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

Looking for nominations

Nominations are open for LVQG leadership. According to our bylaws, the president, vice president and secretary serve one-year terms; the treasurer and program chair serve two-year terms. Officers may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position. Other board members chair standing committees (library, public relations, hospitality, Quilt Academy, fair, historian, Hearts & Hands) and serve for one year with no term limits. If you are interested in any LVQG officer or committee roles, contact President Trish Frankland at trish.frankland@gmail.com or Vice President Merrie Council at kntsew24@aol.com. Elections will take place at the May meeting with information on nominees in the next *Patchwords*.

Our speaker tonight is . . .

LVQG's line-up of terrific speakers continues in March with Ardyth Anderson-Winn. The owner of Ardyth's Sew-n-Vac Shoppe in Baraboo, she will share her expertise on applique.

The April 2 meeting will feature Ann Wanke of The Quilted Basket in Menomonee Falls. Ann is a quilt shop owner and pattern designer. She will share her techniques on scrap quilts and bring her quilts to stimulate your creativity.

The Lodi Good Samaritan Center will reverberate with song on May 7 when the Singing Quilter pays a visit to the guild. Canadian singer/songwriter Cathy Miller is also a quilter, quilt teacher and storyteller who travels the world along with her husband, John Bunge. They have performed for more than 700 guilds and quilt events on three continents.

The log cabin expert herself, Judy Martin, will be on hand for the June 4 meeting. She has made a four-decade career out of giving quilters the patterns, tools, and guidance to do their best work. Her book, *Judy Martin's Log Cabin Quilt Book*, is one of the most popular quilting books ever written. Her topic for LVQG—log cabin quilts, what else?

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New in the library



Looking to jumpstart your creativity? Find a new project? Or maybe you just want a good read? Here's what's new in the LVQG library . . .

Save the Scraps by Gayle Bong

Thirtysomething by Gayle Bong

Thirtysomething, Too by Gayle Bong

Strip Delight by Suzanne McNeill

The library is always open prior to meetings. You may also access it at any time by getting the key from Patti at Village Creek Quilts or Trish at the Lodi Library.

Pillowcases for charity

If you are unable to sew with the Heart and Hands group, but wish to participate in the guild's charitable endeavors, here's your chance. One of the group's current projects is sewing pillowcases for Lodi Essentials, which provides items not available at the food pantry (shampoo, soap, toilet paper, etc.) to needy families. Use fabric from your stash to sew pillowcases on your own schedule and bring them to the regular guild meetings. Hearts and Hands chair Dottie Sutfin will collect them for Lodi Essentials. A pillowcase pattern can be found at www.lvqg.org under the Newsletter tab—in the January 2011 issue.

Garage sale coming in April

The guild library is doing some purging and will be holding a "garage sale" before the April meeting. If anyone would like to donate other magazines/books/patterns for the sale (the library gets to keep the \$\$), bring them to librarian Donna Hoerig at the March meeting.

Quilt Academy almost here

The registration deadline—March 21—is fast approaching for the 3rd Annual Quilt Academy. Some classes are already filled and the committee reports that registrations are close to the 350 limit. The enrollment form and class listing can be found at www.lvqg.org under the Quilt Academy tab. You won't want to miss it!

Fat quarters needed



Here's your opportunity to trim your fat quarter stash and help your guild at the same time. The Quilt Academy committee is asking each member to contribute a fat quarter to be used as door prizes at the upcoming Academy. Please bring them to the March meeting. Coordinating fat quarter baskets will be among the prizes donated by the guild. Vendor/instructors are also providing door prizes including the grand prize of a Juki sewing machine from Riverside Sewing Repairs.

A bed without a quilt is like a sky without stars.



