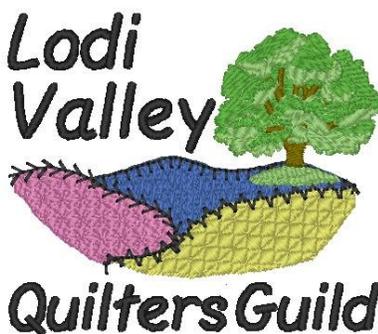


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Let's go away for the weekend!

Pine Lake Camp Retreat

Friday, November 14 (arrive anytime after 9 am)
through Sunday, November 16 (departing for home after lunch)
W8301 County Highway M, Westfield, WI 53964
Phone: 1-800-648-9630 or 608-296-2720
Terri Escher's Cell 608-358-3402

Directions: Take I-39 past Portage to exit 113 Westfield. Turn left at end of ramp and go under the highway, then take the first right turn (Mc Donald is on the right, gas station and Subway are on the left). This should be Pioneer Park Rd, if you can see a sign. It's an L-shaped road, and passes a park. At the stop sign, turn right onto County Hwy M. You will go past the high school, and continue on M for 6 or 7 miles. **Watch for turns on Hwy M—it makes some bends, and you want to stay on M.** The entrance to Pine Lake Camp will be on the left. *See you there! What will you be working on?*

Our raffle quilt winner, Linda Rand, sent these treats to a recent meeting. They were such a hit, we asked her for the recipe.

OREO TRUFFLES



- 1 1b.2oz. package Oreo cookies, finely crushed
- 1 package (8oz) cream cheese, softened
- 2 pkgs Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate (16 squares total) melted

Mix 3 cups of the cookie crumbs and the cream cheese until well blended. Shape into 42 one-inch balls.

Dip balls in melted chocolate; place on wax-paper covered baking sheet. Sprinkle with remaining cookie crumbs.

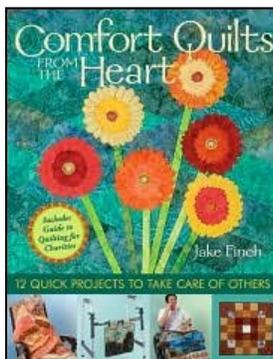
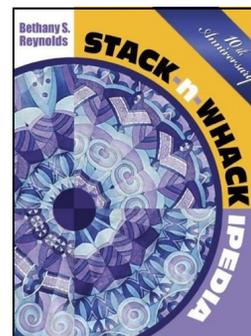
To easily coat truffles with the melted chocolate: add truffles, in batches, to bowl of melted chocolate. Then use two forks to roll truffles in chocolate until evenly coated. Remove the truffles with forks and allow excess chocolate to drip back into bowl before placing truffles on prepared baking sheet.

Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. Store any leftover truffles in tightly covered container in refrigerator.

New additions to our guild library

Stack-n-Whackipedia by Bethany Reynolds

Ten years with this technique have brought improved tools, new ideas, hints and tips. The design's originator celebrates a decade with new patterns and this brand-new book.



Comfort Quilts from the Heart by Jake Finch

Twelve great projects to show you care: walker bags, wheelchair quilts, shawls with pockets and more.

Things to bring to the December 1 LVQG meeting:

- ♦ Raffle quilt blocks completed and ready to turn in
- ♦ Door decorations for the nursing home completed and ready to turn in
- ♦ A vintage quilt for show-and-tell



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

Date	Area Events	Details
November 14-16	Pine Lake retreat in Westfield	“Unstructured” quilt retreat—work on your own projects at your own pace.
December 1	LVQG meeting	Underground railroad program. Show & tell: vintage quilts
January 5	LVQG meeting	Buggy Barn demo with Carol Potter. Show & tell: think spring!
February 2	LVQG meeting	Mini-workshops on quilt basics. Show & tell: mystery quilts revealed February mystery quilt begins.
March 2	LVQG meeting	Charm pack & jelly roll program with Trish Priewe. Show & tell: two-tone quilts
March 6-8	13th annual Quilters Land Cruise in Racine on Lake Michigan	“Quilts with Nine-Patch Blocks” theme. www.quilterslandcruise.com
April 6	LVQG meeting	Challenge projects revealed!
April 18	Chicago quilt show road trip	\$10 for members includes show ticket and bus. If space allows, non-members \$50.
April 18-19	“Garden of Quilts” at Monroe High School	Judged show, trunk show of antique floral quilts, merchant mall. Hosted by Courthouse Quilters Guild and MHS German Exchange Club. \$5 admission or \$4 with food pantry donation. Janet Gobeli 608-329-4781.
April 30-May 2	Nancy’s Notions Sewing Weekend in Beaver Dam	3 days of seminars, classes, and shopping at the Nancy’s Notions warehouse
May 2-3	“Garden Dreams” bi-annual quilt show in Rockford, IL	Hosted by Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc. www.sinnissippiquilters.org
May 2-3	“Cabins in the Country” quilt show by It’s a Stitch Quilt Guild, Jackson, WI	Judged competition and non-judged display, market place, demos. Open 10-4 at the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. \$5 admission
May 4	LVQG meeting	Appraisals & judging program with Carol Butski. Show & tell: your fair quilts.
July 24-25	Hayward Quilt Show at the Ramada Inn	Sponsored by the Piecemakers Quilting Guild. Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-3

Orchid growers seek quilters' inspiration

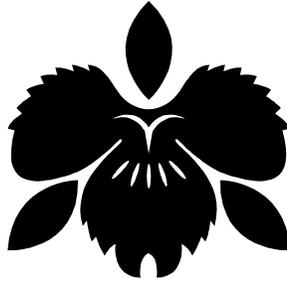
Have you ever quilted an orchid? Would you?

