

Lodi Valley Quilters' Guild

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How's your quilting ... better than fair? Enter it in the ag fair!

Have you ever considered entering your quilts for judging? Too scary? Never worry!

Enter your quilt in the Lodi Ag Fair—you'll be competing against your friends and neighbors (and you know you're a better quilter than they are, right?).

Make sure to check out the Fair Premium Book or look up the categories online at www.lodiagfair.com. There are categories for big quilts, small quilts, table runners

and tree skirts. And don't forget to enter your "Leave It to Me to Be Creative" challenge in the fair. There is a special category for challenge quilts, and these entries will be displayed as a grouping.

The guild's raffle quilt will be entered in the Group category, and a sign will indicate that tickets may be purchased from guild members.

Entry forms are due June 15—and for you procrastinators, the quilt doesn't have to be finished then ... you just have to know what you'll be entering by then!

Fair entries must be checked in on Thursday, July 10 between 2 to 9 pm.

Again this year, professional quilt appraiser Carol Butzke will judge the fair entries. We are very lucky to have her expert analysis—if you would like to watch her judging, mark your calendar for Friday, July 11 at 9 am. Last year's viewers said it was an amazing learning experience, just to hear Carol talk through her judging.

The guild also will need volunteers to answer questions and supervise the quilt area at the fair inside the new & improved curling club. It's a great *free* marketing opportunity for the guild, and we'll again ask viewers to vote in several thought-provoking categories.

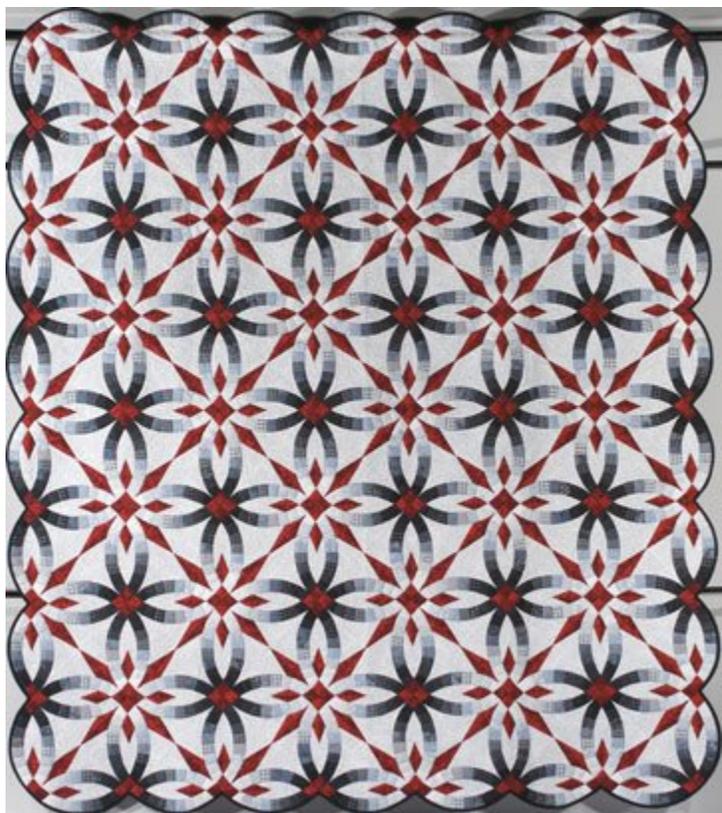
Quilt Turning at the Fair

Since it was such a success last year, the guild will again put on a quilt turning in the free tent at the Lodi Ag Fair on Saturday, July 12.

The quilt turning has the same time slot as last year—from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, as the lead-in to the celebrity pie auction, which starts at 5 pm.

Our goal is to show 50 quilts—please help by spreading the word that we're looking for unique and interesting quilts to display. If you have a quilt you'd like to volunteer for showing, please contact Shirley Lawson at 592-2036 or slaw42@charter.net.

The guild now has its own A-frame for displaying the quilts (we borrowed one last year), and Trish Prieve will MC.



You may remember seeing Mindy Skinner's Wedding Star quilt at the Lodi Ag Fair last summer.

This month, that quilt had a lot more viewers when it was displayed at the 2008 American Quilter's Society Quilt Show & Contest in Paducah, Kentucky. The quilt won third place in the category 1st Entry in an AQS Contest, which was sponsored by Morgan Quality Products. **Congratulations Mindy!**

2009 board nominees

Elections will be held at the May 5 meeting for these board positions. We have one nominee for each position. Here is a quick bio on each of these members.

President : JoAnn Delap

I moved to this area from Iola in 1962 when my husband took a teaching job with the Lodi Schools. We lived in town for 35 and a half years, then we bought a larger home in the country so my aging parents could live with us. We both retired in 1998 to care for my parents, who were having health issues.

We have a son and two daughters, one grandson and four granddaughters. As a family we enjoy camping, hunting, fishing and watching the Badgers, Packers & Bucks. I enjoy crocheting, knitting and crossword puzzles.

