

# CALICO CAPERS QUILT GUILD

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## Friendships

Friendship quilts bring to mind dear friends and beloved relatives showing their care through a quilt.

Single pattern quilts are often referred to as *friendship* quilts. These types of quilts were usually made of several blocks of the same pattern and could be quickly made from fabric scraps.

We tend to visualize a woman making and signing her block to be later sewn together into a friendship quilt. Although this was a common practice there were other ways a friendship quilt could be created.

Sometimes a single person collected bits of fabric from others, made a block from each person's contribution then she signed each block with that person's name.

Friendship quilts took time collecting fabric or blocks from each person, piecing them together and then quilting the layers. Individual blocks on a quilt may have been made over several years and sometimes they were not put together into a quilt until years later.

No matter how they were made, they all had the same purpose...to record memories of cherished friends and family members.

### A WAY OF CONNECTING WOMEN

Imagine living in a time when families were large and women worked hard all day. A woman had to finish necessary sewing to provide clothing for a family **before** she could bring out her quilting fabric. Much of what we buy, without a thought, today had to be produced at home. Social time with

family and neighbors was a highlight in a woman's life.

What could be more fun than gathering together to quilt? The top would already have been pieced and the layers put together on a frame. Everything would be ready for the women to add their fine stitching.

The quilt might have been a special one with signatures of friends and family. These friendship quilts served as a precious memory not only to women who stayed in one place all their life but also for those who moved on to hardships in westward

lands.

These pioneer women would only have occasional letters to connect them with friends & family. Many a lonely woman living out on an isolated homestead cherished her friendship quilt. It reminded her of the time when she lived among family and friends. In addition illness and war took dear ones away forever. Their name on a quilt would become a precious remembrance.

### References:

- [Clues in the Calico](#) B. Brackman
- [Quilting in America: Beyond the Myths](#) Laurel Horton
- [Remember Me: Women and Their Friendship Quilts](#) Linda Otto Lipsett



## My Refuge

It's a strange phenomenon that when events make me tense and things need doing, I quilt. Quilting gives me a chance to reflect and so sort through my life. With only a few moments of medicinal quilting, I can be ready to tackle the world's problems.

Quilting is that still space in my life surrounded by daily uproar. My quilting is a soft, sweet moment that gives me the grace to appreciate the tumultuous times. It shelters me!

My quilting is my refuge.

-Edna Kelley/Joy of Quilting

## Piecing In The Air

One of the best things about being a hand-piecer is that one can work on a project in found moments almost anywhere you happen to be.

How, in today's world, is one able to bring a sewing kit through security to be able to piece while on a plane? Be sure to check with your airline for rules and regulations prior to flying.

Jinny Beyer has been piecing on the go for decades, here is what she always carries:

- Small scissors - Dovo folding scissors or, for international travel, Itty Bitty scissor
- A Tiny Travel Tote for trash
- Needle minder
- Needles—John James between size 11
- Thimble
- Thread
- Pins
- Light

**REMEMBER...ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR AIRLINES BEFORE TRYING TO BRING ANYTHING ON BOARD.**



## For All Who Love Color...

Ever been frustrated when working with colors? Or wondered just what I need to add to my palette for that zing in a project?

Well, the CCQG officer team has a web-site for you to check out. You can sign-up for daily emails with color inspiration right at your screen and they are awesome!

This concept was created in May of 2009 by jessica who wanted to bring a unique approach to design blogging through her passion for color. During her beginning in art school and throughout her design career, jessica created color palettes while collecting inspiration in journals. *Design Seeds* are a modern interpretation of her original color journals.

Check out <http://design-seeds.com/> and search the site by color/value or theme (i.e. autumn, creatures, sea, mineral, flora, nature, global, summer, winter & more).

## Friendship Days

The Pine Tree Needlers of Mt. Morris Quilt Guild would like to invite CCQG members to *Friendship Days 2014* to be held on Tuesday, May 20th. Registration is 8:30-9:30 am with the events of the day starting at 9:30 am sharp.

This year's event will be held at the Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center located east off of State Highway 152 in Mt. Morris.

- § Judy Gauthier of Bungalow Quilts, Ripon will be the featured vendor and will present a morning program, 'How to Make Your Own Umbrella'.
- § Cindy Wilson, Montello will be the afternoon speaker presenting her collection of quilts & their stories.
- § Pine Tree Needlers will be running a 50/50 raffle. If you wish to participate, bring a fat quarter of 100% cotton fabric.
- § A light breakfast and soup/salad lunch will be included in your fee.
- § A guild member of PTN is a basket weaver and her baskets will be available for sale.

The cost of this fun-filled day is \$15/per person. If you are planning to attend, send your reservation (with your name/address/phone no.) to: Nancy Kress W9971 Beechnut Drive Wautoma, WI 54982. Deadline is May 3rd.



If you have any special requests of diet restrictions or wheelchair access (there are no stairs to contend with at the center), please let them know when you send in your registration. They will do their best to accommodate all requests.

## Treasures' Sale

Think ahead while you organize your quilting space and consider that the *Treasures' Sale* held in conjunction with the October 4th Quilt Show may be the place for you to unload those unused or unwanted quilt related items [fabrics, tools, books, patterns and maybe even some UFO's] and getting cash to buy new goodies. As in the past, the guild gets 10% of the proceeds, leaving you with 90% to replenish your stash!

Each item **MUST** include a removable tag with your member number and the price. We will not be able to price any of your treasures for you—items that come unmarked **WILL** be returned. If you wish to donate the entire proceeds of any item to the guild, mark that item with #1 and price it.

CCQG can not be responsible for the items you bring for the sale, but the volunteers working that area will do their best that nothing is removed without payment. Any items not sold and picked up by the owner after the show will be given to charity.

