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Get inspired in 2012 with LVQG

As we flip the calendar over to a new year, Lodi Valley Quilters' Guild has a packed schedule planned to keep you inspired and energized. From a collaborative quilting workshop to a traditional trunk show to retreats and mini-workshops, there's something to satisfy the interest of every quilter.

First up on January 2 is Gayle Bong with her "ThirtySomething" lecture in which she'll share the magic of the 30-degree angle. Gayle is from Elkhorn and is a designer and the author of several quilting books.

The February 6 meeting brings Julie Hendricksen, owner of JJ Stitches in Sun Prairie, for a trunk show of her quilt collection. Julie has also designed a line of fabric for Windham Fabrics and her quilt designs, based on vintage quilts, have been featured in *American Patchwork & Quilting*.

Ardyth Anderson-Winn is featured at the March 5 meeting and will share information on appliqué. Ardyth hails from Baraboo where she owns Ardyth's Sew-n-Vac Shoppe and teaches appliqué classes.

If you've got scraps, you won't want to miss the April 2 meeting. Anne Wahnke of the Quilted Basket will share her techniques on scrap quilts and bring her quilts to stimulate your creativity.

That's just the first four months of programming—check the *2011-2012 Schedule* tab on the LVQG website for all 12 months of monthly programs. (Let's hear a round of applause for Irene Stoll, program chair extraordinaire.) For more information about other events, keep reading . . .

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Let's collaborate—on a quilt

The zany team of Kristie Christy and Marilyn Boyle are back to lead a workshop on Collaborative Quilting for LVQG members. If you were wowed by their quilts at the October meeting, here's your opportunity to make your own collaborative quilt. The workshop will be held at the United Methodist Church in Lodi on Saturday, February 25 (not the 24th as the new bookmarks indicate) beginning at 9:30 a.m. and lasting until 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 which includes lunch. Signup begins at the January 2 meeting.

Start gathering your fabrics for the most variety possible. Remember collaborative quilts are bright, bold, sassy, and happy. Here's what you'll need:



Example of a collaborative quilt

one-inch wide strips of fabric at least 11 inches long (the more strips the better)

9-inch squares of background fabric (Kristie and Marilyn suggest red or turquoise as good color choices). Workshop participants will use some of their own fabrics and exchange fabrics for a bold and unconventional mix of pattern and fabric. Please bring quilt-shop quality fabrics.

sewing equipment and supplies (sewing machine, thread, rotary cutters, mat, etc.)

extension cords and power strips, if you have them.

Irons and ironing boards will be available for our use.

Start pulling those fabrics from your stash, sign up for a delightful workshop and let's create some freewheeling quilts!

Back by popular demand—the one-day retreat

One of the most popular LVQG events in the past year has been the one-day retreat at the Lodi Sports and Rec Center. After the fun and fellowship of the last two, members have clamored for more—and another one is planned for Saturday, March 24. Mark your calendars. Cost will remain the same at \$10 and will include snacks, lunch, door prizes and a day of uninterrupted quilting time with your fellow LVQG members. Sign up begins soon.

Thank you from Hearts and Hands

By Dotty Sutfin, Hearts & Hands chair

Thank you to all who have donated to Hearts and Hands. Because of your donation, we are able to make quilts to give to local ambulances. I also wanted to thank all those who help with Hearts and Hands. It takes a team effort to get these quilts made and distributed to the ambulance services. I also know that there are a lot of our members who are busy and cannot make it to help us, but would like to. Maybe some day your lives will not be so hectic and you will be able to join us in making these quilts. This past year, Hearts and Hands made about 50 quilts for Columbia County EMS and Sauk EMS. Your work is appreciated and so are your donations. Have a great New Year and I hope to see you someday at Hearts and Hands. Please call me if you have any questions about Hearts and Hands at 608-592-4139.



We will be meeting on Friday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. at the Lodi United Methodist Church, 130 Locust St., Lodi. Please bring your sewing machine if you can and any notions that you use. If you are unable to bring your machine, there is always plenty of other work to be done. See you on Friday.

The benefits of LVQG membership

What do you get for your \$20 membership dues?

