



Patchwords

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

And the candidates are . . .

It's time once again to elect leadership for the Lodi Valley Quilters Guild. Elections will be held during the business meeting at the May 7 meeting. The slate of candidates for positions on the executive board are:

President—Merrie Council

Vice-president—Trish Frankland

Treasurer—Joan Zavoral

Secretary—Darlene Sauby

Candidates for other board positions/committee chairs are:

Programs—Irene Stoll

Public Relations/Newsletter Editor—Joyce Hach

Librarian—Donna Hoerig

Hospitality/Fair—Belinda Zeman

Philanthropy (Hearts & Hands)—Dottie Sutfin

Quilt Academy—Cheryl Eggert

Historian—Kristine Millard

Music and quilts—The Singing Quilter comes to Lodi

Cathy Miller is a Canadian quilter and folksinger from Victoria British Columbia. She and her musician husband, John, have performed at over 650 quilting events for more than 55,000 quilters worldwide. They have appeared at many national and international events including the International Quilt Festival in Houston, the AQS Nashville Show, Quilt Canada, Quilters' Guild of the British Isles, and the European Patchwork show. This summer, they will be touring Australia. But, on Monday, May 7, they will be presenting their program for LVQG members. You won't want to miss it! For more about the Singing Quilter, go to www.singingquilter.com.

President—Trish Frankland 235-4646

Vice President—Merrie Council 592-3178

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Newsletter Editor—Joyce Hach 831-1755

Quilt Academy another success

Lodi was the center of the Wisconsin quilt universe April 14 as LVQG held its 3rd annual Quilt Academy at Lodi High School. Nearly 400 quilters attended classes and browsed vendor booths to learn new techniques and purchase the "perfect" fabric.

"The Academy is part of our mission to provide learning opportunities for quilters. There is always some new technique, new tools or new patterns that quilters want to know more about and it's our goal to help them. Quilt Academy has become our signature event," said Cheryl Eggert, who chaired the Quilt Academy committee.

Attendees had a choice of 16 lectures taught by quilt shop owners and staff from throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Topics ranged from miniature quilts to sewing machine maintenance to quick projects using scraps. For Lori Meinholz of Middleton, the Academy was an outing with her mom, Ruth Ann Maier of Waunakee.

"We both enjoy quilting and are always eager to see what's new. Quilt Academy is a chance to learn and to shop at different quilt shops without driving all over. This is the second time we've attended and it just keeps getting better," she said.

More than 60 participants won door prizes such as baskets of fabric, quilt patterns and books, quilt kits and cookbooks donated by guild members, vendors and local businesses. The grand prize winner, Connie Larson of Winona, MN, went home with a Juki sewing machine and sewing table donated by Riverside Sewing Repair of Poynette.



Vendors offered luscious fabrics for sale and tantalizing quilts for inspiration at their booths. Attendees were only too happy to indulge.



Sharon Luehring of Stitches Crossing, a Madison quilt shop, talks about creating your own fabric using Paintsticks during a Quilt Academy lecture.

Academy planning begins

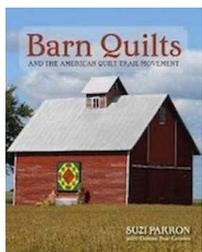


Although the 3rd Annual Quilt Academy is barely over, planning has already begun for next year's event. Committee members are busy sifting

through evaluations by attendees and vendors to fine tune the next one. "We especially need volunteers on the vendor committee, a door prizes/student benefits chair and an additional volunteer for advertising/public relations which requires good computer skills," according to Quilt Academy chair Cheryl Eggert. "LVQG members are encouraged to join the committee. It's a great way to get to know your fellow members." Contact Cheryl at cottonroadtours@gmail.com or 843-9226.

Barn quilts on stage at fair

Suzi Parron, author of *Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement*, will



present a program on Sunday, July 15, at the Lodi Ag Fair. She tells the story of the colorful patterns of quilt squares that have been painted on barns and

outbuildings throughout North America. Columbia County recently began a barn quilts project. She will be autographing copies of her book following her

presentation. Parron's appearance is being sponsored by LVQG.

