

Lodi Valley Quilters' Guild
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December 2006/January 2007

A Message from Mindy

Welcome, welcome, welcome! Wow, I never dreamed we would get off to such a great start. I hope everyone is as thrilled as I am about the future of our new guild. Now the real fun begins. In order to get the ball rolling, several decisions had to be made in advance: establishing by-laws, writing policies and procedure, filing articles of incorporation, and securing a meeting location, to name a few. For the most part these were the nuts and bolts, the boring stuff really. But some of the fun stuff had to be planned also: the programs, the monthly activities, the raffles and contests. While we planned what we had to, to get started, we understand that this guild belongs to all the members. If you're reading this, that includes you! There will be a survey at the December meeting to get everyone's feedback. Please take the time to fill it out, let us know what you want. Introduce yourself to other members and get to know your fellow Lodi Valley Quilters!
Happy Quilting-Mindy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Starting Balance:	\$ 0.00
Membership Dues:	+\$ 820.00
P O Box Fee	- \$ 52.00
Library Cabinet	- \$ 86.79
Blank Checks	- \$ 20.00
Start Up Fees	- \$ 109.06
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Ending Balance:	\$552.15

SHOW AND TELL

Each month we will have a special theme to our show and tell. Those who bring something with that theme will have a chance to *win a LVQG tote bag*. But, please, feel free to bring any items to show and tell even if they don't fit that night's category!!

December: Christmas themed item
January: First Quilt and Last Quilt
February: An antique quilt or quilt using antique fabric.

Don't forget to make your own personalized nametag! We'll have a fun viewer's choice vote on them at the February meeting!!



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UPCOMING GUILD ACTIVITIES

December Meeting (12-04-06)

Program: Delores Madigan presentation on Fused Glass
Patti Hellenbrand will be starting a "mystery"
Table runner for those interested.

Prize Drawing: Bring a new member who joins that night
and your name goes in for a random drawing.

Other: Our first newsletter will be available to those who
did not opt for it to be emailed.

January Meeting (01-01-2007)

Program: Bring a fat quarter to swap. These will
be incorporated into February's program!

The library will be unveiled.

We'll be doing a fun "popcorn" show and tell
that will help us get to know each other.

Other: Don't forget to get your nametag finished for the
February meeting's vote!

February Meeting (02-05-07)

Program: Trish Priewe will be presenting ideas for
Single blocks.

Prize Drawing: We will be voting for our favorite
nametag. The Viewer's choice winner will
win an exclusive LVQG tote bag.

Other: Newsletters will be available for pick up if
you don't receive it via email

Quilty Pleasures

Here's some numbers and email addresses for
"quilty" companies/people that you might want to
check out or at least sign up for their mailing
list! Have a favorite? Let us know and we'll add
it to the list!

Nancy's Notions

800-833-0690/www.nancysnotions.com

Hancocks of Paducah

800-845-8723/www.hancocks-paducah.com

Keepsake Quilting

800-525-8086/www.keepsakequilting.com

RecipeZaar

(OK, not quilting related, but we have to eat
sometime, right? Great place to find pretty
much any recipe you need.)

www.recipezaar.com

Quilter Ami Simms

www.AmiSimms.com

(Lots of fun stuff to see here!)

Some Local Shops:

Village Creek LLC-Lodi

592-5793/www.villagecreeklodi.com

Millhouse Quilts-Waunakee

849-6473/www.millhousequilts.com

Stitcher's Crossing-Madison

608-232-1500

JJ Stitches & Co.-Sun Prairie

608-837-2266/www.jjstitches.com

LVQG LIBRARY

Need more room for those books and patterns you just bought? Why not
donate those books, patterns and magazines you're not using to the LVQG
Library. You'll still have access to them, but also allow others the
opportunity to use them.

BUCK\$ FOR BOOK\$

Purchase raffle tickets for \$1.00 and have a chance at that night's raffle
prize! All proceeds go to the library fund to purchase books that guild
members are interested in.

