

EMBRACE THE ART OF
QUILTING!

CALICO CAPERS QUILT GUILD

PIN CUSHIONS

“Quilters give a whole new meaning to ‘pin up girl’ especially when they are in their quilting space where they are all about the pins!

There is much debate about ‘*to pin or not to pin*’ your quilting projects:

- *pins are too sharp
- *process takes too long
- *you can do perfectly without those pins

But for many types of projects, pins can be your best friend. Pins help us hold our pieces in place as they extend our reach.”

SO...treat your pins to a good home—the pin cushion!

“Long before the Industrial Revolution, which made all things more affordable, pins & needles were expensive, hand forged tools that had to be protected from damage and loss.”

- * Looking back into history, we find that early on these precious tools were kept safely in containers made out of bone, ivory and precious metals.
- * By about the 1700’s, the trend was to utilize ‘pillows’ to hold pins. These pin pillows were not only practical but decorative as well.
- * During the Victorian Era, pin pillow/cushions became collectible items which could be found in all sorts of shapes, sizes and heavily embellished.

What’s Inside That Cushion and Why!?

–Traditional stuffing—wool roving densely packed inside to hold pins/needles firmly in place. Wool is used because of it’s natural oils which help prevent pins from rusting.



Remember those tomato cushions that we found in our grandmother/mother sewing kit? The larger ones are usually filled with roving or other form of stuffing. While the smaller ones usually are filled with sand or other abrasive material to keep needles sharper.

Today, there are so many materials out there that are being put into our pin cushions. . .

- ☐ Saw Dust
- ☐ Ground Walnut Shells
- ☐ Sand but be sure your cushion is made from a tightly woven fabric—otherwise you may have sand everywhere!
- ☐ Cushions that ‘smell’ good as well as be functional, may be filled with lavender, rosemary, pine needles and/or herbs.
- ☐ Steel Wool (fine to medium grade) is excellent to hold pins in place and prevents rust



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings will be held at the Moundville Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located at W5501 County Road O, Endeavor unless otherwise noted.

January 7th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- * PROGRAM: I Messed Up-So Now What Do I Do?!? Tonight, we will focus on how to avoid problems along the way on our quilting journey. And if we do have an OOPS, how to salvage your project. We ask members to share an oops and explain what not to do & how you fixed it.
- * *Reaching Out* BOM
- * Show 'n Tell
- * Hostesses:

February 4th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- * PROGRAM: Ergonomics For Quilters Our featured guest will be Suzi Smalley, MPT from DSHC. As quilters we know what a sedentary job/hobby quilting can be. Suzi will share techniques we can use at home to make our quilting less painful and easier on our bodies.
- * *Reaching Out* BOM
- * Show 'n Tell
- * Hostesses:

March 4th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- * PROGRAM: How Do I Know What Colors Play Well Together When working with a new pattern and deciding to work just from stash, have you been totally at a loss at where to start with all those color choices?!? We will be looking at a color palette and finding a way for all those fabrics to 'play well with each other'.
- * *Reaching Out* BOM
- * Show 'n Tell
- * Hostesses:

SNOW DYEING

At the Quilt Expo 2018, there was an entry in the Quilt Show that was dyed with snow! Well, since we may not know what winter will hold here in Wisconsin for us - thought we'd do some research and get your way. Another reason to go out and 'play in the snow'!!!

"Snow dyeing is a technique used to dye fabric using snow. The basic science to this is the cold temperature provided by the snow cause the dye molecules to slow down their ability to attach to the fabric giving the dye time to separate into their original colors if you're using a mixed dye, not a pure dye. Some colors will move a bit faster and attach to the fabric first creating the really cool patterns on the fabric.

Check out <http://tamarackshack.blogspot.com/2011/01/snow-dyeing.html> and view her post which is just about the snow dyeing process and if you would like to learn more about fabric dyeing using the low immersion technique as well as what dyes/supplies she has a tutorial post.

Supplies:

- * Mesh screen box to hold the fabric above the bucket to catch melting snow
- * Sodium Carbonate (Soda Ash) to presoak fabrics in
- * Procion dyes (formulas are on blog)
- * TNA soap to rinse fabric
- * Raycafix to soak fabric to set dye

Quick rinse & spin in the washing machine, trip to the dryer and voila!"

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.



OUTREACH NEWS

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their efforts in helping us complete so many quilt tops in 2018! We have lost count at the number of tops ready to be quilted and bound! Lots of Comfort Quilts and several Bunk Bed Quilts are pieced plus several months of BOM blocks ready to be assembled into quilt tops! The members of this guild are amazing in their generosity!

In 2019, we are going to try something different. Normally we do not have work days in June, July & August, but some of you requested that we continue to meet during the summer. We checked with the Endeavor Community Center and they have the 4th Tuesday of each of those months open. So it is a go! We'll see what kind of turn out we get this year and then decide if we will continue to meet during the summer in 2020.