- ❖ Terrific programs featuring speakers, demonstrations, and show and tell at 12 monthly meetings each year
- ❖ A library of quilt books and patterns
- ❖ One-day retreats at least twice a year for only \$10
- ❖ A three-day retreat in the fall at a reduced rate (LVQG pays for meal costs)
- ❖ Bus trip to the Wisconsin Quilt Expo for only \$10 admission (LVQG pays for bus)
- ❖ Quilt Academy tuition at only \$20 (\$10 less than non-members)
- ❖ LVQG-sponsored workshops at low rates
- ❖ JoAnn's Discount Card for 10% off every time you shop
- ❖ *Patchwords* newsletter
- ❖ Opportunities for community volunteerism through Hearts & Hands and the Lodi Fair
- ❖ LVQG Mystery Quilt
- ❖ LVQG Lotto Block drawings

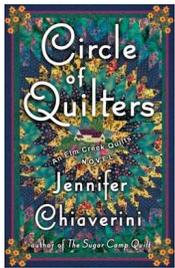
All that and the opportunity to meet and hang out with some of the nicest, coolest people on the planet—your fellow quilters!

News from the LVQG Library

By Donna Hoerig, LVQG Librarian

With the start of a new year, it's time to declutter the guild library. To make room for new books, a "garage sale" of older publications and patterns will be held at the February meeting. So, come early and browse—you might find something to inspire you.

Contributions to Bucks for Books have resulted in the purchase of several new books for the guild library. Remember, the library is always open prior to meetings and you may also access it at any time by getting the key from Patti at Village Creek Quilts or Trish at the Lodi Library. Here's what's new—

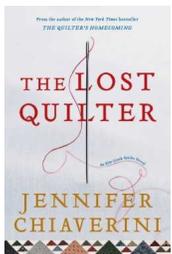


Circle of Quilters

When Elm Creek Quilts announces openings for two new teachers, quilters everywhere are vying to land the prestigious post. The impending departure of two founding members means untold changes for the Elm Creek Quilters. As they begin the interview process, a single question emerges: Who can possibly take the place of beloved colleagues and friends?

Winding Ways Quilt

Quilters have flocked to Elm Creek Manor to learn from Master Quilter Sylvia Compson and her expert colleagues. There's Sarah, Sylvia's onetime apprentice who's paired her quilting accomplishments with a mind for running the business of Elm Creek Quilts; Agnes, who has a gift for appliqué; Gwen, who stitches innovative art quilts; Diane, a whiz at the technicalities of quick-piecing; and Bonnie, with her encyclopedic knowledge of folk art patterns. But with Judy and Summer, two other founding members of the Elm Creek Quilters, departing to pursue other opportunities, will the new teachers be able to fill in the gaps created by the loss of their expertise -- and more important, their friendship?



The Lost Quilter

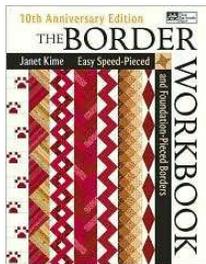
Master Quilter Sylvia Bergstrom Compson treasures an antique quilt called by three names -- Birds in the Air, after its pattern; the Runaway Quilt, after the woman who sewed it; and the Elm Creek Quilt, after the place to which its maker longed to return. That quilter was Joanna, a fugitive slave who traveled by the Underground Railroad to reach safe haven in 1859 at Elm Creek Farm. Now it falls to Sylvia, drawing Gerda's diary and Joanna's quilt, to connect Joanna's past to present-day Elm Creek Manor.

A New Year's Wish from your editor . . .

In the year ahead, may your sorrows be patched and your joys quilted.

The Aloha Quilt

Another season of Elm Creek Quilt Camp has come to a close, and Bonnie Markham faces a bleak and lonely winter ahead, with her quilt shop out of business and her divorce looming. A welcome escape comes when a beloved college friend unexpectedly invites her to Maui to help launch an exciting new business: a quilter's retreat set at a bed and breakfast. As Bonnie's adventure unfolds, it quickly becomes clear that the new business isn't the only excitement in store for her.

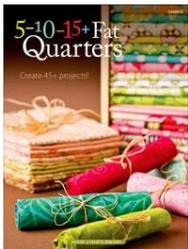
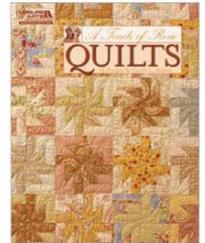


The Border Workbook

Find the perfect border for any quilt in this must-have guide, along with tips for choosing designs, selecting fabrics, and figuring yardages. It includes 27 border designs—17 to strip piece and 10 to paper piece.