Questions? Contact Linda Mitchell 592-5527

MEET A MEMBER

We hope to introduce you to a guild member in each newsletter. Since this is our first edition we thought we'd tell you a bit about some of the leadership and committee chair people.

President Mindy Skinner: My name is Mindy Skinner and I'm 44 years old. Just thought I would get that out of the way so you don't have to try to figure it out by everything I say about myself. I'm the president of the guild and really looking forward to meeting and remembering each of you.

Well, if you were at the November meeting you heard me tell about my first quilting class in 1981, taught by Eleanor Burns, in Carlsbad, CA, where we both lived at the time. What a great start and I've loved it ever since. I mostly like traditional quilting. Although I love the look of appliqué, I just don't have the patience for handwork, way too slooow. I take classes every chance I get and teach some too. I have been quilting 25 years now and have the most unbelievable sewing room. I've graduated from the kitchen table, to a desk in the bedroom, to the entire basement. I am really blessed.

Nearly three years ago, after a lot of prayer and counseling from others, I left corporate America to quilt full time. Can you believe it?! I now do longarm quilting for others. I was worried I would get tired of it, but so far all is well. I see so many different quilts, I just want to make them all. The largest quilt I ever did was 120" square. It wasn't actually square, but that's another story.

I have been married 26 years and have two girls: Holly, 24 and Heidi, 22, and three tiny poodles. Holly quilts, but Heidi can't stand it. (Oh where did I go wrong?) My husband was in the Marine Corps for 20 years and his final duty station was Madison. Maybe you saw him on TV; he was the good-looking Toys for Tots coordinator from 1996-1999. We moved to Lodi in 2002. This year I will be making a Double Wedding Ring as a wedding present for Heidi. Next step, if my prayers are answered, baby quilts galore!

Vice President Trish Priewe: Many of you already know me from around town - I'm Trish Priewe and I'm the Vice President of the guild. I'm also the chair of the public relations committee.

I've always loved quilts, especially the color and texture, but I never had the space for quilting when I lived in an apartment. After I moved to Lodi in 1999, I took a class to test the waters and see if I'd like quilting - the instructor loaned me her machine to use during class since I wasn't committed. But that was all it took: I was hooked! That Christmas, Dan bought me my Pfaff and life hasn't been the same.

Dan & I live just outside Lodi in the house he grew up in. Someday, I'll have a designated quilting room, but right now we're not that far in the remodeling. We've been adopted by a stray kitty we named Scuda, and we have a water frog, Millie. We also enjoy our outside wild "pets". I work at the Lodi Public Library as the assistant to the director, which means I do a lot of the business side of library operations. Before that I worked at the Lodi Enterprise, so between those two jobs I've met a lot of people in our community. Dan grew up here, but says I know more people than he does now.

Art has always been a big part of my life - my college minor was in art history, and my sister is now a graphic artist. My parents saw how much we loved art, so they took us to art museums and supplied lots of motivation. Quilting's become my outlet. Mostly, I like to do traditional piecing in contemporary fabrics and batiks. The important thing for me is lots of color. My Mom always says I've got a little of my Grandma P in me - the brighter the colors the better, and you can't have too much metallic! It makes me happy to think that my grandma's legacy lives on in my quilts. I make a lot of kid quilts because those colors are so much fun: we've got a whole horde of youngsters who are special to us and I love to make presents. I've also been teaching a young friend to sew a bit.

I'm really good at reading a pattern and being able to teach myself, but I also love to take classes as a way to designate time for quilting. A long time ago I bought a book on Drunkard's Path quilts and it's always been my motivation, but I still haven't worked up the courage to try curved piecing. I'm not much for appliqué because I hate hand sewing. Fusible? Yes!

I hope to see you at a meeting soon, and I can't wait to see what you're working on. Bring along a project to show - sharing your quilts is one of the best parts about quilting.

