

MINOT PRAIRIE QUILT GUILD

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January 2010

Thursday January 7th

TIME: Refreshments served at 6:45 pm; Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Vincent United Methodist Church
1024 2nd Street SE

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President's Message from "Down Under" the Snow!

By the time you receive your newsletter, you will have spent hours digging out from the snow. Mother Nature has a way of reminding us where we live every now and then. I think she's trying to find out exactly what we are made of! And, I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and are compiling your "resolution" lists, waiting for 2010.

The Christmas party was just great. Thanks to those ladies that brought all that wonderful food; and, to all those that helped in the kitchen. Thanks also to everyone that participated in the "Survival Kit" game, you made it a huge success. Santa appeared and seemed to have some unusual gifts this year. I'll have to be extra good next year -- I didn't know he was watching *that* closely. We had quite an array of prizes this year which added to the festivities, especially when the raffle quilt was won by Rose Bischof's husband, Victor.

This past year was a busy one, but I had a great time serving as your President. This, of course, is largely due to the tremendous amount of volunteer time that many of you contributed. The many projects we tackled this year could not have been done if not for your support and I thank each and every one of you. We have a number of new faces on the board this coming year and I am excited to work with them, but I would be remiss if I did not thank the outgoing chairs: Lynn Sys (Treasurer) and Judi Green (Festival). Your hard work and dedication to the guild is very much appreciated.

So much to do and so little time. Festival 2010 is fast approaching. Get those quilts completed and entered, we love to see what you "cupcakes" have been up to during the December blizzard!

See you on the 7th!

Luanne



Guild Minutes, December 3, 2009

Meeting was called to order by our President Luanne Duchsherer at 7:15.

Luanne extended a welcome to our new members.

Festival catalogs were passed out to those members in attendance this evening.

Hostesses for December were introduced. The question of the month was, 'Do you believe in Santa'. Jean Parrish won a gift for being the only person answering NO. This month's winner of the Festival certificate was Deloris Lee.

The Name Tag drawing was won by Kathy Burckhard.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the December newsletter.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$8,287.

Thank-you notes were read to the members from Red Cross, Village Family Services and the Homeless Coalition.

Lynn Heald gave some Festival updates. She explained the Registration form changes and that volunteers are needed. Lynn asked each member to volunteer to help one time this Festival.

President Luanne told the assembly that we now have enough Travel Tales to start our booklet. When you travel make sure you check out the shops we have listed. Please keep adding new shops that you have found also.

Community Service: Lynn Heald showed us a quilt she made using the new pattern we will be using in 2010. She then told us there are 21 quilts to be quilted, 21 for backing and binding and 11 new Cheaper by the Dozen to be constructed.

Membership: President Luanne explained the year-long membership drive competition.

Program Chairman: Merry Green gave away the Quilter's Survival Kits to all those who participated. This was done throughout the evening in short segments between other items of business.

Our special guest arrived: Santa came to visit the Minot Prairie Quilters this evening. He had heard what a great group of women we were. Santa brought special gifts for four guild members. He called Donna Vangness and Sally Mosser up to receive a gift for making potato bags that caught on fire. Santa gave them each a lump of coal. Then he called Judi Green and Susan Melgaard up to receive a special gift for quick thinking under pressure when a bag of Rice Chips exploded while they were driving through the mountain pass in Colorado. Each woman received a Depends.

Debby Kauffman showed us the T-shirts she had designed in the past and asked us if we were interested in having one designed for 2010. A show of hands was called for and the T-shirt for Festival 2010 project was approved. Shirts should be ready by the March 2010 meeting.

Challenge to Change drawing was won by Bev. Cushman.

President Luanne presented each Board member with a Position Tag to be worn at each meeting by those holding Board positions. Each Month the Board members are to wear the tags so that new members will have an easier time learning who holds these positions.

Gifts from Sandy Turner and Deb Bradley, Quilter in the Big Blue House were given to the three winners. These were not given at the November meeting due to a lack of time.

B.O.M. Contest voting was counted and prizes were awarded to the winners.

B.O.M. drawing was held. Maggie Mack won this month. Roberta Flannigan thanked everyone who participated this year.

