



JUNE 2014 - Newsletter

MEETING:

A smaller than usual group of only 23 folks turned up as many members were busy with travel for family events. But as always, it was an interesting meeting. One of the announcements was regarding how to view your newsletter and other important information such as BOM, etc. You only need go to the Harvest Quilters web page (harvestquilters.com) and click on Members page. Newsletters, BOM, and workshop information can be accessed there.

Tina talked some about the raffle quilt project. Instruction for the raffle quilt block patterns will be given at the June 28 workshop at Linda Hallderson's church, Presbyterian Church, 240 Southern Blvd, Chatham, NJ. Norma (raffle quilt chairperson) will have a sign up list so members can take background fabric for however many blocks they wish to sew. We need 81 in all.

Pat W, Renate, and Andrea all noted that their kids were graduating from school or college. Janet N has a daughter getting married in August, and lots of members have been traveling. Lynn even had a tutorial on French fabrics in the south of France on her trip.

Pat W also showed us the 50% done cathedral window quilt she is working on and it is wonderful. The use of silk in the middle of the windows produced gleaming coloration changes as light played on the shiny fabric. Pat also said that she has used Sta Flo starch on her fabrics and it makes them easier to sew.

Andrea brought a new quilting friend to the group, Meg, and Renate's friend, Nan, told us she has not only been given a clean bill of health but also made a quilt top. She may tackle making a second one this year as well. Kristin was looking for some advice about the best technique to use for appliqué. If you have some ideas, send her an email. Pat L showed us her "snowy day" project that she made on one of those many snow days this past winter by raiding her stash of fabrics and collected rickrack. It had a real vintage look. Peggy noted that she is "clearing out" some of her fabrics and Karen H is happy that the warm weather has increased the local yard sales. She showed us a log cabin quilt (c.1920) in perfect condition that she got for \$20.

Maryann's mother-in-law passed away last fall and she is now the recipient of her Necchi sewing machine and some other sewing notions. We saw our first challenge quilt with Diane A showing us her "two faced" project. Alisa said she has her idea for the challenge but has not yet begun to work on hers. Janet N showed us a quilt her "quilt posse" made for her bride-to-be daughter. The label was spectacular and even included a picture of the happy couple.

REMINDER:

The idea was presented that each of our members take a picture of their "quilting/sewing space" and we create a collage to be displayed at next year's show. Many chimed in to say they liked the idea and Sue

offered to be the 'go to' person who will put the collage together. So sometime in the next few months, take that picture of your space and possibly put yourself in the photo and get it to Sue with perhaps a sentence or two of explanation.

SEW IN:

There will be a Sew-In this month on June 21 from 9 am to 1 pm at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, Kenyon Avenue, South Plainfield. Bring along your sewing machine or any project you want to work on. Also bring a brown bag lunch for yourself. Coffee is provided. This is a great place to work on Block of the Month or have the space to pin your quilt sandwich together to prepare it for the quilting. There will be a Sew In each month on the 3rd Saturday through the summer and fall.

WORKSHOP:

June 28m 2014 - Workshop to be held from 9 am to 3 pm at Presbyterian Church at Chatham, 240 Southern Blvd., Chatham, NJ. Parking lot is behind church. Carts are available for bringing in your sewing machines, etc. Bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and cake will be available. This church is right next to another large church and both are set back from the road.

CHALLENGE GUIDELINES:

"Sew to Speak (originally a challenge by the Arlington chapter of Quilters Unlimited of Northern Virginia in 2012)

Make a quilt that interprets an idiom. An idiom is a figure of speech. It's a phrase whose common meaning differs from a literal interpretation of the words.

e.g. A duck is seen relaxing in a chair with his remote. Hence he is a "Sitting Duck."

The challenge is to illustrate an idiom literally or figuratively through piecing, appliqué or embellishments. Ideally, the visual interpretation would be amusing or offer food for thought. Size: 100" or less perimeter.

Shape: your choice

There will be no meeting in July although there is a Sew In on the 3rd Saturday, July 19.

Next meeting – August 2, 2014 at 7 pm at the Chelsea