



MAY 2014 - Newsletter

MEETING:

30 folks made it to our meeting and that included a new member, Janice's friend, Bruni. Renate began by showing us some fabric she had dyed in a workshop in Lancaster. There seems to be a lot of interest in dying fabrics and it was suggested that we do this at a workshop down the road. Lynn also said that she had done some fabric dying of shirts with her grand daughters recently and they turned out beautifully.

Renate also showed us a quilt top she is making for her mom's birthday next winter. She hopes to present it to her mom in person in New Zealand in November. Her sister-in-law supplied several fabrics from New Zealand to further personalize the quilt. Marianne told us that her niece loved the quilt she made for her and she sees the spark of interest in this little girl that might mean she is a future quilter.

Lots of kids are graduating this spring. Linda G's daughter and Marcia's daughter are both graduating from college. Renate's daughter, Julia, will be graduating from high school as is Pat W's youngest son. Pat noted that quilting is "saving my life" as her nest begins to empty.

Karen G is back from her trip to Paducah to promote her book. She met many interesting folks while there including a woman who is an author of "quilt fiction," and other notable folksy people who were very "down-to-earth." She further mentioned that she got into the giant Hancock Fabrics store and saw many pop up quilt shops along the streets of the city.

Janet Nelson is still very deep into the preparations for her daughter's summer wedding and has little time for quilting right now. Others echoed that spring activities have kept them from their quilts. New member, Bruni, showed us a great Hungry Caterpillar quilt she made for a grand daughter which was reversible with Hungry Caterpillars on both sides. Janice said Bruni was the reason she took up quilting. In addition to the caterpillar, we saw a number of other finished quilts as well as Ellen's Grandmother's Flower Garden Trellis top which she is almost done appliquéing. Next step will be taking out the paper patterns inside the shapes and finally sandwiching it to ready it for hand quilting.

Nancy B told us a friend has two quilt frames she wishes to get rid of, so if you are interested, contact Nancy for further information. Nancy E said she had been inspired to try the Posey pattern she saw in a quilt at our show and that she "always learns something new from our quilt show."

There was some discussion about the raffle quilt and Norma said she would spearhead the project. Linda B who has done it many times before said she would help also as did Ellen.

The winning challenge suggestion was the one about an idiom/saying/phrase to be illustrated on a wall hanging with a circumference of 100 inches. Details and guidelines will follow in June.

A \$200 donation was made to Union County College Fund in memory of Murray Shereshevsky, husband of our Lynn, who passed away in April.

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 May 17 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.

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

Next workshop - June 28, 2014 at the Chatham Presbyterian Church from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring a brown bag lunch for yourself. Tina will demonstrate the two blocks that we will be working on to create next year’s raffle quilt.