

# Patchwords

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April 2014

Lodi Valley Quilters' Guild, PO Box 132, Lodi, WI 53555

Quilt Academy is happening THIS Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>! If you signed up – don't forget to attend! Folder pickup starts at 7:45, vendor booths open at 8:00am.

I hope you're all as excited as we are for this fabulous event.

## April 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Join us on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Lodi Good Samaritan Center. We will hear from special guest speaker Kristine Millard, and her program "A Patchwork of Stories: Quilts Inspired by Children's Books."

Before the meeting – stop at our Local Quilt Shop (LQS) – Village Creek Quilt Shop! Patty opens specially from 3:30 to 6:30pm on the first Monday of each month before the Guild Meetings. 123 S. Main Street, Lodi, WI.

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## Board Nominations at the April 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting

It's that time of year again – time to elect new members to the Lodi Valley Quilt Guild Board. Please take a moment to read through the LVQG Bylaws, <http://lvqg.org/media/5149d1d17488371ffff9eb2fffe417.pdf> to learn more about what each job position entails. Nominations will be made at the April meeting.

I do want to take a minute to quote a section in the bylaws to stress the importance of stepping up and volunteering to take a leadership role in the guild.

***Section 10.02** The Guild shall be considered dissolved if there are an insufficient number of nominees for the Executive Officer election to fill all executive offices, and the Public Relations chair position. If other committee chairs are not filled, that function will not be available to the Guild for that year.*

We've had multiple members already step forward and agree to a nomination for certain positions. We're still looking for a secretary, historian, and a 'shadow' for the newsletter/website position.

The duties of the guild secretary are:

1. Attend member meetings and take notes of happenings and announcements.
2. Type up the minutes of the member meeting and attach to the attendance sheet from that meeting.
3. Place the member meeting notes on the information table at the next month's member meeting so they can be read by whoever cares (remember to pick them up at the end of the meeting and place in the notebook).
4. At the end of the member meeting get the attendance sheet from the president or whoever did the door prizes for that meeting.
5. Attend the monthly board member meetings and take notes then type them up.

6. Keep a notebook of the meeting minutes and whatever the president or anyone else gives you pertaining to the guild i.e. thank you notes, etc.
7. Help out wherever needed or able.



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### Quilt Academy Committee

Many positions in the Quilt Academy Committee need to be filled this year to ensure that we maintain the high reputation the Quilt Academy has earned in the quilting community.

Below is a list of positions we are looking to fill for sure with a brief description of the job. The names of the current committee members are included so you can feel free to ask them more about what their job entails.

- **Vendor committee**--obtains the vendors and works with them throughout the year (Janet Wood & Donna Widerquist)
- **Student Benefits committee**--obtains door prizes and packages them for the table (Judy Miller, Diane Heckenbach, & Kim Lapacek)
- **Registration**--registers attendees for classes and keeps track of who is in what class (Dotty Sutfin)
- **Secretary**--keeps minutes of committee meetings and emails meeting notices (Dawn Olsen)

Please remember that without folks willing to participate and volunteer their time for these positions, Quilt Academy will not continue.

Not ready to commit to being on the Quilt Academy Board? They're also looking for members to just 'help out' with all the work that's entailed to put this wonderful event together. This is a great way to test the waters and see if you'd be interested in a higher role for the future.

## Hearts & Hands provides comfort

Hearts and Hands is cancelled for April. They will meet again on May 9<sup>th</sup>.



### Lottery Block - POLKA DOTS

**MAY 2014**

Use polka dots &/or polka dot fabric any way you like – 9 ½ inches unfinished (for finished blocks of 9 inches)

Enter as many blocks as you like – more blocks entered equals more chances to win!

**BLOCKS DUE AT LVQG MEETING May 5!**

**QUESTIONS?** Anne Frihart, 608-644-9294; [afrihart@wildblue.net](mailto:afrihart@wildblue.net)

## *In the Studio*

A new section of the newsletter is beginning! Each newsletter I will share with you tips/tricks for organizing your studio, storing your fabric, saving scraps, etc.

Do you have an extension table for your sewing machine? Does it ever dance off to the left when you're stitching really hard? Mine did too, until I found this solution.



