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Cotton Theory comes to Lodi

If you've been quilting for a while or have been to Quilt Expo, you've probably heard of the Cotton Theory method of quilt making. Betty Cotton (great name for a quilter, by the way) developed this innovative method of quilting first, then assembling the quilt. January's speaker, Alice Brickl, is a certified teacher of the Cotton Theory method and will demonstrate the basics of Cotton Theory and show quilts made using this method. If you're ready for a new technique, you'll find it at the January 7 meeting.

Catching up after the holidays

Here's your chance to catch up if you missed the December meeting.

- ❖ Registration began for the 2013 Quilt Academy. A brochure can be downloaded and printed out at www.lvqg.org, go to the *Quilt Academy* page, scroll to bottom and click on the pdf file. Remember—your membership qualifies you for a reduced rate of \$20 for the entire day.
- ❖ Pick up your LVQG Christmas gift—a handy little ruler—if you haven't already done so.
- ❖ Some 2013 challenge packs are still available. Guild challenge quilts will be due at the April 1 meeting and will be displayed at Quilt Academy where attendees will pick a Viewers' Choice. So, put on your "creativity hat" and enter the contest—you could be the winner of a terrific prize!
- ❖ Directions for the projects from the mini-workshops are posted on the guild's website. Go to the page titled *Additional Member Activities* for the pdf files. You'll find five quick and easy projects that were demonstrated by your fellow members at the December meeting.

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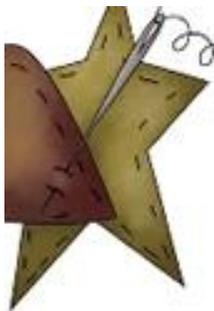
LODI LOTTO: BLACK & WHITE - PLUS ONE

Here's your chance to experiment with black and whites - blocks for the February drawing should be:

- ❖ All black & white with one—and only one—other color.
- ❖ Blocks need to be **12½ inches square unfinished** (for finished blocks 12 inches square).
- ❖ Blocks may be of any design—pieced or appliqued. Be creative!

Enter as many blocks as you like - more blocks entered equals more chances to win! All blocks are due at the LVQG monthly meeting on February 4.

QUESTIONS? Anne Frihart, 608-644-9294; afrihart@wildblue.net



Your blocks can help build a library

There's still time to contribute a block to this worthy cause--the Princeton Public Library needs a new building addition. Project Linus needs blankets for children. An innovative fundraiser will benefit both and you can help. Make a 12" X 12" finished size quilt block (12 ½" x 12 ½" unfinished) and bring it to a guild meeting. LVQG will contribute one \$5.00 donation for each participating guild member. Karen Millard has graciously volunteered to take the blocks to the Princeton Library by the March 31, 2013 deadline.

Further requirements for quilt blocks are that fabric be washable and pre-shrunk (no wool) and no buttons or sew-on embellishments that a child may swallow. You may contribute as many blocks as you wish at \$5.00 each (LVQG will pay for your first one). All entries are eligible for an exclusive quilt drawing. For more, go to www.princetonpublib.org/node/511.

Every quilter has a masterpiece within.

Princeton Public Library website

Hearts & Hands . . .

26 acts of kindness from Lodi to Newtown

Many of us are wishing we could do something—anything—for the families in Connecticut. To that end, we are inviting anyone interested to join us at the Methodist Church in Lodi on Saturday, January 12, from 8 a.m.-?? to sew children's quilts. Because the city of Newtown has requested that no more gifts be sent, the quilts will be given to children's hospitals in Wisconsin in memory of the lives lost.

Our plans are to make 26 angel-themed quilts that day. A couple of us are working on the details, but here are the basics:

- ❖ Bring your sewing machine if you want to sew - we'll need people to iron, press and unsew, too.
- ❖ If you would like to donate any fabric, we'll put it all together and make some beautiful quilts.
- ❖ Bring a sack lunch.
- ❖ Stay for a few hours or all day, whatever works for you.

If you can't attend, but would like to donate a quilt, please keep them to children's size and if it works, try to keep with the angel theme. We are working on a couple of options on what we will do with them when we are done, but we will keep everyone posted.

We are looking for volunteers to embroider labels, do some quilting and, of course, sew the bindings. We have contacted several local quilt shops and they are being very supportive. Nothing can compare to the hearts of quilters and we know we'll have a great time that day.

If interested, you may contact Dotty Sutfin at 592-4139 or Cheryl Eggert at 592-3984 or just show up.



Mark your calendar . . .

Jan. 7	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Alice Brickl, Cotton Theory
Feb. 4	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Monique Dillard, Designing Fabrics and Rulers
March 1 - 3	17th Annual Quilters Land Cruise, Radisson Hotel Harbourwalk, Racine, WI	Advance registration required. Registration starts 3 p.m. Friday, March 1.
March 4	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Patti Hellenbrand, Look What I've Become
March 31	The Quilt That Built a Library	Deadline for quilt block entries. For more info, go to www.princetonpublib.org/node/511 .
April 1	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Judy Hasheider (note date change from bookmark)
April 1	LVQG challenge quilts due	Challenge packs available at meetings
April 6	4 th Annual Quilt Academy Lodi High School	LVQG-sponsored event with lectures, prizes, vendors, lunch. Go to www.lvqg.org for more info.
April 19	LVQG Workshop	Pam Buda, Needle-Turn Applique by Machine
April 20 - 21	Parade of Quilts 2013 Monroe High School 1600 26th St. Monroe, WI	Quilt show sponsored by the Courthaus Quilters of Monroe and the Monroe High School German Exchange Club.
April 27	LVQG One-Day Retreat	Quilting, fellowship and lunch for only \$10 for LVQG members.
May 4 - 5	Global Connections Quilt Show, Rockford, IL	Sponsored by the Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc. For more info, go to www.sinnissippiquilters.org
May 6	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Kim Schaefer presents the new Wisconsin quilt fabric designed for the Wisconsin Shop Hop
May 18 - 19	A Symphony of Quilts Rock County Fairgrounds 301 Craig St. , Janesville	Sponsored by the Rock Valley Quilters' Guild. Vendors, 200+ quilts on display, raffle baskets, and appraisals. Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission \$5, 12 and under free
June 3	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Katie Wild, Tips Regarding Wool

Talent and individual expression are not qualities that just other people possess. You have it too! All of you have a Capacity for Creativity in your quilting. Let yours happen and realize there are no boundaries to your unique expression.