Raffle Quilt Drawing was held. Ten names were drawn and the winner was chosen from those ten names. Victor Bischof, member Rose Bischof's husband, was this year's winner of our Raffle quilt.

Cancellation Procedures: President Luanne asked Lynn Heald how this was carried out last year. It was explained that if the Air Base posted the roads in Red we would cancel the meeting. The cancellation notice would be sent to all members on the e-mail system plus it would be called in to the radio and TV stations.

Show & Tell was next.

Announcements:

A lady is looking for Coca Cola fabrics. See Luanne if you can help this lady.

Kathy Gregg has been contacted by a lady who would like to find a special home for a hand-embroidered quilt that depicts each of the 50 states. If you have any suggestions contact Kathy.

Judge Judy, (Sharon Torgerson) and President Luanne presided over a game to find out what we all carry in our purses. (Judge Judy kept us all honest.) The team consisting of Merry Green, Jackie Slagle, Irene Ost, Shirley Rogers, Clara Brunner, Kathy Gregg and Becky Spies won first place with tough competition from the pink team.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

Susan Melgaard, Secretary

December Guests: Cheryl Opp

New Member: Shirley Rogers

No Board Meeting for December

December Show and Tell:

Janice Talley - Christmas Wall Hanging
Roberta Flannigan – Owl & Butterfly Quilt
Rose Bischof
Lorraine Hanson – Child's Wall Hanging & Topper
Patty Bretheim – Candle Block - Tree Wallhanging
Antique Flower Garden Blocks
Joan Mahoney – Baby Quilts
Lynn Sys – 3 Christmas Quilts
Jan Hinzpeter – Christmas Stocking

Lynn Heald – 5yd quilt
Luanne Duchsherer – Log Cabin Quilt
Maggie Mack – Christmas Tree Wall Hanging
Judi Green – Baby Blanket & Wall Hanging
Pam Abrahamson – Baby Quilt, Placemats,
2 Table runners
Rosie Armstrong – Christmas Wallhanging
Diana Reiner - Another Wedding Quilt
Jennifer Cartier – Christmas Wreath

Program for January Meeting : The program for the January Meeting will be Lynn Heald, Community Service Co-Chair, demonstrating the pattern for our 2010 Community Service Quilts. The pattern is called the "Disappearing Nine Patch". Guild members were treated to a "sneak peak" of the pattern at our December Christmas Party.

January Servers: Linda Bromley, Lois Jensen, Val Kemper, Gladys Lowell, Marlene Rasmussen, Diane Stevens, and Janice Talley. The menu will be hot chocolate and cookies.

Thank You from Margaret Holbach: Margaret wanted to Thank everyone for all the cards and Birthday greetings to help her celebrate her 100th birthday.

Congratulations to Victor Bischof: – Victor , Rose Bischof's husband, won the 2009 Raffle Quilt. Way to go!!

Saturday One Day Retreats Reminder – January 23, 2010

Saturday one-day retreats are held on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Minot Public Library in the small community room at 10:30 and goes until everyone quits. If you use the west entrance, the elevators are right there to take you to the bottom floor. The community room has plenty of tables and good lighting. A small refrigerator is also available in the room for you to store your sack lunch or drinks. Bring your own projects to work on.

FESTIVAL REGISTRATION: Early registration for Festival Classes begins for all guild members, with a current 2010 membership, at our January 7th meeting. Register EARLY to ensure you get the classes that you want, especially if you want a Mark Lipinski class. Due to an anticipated high demand, you will only be able to attend one Mark Lipinski class.

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS: As you sign up for Festival Classes, don't forget that we also need volunteers during Festival. If each guild member were to fill just ONE volunteer spot, we would have all positions filled. We are looking for volunteers to work in the following areas: Raffle Quilt (selling tickets); Show Entry Door (collecting money); Tea Room (setting out goodies and making sure the area stays clean); Flea Market (working the cash register); and Registration (signing in Festival participants). Lyla Kraft is making a master list of all volunteer positions, so if you would like to volunteer to fill a specific shift, please contact her with your request.



