



December 2014- Newsletter

MEETING:

A cold night but lots of warmth inside. All who came had a good time and went away with a nice gift. And as always there was a lot of yummy finger foods.

There was a brief show 'n tell. Karen G announced that she will be at the Lancaster Country Store in PA this Friday giving a talk on her book and the Jane Austin quilts. Anyone interested in combining some shopping and hearing Karen, please contact the store - (717) 768-7101. Marianne told us that Renate was in flight even as we were having our meeting. She left New Zealand at 6:30 pm Monday and will arrive here at 9:30 pm Monday. That's what happens when you cross date lines in flight

Lots of folks are working on baby quilts as there seems to be a baby boom going on with the relatives of our quilters. Kathy K said she is carving out an area in spare bedroom to be her new sewing area. Tina said she cleaned her sewing room and then cleaned the dining room. Then she had to go back and re-clean the sewing room. One box of fabric has still not surfaced.

Janice showed us a quilt she made for a friend who brought back fabric from Africa after serving on a mission project there. The quilt has animal pictures on one side and black, white and red blocks on the other. Norma had made a big quilt with a "Frozen" center panel on it. She surrounded the center with lovely large snowflakes. Elsa was finishing a teen quilt with small stars and squares throughout. She even quilted it with

We encourage you to get busy again with doing the Block of the month. This month's block is especially easy..BOM is a good project to work on at our monthly Sew Ins at Lori's church. In the last few months not a lot of folks have participated in the BOM. These blocks are usually not very time consuming to do and also are a teaching tool to hone your piecing skills, so try to make one this month if you can.

Carolyn Claussen, HQ member now living in Texas, has been moved to a local nursing home where she seems to be doing a little better, She is actually able to eat again. Please mail any card you might want to send to her home address: 140 Pine Street, Baird, Texas 79504

SEW IN:

There will be a Sew-In this month on December 20 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, do some cutting, finish that Christmas project, 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 winter and spring.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next meeting: January 5, 2015 at the Chelsea in Fanwood.

Workshop January 31, 2015 – At Cedarcroft Bible Chapel in South Plainfield.

Annual Quilt Show: March 28, 2014