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I'll show you mine if you'll show me yours

Have you wondered what everyone did with their plum (some say brown) eighth-yard of challenge fabric? While you could have frayed the edges and called it a scarf or a belt or a hippie head band, we hope you actually used it in a quilt or a purse or a table topper. Well, it's time we found out. The May program is the Challenge Reveal. Names of all those who bring their challenge project will be entered into a drawing for fantastic prizes!



And—there's more. Since we skipped show and tell in April to give our featured speaker more time on the program, we should be seeing lots of quilts in May (besides the challenge). You've had more time, so get that binding stitched and let's see whatcha got!

Taking care of business

Along with the eagerly-awaited challenge reveal and the usual show and tell, guild members will be taking care of the business of the guild at the May meeting. Elections will be held for officers—see next page for short bios of candidates. Current officers are eligible to serve a second one-year term. Our current treasurer and program chair are in the first year of two-year terms and are not up for election this year.

Suggested changes in the bylaws will be outlined and discussed—the bylaws can be found at www.lvqg.org under About Us. Bylaw changes will be voted on at the June meeting.

President—Trish Priewe 235-4646

Vice President—Merrie Council 592-3178

Secretary—Darlene Sauby 635-7446

Treasurer—Joan Zavoral 592-7806

Newsletter Editor—Joyce Hach 831-1755

Meet the candidates . . .

President—*Trish Priewe*

Trish has served as president for the past year. Prior to that she was the newsletter editor and was also on the planning committee when the guild was founded. She moved to Lodi in 1999 and has been quilting since 2000. She says she "mostly enjoys making traditionally pieced quilts in contemporary fabrics. I love color. I hate hand sewing." In her non-quilt life, she is the co-director of the Lodi Public Library.

Vice-president—*Merrie Council*

Merrie has been vice-president this past year. In that capacity, she has taken on the review of the bylaws and assisting with meeting setup. She is married to Dan and they have two daughters. Although she has been sewing and knitting since she was 12, she didn't start quilting seriously until she moved to Lodi. "I really have enjoyed being a part of the Lodi Valley Quilters Guild, learning new techniques, and meeting new friends," she says.

Secretary—*Darlene Sauby*

Darlene volunteered to fill the vacant secretary position in February. She joined the guild in November 2009 because she "adores and cherishes everything about quilting and its tradition, and loves being around people who feel the same way." She and her husband, Phil, live near Harmony Grove and have two daughters and three granddaughters.



Newsletter/PR chair—*Joyce Hach*

Joyce has edited *Patchwords* this year and also has been the public relations chair for the past two years. She joined the guild four years ago and believes that "you can never spend too much time quilting, talking about quilts, and spending time with other quilters." She and her husband, Lyle, live in Ashton, about five miles northwest of Middleton. Their children, a daughter and two sons, never lack for warmth due to stacks of quilts.

Librarian—*Donna Hoerig*

Donna is the guild's current librarian. Her mother taught her to quilt about 16 years ago and now they collaborate on charity quilts through an international online group. She also does machine embroidery which she likes to combine with quilting. She and her husband live in Lodi and have a son and a daughter.

Hearts & Hands chair—*Dottie Sutfin*

Dottie is the current chair for Hearts & Hands, the guild's charity group. Her mother taught her to quilt back in the days before rotary cutters. She "decided to learn the way of the rotary cutter" when she moved to Lodi. Her passion is "using my talents to do work for others." She and her husband live in Harmony Grove.



Special Events chair—Mindy Skinner

Mindy is the current chair of the Special Events committee which is responsible for the Quilt Academy. She also served as the guild's first president. She says, "I took my first quilting class in 1980 from a local community teacher named Eleanor Burns. Yes, I did finish my quilt in one day. It looks like a mop rag today." About seven years ago, she started Stitches by Mindy and now quilts full time. In 2009, she placed third at Paducah with the quilt she made for her daughter. She and her husband, Tom, have two married daughters and a grandson.

Hospitality & Fair chair—Belinda Zeman

Belinda has served as the chair of the Hospitality and Fair committee this past year. She took her first quilting classes in 1980. "I have been enjoying the Lodi Quilt Guild dearly, especially meeting all of the new faces in our guild and hope to continue as your hospitality person." She is married to Mark and they have four kids.

The position of historian is still open. If interested, contact Trish at 235-4646 or trish.priewe@gmail.com or throw your hat in the ring at the upcoming meeting.



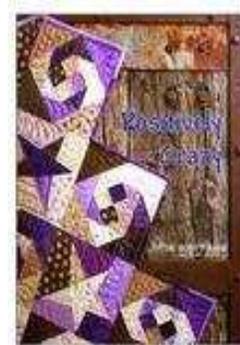
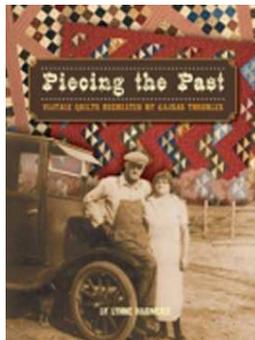
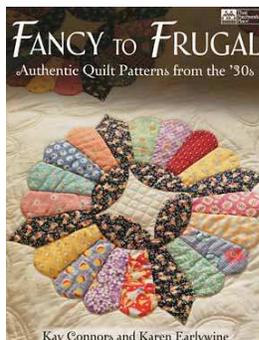
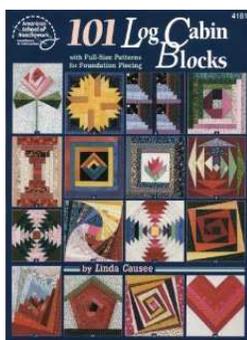
Fun with Kansas Troubles



Above: LVQG members learned raw-edge appliqué the Kansas Troubles way at a workshop led by our April speaker, Lynn Hagmeier of Kansas Troubles. Most left with only the binding left to finish on their table topper. Watch for their projects at show and tell.