Treasurer Terri Escher: Hi, my name is Terri Escher. I will be serving as Treasurer for the first year. I'm currently a stay-at-home Mom with 2 teenage daughters. I have worked as an accountant and even tried real estate once. My first quilting class was at Good Samaritan, through MATC in 1993. The Lodi UMC Piecemakers started a few years after that and now meets at my house on Thursdays. Every other Monday I'm involved with the Comforters. I love starting projects, so have an undefined number of UFOs. My husband, Tim, is very understanding about my quilting addiction and even built me my own sewing room. My goal is to become comfortable using my HQ Sixteen.

Hospitality Chair Leslie Evert: Hi! I'm Leslie Evert. Not only have I lived in Lodi for 25 years but I've also been quilting for the same amount of time. I'm a traditional quilter who at times likes to dabble in various styles of modern quilting. And, although quilting is my favorite, I also enjoy knitting, sewing, and crocheting. My other passions in life include my family, my joy of cooking and my 2 fat cats - Kirby and Ritter. I have two sons, Rob and Josh, both whom are in college and my husband, Bob, who will retire in December. I'm looking forward to serving the Lodi Valley Quilters' Guild as Hospitality Representative. If you're interested in helping me with this endeavor, please let me know.

Librarian Linda Mitchell: My name is Linda Mitchell. Many of you already know me since I have lived in the Lodi area all of my life (64 years). My husband Jim and I currently live in a duplex on Sunset Ave. near the high school. We have four married children and eight grandchildren. I first took a quilting class in 1990 but didn't have a lot of time to quilt then because I was busy teaching basic education classes to both adults and at-risk high school students at MATC in Portage. In 1993 I was diagnosed with stage-3 breast cancer. I read somewhere that it was very helpful to have a hobby that you were really passionate about as a way to get your mind off your illness, so I signed up for another quilting class. That was the real beginning of my obsession with quilting. I continued teaching and quilting through five surgeries and seven months of chemotherapy and am truly thankful to be here telling you about it. I love many types of quilts and quilting techniques, but am especially fond of a combination of machine quilting and hand appliqué. I will never run out of quilt projects and ideas. My closets and shelves are filled with fabric, books and patterns. Feel free to ask me if you can't find a bit of fabric you need. I just might have it in my stash! I am the librarian for our quilt guild and I know absolutely nothing about library science. I will be thrilled if anyone with some expertise wants to help me. We will have rather simple cataloging and check-out procedures to get us started. I hope to make a complete list of all library items available to you on a regular basis-with constant updating as our library grows. Please feel free to make suggestions regarding the guild library operation as well as materials you'd like to see us obtain. I welcome your ideas.

Newsletter Chair Teresa Locknane: Hi, My name is Teresa Locknane and I am the Newsletter Editor. If you have any ideas, articles, quilt related info, or funnies you'd like to submit, please let me know, I'm open to suggestions and input, unless of course, it's to point out a typo!! ☺

I have lived in Lodi a year and a half. My husband David is a paramedic in Madison and is in the process of finishing the Physician Assistant Program at UW-Madison. After what will be 4 ½ years of schooling, we are looking forward to his graduation in May 2007! We've been married 14 years and have two daughters: Paige (7) and Emma (5). The furry kids, Kona the dog and Max the cat, round out our gang. I work as a front office assistant at D&S Dental Laboratory in Waunakee.

Art and drawing classes were always my favorite class in school and also my favorite pastime. In college I received my AA degree in Interior Design. I would have never expected to become a quilter. My Mom made me take sewing in 4H for two years and I hated every second of it! I vowed I would never own a sewing machine, let alone sew anything! Then I met a coworker who was coordinating making a raffle quilt for our church's building fund. After MUCH persistence she convinced me to attend the sewing bee just to fellowship. She somehow convinced me to try piecing little squares together and to my amazement it wasn't too bad. So, I went again and sewed some more and I was hooked. We spent lots of time together and she got me started. So, now I've been addicted for about 12 years! I've kind of learned as I go and have had help from my aunt who has been quilting close to 35 years. I'd like to have the time to take more classes in the future. My taste in fabric changes constantly depending what I'm working on, but I do enjoy working with fun bright prints, and love chicken and cow fabric. I do all machine piecing and mostly machine quilting, although I enjoy hand quilting, I don't have much time to devote to it right now. I also started doing some wool appliqué a couple years ago (not that I needed another hobby) and I enjoy the handwork in doing that. I find that my drafting experience from design school now comes in most handy as I do a lot of my own pattern drafting when needed.