FLEA MARKET: Now that the hustle and bustle of the Holidays are behind us, it is time to think about getting that sewing studio cleaned out and your excess "stuff" packaged up to be sold at the flea market during Festival. Debby Brothers and Sandra Duchscherer will be our Flea Market chairs this year and will have the master list if you need a number, in order to sell items, or tags. So start cleaning and sorting!



You had a sneak peak at the new pattern that will be using in 2010 and at our January meeting you will see how to make this stunning quilt from a very SIMPLE block. Don't be fooled when you see the sample...it really is easier than you think.

This is how guild members can help immediately with Community Service quilts:

Quilters: we currently have 21 quilts waiting to be quilted with 25 tops in the wings waiting for batting and backing

Joann Coupons: If you aren't going to use your 40% off coupon and would like to donate it to community service, we will gladly use it toward the purchase of fabric or batting

Fabric: Search your stash or keep your eyes open for a deal...we are looking for yardage (4 yard cuts) primarily for backing on quilts. Joann Fabrics recently had a sale of the clearance fabrics and I was able to pick up 4 yards cuts for \$1 per yard! Now that's a deal!

This is how guild members can help in the future with Community Service quilts:

Binders: when quilts are done, we need people who like to do binding

Toppers: If you just like to sit and sew, then we will have topper kits available for you at most meetings

Scraps: Beginning at our January meeting there will be a basket available for you to drop off your scraps, cut into 6-inch squares to be used in our community service quilt.

Instructions for Flea Market Consignees

- Must be a member to consign.
- Festival is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Items must be dropped off Friday at the Grand International Inn. If you're unable to attend, make arrangements with Debby or Sandy to pick up your items.
- Pin or tie ticket securely onto items. Do not use yarn to tie books and magazines together as yarn stretches.
- You will be paid the amount collected as shown on ticket, less 10% for festival expenses. This year sales taxes will be charged on all items at time of purchase. Put your number on one side of the tag and your price on the other side of the tag. Highlight the price with yellow highlighter.

Price

Front

Your #

Back

- Pick up unsold items Sunday starting at 3:00 p.m.
- Debby Brothers: 839-6470
- Sandy Duchscherer: 838-0167



BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Greased Lightning - The website is:

www.thequiltercommunity.com/Wcc5b2d539d3cc.htm

Each month, guild members can participate in the block of the month program. Instructions will be available at the meetings or print out the instructions from the link that will be published in the newsletter each month. Make a block, or several blocks, following the instructions and bring your blocks to the next guild meeting. For each block you submit, you put your name on a ticket that goes into a drawing to win a fat quarter...but you keep your blocks. As you create blocks, you decide how you want to use them. Do you want to make a wall hanging this month with just that block, do you want to combine the block from say December and March to make a quilt, or do you want to make one block each month and make a sampler quilt at the

end of 12 months? The decision is totally yours. Because we will be picking a block pattern on a month to month basis, we cannot tell you what fabric requirements will be for an entire sampler quilt. So, if you plan to do this, please plan accordingly.

Greased Lightning Quilt
by [Patricia Littlefield](#)

posted: 8/18/2003



Click on picture for a larger image

Description:

Here's an easy way to use up some of those hunks and chunks of strips that you've collected. You know, those pieces of bindings, borders, and the like that you just cannot throw away. Make a Greased Lightning quilt.

Single Block: 6" finished

Four Block Unit: 12" finished

Finished Quilt with a 4" Border: 44" x 56"

The seam allowance is ¼" throughout (this is very important!)

Cutting:

If making the quilt in the size noted above you will need 48 lights and 48 darks. Dump out your strip collection and separate out all the strips that are less than 16" in length and put them back for another project. Next, sort those that are 20" or longer into two piles: darks and lights. Since I usually make this quilt with 48 blocks, to save time, I match up a light strip with a dark strip as I go until I have forty-eight pairs of strips. Now, press your strips and then trim them so they are all 2" in width. (They *need not be* the same length, however.)