Pam Buda workshop in July

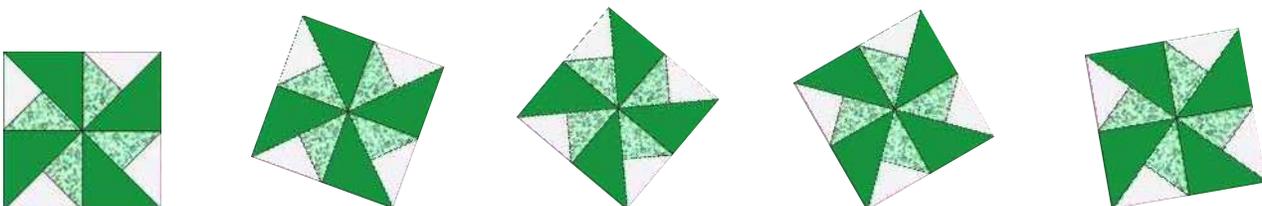
Pam Buda of Heartspun Quilts, the speaker for the July 2 meeting, will present a workshop the following day, Tues., July 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. "Practice What I Preach" will allow quilters to practice the techniques and learn the secrets of professional quilters. During the workshop, they will get individual help perfecting their skills and use those skills to get started on a Pam Buda-designed quilt. Go to www.lvqg.org under the Additional Member Activities tab for more info and a list of materials.



Signup begins at the May meeting. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. The *Heartspun Quilts Book of Quilting Hints, Tips, Secrets and How-To's* is required—cost is \$15 and will be available the day of the class.

In memorium

LVQG mourns the recent loss of two of its members. Mary L. Cook, age 89, passed away on March 15 and Betty Bertrand, age 86, passed away on March 17. Both were long-time Lodi residents.

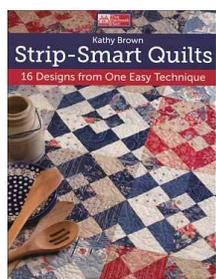


LVQG library growing

Librarian Donna Hoerig reports that the guild library is continually adding more books based on members' recommendations. The Bucks for Books campaign has been discontinued, but two or three books will continue to be purchased each month with funds from the guild treasury.

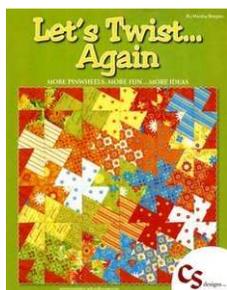
New books this month concentrate on new techniques for quick quilts.

Strip-Smart Quilts by Kathy Brown



Discover 16 stunning quilts that are easy enough for anyone to make. Just stitch strip sets and cut them to create each mesmerizing design.

Let's Twist and *Let's Twist . . . Again*—
both by Marsha Bergren



Make fast, fun and easy pinwheel quilts, table runners, and wallhangings using this book and one of the Twister templates (sold separately). Books feature patterns using both the Lil' Twister and the Twister, from an apron to table runners and quilts using both sizes.

Take the bus to Quilt Expo

LVQG will again charter a bus from Lodi to the Wisconsin Quilt Expo at the Alliant Energy Center on Friday, Sept. 8. The cost of \$10 includes one-day admission. Save driving and parking, get delivered right to the door and join your fellow members at the Expo. Sign-up starts soon.

Quilt Turning needs quilts

Do you have a quilt that you treasure and would like to share? Maybe it's the first one you made or one that someone made for you. If so, LVQG wants to showcase your quilt at the fair. The Quilt Turning has become a popular event at the Lodi Ag Fair and about 50 quilts are needed. If you have a quilt to share or one with a great story, contact Diane Heckenbach at 592-5786 or Judy Miller at 592-4867.

Become a fan on Facebook

Did you know that LVQG has a Facebook page? Become a LVQG fan by going to www.facebook.com/lodivalleyquiltersguild. Get news, updates on events, and make friends with other quilters.