I have always sewn, especially when the girls were young, but I had never quilted until I joined the Comfort Quilters three years ago.

I have learned many things, but I would like to learn more. I know there is a wealth of talent and knowledge in the Lodi Valley Quilters and I hope to gain something from you.

Vice President: Diane Heckenbach

I moved to Lodi one year ago to be with my sisters and brothers after I lost my husband. Previously I lived in Illinois and Indiana, and I was a member of quilt guilds in both states.

I raised my two children in Illinois while I attend Harper College in Hoffman Estates for fashion design. After college I worked for a Chicago fashion designer, and from there I managed a Viking sewing machine store and started teaching sewing.

I have made dresses for many weddings and have done men's tailoring. I have a long-arm quilting machine (my second) and I have a passion for quilting.

Here in Lodi I belong to 4 quilting guilds and I feel so blessed with all the people who have welcome me to my new home. I feel like this guild has had a wonderful start, I would like to be VP to keep it going in this wonderful direction.



Secretary: Shirley Lawson

I was raised in Lodi, but as a young woman moved to southern California where I spent all my adult, married life.

I was widowed in 1993. In 1996 I retired from Southern California Edison Company, where I had worked as an Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department. At that time, I chose to come back to my large, extended family here in Wisconsin.

I have a bachelor son, who made his Mom very happy by also relocating here about 4 years ago. I also have a daughter and son-in-law who live in the state of Washington.

I began quilting about 20 years ago with encouragement from my sister, Kate Hochstein.

My other interests include reading, trying new recipes on my family and friends, traveling and pretending I can flower garden. I work part time at Harris Pharmacy in Lodi.

Treasurer : Terri Escher

I started quilting in 1993. I have two girls in high school and a very understanding husband who built me a sewing room. I quilt anytime I have a spare moment.

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Librarian: Terry Miller

I started quilting in the early 70's, when my mom Marie Johnson & I took a couple of quilting classes in Waunakee. My first quilt was a version of the Drunkards Path, and it was made with sheets since I could not afford fabric at that time (it was common to use sheets then). I hand pieced & hand quilted it.

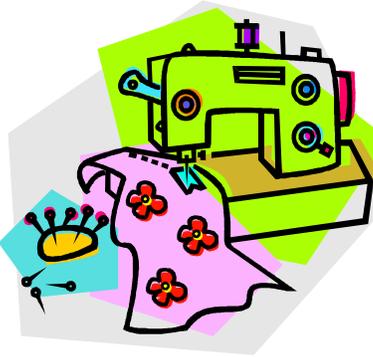
I have not hand quilted a quilt in quite a few years because I don't have the time, but someday hope to get back to doing it. Most of the quilts I complete now are tied.

My mom & I have always gotten together to work on quilts, but in the last five years or so we have made it a weekly get together. Sometimes we get a lot done and other times we just spend time together.

My favorite quilts are scrappy quilts: I love to throw a bunch a fabrics together to see what develops. I am always grabbing my mom's little scraps to hoard away for my "Cleaning out Your Sewing Room" quilt ... I think I have enough scraps for about 6 quilts!

I have many unfinished projects, but sometimes I get so excited about a quilt pattern I just have to start it.

And of course I love to buy fabric!



HOW'S THE MYSTERY QUILT COMING?

Are you caught up on the first two steps of the mystery quilt? The final step will be handed out at the May meeting, and completed quilts should be ready to show at the September meeting.

Trish says: If you haven't done the second step yet, BUY TRIANGLE PAPER before you begin. Whew that's a lot of little triangles! This is your chance to try Thangles or Triangles on a Roll or whatever product you like ... I didn't, and I wish that I had!

exercise your brain

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but be careful ... it's completely addictive!

Raffle Quilt News

- **Sell, sell, sell!** It's a beautiful quilt, and you're proud to have participated, aren't you? Get out there and sell some tickets and help raise money for the guild.
- **Have you sold your tickets yet?** The person who has sold the most tickets before the meeting on May 5 will win a beautiful wooden quilt rack purchased at the Amish auction.
- **Would you like to show off the quilt in person?** Stop down to Village Creek and "check out" the quilt to take along to your meetings, social engagements, family reunions or just to work.
- **Are you available to volunteer?** The guild will need volunteers for at Art in the Park on July 5 in Habermann Park. The quilt will be on display and raffle tickets will be for sale.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR OUR PARADE FLOAT?

Patti at Village Creek is sponsoring a float in the Rotary Summer Parade to advertise the Lodi Valley Quilters Guild (Saturday, August 9 as part of the Susie the Duck Days festivities).

