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## Quilting "Rock Star" Karen McTavish comes to LVQG

Renowned quilter and teacher Karen McTavish will be the guest speaker at the LVQG November 7 meeting. Although the meeting begins at the usual time of 7:00, you'll want to come early.



McTavish is a longarm machine quilter from Duluth, Minnesota, known for her distinctive style called McTavishing, a technique of background quilting. You've probably seen examples of McTavishing at quilt shows and perhaps have tried it yourself. She has won more than 50 national and international awards for her work including

Teacher of the Year in 2007 by the Machine Quilters Exposition (MQX) and was nominated for that award in 2006 and 2009. In addition, she has authored four books on machine quilting, lectures around the country and judges at quilt shows.



She will lecture on machine quilting, present a trunk show of her work and sign her latest book at the LVQG meeting. Non-LVQG members are welcome at a cost of \$10.

## A word about parking

The Settlers Trail Apartments, owned by the Good Samaritan Center, is holding an open house from 4-6:30 p.m. the same evening as the LVQG meeting. They have asked that we not park in front of the apartments, but keep those parking spaces open for visitors. Additional parking is available behind Good Sam on the hill in the large parking lot. Please save the front spaces for members who need easier entry. Other parking is in back of building or on the right side of the building. There is an entry on the side and in back. You are welcome to stop in and check out the apartments.

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## Can you see it now?

LVQG guest speakers have often attempted to share small aspects of their work, but have been hindered by the distance from the audience. To assist them in sharing details up close, the guild has purchased a Flip video camera and tripod (multimedia projector).



This equipment will be housed at the Lodi Woman's Club Public Library and can be checked out by anyone with a library card and valid driver's license. If you wish to use the equipment, fill out a form at the library or find it at: [www.lodipubliclibrary.org/about/documents/Equipmentrentalform.pdf](http://www.lodipubliclibrary.org/about/documents/Equipmentrentalform.pdf).

## Not so mysterious anymore

All clues for the LVQG Mystery quilt designed by Trish Frankland are now posted at [www.lvqg.org](http://www.lvqg.org) on the Additional Member Activities page. For those who wish to join in the fun, it's not too late. Trish has given several ideas for choosing fabrics in the first clue. Mystery Quilts will be revealed at the February 2012 meeting.



## Toot your own horn

If you've ever wished that you could market your Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple,

Longaberger or other business to your fellow guild members, here's your opportunity. Bring business cards, flyers and catalogs for "Table Four"—the



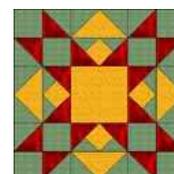
literature table which will be available at the December meeting (same meeting as the mini-workshops). This is one of the few times this

year that business promotion will be allowed. Please note that LVQG policy prohibits use of the membership list for non-guild purposes.

## You may be a winner!

If you like games of chance, sampler quilts, fast quilts or friendship quilts—here's a deal for you. Take a chance on the LVQG Lotto Block—you could be a winner! Just make a quilt block and enter it into the Lotto Block drawing. Make sure you put your name on the seam allowance of your block(s). If you win, you get to keep all the blocks to make a project of your choice.

Blocks for the fall lotto need to be  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches square unfinished (for finished blocks that are 12 inches square) with a *Winter Holidays theme* (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, wintertime, etc.). You may make any block design you wish. Enter as many blocks as you like—more blocks entered means more chances to win.



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## Mark your calendar . . . .

Nov. 7	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Free-Motion Quilting & Trunk Show Karen McTavish
Nov. 10-13	LVQG Fall Retreat Pine Lake Camp, Westfield	Four-day retreat to quilt to your heart's content. For more info, go to <a href="http://www.lvqg.com">www.lvqg.com</a>
Dec. 2-4	Dickens of a Quilt Show Horicon Bank, 400 Watson St., Ripon	Held in conjunction with annual Dickens of a Christmas event. For more info, email <a href="mailto:lvollerman@charter.net">lvollerman@charter.net</a>
Dec. 5	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Mini-workshops--last-minute Christmas gifts First chance to sign up for Quilt Academy
Jan. 2	LVQG Monthly Meeting	
Feb. 6	LVQG Monthly Meeting	
March 5	LVQG Monthly Meeting	
Mar. 10-11	Stars of the Prairie Quilt Show, Crest Hill, IL	Sponsored by Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild. Featuring 300+ quilts, special exhibits. For more info, go to <a href="http://www.prideofprairie.org">www.prideofprairie.org</a> .
April 2	LVQG Monthly Meeting	
April 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Quilt Academy Lodi High School	<u>The</u> LVQG-sponsored event with lectures, prizes, vendors, lunch. More info to come.

# Ten Good Reasons to Buy Fabric

—Sign posted in a New Zealand quilt shop

1. It insulates the cupboard where it is kept.
2. It keeps the economy moving. It is my duty to support cotton farmers, textile and fabric shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. I'm participating in a contest—the one who dies with the most fabric, wins.
5. It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook to enjoy it, you never have to feed it, wipe its nose or walk it.



6. Because I'm worth it.
7. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry basket, the dining table . . . .

8. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening, it calms the nerves, gratifies the soul, and makes me feel good.
9. Because it's on sale.
10. Buy it now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions.



**That reminds me—maybe I'd better stock up for winter.**