



## January 2015- Newsletter

### MEETING:

Cold weather kept some folks away from our January meeting but "hooray" Renate was back to lead us thru our show and tell and the other stuff we needed to cover.

Kris shared that she attends a cancer support group that does handwork and suggested we might want to make a contribution there sometime in the future. Peggy showed another mini quilt and we have decided there will be a mini quilt display at the show. Pat L showed a quilt that she hastened to finish loaded with rickrack because she did not want to end 2014 without finishing at least one quilt. Pat W shared lots of info about some quilts she had finished and the fact that she bought the Electric Quilt (a computer program for designing quilts) which Tina and others also use. She loves it.

Norma made 19 quilts for Christmas as gifts. Elsa showed a finished on line challenge quilt from Temecula quilt company (check them out on line) and Nancy B showed an almost finished quilt for her daughter who just gave birth to a baby boy last week. Nancy E got caught up in doing blanket stitch applique and then found a great hanger to display her work from Amber Fenton (also on line). Linda H has been using fruit and veggie fabric to create jar quilts and Tina had still another great bag pattern to show us.

Renate reported that her mom now living in New Zealand has connected with a quilt group there and she took her mom and sister-in-law to a quilt show while she visited there in the fall. Marianne made a "modern" quilt for her mom's birthday and Kathy K asked for advice on how to machine quilt and piece she is making that is backed with fleece. Lynn told us she had her twin 8 year old grand daughters with her for a week and she survived it by getting the girls involved in making pillows and other craft stuff. She also told us that her late husband, Murray, will have his art work displayed in May and she is thrilled by this and also by the fact that two students have already been awarded scholarships out of the funding set up in Murray's name at Union County College where he taught.

Andrea shared the great news that after three years and four months, her son Aaron will have his last chemo treatments this month. After that it will just be regular checkups. We all cheered as Aaron has become a sort of mascot with HQ. Linda G is still organizing in an effort to get her house ready for sale later this month. Janice showed us a red and white antique quilt from her sister-in-law and asked how she might repair two holes in it.

We encourage you to get busy again with doing the Block of the month. This month's block comes from a book that

Tina had featuring 100 blocks. Linda B gave a good pitch last month to encourage us all to make the BOM. It 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 but tonight we had 11 and Tina won them. 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.

Renate mentioned that Diane will be having surgery on Tuesday, so please keep her in your prayers.

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 but she is hoping to get home soon so she can sort thru her stash of quilt stuff and send HQ a package of things. She did not have a good day this Monday, however. Please mail any card you might want to send to her home address: 140 Pine Street, Baird, Texas 79504

### **QUILT SHOW:**

Please watch your email for forms on which you can list the quilts you intend to share at our show. It is a new format this year so read it over carefully.

### **SEW IN:**

There will be a Sew-In this month on January 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, do some cutting 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday through the winter and spring.

### **WORKSHOP:**

Elsa will do a small bag demo in the morning and Karen G will do a demo of modern quilts in the afternoon. Bring a couple of yards of fabric if you want to try a bag while at the workshop. You are also invited to work on something of your own if you prefer. Food code for the pot luck lunch is as follows:

Last name starts with A thru L - Bring a casserole or plate of sandwiches

Last name starts with M thru R - Bring a salad

Last name starts with S thru Z - Bring a dessert

**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: February 2, 2015 at the Chelsea in Fanwood.

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

Bag and Tag at Debra Slauch's March 24, 2015

Annual Quilt Show: March 28, 2015