I pretty much love any thing quilting related and have been blessed by the fellowship that goes along with it. I've taught classes to ladies at church, made quilts for ROCK Ministries' children in Romania, headed up making a raffle quilt and for two years ran the quilt raffle for the Pregnancy Help line in Walworth County. I also am happy to carry on the quilting tradition in my family as I have a Grandma and Aunt who are avid quilters, but I am the only one in my generation who quilts...so far! I am looking forward to getting to know you and to be inspired by what you're working on.

Secretary and Program Chair Patti Hellenbrand: Hi, my name is Patti Hellenbrand. I'm the secretary and program director of the Lodi Valley Quilter's Guild. I've been married 21 years to Gary and together we have 3 beautiful daughters. I started quilting just out of high school, taking my first class through MATC. During my early years I sewed clothes much more than quilted. But when my kids were too old to wear clothes made from their mother I started quilting and making dolls and decoration. A little over 2 years ago I opened my own quilt shop, Village Creek LLC, on Main Street in Lodi. I love having my shop; the only thing is I don't have as much time to quilt for myself anymore. As program director I welcome any ideas that you might have for a program or demo. Happy Quilting Patti

Quilter's Night Before

by Brenda Groelz, Kathy Rockbugs, Marilyn Root, Cindy Swafford

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through
the house,
The only one sleeping was Quilter's dear
spouse.
The Log Cabin stockings were almost
completed,
"Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter
repeated,

"Then I can hang them and head to off to finish
the pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish
For something 'quilty' to put on her couch",
as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter yelled,
"Ouch!"

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a
crashing,
she sprang from her work, and she dropped all
her sashing.
Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,
wondering just what was happening and who
she could blame.

When what to her wondering eyes should
appear,
but Old Mrs Claus and her bag of quilt-gear....
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen
she came,
she directed and pointed and called them by
name.

"Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,
the Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her
liking.
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the
hall,
now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be
called),
"There really is no need to worry at all.
Your projects will all be completed this night,
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright.

Sit down. Have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.
My friends and I've come a long way to help
Thee."
She thought she was dreaming, our Dear Quilter
did,
In fact she quite feared that she'd near flipped
her lid!

But the flash of the needles and twist of the
thread
soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.
They spoke no more words, but went straight to
their sewing.
How the work went so quickly she had no way of
knowing.

The stitches, how tiny! The corners, how
straight!
This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.
They finished the pillows, then started a quilt.
Before they all knew it, the whole thing was
built!..

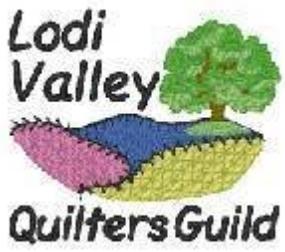
Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,
and she knew they'd need help on this night
most of all
So she said to our quilter, "Just move over, dear,
I've brought my own needle. We'll get done,
never fear.

I told dear old Santa about what quilters do.
How they plan all these projects but have other
work too.
So he taught me his magic for doing things fast.
There, that pillow's done. Now this is the last."

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the
scraps
and chased our dear quilters six cats from their
laps.
They left behind gingerbread (just to be nice)
and the whole house smelled sweetly of
Christmas and spice.

As they scurried away with their thimbles still
gleaming
dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons
streaming.

"Merry Christmas, my dear, now Happy Quilting
to all!"



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