Do you have a vehicle, quilts, or ideas for the float that you can share with the committee? Please give it some thought!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

Date	Area Events	Details
May 1-3	Nancy's Notions Sewing Weekend Expo in Beaver Dam	Speakers, demos, quilt show, & once-a-year warehouse sale. www.nancysnotions.com .
May 3-4	12th annual Winter Wonderland Show at Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS in Jackson	"Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece by Piece" exhibit, demos, raffle, AQS appraisers, vendors, 200+ quilts. 10-4 both days. Entrance \$5. For more info: MaterialGirl@wi.rr.com .
May 5	LVQG meeting	Trunk show presentation by Marion Schey. Show & tell: fair entries. Election of 2008-2009 officers
May 10-18	Round Bobbin Sew Fun Cruise to Western Caribbean & Panama	Featured teachers: Kaye Wood & Betty Cotton. Sew at sea and visit ports. www.roundbobbin.com , 1-800-784-4480
May 17-18	Once Upon a Quilt Show at Nicolet HS in Glendale	9-4 both days. 100+ quilts, vendors, demos. For more info: nware@wi.rr.com
June 19-21	39th annual National Quilting Assoc. Inc. Quilt Show in Columbus, Ohio	Quilts, vendors, special events. For more info: www.nqaquilts.org/2008show
June 26-28	Quilted Jewels at Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN	Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 30th annual quilt show and conference. www.mnquilt.org
July 10-13	143rd Lodi Agricultural Fair	LVQG quilt turning, fair exhibits, food and fun for the whole family! www.lodiagfair.com
July 23-27	10th annual Quilter's Road Trip for south central Wisconsin	12 shops participating with freebies, treats, patters & prizes. More info on the next page!
August 2	Silver Celebration Quilt Show in Montello Grade School	Sponsored by Calico Capers Quilters Guild. 9 am to 4 pm, \$2 admission. For more info: 608-297-9217.
September 27-28	9th Biennial Point to the Stars Quilt Show at PJ Jacobs Jr. High in Stevens Point	"Gateway to the Pineries" theme in celebration of Stevens Point's 150-year anniversary. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4. www.starpointquilters.com
October 4-5	Fall Heritage Quilt Show at Mt. Horeb Community Center	Sat 8-5, Sun 9-4, \$2 admission. Sponsored by High Country Quilters & Hands All Around Quilters.
October 18-19	Quiltfest on the Mississippi at the LaCrosse Civic Center	Sponsored by LaCrosse Area Quilt Guild. Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4, \$4.75 admission. www.lacrossequiltguild.com

10th annual **July 23-27, 2008**

Quilter's Road Trip

Participating quilt shops:

- Attic Quilts, Beloit
- Country Sampler, Spring Green
- Homespun Fabrics, Endeavor
- JJ Stitches, Sun Prairie
- Mill House Quilts, Waunakee
- Patches & Petals, Belleville
- Saving Thyme, Stoughton
- Stitcher's Crossing, Madison
- Quintessential Quilts, Reedsburg & Baraboo
- Uniquely Yours, Orangeville IL
- Village Creek, Lodi



A pattern for 6" and 12" Wyoming Valley Star blocks will be given out, and each shop will hand out a different pattern using those blocks. If you visit all 12 shops you'll end up with 12 different patterns! Each store will give away fat quarters, and many other prizes will be given away in a drawing. Get more info at any of the shops!

Did you try the treats at the April meeting?

Mmmm... here are Mary Beth's recipes!



raspberry & cream brownie dessert

- 1 pkg fudge brownie mix
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, divided
- 3.3 oz. (small box) instant white chocolate pudding mix
- 21 oz. can raspberry pie filling

Prepare and bake brownies according to directions using a 13x9 pan. Cool completely.

In a small bowl, combine 1 cup of whipping cream and pudding mix. Stir until very thick, about a minute.

In another small mixing bowl, beat the other 1 cup of whipping cream until stiff peaks form; fold this whipped cream into the pudding & cream mixture. Spread cream mixture over brownies; carefully spread on pie filling.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before cutting. Makes 15-18 servings.

apricot almond bars

- 1 cup butter
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 t. almond extract
- 1/2 t. vanilla
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 12 oz. jar apricot (or other flavor) preserves

In a mixing bowl, cream butter, sugar, and vanilla. Add flour and mix. Pat mixture into a 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until just light brown. Cool completely.

Spread preserves over crust.

In a non-plastic bowl, beat egg whites until foamy, then add extract. Add powdered sugar slowly. Continue beating until soft peaks form, but meringue is still a bit runny. Carefully spread meringue over preserves to the edge of pan. Sprinkle almonds over meringue. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.



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Do you know Sue? You don't know Sue like this ...

Over time, she's worn many hats.

She's been called Sunbonnet Sue, Holly Hobby, Bonnie Bonnet.
And most quilters have an opinion about her.
Some love her.
But others ... well ...

She's so sweet. She's so nice. She's so ... perfect.
Don't you just want to see something bad happen to her?

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Here you'll see how other quilters have "warped" Sue's image in their quilts. Guilds and groups have contests and challenges to see who can do the worst things to Sue in their block. Some examples:

- Pole Dancing Sue
- Sue's Voyage on the Titanic
- Sue Cheats on Her Taxes
- Gator Ate Sue
- Electrocutted Sue
- Biker Babe Sue

This is something you've got to see with your own eyes! Very entertaining and slightly twisted.