

This project will be completed on June 2, 2015 when at our monthly guild meeting we present all completed quilts to Jill, a representative of the Salvation Army, who will be our special guest speaker that evening.

At our workdays on February 24, March 24, April 28 & May 26 our main focus will be to work on the Salvation Army Quilt Donation project. The location for these work days is the Endeavor Community Center located at 400 Church Street and we work from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm breaking for a brown bag lunch.



Or you may be a long-arm quilter who is willing to donate your time and quilt some tops for this project.

For more information or to sign-up for a work day, contact 608-429-3020.