This is a Nite Ize Gear 'Tie. It's a reusable rubber twist tie - they come in different lengths from 3" to 64" and they were designed for use in the garage to bundle up cords or hoses or at the computer to tie up cables. I measured the distance from the front leg of my extension table around the right side of my machine and to the back leg of the table. The 32" length was a perfect fit, with just enough to wind around the leg a bit to secure everything.

This month's tip comes from lovely member and Guild Vice President, Trisha Frankland



My machines even got a crease in the right side, like the tie was just meant to rest there!

It unwinds quickly and simply when I need to move the table or make a major bobbin adjustment. And since I have stabilized everything, my quarter-inch and half-square triangle sewing has improved in accuracy. I swear!

The 32" size comes in a 2-pack for about \$6. You can find them at almost any hardware store or DIY emporium, but I got mine from that handsome local Snap-on dealer.

If you have any great tips you'd like to share I would love your help to fill this section each newsletter! Just email your tips/ideas along with any pictures to Kim Lapacek at [lapaceksorchard@gmail.com](mailto:lapaceksorchard@gmail.com)

## Reach your fellow quilters

Do you have a quilt-related business? Are you selling something quilt-related? Reach fellow quilters with a *Patchwords* ad. One-time ads are \$5. Business-card size ads are \$25 per year (6 issues). Ads must be print-ready. Contact Kim Lapacek at [lapaceksorchard@gmail.com](mailto:lapaceksorchard@gmail.com) or 608-635-4780



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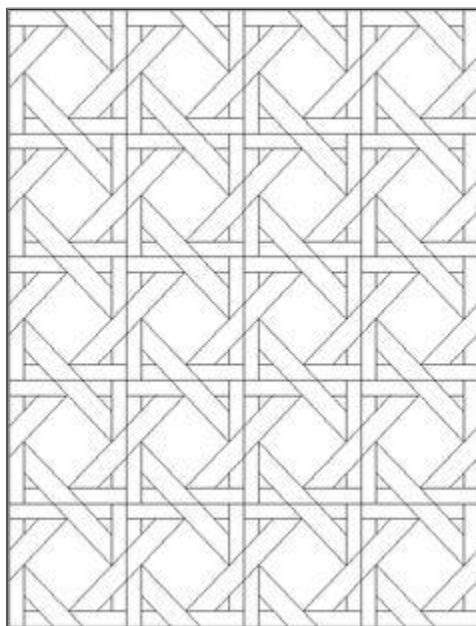
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## Mark your calendar . . .

March 30 – April 1	Sun Prairie Heritage Quilt Show	One of the longest running shows in the country. ♦ Prairie Heritage Quilt Show
April 5	Lodi Valley Quilt Academy, Lodi High School	Lectures, vendors, quilt exhibit. First 350 registrants only.
Now – Apr 6	Exhibit: <a href="#">Modern Perspectives</a>	At the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts in Cedarburg
April 7	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Kristine Millard, <i>A Patchwork of Stories: Quilts Inspired by Children's Books</i>
Apr 9 – June 22	Exhibit: <a href="#">From the Heart</a>	At the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts in Cedarburg
April 26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Quilter's Guild, 27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show	"Red & White", Parkview Middle School 930 N. Rochester, Mukwonago, WI
May 5	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Antoinette's Quilt Shop, <i>A Pattern is Just a Start</i> <a href="http://antoinettesquiltshop.com">antoinettesquiltshop.com</a>
May 22, 6pm	Suzi Parron, Lodi Public Library	The author of "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement" returns on her cross-country barn-storming block-sighting tour to talk about this popular art form, its history, and the variety created.
June 2	Trish Frankland	<i>We're Sew Worth It</i>
June 7	Fabric Dyeing Workshop	Diane Lapacek at Lapacek's Orchard, Pre-registration required
June 25 – Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Exhibit: Traditions Made Modern: "Full Circle"</a> Sketches from Life	Twelve Double Wedding Ring Quilts from Victoria Findlay Wolf at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts in Cedarburg
July 7	Shirley Alexander	<i>Zentangle &amp; Quilting</i>
July 11-13	Lodi Valley Ag Fair	Quilt Show & Quilt Turning Events
Aug 4	Edyta Sitar	<i>Laundry Basket Quilts</i> , <a href="http://laundrybasketquilts.com">laundrybasketquilts.com</a>



Have fun coloring in this quilt!