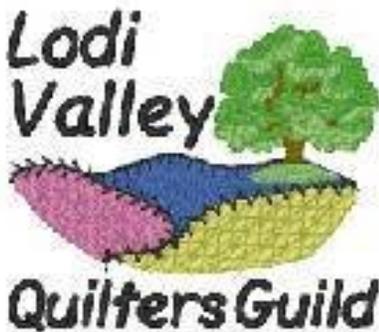


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Newsletter #5

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Are you ready for a challenge?

"Leave" It To Me To Be Creative

guild challenge quilts

Put your thinking caps on—the fabric for the LVQG challenge quilts will be handed out to members at the meeting on November 5.

Then, using your creativity and design skills, make a quilt. That sounds easy, doesn't it?

The main fun of a challenge like this is to see all the variety in the completed quilts, considering we all start with the same challenge fabric.

Piece it, or appliqué it. Pictorial, representational, or abstract. Traditional, contemporary, or art quilt. The sky's the limit!

You choose, and you create it!

If you can't make the November 5 meeting, contact Patti at Village Creek for your fabric.



LVQG Challenge Quilt Rules:

1. Quilters must use the challenge fabric on the front of their creation (*Challenge fabric cannot be used as part of back or linings*)
2. Finished quilt must measure at least 60" around perimeter.
3. Quilters may add as many other fabrics as desired to create their challenge quilt.
4. Completed challenge quilts will be due at the April 7, 2008 meeting.

AND REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN WITH IT!

MEETING UPDATE

Monday, November 5

We're moving down the block to the 2nd floor dining room at Settler's Trail Apartments
Show & tell: tablerunners.
The program will be the challenge fabric quilts. See you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

Date	Area Quilt Events	Details
Nov 8-11	Greater Chicago Quilt Expo in Schaumburg, IL	Workshops, lectures, exhibit, www.quiltfest.com
Nov 18	Quilter's Tea with WI pattern designers in Janesville	12-4 at Material Girls, 123 N. Main St.
Nov 30-Dec 2	13th annual Dickens of a Quilt Show in Ripon	Sponsored by Sew Happy Stitchers & Horicon State Bank. Fri. 9-9, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 11-3. Located at 400 Watson St.
Dec 3	Judy Hasheider presentation: "It's OK" at LVQG meeting	Bring pencil, paper & calculator. Please be on time—program starts at 7 pm! No show & tell.
Jan 7	LVQG meeting	Mini-workshops on new tools/gadgets. Show & tell: library book projects.
Feb 2-3	Wisconsin Quilters Inc.'s Winter meeting in Brown Deer	Susan Cleveland and Bill Kerr with Weeks Ringle, UFO challenge. www.wisconsinquilters.com
Feb 4	LVQG meeting	Program: TBD. Show & tell: mostly red.
March 3	LVQG meeting	Mini-workshops on appliqué. Show & tell: appliqué.
March 7-9	Quilter's Land Cruise, Radisson Inn on Lake Michigan in Racine	Theme features quilts with 1/2-square triangles. Classes, workshop w/ Wendy Butler Berns. (register by 12/15/07) www.quilterslandcruise.com
March 14-15	A Symphony of Quilts Show at Mount Mary College in Wauwatosa	Sponsored by West Suburban Quilt Guild. For more info: lr.johnson@sbcglobal.net or dkeffinger@tds.net
April 6-8	Sun Prairie Quilt Show at St. Alberts Parish Center	Sponsored by Prairie Heritage Quilters. Sun. 12-4, Mon. 9-8, Tues. 9-4. Entrance \$5.
April 7	LVQG meeting	Challenge quilts revealed!
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. Show & tell: fair entries.
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 26-28	Quilted Jewels at Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN	Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 30th annual quilt show and conference. www.mnquilt.org

Quilter's Tea



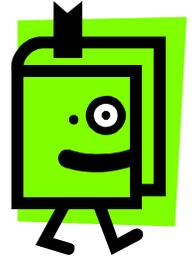
Material Girls in Janesville is holding "A Quilter's Tea" from noon to 4 pm Sunday, Nov. 18 to introduce several Wisconsin quilt pattern designers:

- Mary Edwards of Mary's Creations
- Betty Milam of Endless Quilts
- Teresa Popanz of Twin Turtle Quilts
- Renee Hansen of Quilting Daze
- Karen Thompson of Cream Tea Designs

There will be door prizes, demonstrations, free patterns, along with tea and treats. The address for Material Girls is 123 N. Main St., Janesville.