Right: Lynn explains the finer points of the technique to Karen Millard.



Check out our library

Upon arrival at guild meetings, you may be asked if you want to contribute a dollar to Bucks for Books. Those dollars add up! Monthly contributions range from \$25 to \$45 which allows the guild librarian to purchase books for the guild library. Members may check out books for a reasonable length of time by signing the matching index card in the small card file. The library is in the cabinet in the meeting room at the Good Sam Center and is open before and after meetings. It is also accessible by obtaining the key from Trish at the Lodi Public Library or Patti at Village Creek.

Your contributions have made possible the following new books:

The Union Quilters, an Elm Creek Quilts novel by Jennifer Chiaverini

Positively Crazy, a Buggy Barn pattern book

101 Log Cabin Blocks, innovative log cabin blocks by Linda Causee

Fancy to Frugal, nostalgic quilt designs by Kay Connors and Karen Earlywine

And from Kansas Troubles Quilters—*Summers End*, *Piecing the Past*, *Frayed Edges*, *Too*. In addition, last month's speaker and Kansas Troubles Quilter Lynn Hagmeier donated her book, *Aunt Purdy's Parlor*.

Still searching

The LVQG Board has been working on a list of items owned by the guild. If you have any guild asset (equipment, signs, banners, etc.) in your possession, contact Secretary Darlene Sauby at pdsauby@centurytel.net. She is making an inventory list so that we can find things when we need them. This becomes especially important as we begin work on events for the fair.

Quilt Academy a resounding success

With 15 vendors, countless door prizes—including a Juki sewing machine, a scrumptious lunch and 300 eager quilters, the second annual Quilt Academy was an unqualified success. In less than two short years, the Academy has become a “must attend” event for quilters in southern Wisconsin.

Whether it was paper piecing, color theory, stash management, or any number of quilt-related topics, attendees had many opportunities to learn. One remarked that it was worth the price of admission just to see all the beautiful quilts in the vendor booths. Those booths provided a chance to build your stash or buy a pattern or kit—kind of like a shop hop without leaving the confines of Lodi High School. Watch the website for photos from the event. (If you have photos, please email them to Joyce at L4jhach@chorus.net.)

If you loved the cookies in your home-style lunch, here's Carrie Ballweg's recipe:

WHITE CHOCOLATE CRAISIN COOKIES

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| 1 C. Butter | 1 t. Soda |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ C Sugar | 1 t. Cinnamon |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ C Brown Sugar | $\frac{1}{2}$ t. Salt |
| 2 eggs | 3 C. Oatmeal |
| 1 t. Vanilla | 1 C. Craisins |
| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. Flour | 1 C. White Chocolate Chips |

Heat oven to 350° F. In medium size bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. In large bowl, with electric mixer, beat together butter and granulated and brown sugars on medium-high speed until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add eggs and vanilla; beat 1 minute. On low speed, beat in the flour mixture until combined. Stir in the oats, dried cranberries and white chocolate chips. For each cookie, drop $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dough onto ungreased baking sheets, spacing the mounds of dough about 3 inches apart. Bake in 350° F. oven 16 minutes or until golden, but still moist on top. Remove cookies to racks to cool.

Makes about 20 large cookies.



Mark your calendar . . .

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| May 2 | LVQG Monthly Meeting | Challenge Reveal & info on fair entries |
| May 13-15 | Syttende Mai Quilt Show River Bluff Middle School Stoughton | Sponsored by the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce, Syttende Mai Committee and Piecemaker Quilters |
| May 14-15 | A Garden of Quilts Rock Co. Fairgrounds Janesville | Sponsored by the Rock Valley Quilters Guild Go to www.webpages.charter.net/rvqg for more info |
| June 6 | LVQG Monthly Meeting | What To Do With Asian Fabrics Gloria Stehley, Saving Thyme |
| June 10-11 | Sewing & Quilting Expo UW-Platteville campus | Classes by national and local presenters, vendors, scissors sharpening, sewing machine donations. Go to www.uwplatt.edu/cont_ed/sewing_expo for registration and other information. |
| June 15-18 | Minnesota Quilters Show St. Paul River Center | 33 rd annual show and conference Go to www.mnquilt.org for more info |
| June 25 | Blossoming Quilt Show Witter Field Wisconsin Rapids | 3 rd annual quilt show. Held in the warming house. Handicapped accessible. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| July 11 | LVQG Monthly Meeting | Quilting 101, Dee Van Driel |
| July 7-11 | Lodi Ag Fair | Enter your quilts, attend quilt turning |
| Aug. 1 | LVQG Monthly Meeting | Needles & Thread, Rosemary Huber Pauls |
| Sept. 8-10 | Wisconsin Quilt Expo Alliant Energy Center | Quilt show, vendors, classes, lectures and more. For more info, go to www.wiquiltexpo.com |
| Sept. 9 | Quilt Expo Bus Trip | Leave the driving to us. Info to come. |
| Sept. 12 | LVQG Monthly Meeting | The 10-Minute Quilter, Jane Vaughn |
| Sept. 17 | LVQG One-Day Retreat Lodi Sport & Rec Center | Come and quilts with your LVQG friends. More info in coming months. |