



Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild

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PIECE TALK

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P. O. Box 2813
Yakima, WA 98907

MEETING PLACE: Senior Citizen Center, Summitview and 65th Ave.
First and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Bring your own project every meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING: Senior Citizen Center, Summitview and 65th Ave.
First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
All Guild members are welcome to attend.

Letter from the President

Dear Quilting Friends,

Happy Quilting in 2008! I'm excited about all the possibilities the new year brings to our guild! I'm still a little "dazed and amazed" that you selected me as your president, but the pieces are starting to come together. Hey, I survived my first board meeting and business meeting, so I'm feeling a little more comfortable in the role.

I'm still filling some of the committee chair positions, but am very pleased with the people who have succumbed to my arm-twisting so far and are taking on, for some anyway, some new challenges in the new year.

It's good to see so many new faces among the familiar faces that I've come to know since I joined the guild in the fall of 2003. We need to encourage the quilters we know and meet to attend a guild meeting as a guest (especially on a program night) and to join the guild as members in 2008. I'm excited too that we've added members from Sunnyside and Ellensburg too, even though the weather may make it challenging in the winter months for them to attend.

Growing our membership is a key to our future success as a guild. Increasing membership gives us more opportunities for workshops and programs; more quilters to learn different techniques from; and more hands to make the running of the guild and the quilt show easier for everyone! So encourage those you know who aren't yet members to come and check us out in 2008.

And, while we're gearing back up in our sewing rooms after the holidays, don't forget to be working on our Comfort Quilts and Silent Auction Quilts throughout 2008! Before we know it, we'll be talking quilt show again, and this "off" year is a great time to focus on the things that spread the "warmth" of quilting and make our fundraising project a success! Sharpen your scissors and oil your machines! We have lots of quilting to do in 2008!

Karla

Past President's Message

Dear Quilters,

Wow! I just really want to "Thank" each and everyone in the Guild for making my last 2 years as the Guild President so enjoyable. Especially for all the gorgeous blocks that so many of you made for me, I love every one of them and the colors of the blocks are truly perfect, thank you, thank you. For all the members that I've had the opportunity to work with and learn from, we really have an amazing Guild, so talented. It's hard to express my appreciation to all of you for how much your support has meant to me over the past few years. I could have never done this position with out all your ideas and willingness to help make things happen. The great workshops, programs, quilt show, cookbook, and the list could go on and on. I couldn't be more excited for Karla, she will be such a great President and she really has many exciting and fun ideas for this coming year. I know I won't be able to make very many meetings this year but I will keep up with what is going on and help when I can. Happy New Year to each one of you and I can't wait to see all the great ideas and projects the Guild will be doing this year. Keep reaching for your dreams and thank you again for being such a great group of women to be a part of.

Many Thanks,
Carolyn Christensen

Mission Statement and Purpose:

The purpose of the Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild is to foster the art of quilt making through sharing and teaching, sponsoring workshops, demonstrations and quilt shows. It is a non-profit organization and is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of quilting and other needle art through education and community service.

Officers - 2008

President	Karla Griffin (966-8824, cell – 930-0203)
Vice President	Cleon DeLeon (452-1695)
Secretary	Sandy Russell (248-4719)
Treasurer	Carol Judy (966-2653)
Past President	Carolyn Christensen (965-2686)

Committee Chair - 2008:

Newsletter

Connie Mead (697-5472)

Retreat

Kathleen Smith, Sign-up & Food (965-2630)

Michaela Hughes, Contact (698-3827)

Programs & Workshops

Jeanmarie Wheeler (469-4957)

Show & Tell Hostess

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Block of the Month

Kathy Christian (388-9121)

Sunshine

Birthdays

Charity Quilts

Kathy Winters (965-7933)

Historian

Betty Neumeyer (452-6069)

Carol Rhoades (249-2755)

Charm Square Exchange

Michaela Hughes (698-3827)

Book Reviews & Publicity

Carrie Snider (945-3502)

Raffle Quilt Makers

Barbara Ware (966-0538)

Ruth Hill (248-8818)

Membership Committee

Quilt Show Chairman

Kathleen Smith (965-2630)

Sandy Russell (248-4719)

Karla still has open slots for committee chairs. If you are interested, please give her a call.

Harman Center operations change - We are now required to have someone at the center beginning at 5 p.m. On meeting nights. Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting. This is a good opportunity to bring Your projects and your dinner and visit with fellow members before the official meetings start.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2008 - \$20 per year for those 74 and younger. Members 75 or older pay no dues.. **If not received by March 1, you will be dropped from the roster.** Make checks payable to Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild and mail to P. O. Box 2813, Yakima, WA 98907. If you are a senior and entitled to free membership, please let Carol Judy know so you will not be dropped from the roster.

Book Review
January 2008
By Carrie Snider

If you don't have time to quilt, just start with one block! The book, "501 Quilt Blocks: A Treasury of Patterns for Patchwork & Appliqué," gives such a stunning variety of block ideas, you're sure to find one that will get you started.