Your braggin' rights are on the line!

Before the end of 2007, make a quilt using a pattern you've checked out from our guild library. Then, bring it along on January 7. Unfinished projects don't count!



We'll have a drawing among the projects presented that night.

Win a Jim Shore angel (\$50 value)

READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

By Trisha Priewe

We have a lot of guild members who are big readers, and I thought it would be fun to discuss some book recommendations. Now that the weather's turning chilly and we're all planning more "inside" time, books may be back on your agenda.

Reading doesn't have to take away from your quilting time—have you ever tried audiobooks? It's a great way to "read" while you're doing something else (TIP: audiobooks can also make housework less work). I consider it multi-tasking!



Jennifer Chiaverini has a new book coming out on November 13. Luckily, she lives in Madison and is treating her fans to a hometown opening night book talk! To celebrate the release of *The New Year's Quilt*, Jennifer will be speaking at the Barnes & Noble on the west side of Madison at 7 pm Tuesday, November 13.

I believe this is the eleventh book in the Elm Creek Quilters series, and it deals with Sylvia's relationship with her new step-daughter. The series does continue from book to book, so if you haven't read Chiaverini's books before—you may want to go back and start with *The Quilter's Apprentice*.

The series has spun off a couple of quilting pattern books based on the storylines, and Chiaverini is also designing quilting fabric these days. Check out her site www.elmcreek.net.

Earlene Fowler's Benni

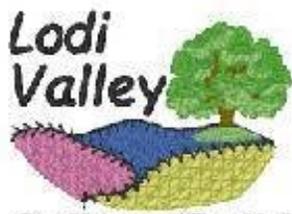
Harper mysteries are each named after a quilt block and the main character Benni is the curator of a folk art museum. The thirteenth book in this series, *Tumbling Blocks*, was just released in May.

"I have thought and spoke about how much making a quilt and writing a novel are very much the same physical and creative process," Fowler says. "A quilter takes scraps of fabric and rearranges them into a new pattern, then stitches them back together into a whole piece. Writers perform a similar task taking pieces of family history, people we've met, things we've read and heard, half-truths and out-and-out lies and turn them into stories." Her site: www.earlenefowler.com.

Want to get in on the ground floor of a new series? **Judith Pella** started a new saga in June with *Bachelor's Puzzle*. A welcome quilt for the new preacher turns into a competition as Maintown's women try to impress with their stitches. Her site: www.judithpella.com.

Heavy on the romance, *Dolphin Dreams* is **Annette Mahon's** first book in a new Matchmaker Quilt trilogy. It was released in April and has an exotic, Hawaiian setting.

Lani Diane Rich also uses the mystic quilt concept in *The Fortune Quilt*. This story of starting over was released in March.



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A trip though time with quilt history

- **Holiday Quilts & Dolls** at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilt & Fiber Arts in Cedarburg—Enjoy a colorful feast for merry eyes! Discover 25 quilts and 77 dolls in a wide variety of fiber arts disciplines and techniques, including appliqué, patchwork, paper piecing, embroidery, soft sculpture, papier mache', beading, cross-stitch, weaving, and hand-dyeing. Exhibit on display through January 13. www.wiquiltmuseum.com
- **Author Maggi McCormick Gordon** will give a presentation at the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison on Sunday, December 9 at 1 pm. She will speak on the European influence of American quilts based on her new book, *American Folk Art Quilts*, which features 35 quilts from the Wisconsin Historical Museum's collections. Six of the quilts featured in the book will be on display. A book signing follows. Suggested program donation of \$2 per person. www.wisconsinhistory.org.
- **Did you know** you can tour the Wisconsin Historical Museum's quilt collection from the comfort of home? Browse more than 160 historical quilts online at www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum/collections/online.