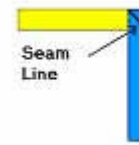
Construction:

Each block has four parts and each part has four steps:

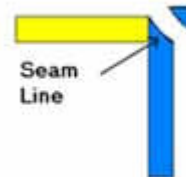
Instruction

Step 1: Take one dark strip and place it at right angles on top of a light strip with which it contrasts, and join them with a bias seam.

Diagram

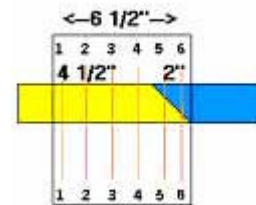


Step 2: Trim the seam allowance by cutting off the excess fabric on the corner (they are two triangles) and press the seam it toward the darker side of what is now one strip.



Step 3: Take a ruler and lay it over the joined strips with the dark fabric on the right and the diagonal seam line running from the top left to the bottom right. (see illustration below)

Step 4: Cut a 6 1/2" strip by measuring across the top edge so that the light side ends 4 1/2" from the left and the remaining 2" is on the darker side.



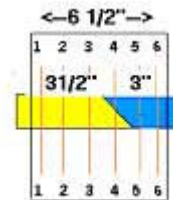
Next:

Instruction

Take what is left of the original dark strip and place it at right angles on top of what's left of the original light strip and join them with a bias seam. (The same as you did in Step 1) Trim and press as you did in Step 2. Next, take a ruler and lay it over the joined strips with the darker side on the right and the diagonal seam line running from the top left to the bottom right.

Diagram

This time cut a 6 1/2" strip measuring across so that the light side ends 3 1/2" from the left; the remaining 3" is on the dark side. (Step 4)



Repeat the 4 steps twice more. Each time, when you measure and cut the joined strips, the amount of the light side should measure 1 inch less and the dark side one inch more.

The sequence is:

- First 6 1/2" strip is made up of 4 1/2" on the light side and 2" on the dark.
- Second 6 1/2" strip is made up of 3 1/2" on the light side and 3" on the dark.
- Third 6 1/2" strip is made up of 2 1/2" on the light side and 4" on the dark.
- Fourth 6 1/2" strip is made up of 1 1/2" on the light side and 5" on the dark.

Strip One



Strip Two



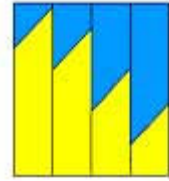
Strip Three



Strip Four



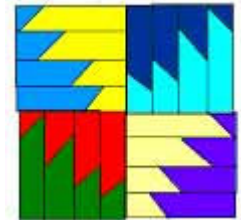
Now, stitch strip one to strip two, strips one and two to strip three, and strips one, two, three to strip four and you have your basic Greased Lightning block, which will finish at 6". Make sure you always stitch them together in that order with the strip with the largest light part on your left.



Finished Block
6" by 6"

Now comes the best part! As you make your blocks, put them up on your design wall in units of four blocks and arrange them in a way that pleases you. I usually make forty-eight blocks in a 3 (four block units) by 4 (four block units) layout, which, by the time you add a border, comes out to about 44" x 56", a perfect size for a baby quilt.

This is an example of a four-block unit:



NORTH DAKOTA STATE QUILTERS' SHOWCASE

Mandan Community Center

901 Division St

Mandan, ND

January 22-21, 2010

Friday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. CT

Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT

www.ndsqc.org

Admission \$5.00

See website for complete details or call:

LeAnn Harner 701-667-4185

Debra Forsberg – 701-258-0675

Some of the ladies asked Becky Spies about one of her quilt blocks, County Fair It can be found at www.quilterscache.com/C/CountyFairBlock.html

BECKY'S CHEESE BALL

2 PACKAGES (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
1 10 oz Cracker Barrel Sharp cheese block, shredded
1 clove garlic, crushed 1 1/2 teaspoons brown mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 can (8-10 oz) mushroom stems and pieces, drained and chopped
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
2 tablespoons finely diced pimento
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine cheeses, garlic, mustard, and salt in a bowl. Add chopped mushrooms, onion, pimento, and parsley; mix together well
2. Turn mixture into a mold. Refrigerate until firm.
3. Garnish with mushroom slices if desired, Serve with crackers.



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