The Orchid Growers' Guild, Inc. hosts an annual Orchid Quest at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison WI. As part of the festivities, they are seeking wall hangings depicting orchids for display during their event.

This year's Orchid Quest is January 31 through February 1, 2009.

Since that deadline is quickly approaching, the OGG also invites interested quilters to attend this year's event and submit a display work for 2010.

For more information, contact Judy Stevenson at judy_stevenson@SBCGlobal.net



Apple Nut Squares

Recipe presented by Darlene Wetherall from about.com (November 3 meeting snacks)

This fabulous and simple cake is like a cross between a bar and a cake. Use tart apples; Granny Smith, Cortlands,, Jonathans.

3 eggs	2 cups flour
1-3/4 cups sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup oil	1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons vanilla	2 cups diced peeled apples
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325. In large bowl, beat eggs until light and thick. Add sugar and beat well. then stir in oil and vanilla. Sift together flour, salt, baking soda, and cinnamon and stir into batter. Then add apples and nuts. Pour into greased 13x9" pan and bake for 50-60 minutes or until cake is deep golden brown and pulls away from sides of pan. Cool completely. Frost with Apple Buttercream Frosting.

Apple Buttercream Frosting

8 oz. cream cheese, softened	dash salt
6 Tbsp. butter, softened	2-4 Tbsp. apple juice
3 cups powdered sugar	1 tsp. vanilla

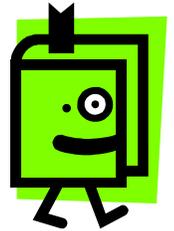
In large bowl, combine cream cheese and butter and beat until light and fluffy. Alternately add powdered sugar and apple juice, beating until desired spreading consistency. Beat in salt and vanilla.

Lookin' for a book?

How about a good mystery for the upcoming "quilt weather" when you'd like nothing more than to snuggle in?

"**The Lover's Knot**" is Clare O'Donohue's first novel—this Someday Quilts Mystery was released in October.

Nell Fitzgerald is thrilled when she receives a gorgeous hand-made lover's knot quilt from her grandmother Eleanor as an engagement gift. Her joy is short-lived, however, when her fiancé calls off the wedding.



Heartbroken, 25-year-old Nell flees to her grandmother. In this small town Eleanor's life revolves around her quilt shop, Someday Quilts, and the members of the shop's quilting circle.

When the body of a local handyman known for his flirting is found in the quilt shop, is murdered with a pair of quilting scissors, Nell finds herself drawn into the case — and drawn to the handsome police chief.

The ladies of the quilting circle continue to piece their quilts as Nell unravels the mystery.

For more info: www.clareodonohue.com



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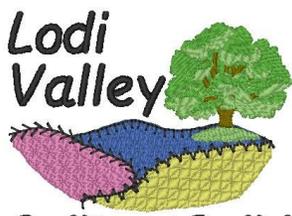
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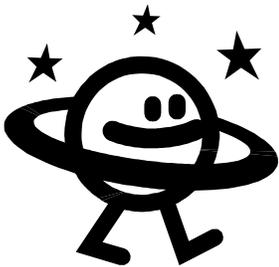
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Stash cosmology - part 2

by Ellen Harper

WHITE HOLES

Little is known at this time about white holes but is indicated that they are responsible for the depositing of small objects such as keys, coins, buttons and seam rippers in odd unlikely places and deep into the cushions of upholstered furnishings.

In addition is the largely unknown connection between black holes and white holes in the depositing of odd socks in clothes dryers.

• A question: Are white holes invisible?

White holes are not invisible but they can look a great deal like dust bunnies. They are found quite frequently in conjunction with them. It is speculated that they are built up of the linty dust that accumulates near or around fabric stashes.

There is a theory that black holes will suck up small items and white holes will spew them out. The fact that there is often lint and small debris down in sofa cushions seems to support this.

I do not agree that white holes are responsible for spewing solo socks into dryers. Personally my research shows that black holes are used deliberately

to suck up socks and then they are transported to an alternate universe where the beings are monopedal (having one foot).

They actually import our sock(s) for their personal use. They will accept dark colors but prefer argyle or stripes. After they have finished using the socks, the Monopeds will return the sock. The fact that the socks have been well used by the Monopeds shows in the sock's dilapidated condition.

Sometimes they return it to where it was originally found (ie: the dryer) but more often only in the vicinity of the dryer, such as behind or under the dryer. Occasionally a sock taken from a domestic laundry room but is returned to a commercial laundromat.

My theory is still largely unaccepted by the Cosmological Studies community but I firmly believe it will be proven in time. I am currently conducting an experiment in my own laundry room to catch a Monoped in the act, so to speak. I have planted a dummy sock in bright argyle chock full of sensing equipment and hope it will continue to record and transmit even after it is snatched.

Thank you for an opportunity to discuss my research. My colleagues in the Cosmological Studies Community refuse to even take my phone calls and have blocked me on their chat lines. Dedicating your life to science can be a lonely proposition at times.

Still I remain (as I am known to my supporters)

Cosmic Ellen