



Newsletter

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Lodi Valley Quilters' Guild, PO Box 132, Lodi, WI 53555

LVQG ready for a new season—are you?

After the summer hiatus, the Lodi Valley Quilters Guild is gearing up for another year of fantastic programs, spectacular show 'n' tell, heartwarming fellowship and ambitious special events. Are you ready?

The first meeting of the 2010-11 season is Monday, Sept. 13, at the Lodi Good Samaritan Center, 700 Clark Street. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. It will feature our own Patti Hellenbrand from Village

Creek Quilt Shop who will demonstrate X-blocks, a new innovative technique that will energize your quilting.

Also on the program is the Mystery Quilt Reveal. If you made Crossed Up Mystery, the guild's 2010 mystery quilt, bring it (even if you didn't get it quilted yet) for a special show and tell. Participants will be entered into a drawing for prizes.

Don't miss out—renew your membership

In this newsletter, you will find a membership registration form. Please fill it out and return it at the September meeting. It will help us further tailor activities and programs to better serve you. Membership dues are \$20 per year (same as last year) payable at the September meeting. This year, the guild will provide name tags and membership cards when dues are paid. Come early to take care of this before the meeting—doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

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2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP

Annual Guild membership runs
September 1 through August 31.

Please complete this application form and attach
it to the membership fee of \$20.

Checks should be written to
Lodi Valley Quilters Guild

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Birthday: _____

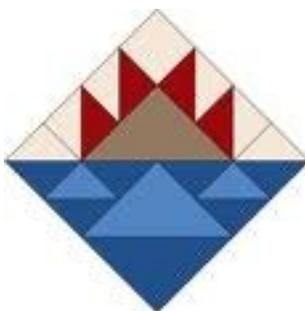
How would you describe your quilting? Chose any and all that apply:

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| Beginner | Bright | Charity quilts | Hand quilting |
| Intermediate | Muted | Bed quilts | Mostly unfinished |
| Advanced | Scrappy | Block of the month | Given as presents |
| Professional | From a kit | Original designs | Wall hangings |
| Applique | From a pattern | Inspired by magazines | Table runners |
| Piecing | Mystery quilts | Inspired by blogs | Purses & totes |
| Traditional | Kids quilts | Home-machine quilted | Embellished |
| Modern | Baby quilts | Long arm quilted | |

Tweaking the bylaws and putting it to a vote

By Trish Priewe, LVQG President

The 2010-2011 board of directors has been meeting all summer to plan and strategize. Entering our fifth year as a guild, the board agrees that our bylaws need a few minor revisions. As per our LVQG policy, these changes will be introduced to the membership during the September 2010 meeting. A vote by the membership will then take place at the October 2010 meeting. We are asking you to ratify three changes.



Year-round calendar—We would like to change the LVQG general meeting schedule to year-round, with the calendar year to run June through May (to reflect the existing terms of officers and committee chairs). By changing the guild calendar to year-round (rather than taking summers off), we feel the guild can more easily facilitate participation in events such as the Lodi Ag Fair and the Rotary Summer Parade. The board has agreed that the current \$20 membership fee should not change—members will just get more for their money.

If meeting attendance is lower in the summer, we are OK with that. Monthly meeting attendance is always at your discretion. We certainly love to see your

smiling face, but we also understand that schedules are busy year-round and not just when the weather is warm.

Guild historian—The addition of a Standing Committee of Historian is to be added, along with a description of the duties and role of Guild Historian. For two years, Kristine Millard has acted as our Guild Historian by maintaining a scrapbook as the official and archival record of the guild's activities and programs. Our current bylaws do not specify this position as either a board position or a standing committee. Moving forward, we would like to add the position of Guild Historian into the bylaws as a standing committee appointment.

Newsletter distribution—The current bylaws specify that our newsletter should be "mailed." We propose to change the terminology to "distributed" to reflect all current and future forms of electronic distribution in addition to the paper copies which are made available.

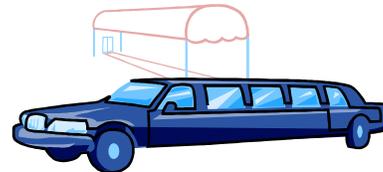
If you have questions or concerns about any of these changes to the LVQG bylaws, please contact me at 235-4646 or trish.priewe@gmail.com.

Now where did we put that?