Each block is shown in completed form as well as clear instructions for assembly. Everything from the traditional Sunbonnet Sue, to a whimsical butterfly, to a variety of cute buildings, to holiday characters – the possibilities are endless.

Use the sailboat block for that new little baby boy quilt, or use several of the animal blocks and create a zoo quilt. My personal favorites are the stick horse block and button jar block.

Aside from block information, "501 Quilt Blocks" also includes a few finished quilt ideas, such as the Cats in the Attic, which features several darling and different cat blocks, and Teatime Anytime Quilt. Beautiful color photographs and detailed instructions make this book an easy read.

The book also details a Tips and Techniques section, which will help you create your masterpiece. It also illustrates different embroidery techniques.

This book is a great resource for those looking for creative block ideas. From simple piece work to more advanced appliqué, grab this book and get started on a fun quilt block!

"501 Quilt Blocks" is a part of the Better Homes & Gardens family of books, copyright 1994 by Meredith Corp, Des Moines, Iowa.

Program – Magazine swap. Bring two or three new or old magazines to swap around the table and share ideas.

Block of the month – Will be due the first meeting in February (Feb. 5)

Guild Member of the Year – **Nancy Abbenhaus** was selected by the Guild as member of the year. Some of the comments were: dedicated member; tireless worker; inspirational; willing to share knowledge; makes all members feel welcome; worked with a team to design and produce new quilt racks for the show; tremendous job as quilt show chairman and turned the silent auction into a very successful fund raiser to support breast cancer screening for those who cannot afford the tests. Congratulations, Nancy.

Quilt Retreat – Mark your calendars for the Quilt Retreat at Lost Creek Village, March 12-16.

Color of the Year – Pantone has selected Blue Iris as the color for 2008.

Memorial Scholarship Funds - Memorial Foundation was presented with a check for \$6,000 from funds raised through the raffle ticket sales and the silent auction. During 2007, Memorial spent \$6,039 of our previous donation for mammograms and breast biopsies for those women who would not have been able to have these tests without our help.

New Members - Welcome

Cheryl Miller – She has been married to her husband, Ron for 30 years and they have three grown daughters. She considers herself an intermediate quilter who loves fabric and loves to sew almost anything – Quilts of any size or color. She loves kaleidoscope quilts and joined the Guild in November.

Chris Semon – Chris and her husband, Stuart, live in Yakima and she teaches at Davis High School, She joined the Guild in October and considers herself a beginning quilter. She loves to make bed-size quilts, wall hangings, small quilts and enjoys appliqué, and hand quilting. She also enjoys painting, reading, gardening and traveling.

LOCAL SHOPS OWNED AND OPERATED BY GUILD MEMBERS:

Common Thread Quilting. Debie Brown, 240 Meadowlark Lane, Moxee, WA 98936 (509) 248-3878. Creative Machine Quilting. Traditional designs--including feathers and borders, to unique and customized quilting for your traditional and contemporary quilts. Pick-up and delivery is available. Please call for an appointment.

Bernina Sewing Center and Firehouse Fabric. Sue McMillan. 103 So. 7th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902 (509) 248-0078. Lots of new fabrics and books. Come and see what we have.

Ann's Quilts. Ann Bennett. 3504 Ahtanum Rd., Yakima, WA 98903 (509) 965-2313. Fabrics, batting, long arm machine quilting. 7-day turn around. We ship UPS. Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Sew Special Quilting. Michaela Hughes. 120 Heysman Road, Selah, WA 98942 (509) 698-3827. Quality machine quilting using a Gammill Long Arm Quilt Machine. Pantograph and custom designs available. It's not a quilt until it's quilted.

Spooling Around. Laura Adams. 3225 West King St., Yakima, WA 98902. (509) 248-4074. Please call for an appointment. Quality quilting done on a new Gammell Classic Plus quilting machine with a stitch regulator. Warm and White and Hobbs batting available.

Sunbonnet Sue. Sue Lee & Brenda Oaks, 1517 Summitview, Yakima, WA 98902 (509)452-4112 New Location. Stop in and see our new shop. Plain and simple quilting using a Gammill long arm machine. Batting available. We will do binding.

Expressive Traditional & Contemporary Quilting. Affordable prices. Pantographs, Custom and Heirloom styling. Let's finish Your Creations on the "new Stitch Regulated, Gammell Classic Plus" machine. Batting, binding and labels available. Quick turn around. Pickup and delivery possible. Nancy Pintler (509) 453-0183, (509) 480-2749.

M&M Quilting. Freida Matthews. 702 Cascadia Pk Drive Yakima, WA (509) 452-8267. Machine and hand quilting. Custom sewing. Alterations. Come and see my work.

Threaded Needle – Jo Lou is now doing quilting on her Gamill. Batting available. Also doing custom sewing. 3413 So.79th Ave., Yakima (509) 965-3043.

Viking Sewing Center – New Location – 2416A Nob Hill Blvd., Nob Hill Plaza. Long arm quilting service. New Thimble Berry Quilt Club, Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month. Fabrics, books, patterns. Call 966-3430 for more information