Work days are on Tuesdays 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Endeavor Community Center on County Road CX. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. We provide coffee and treats!

Here the 2019 dates for Outreach work days:

January 29th (Note: this will be the 5th Tuesday instead of the normal 4th Tuesday)

February 26th March 26th April 23rd May 28th

June 25th July 23rd August 27th September 24th

October 22nd November 19th (Note: This will be the 3rd Tuesday due to Thanksgiving being in the fourth week)

December- NO WORK DAY (EXCEPT FOR SANTA'S ELF'S! THAT'S CRUNCH TIME FOR THEM!)

Your Outreach Committee wants to wish ALL of you a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

PET BEDS



The Calico Capers Quilt Guild Community Outreach does more than provide comfort with quilts to humans...they make feline & canine friends comfy as well.

The goal, with guild members' donations, is to reduce, reuse, recycle and repurpose all scraps of batting & fabric (even the smallest scrap has one last function).

These scraps of fabrics and batting are utilized as the stuffing for Pet Beds. Over the last year, enough scraps were donated to make thirty-nine beds to be donated to area animal shelters.

- 🐾 Seven Pet Beds were delivered to Little Orphans Animal Rescue, Montello
- 🐾 Eighteen Pet Beds were delivered to Feline/Canine Friends, Westfield
- 🐾 Fourteen Pet Beds were delivered to Columbia County Humane Society, Portage



SHP – JOY OF GIVING

At the 2018 Christmas Gathering, our *Joy Of Giving* was for *Sleep In Heavenly Peace*-Columbia County Chapter.

With the generous donations from members at our Christmas Gathering 2018, we had 25 twin sheet sets; 10 fitted sheets; \$155.00 in gift cards/monetary gifts. Thank you all for sharing with others less fortunate during this blessed Christmas season!

Note: The Chapter will start delivering beds the weekend of the 15th—now sheets will be going along with!!!

CARD CHALLENGE

Have you ever received a greeting card and thought, 'Oh...that would make a cool quilt?' A number of years ago, the officer team did a program on taking a greeting card and creating a quilt from it.

So as you browse through those holiday cards this year, pull out one or two that might look good as a quilt. There might be a session brewing on this in 2019. Best to be prepared.



SAVE THE DATE



The CCQG Retreat Committee has already booked the date for our 2019 Retreat. It will be hosted October 13, 14 & 15, 2019—so mark your calendars now to ‘save the date’! It will once again be held at the Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center.

Plans are in the early stages - details will be posted in the 2nd Qtr guild newsletter.

\$8 SPECIALS 2019

The new year is almost upon us and already your Officer Team is hard at work getting together creative projects to fill those first three months of the year. Who knows what the weather may bring but these will certainly help you with any ‘cabin fever’ that may set in. As in the past, you must have registered and made payment before receiving your supply listing. Samples at monthly guild meetings.

The Fortifi Bank Community Room in Montello has been reserved for these sessions listed below-be sure to check class start times.

- * **Tuesday, January 24th (10am-2pm)**—Mark Your Territory Catch-All Quilted Container w/Chalkboard Instructor:
- * **Thursday, February 21st (9:30am-3pm)**—Rag Basket Instructor:
- * **Thursday, March 21st (9:30am-3pm)**—Arrowhead Revisited Instructor:

RECIPE

HONEY GLAZE SNACK from November meeting shared by JM

4 cups corn cereal squares 1½ cups miniature pretzels

1 cups of nuts (I used cashews but pecans or walnuts work)

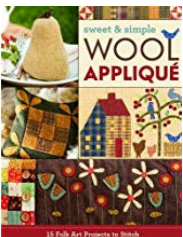
1/3 cup butter 1/4 cup honey

Combine cereal; pretzels & nuts and mix. Melt butter in pan, stir in honey & blend well. Pour over cereal and coat well.

Spread on parchment paper on a jellyroll pan. Bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes, or until light glazed. Stir occasionally.

Spread on waxed paper to cool. Store in airtight container.

BOOK REPORT



Pincushions...so many ideas! My favorite book was Sweet & Simple Wool Appliqué by C&T Publishing. There wasn't a book in the Winnefox Library System that focused just on pincushions. But this book had several cute designs. You can make a wool pear, a sparrow or honeybee pincushion. Plus, there are other projects such as quilts, a pillow, table runner and sewing pocket.

Several quilt artists contributed patterns...so small pincushion or larger project—you choose!

Instead of another book on pincushions, I have suggested several books with one pin cushion and many quilts.

- * Simple Appeal by Kim Diehl (Patty-cakes Pincushion)
- * Summer at the Lake Quilts by Susan Maw and Sally Bell (Ant Pincushion)
- * Sewing Vintage Style by Mary Jo Hiney (Baby Shoe Pincushion & Fancy Felt Pincushion)
- * Sewing by Heart by Tone Finnanger (Bee hive Pincushion with Honey Bee)
- * The Civil War Sewing Circle by Kathleen Tracy (Pillow Pincushion)