The Quilt Show Committee is looking for someone to volunteer to head up this portion of the 2014 Show—contact committee members if you can help.

**NOTE:** If you need to secure your member number, see VP and she will see you get it.



## CALICO CAPERS QUILT GUILD PRESENTS...



**FALLING 4-Patches**  
& Sew Much More

**Saturday, October 4, 2014**  
9:00 am—4 pm  
\$3.00/per person

Oxford Grade School  
222 South Franklin Avenue  
Oxford, Wisconsin

- ▣ Members' Quilts on Display
- ▣ Special Display 4-Patches
- ▣ Bed Turning (10am & 1pm)  
A is for Appliqué
- ▣ Vintage Sewing Machines &  
Memorabilia
- ▣ Treasures' Sale
- ▣ Raffle

Queen-size quilt; 4-patch  
couch throw & mesh tote

- ▣ Moundville HCE—Food

For more information on quilt show,  
call 608.297.7856 or visit our  
website [www.ccqg.org](http://www.ccqg.org)

Oxford will be hosting their annual  
Fall Festival on October 4th

- Car Show
- Craft Vendors
- Library Events
- Much more...

For festival details, contact Lisa at  
608-586-6200

## Monthly Meetings

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

### April 7th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- ★ PROGRAM: *Yo-Yo's*. This simple toy with a piece of string wound around the center of a two-wheeled weighted axle used to perform tricks by dropping it & pulling it back up will not be our topic tonight. Instead we will be talking about the fabric kind & the 'tricks' we can do with them! Members are encouraged to bring along projects made with fabric yo-yo's for our sharing table.
- ★ *Reaching Out* BOM
- ★ Show 'n Tell  
Bring your sewing kit to the meeting along with 5-inch squares [7 for flower & 3 for leaves].

### May 5th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- ★ PROGRAM: *Playing With Scraps*. Tonight our special guest will be Dianne Larson, Mill House Quilts. With her trunk show, Dianne will share the secrets behind a great scrap quilt. She will explore how to efficiently store your scraps, learn some pre-piecing tricks and when to just shut your eyes and pick a fabric.
- ★ *Reaching Out* BOM
- ★ Show 'n Tell

### June 2nd—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- ★ PROGRAM: *Flipped on Folds*. Tonight we will explore the familiar technique of folded corners; prairie points & more to see where these simple concepts take us. Members are encouraged to bring along projects with prairie points for our sharing table.
- ★ *Reaching Out* BOM
- ★ Show 'n Tell  
Bring your sewing kit to the meeting.

### July—no meeting

## 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 Fellowship Hall will be opened by 5:45 pm for your convenience unless you make other arrangements by connecting with our VP. Thank you.





## CROCKETT'S CROSSING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Marquette County Service Center  
480 Underwood Avenue (Highway 23 West)  
Montello, Wisconsin

Sponsored by Calico Capers Quilt Guild

The Calico Capers Quilt Guild is excited to have Jane Vaughn (Waunakee) back to teach a workshop for us. Jane is the designer behind Thornberry Patterns carried at Mill House Quilt Shop.

You may know Jane as the "Strip Club Lady" but do not let this scare you! Jane is a talented designer and loves working with scraps. This is a brand new pattern design from Jane!!!

The **CROCKETT'S CROSSING** Workshop will utilize (40 to 42) 2½-inch strips. Jelly Rolls would work wonderful or you can start cutting strips from your stash. Work with a color palette of brights or maybe pastels or a favorite combo. As you plan, take into consideration that the background will be a light fabric and the crossing a definite dark fabric. **NOTE:** This pattern/picture is of a copyrighted design, please respect the artist!

A light lunch with soup, salads & desserts will be included.

To hold your spot—send a check for \$20 payable to CCQG. Seating limited—register early.

Request from Jane...The last session she taught us was Alabama Arbor, please bring along your project as she would love to see your creations.

## Upcoming Shows

**March 14 & 15** *Putting the Pieces Together Quilt Show* Mount Mary University, Milwaukee sponsored by West Suburban Quilters Guild

**April 26 & 27** *27th Annual Quilt Show* Mukwonago, WI sponsored by The Crazy Quilters' Guild,

**April 26 & 27** *Biennial Quilt Show* Lourdes High School, Oshkosh sponsored by Lakeside Quilters

## Community Outreach 2014

The committee continues to meet and work on quilted items for *building up the quilt bank* again. New techniques are shared each month based around 'layer cakes'. Work days coming up are: Tuesday April 22; Monday May 19 and Tuesday June. 17 from 9:00 am—2:30 pm at Endeavor Community Center. Contact committee where you can lend a helping hand to 'reach out'.

## REASONS FOR QUILTS

Watching,

*wondering*

pondering

*playing.*

I am the little girl who **never grew up.**

***My thread*** like a kitten's ball of string,

***My thimble,*** a dolly's drinking cup.

Like a box of crayons,

my fabric a treasure,

*My needle,* a brush to paint **my way.**

**Through growing,**

*loving, marrying and mothering,*

**I document every celebrated day.**

**Life gives you reasons for making quilts,**

By way of being, bonding, and sharing,

**Not product, but process is the inspiration**

**For making these timeless icons of caring.**

-Edyta Sitar

## \$8 Specials

Sign-up now for 2nd Quarter sessions. Samples of the projects will be at our monthly meetings for your viewing.

Once you sign-up and make payment, your supply listings will be given out. Contact committee chairperson for details or to register.

**April 24th** *Playing with 4-Patches* 9:30 am–3 pm

**May 8th** *Woven Placemats* 9:30 am–3 pm

**June 18th** *Hands All Around* 9:30 am–3 pm [This session will be geared for an adult & child participation].

Sessions for April & May will be held at the Community Room at the 1st National Bank, Montello and June's location is pending & TBA.