If you have any guild asset (equipment, signs, etc.) in your possession, contact Secretary Patty Koch at mkoch01@centurytel.net. She is making an inventory list so that we can find things when we need them. *(Maybe I should do that in my sewing room.)*

Your car awaits, m'lady

If you enjoy coming to guild meetings, but don't feel comfortable driving at night—there's a solution. Call LVQG Hospitality Chair Belinda Zeman at 592-5716 or email fourtz@verizon.net and she will help arrange a ride for you. If you would be willing to give someone a ride, please let Belinda know.



Raffle quilt a big hit

This year's LVQG raffle quilt was won by Danielle Meinholz of Arena, Ruth Anne Skalitzky's daughter-in-law. Ruth Anne reports that "Danielle just loved it. She says it is too beautiful to use, and was very surprised that so many people worked on it." Ruth Anne will bring photos of Danielle and the quilt to the September meeting and we'll include a photo in the next newsletter.

So what do you like to do?



What kind of activities (trips, shop hops, quilt show, retreats) do you want your guild to offer? Who are some of the speakers, quilting teachers you'd like to hear? What are some new techniques you'd like to learn? Think about it—and let us know. Bring your ideas to the October meeting—cause we're all in this together!

A little self-promotion

If you've ever wished that you could let other members know about your business, here's your opportunity. A literature table will be available at the October and February meetings (same meetings as the mini-workshops). These will be the only meetings where business promotion will be allowed. LVQG policy prohibits use of the membership list for non-guild purposes. *(Of course, if you want to bring my Tastefully Simple order to the meeting, we'll take care of it in the parking lot after the meeting—just like always!)*

Quilt retreat set for November

The LVQG quilt retreat will be held Thursday, November 11, to Sunday, November 14, at Pine Lake Camp near Westfield. More information will follow.

A look back at the fair—In case you missed it



The Lodi Ag Fair was not only the venue for cows and 4-H kids, the demo derby and the pork chop dinner and prize-winning vegetables and thrill rides, but a showcase for quilts as well. Again this year, LVQG provided volunteers to coordinate the quilt entries in open class. Seventy quilted items—bed quilts, throws, table treatments and wallhangings—were displayed with a seasonal flair.

Besides seeing ribbon-winning quilts, fairgoers voted for their favorite quilts. Six lucky quilters won Viewers Choice awards—gift certificates from Village Creek and Mill House Quilts and Gingher Designer Series sewing scissors from

Fiskars. Winners were: Carol Gutzmer, Lodi—quilt that makes you think of spring; Madge Robertson, Lodi—quilt that makes you think of summer; Mary Ellen Ruesch, Lodi—quilt that makes you think of fall; Ruth Ann Maier, Waunakee—quilt that makes you think of winter; and Penny Schmiedlin, Lodi—for both quilt that makes you think of home and favorite additional quilt. More than 2700 votes were cast by an estimated 500 fair visitors.



At the other end of the fairgrounds, LVQG sponsored a quilt turning, an event that has come to be eagerly anticipated by fairgoers. The free tent fills to capacity as viewers ooh and aah over both antique and contemporary quilts.

If you missed the fair this year, mark your calendar for 2011—July 7-10.

Mark your calendar . . .

September 9-11	Quilt Expo Alliant Energy Center, Madison	Quilt show, lectures, classes, huge vendor mall, special exhibits For more info, go to www.wiquiltexpo.com
September 13	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild monthly meeting	X-blocks demo by Patti Hellenbrand Mystery quilt reveal Membership dues
Sept. 25-Oct. 17	Quilts in Bloom Olbrich Botanical Gardens Madison	Mon.-Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-5 Botanical-themed quilts and fall flowers
October 2-3	Harvest of Quilts Sycamore, IL	Quilt show, demonstrations, boutique For more info, go to www.dcgq.org
October 4	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild monthly meeting	Mini workshops
October 8-9	AQS Quilt Show Des Moines, IA	One of the largest shows in the nation. For more info, go to www.americanquilter.com
October 23-24	Wandering Foot Quilters Guild Quilt Show Oak Creek, WI	For more info, go to www.wanderingfoot.com
October 29-30	St. John's Piecemakers' Quilt Show St. John's School, Waunakee	Waunakee's annual quilt show vendors, silent auction, quilt turning, lunch available
November 1	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild monthly meeting	Machine quilting with Cindy Fenster
November 6	Country Quilt Show Slinger Middle School Slinger, WI	Sponsored by Ties That Bind Quilt Guild For more info, go to www.slingerquiltshow.org
November 11-14	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Retreat Pine Lake Camp, Westfield	Work on your quilts to your hearts' content—more info coming
December 6	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild monthly meeting	Sewing Machine Maintenance with Dan Hungerford

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