Lodi Lotto—May 2012

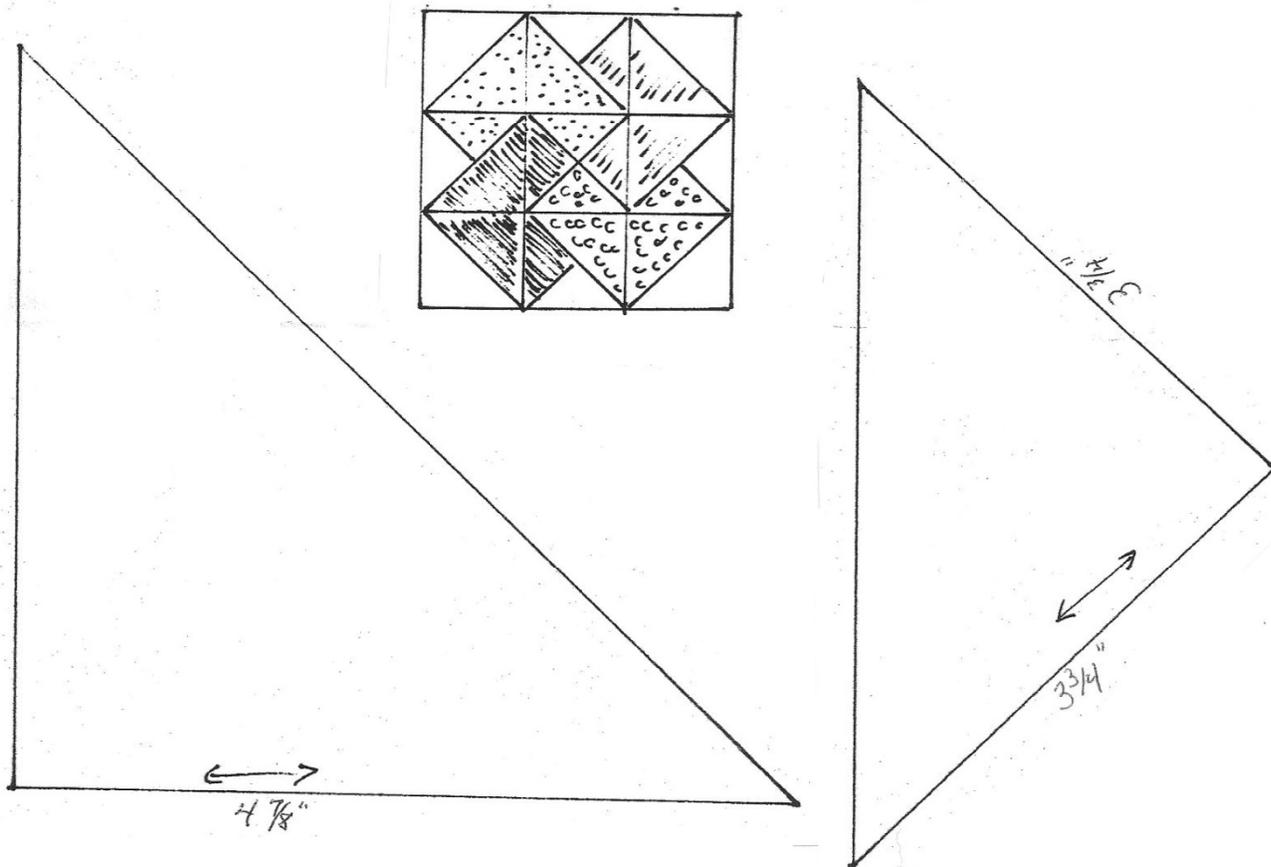
Bring your completed blocks to the May 2012 meeting for a chance to win them all! The more blocks you make, the better your chances of winning.

CARD TRICK QUILT SQUARE (12.5" unfinished)

Use four fabrics for the "cards" plus a background fabric. Use the templates below, or cut squares ($3\frac{3}{4}$ " for the small triangles, $4\frac{7}{8}$ " for the large triangles), and then cut them again diagonally to make triangles. You'll need:

- From each card fabric: 2 large and 2 small triangles, or 1 square of each size cut in half diagonally
- From the background fabric: 4 large and 4 small triangles, or 2 squares of each, cut in half

Assembly: Lay out your square on a flat surface so as to keep track of what goes where. Sew each pair of small triangles together to make large triangles. Replace these new large triangles into the square where they belong. Now, sew the pairs of large triangles into squares. You should have nine squares – arrange them in the square. Now, sew the squares together either in rows or columns, and then sew the rows/columns together. It should measure 12.5 inches on each side. Questions? Call or email Anne Frihart, 608-644-9294; afrihart@wildblue.net



LVQG members collaborate "out of the box"

"It doesn't matter, it doesn't matter, it doesn't matter," 25 LVQG members whispered as they slashed fabric squares and stitched seams at last weekend's collaborative quilting workshop. Instructors Marilyn Boyle and Kristie Christy urged the group to get "out of the box" as they experimented with free-form quilts. The workshop was held in response to members who enjoyed Marilyn and Kristie's presentation at the October meeting.



Marilyn Boyle answers questions as quilters get ready for a new adventure.



In a few hours, attendees had sewn these funky blocks. Watch for quilts made with these blocks at an upcoming show and tell.

Swing into spring with a one-day retreat

UFOs piling up? Yearning for inspiration? Longing for a little "me time"? Or, maybe you just want to sew and laugh and nibble with like-minded quilters. The spring LVQG One-Day Retreat is the answer.

To be held at the Lodi Sports and Rec Center, 801 N. Main Street (*next to Piggly Wiggly/behind Pizza Pit*), on Saturday, March 24, it has quickly become one of LVQG's most popular offerings. There is no planned class or project; attendees work on whatever they wish. Bring your own project, sewing machine and supplies. Irons and ironing boards will be provided.

If you haven't signed up, see Irene at the March meeting. Cost is \$10 and will include snacks, a catered lunch, door prizes and a day of uninterrupted quilting time with your fellow LVQG members. What more could you want on a spring Saturday?

Mark your calendar . . .

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 Mickey Dupree at 7 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$5.00. Presented by West Suburban Quilt Guild. Over 300 quilts will be on display. 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 March meeting.
Mar. 24 - 25	Evergreen Quilters of Green Bay 15th Biennial Quilt Show, Ashwaubenon High School. Green Bay	Judged quilt show both traditional and art quilts, raffle, bake sale, merchant mall. Focus is "Going Green." Admission \$5.00. For more info, go to www.evergreenquiltersguild.com
April 2	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Anne Wanke, Scrap Quilts
April 14	3 rd Annual Quilt Academy Lodi High School	LVQG-sponsored event with lectures, prizes, vendors, lunch. Go to www.lvqg.org for more info.
April 14-15	Crazy Quilters Guild 25 th Annual Quilt Show, Parkview Middle School, Mukwonago, WI	More than 200 quilts on display, judged competition, merchants mall, bed turning, quilt raffle. Admission \$5.00. For more info, go to www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com .
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
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 to come
July 12-15	Lodi Agricultural Fair	Community fair with an opportunity to enter your quilts. Go to www.lodiagfair.com for more info.