Need another quilting fix?

JJ Stitches hosts an informal (and free) quilters' get-together on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the shop at 221 East Main Street in Sun Prairie. Those attending can get help on projects, learn from other quilters and participate in show and tell.



Here's the September LOTTO block

- Vacationing Up North this summer?
- Spending a weekend in Minocqua or Hayward?
- Camping or hiking or kayaking or canoeing?

Combine quilting and your vacation adventures by making **NORTHWOODS THEMED QUILT BLOCKS** for our September Guild meeting - remember, the more blocks you enter, the more chances you have to win them all!

You could make a mini-landscape scene - OR - you could make a favorite block pattern using fabrics with woodland prints - OR - you could use a block pattern with a northwoods-type name, like Bear Paw or Log Cabin - OR - your own idea.

Blocks need to be **12½ inches square unfinished** (for finished blocks that are 12 inches square). Blocks are due at the LVQG monthly meeting on September 10.

QUESTIONS? Contact Anne Frihart, 608-644-9294 or afrihart@wildblue.net

Thoughts from Trish

By Trish Frankland, LVQG president

Are you feeling shy? Are you new to the guild? Or finding it hard to meet people at our BIG meetings now that we've got so many members? *(170 and counting)*

I'm finding that the best way to get to know other quilters in our guild is to **GET INVOLVED**. You don't necessarily have to be on a committee or run for an office (but you can, if you'd like!). I mean, simply attend a workshop or volunteer at the fair for a couple hours.

I've been around the LVQG since its start and I know a lot of members (and you know I'm certainly not shy). But at the last workshop, I sat with different people and **WOW** did I have fun. I learned things about people I already knew, got to know some people I hadn't really met before, and had a **GREAT TIME** doing it. I can't stress enough the opportunities afforded by our smaller group activities. Take a class even if you know how to do the technique, just because it's fun (plus, maybe you can be the teacher's pet).

I don't want us to lose touch with such a big group. This guild rocks—and you should get to know one another and find out just how much fun you all are!

Quilting with a friend will keep you in stitches.

Enter your quilts in the Lodi Ag Fair

The premium books for the Lodi Ag Fair will be available soon online at www.lodiagfair.com. You are encouraged to enter your quilts in Open Class—Department 128, Home Furnishings. Classes and lots are divided into size of quilt (all edges over or under 45 inches), how quilted (home sewing machine, longarm, hand quilted or tied) and by whom (you or someone else). Lots are as follows—specific lot numbers were not available when *Patchwords* was published.

REGULAR SEWING MACHINE

Quilted by exhibitor

- Whole cloth
- Pieced
- Machine appliqued
- Hand appliqued
- Embroidered and/or embellished
- Hand embroidered and/or embellished
- Uses 2 or more techniques

Quilted by someone else

- Whole cloth
- Pieced
- Machine appliqued
- Hand appliqued
- Embroidered and/or embellished
- Hand embroidered and/or embellished
- Uses 2 or more techniques

COMMERCIAL MACHINE (LONGARM)

Quilted by exhibitor

- Whole cloth
- Pieced
- Machine appliqued
- Hand appliqued
- Embroidered and/or embellished
- Hand embroidered and/or embellished
- Uses 2 or more techniques

Quilted by someone else

- Whole cloth
- Pieced
- Machine appliqued
- Hand appliqued
- Embroidered and/or embellished
- Hand embroidered and/or embellished
- Uses 2 or more techniques



HAND QUILTED

Hand quilted by exhibitor

- Whole cloth
- Pieced
- Machine appliqued
- Hand appliqued
- Embroidered and/or embellished
- Hand embroidered and/or embellished
- Uses 2 or more techniques

Hand quilted by someone else

- Whole cloth
- Pieced
- Machine appliqued

- Hand appliqued
- Embroidered and/or embellished
- Hand embroidered and/or embellished
- Uses 2 or more techniques

TIED - INSTEAD OF QUILTED

Tied by exhibitor

- Whole cloth
- Pieced
- Machine appliqued
- Hand appliqued
- Embroidered and/or embellished
- Hand embroidered and/or embellished
- Uses 2 or more techniques

Quilts delivered to ND



LVQG donated 32 quilts and Dekorra Lutheran Church donated 16 quilts to the Red Cross in Minot, ND for victims of the 2011 floods. They were delivered to Minot last month by guild vice president Merrie Council, left, and librarian Donna Hoerig, right. With them is Allan McGeough, Red Cross executive director. Council is a native of Minot.