A Touch of Rosie Quilts

This beautiful collection of Miss Rosie's Quilt Company quilts includes 13 fabulous quilts in designer Carrie L. Nelson's signature style. Designs take traditional quilt blocks and turn them into something new—perfect for today's home in up-to-date colors and fabrics. The scrappy style of the quilts makes them especially suitable for using fat quarter collections.

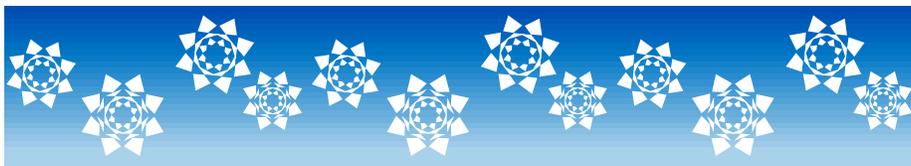
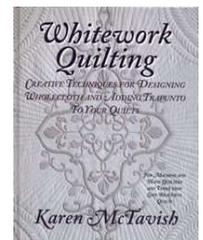


5-10-15+ Fat Quarters

A wide variety of fat-quarter projects are explored in this unique instructional guide. Drawing from techniques commonly used in quilting, this handbook features more than 40 fun, simple projects to create for the home or for gifts. Projects include purses, totes, table runners, placemats, bibs, aprons, puppets, and games for kids.

Whitework Quilting: Creative Techniques for Designing Wholecloth and Adding Trapunto to Your Quilts

A guide for creating wholecloth quilts as well as an examination of the art of quilting, this book gives an in-depth analysis of more than 50 quilts and the technique and inspiration behind their composition. It is written by Karen McTavish, our speaker in November.



Try your luck with the LVQG Lotto Block



Blocks need to be 9½ inches square unfinished (for finished blocks 9 inches square), with a hearts and/or red and white theme. Enter as many blocks as you like - more blocks entered equals more chances to win! Blocks are due at the February 6 LVQG meeting. You could be the lucky winner with a start on a beautiful red and white quilt. Any questions, contact Anne Frihart at 644-9294 or afrihart@wildblue.net.

Mark your calendar

Dec. 3 - Jan. 14	New Quilts from Old Favorites, Wisconsin Historical Museum, Madison. Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Exhibit of nine quilts by Chris Lynn Kirsch. Each contemporary work is paired with a sample of the traditional pattern that inspired it. Jan. 14 at 1:00 p.m.—"Contemporary Takes on Classic Patterns: A Talk with Quilter Chris Lynn Kirsch"
Jan. 2	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Speaker: Gayle Bong, ThirtySomething
Feb. 6	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Speaker: Julie Hendricksen, Trunk Show LVQG mystery quilts revealed, Lotto Block
Feb. 25	LVQG Workshop United Methodist Church	Collaborative Quilting with Kristie Christy and Marilyn Boyle
Mar. 2-4	16th Annual Quilters Land Cruise, Radisson Hotel Harbourwalk, Racine	Featuring quilts with vintage fabrics, classes, food and fun events. For more info, go to www.quilterslandcruise.com .
March 5	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Speaker: Ardyth Anderson-Winn, Applique
Mar. 10-11	Stars of the Prairie Quilt Show, Crest Hill, IL	Sponsored by Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild. Featuring 300+ quilts, special exhibits. For more info, go to www.prideofprairie.org .
Mar. 16-17	The Art of Quilting Mt. Mary College Milwaukee	Special guest presentation by Mickey Dupree at 7 p.m. on Friday. Presented by West Suburban Quilt Guild. Over 300 quilts will be on display. Cost is \$5.00. For more info, go to www.wsqg.net .
March 24	LVQG One-Day Retreat Lodi Sports & Rec Center	Come and quilt with your LVQG friends. Sign up at February or March meeting.
Mar. 24-25	Evergreen Quilters of Green Bay 15th Biennial Quilt Show, Ashwaubenon High School, Green Bay	Judged quilt show, including traditional and art quilts, raffle, bake sale, merchant mall and more. Sponsored by the Evergreen Quilter's Guild. For more info, go to www.evergreenquiltersguild.com .
April 2	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Anne Wahnke, Scrap Quilts
April 14	3rd Annual Quilt Academy Lodi High School	LVQG-sponsored event with lectures, prizes, vendors, lunch. Go to www.lvqg.org for more info.