

# Patchwords

Newsletter # 37

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

## March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

Join us on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the Lodi Good Samaritan Center. We will hear from special guest speaker Beth Reitveld - Fabric Arts & Quilter.

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.

## Time for Nominations

It's that time of year again - time to elect new members to the Lodi Valley Quilt Guild Board. This year we have a lot of openings...pretty much every position needs to be filled. Please take a moment to read through the LVQG Bylaws,

<http://lvqg.org/media/5149d1d17488371ffff9eb2ffffe417.pdf>

to learn more about what each job position entails. If you think you would enjoy and thrive in a position or know someone who would, please remember to make your nominations known at the March 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.*

## Think Spring Guild Challenge

2014 Quilt Challenges are DUE at the March 3rd Meeting

An advertisement for Village Creek Quilt Shop. The background is a colorful quilt. In the top left corner is a logo of a star or snowflake. The text reads: "Village Creek LLC Quilt Shop", "Open from 3:30pm-6:30pm first Monday each month before Guild meetings.", "123 S. Main Street Lodi, WI 608-592-5793", and "villagecreeklodi.com".

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# Hearts & Hands provides comfort

Hearts and Hands will be on March 7 at 9:00am. We will be meeting at the Lodi United Methodist Church at 130 Locust St, Lodi. If you are able please bring your sewing machine but there is always other work to be done if you are unable to bring your machine. See you there.

## Quilt Academy 2014

Quilt Academy registration is FULL.

One of the most talked about features of the Academy are the many door prizes that are given out! If you have any kits you bought that you're no longer interested in, books you never ended up using, fabric bundles, or anything else 'quilting related' please consider donating them to the Academy. Anything fun is fabulous! We appreciate any help you can give to help make this a great event once again!

Each member is asked to contribute one or more fat quarters for the prize baskets at Quilt Academy. Please bring to the monthly meeting.



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## 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)

## Celebrate National Quilting Day, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Now--what are ya gonna do to celebrate? I'm thinking a little wine, a little chocolate, a little fabric buying, a little quilting--maybe a lot of quilting (if I have no interruptions!)

The National Quilting Association has posted the free pattern for the Official 2014 National Quilting Day Project, Stash Attack, on their website, <http://www.nqaquilts.org/nqd/>, to help you to celebrate and to reflect with pride on the traditions of quiltmaking and the contributions quiltmakers have made to their families and communities for many generations.

## ***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.

This month I'm going to share with you some before and after shots of my fabric and how I managed to make it look the way it does.



Fabric BEFORE I decided I needed to change my ways of fabric storage.



And here is the after picture of my yardage+ fabrics.



And I made separate shelving for my fat quarters.

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)

**How did I accomplish this?** I used two different types of boards to create my 'mini bolts'. Ones from Polar Notions ([www.polar notions.com](http://www.polar notions.com)) and Comic Book Backing Boards (can find easily on amazon.com by searching 'comic book backing boards').

### **Polar Notion Boards**

#### **Pros:**

- Durable
- Sturdy
- Perfect height for book shelves
- 'grab' fabric for easy wrapping
- Two sizes - standard for yardage and mini for fat quarters

#### **Cons:**

- Expensive

### **Comic Book Backing Boards**

#### **Pros:**

- Inexpensive
- Work similarly to the Polar Notions Boards

#### **Cons:**

- Less Sturdy
- Slightly taller than the Polar Notions Boards so they don't fit quite as well on the book shelves
- One size, would have to cut out my own boards for fat quarters

I'm beyond thrilled with how this looks and works now. I re-found fabrics that I forgot I had...buried under all that other fabric. Now, when I work on a project I can scan the rows of fabric, see it all, and make quick and easy fabric pulls.

Be inspired by a Project QUILTING Challenge, take a fresh look at a traditional block with the 52 Block Quilt Along, and see what crazy thing Kim's creating next!

[www.persimondreams.com](http://www.persimondreams.com) PersimonDreams.com



## Special Correspondence

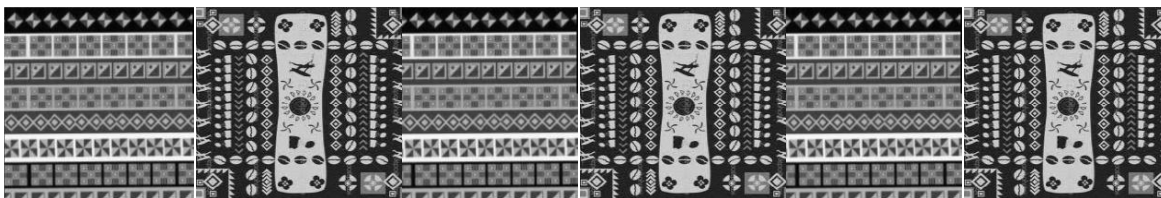
Members of our Quilt Guild made and delivered quilts to the victims of the tornado that hit in Washington, IL. We received this note from a member of the community:

My name is Misti Cave, and I'm from St. Patricks Parish in Washington, IL. I wanted to thank all of you women from the bottom of my heart for reaching out to us after the devastating tornado that occurred November 17th. Carol (I did not get her last name) was like an angel, dropping of hundreds of quilts, which we made available at a Christmas giveaway for tornado victims the weekend before Christmas.

The affected families were shy at first, but after the weekend had come and gone, we had several come back asking if there were any more quilts! The few that we were left with after Christmas went to the Senior Program at our Center for Youth & Family Solutions. They were so happy to have them!

Your generosity was completely humbling! The quilts received were absolutely stunning! The affected families can hardly talk about the generosity they've been shown - I spoke with several families who all agree that despite all they've endured, they were able to enjoy their best Christmas ever. I see a renewed faith in all of us!

Again, thank-you so much! I've been praying for you, and everyone that's reached out to us. I hope that you know that you've made an extreme difference in the hearts of the people of Washington, IL!



## Comfort Quilt Project

Father Paul Fagan Mission

You are invited to help give comfort to those in need of medical care.  
Help build Songambe Hospital, Nkololo, Tanzania.

- donate money to help build the hospital AND/OR
- donate quilt blocks to be made into quilts for use in the hospital.

### If you are a quilter

Donate a 12" quilt square along with a \$10 donation. (12 ½" x 12 ½" unfinished. Fabric must be washable and preshrunk. All techniques welcome: pieced, applique, etc. No theme or color requirement.) Your creativity is welcome.

### If you'd like to sponsor a quilter

\$10 donation will sponsor a quilt block. Roads to Life Tanzania, Inc. is a tax exempt charitable organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.) Check with your tax preparer for your tax deductibility.

Send all donations to Roads to Life- Comfort Quilt Project  
N779 State Road 113, Lodi, WI 53555  
Make checks payable to Roads to Life Tanzania  
All entries must be received by Sept. 1, 2014.

For more information: [www.roadstolifetanzania.org](http://www.roadstolifetanzania.org)

**Poynette, WI**

## Cattail Retreat



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Bindings attached **FREE**  
through March 15, 2014

Mindy Skinner  
W11353 Bay Dr.  
Lodi, WI 53555

608-592-5448  
StitchesByMindy@Charter.net

## 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

## Mark your calendar . . .

March 3	LVQG Monthly Meeting	Beth Reitveld - Fabric Arts & Quilter
March 8	LVQG One-Day Retreat	Lodi Sports & Rec, 8am to 4pm
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	National Quilt Day	
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 \$ew 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>