Lotto blocks now a quilt



Joyce Monteufel of Poynette won the Lotto blocks in February and sat right down to her sewing machine. Here's her finished quilt—tied and bound! The Lotto drawing for the card trick blocks is at the upcoming May meeting. Will you be the lucky quilter? You can't win if you don't enter.

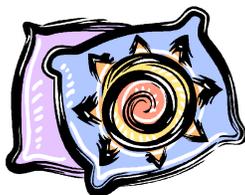
Thanks from Lodi Essentials

"On behalf of the Lodi Valley Personal-Essentials Center, I wish to thank members of the Lodi Valley Quilt Guild for their donations of quilts and pillowcases for families needing help during difficult times. I want you all to know how grateful the clients are about receiving the quilts and pillowcases you made."

"We are presently serving 57 families (over 180 people, which includes 83 children). Your generous donations and continuing support is very important to our community. It's about people helping people and you are a valued part of that effort."

Sincerely,

Jim Schmiedlin, Lodi Valley Personal-Essentials Center



Mark your calendar . . .

May 5 - 6	Spring Gathering, Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Jackson	16th Annual Quilt Show sponsored by It's a Stitch Quilt Guild. Admission \$5.00. Saturday and Sunday 10-4.
May 6-8	Sun Prairie Quilt Show St. Albert Parish Center, 2420 St. Albert's Drive, Sun Prairie	Quilt show and competition sponsored by Prairie Heritage Quilters. Vendors, challenge quilts, lunch available. Admission \$6.00. For more info, go to www.sunprairiequiltshow.com .
May 7	LVQG Monthly Meeting	The Singing Quilter
May 11 - 12	University Days, Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts, Cedarburg	Demonstrations and workshops featuring Nancy Zieman and Carol Butzke. \$40 per day. For more info, to www.wiquiltmuseum.com .
May 19 - 20	Colors in Motion, Grand Ballroom, Dubuque County Fairgrounds, Dubuque, IA	Sponsored by the Cable Car Quilters Guild. Quilt show, mini quilt auction, technique demos, raffle baskets, quilter's boutique and merchant mall. For more info, go to www.cablecarquilters.com .
June 4	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Judy Martin, Log Cabin Quilts
July 2	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Pam Buda, Heartspun Quilts
July 3	LVQG Workshop	Pam Buda—more info at www.lvqq.org under Additional Member Activities tab
July 12-15	Lodi Agricultural Fair	Community fair with an opportunity to enter your quilts. Go to www.lodiagfair.com for more info.

Need a break from quilting, bake some cookies!

We've had several requests for the recipe for the cookies at Quilt Academy. Here it is—thanks to Carrie Ballweg.

WHITE CHOCOLATE CRAISIN COOKIES

1 C. Butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ C Sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ C Brown Sugar

2 eggs

1 t. Vanilla

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. Flour

1 t. Soda

1 t. Cinnamon

$\frac{1}{2}$ t. Salt

3 C. Oatmeal

1 C. Craisins

1 C. White Chocolate Chips



Heat oven to 350 ° F. In medium size bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. In large bowl, beat together butter and sugars on medium-high speed until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add eggs and vanilla; beat 1 minute. On low speed, beat in flour mixture until combined. Stir in oats, craisins and white chocolate chips. For each cookie, drop $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dough onto ungreased baking sheets about 3 inches apart. Bake in 350° F. oven 16 minutes or until golden, but still moist on top. Remove cookies to racks to cool. Makes about 20 large cookies.