



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

Meeting: February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Tewksbury Senior Center
179 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA

IMPORTANT NOTICE: DOORS CANNOT OPEN BEFORE 6:30

FOOD PANTRY. The Food pantry is elated at the amount and type of goods that we donate. For this month please bring Peanut butter, all kinds of jelly and jam and Marshmallow fluff. Also, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, Relish , Salad dressings, Spices of all kinds, Pancake syrup, etc. are always needed.

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PROGRAMS

Sue Pedersen

Greetings to all and welcome February!

We have been fortunate to have a mild winter so far. Now the daylight is getting longer. Let's hope February's weather continues to be the same. What can be better than spending time in the sewing room working on your latest quilt?

We had a successful Charity night, completing 95 heart pillows and 30 pillowcases and put together 10 Wonky Eye Spy tops. Special thanks to Joyce Lloyd, Carol Calistro, Mary Arcidy, Marlene Levesque, Pam Dougherty, and Sue Pedersen for schlepping their sewing machines in and contributing to these worthwhile on-going charity projects.

This month, our speaker will be Ruth Ryan, the owner of Nashua Sew and Vac. She will talk about a much-needed topic, machine maintenance. Along with Ruth, will be the Scissor man.

If you need scissors sharpened, please bring your scissors in a zip lock bag with your name and phone number attached. The cost of the scissor sharpening will be \$10.00. He will also sharpen knives. So, feel free to bring along any dull knives.

Our Spring quilt weekend is scheduled for March 12th through the 15th. Many of you who have not been on a quilt weekend may wonder what it is all about. Typically, a quilt weekend is a time to work on any project you would like. It's a wonderful time to sit and stitch with friends and meet new people in a very relaxed atmosphere. This particular weekend includes breakfast. There are many lunch and dinner options, order out or you may bring your own. A large refrigerator, and a microwave is available. You make your own schedule during the day. The sewing space is plentiful with good lighting and open as early as 6 am (for the early risers) until the last person goes to bed at night. The Franciscan Center offers design walls, so this is a good time to work on a larger project, as you will have the space to look at your work. There are many shops to visit in the area including Mardens. So, if you have not been on a quilt weekend, try it, it's a lot of fun!

Don't forget to sign up for the Rangeley Star table runner workshop February 22nd! I, for one, have not used the "Tucker Trimmer" ruler and looking forward to learning how easy and precise the pointed stars come out. This table runner would be nice to make in seasonal colors. Just saying!

As many of you know, I have retired from my full time job. My new job is cleaning and organizing my sewing room. This is a work in process for sure. Suggestions and tips are welcomed! My new personal email address is dailywolfshop@yahoo.com.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

It's February and our quilts should be shaping up! Let's bring in some blocks for show and tell! I can't wait to see what everyone else used for fabrics for the Tiger Lily quilt and Arizona Arrowheads Quilt. I hope January was filled with quality quilting time!

Please remember to see me at the meeting for your next set of instructions. I have copies of previous months at the meeting in case you need them.

Quilt of Valor:

At our February meeting, I will bring some patriotic fabric packets and instructions for a Quilt of Valor block. It is a familiar star block. I chose it because the points float and the block is slightly over-sized. That allows the block to be trimmed to size later. I am asking that you **DO NOT** trim the block before giving it back to me. You make take one or more fabric packets to bring back at the March and April meetings.

I will also encourage members to make a row for a quilt of valor. The only requirement (other than using patriotic red, white, and blue fabrics) is that the row finishes at 48 to 50 inches. Several rows can then be combined into a quilt and bordered!

The target size for a quilt of valor is 60 x 80 inches. If you chose to make a row, any block you chose can be used such as shoofly, churndash, friendship star, flying geese, half-square triangle blocks, etc. If you choose to make a 12 inch finished block, make 4 of them and sew them together, for example. I will have a couple of examples for you to see. Please avoid using very stiff, and heavily glittered fabrics.

I sincerely hope that there will be a great response to this project! Thank you in advance. Karen Ivas

WORKSHOP NEWS



The guild is offering a workshop to make the Rangeley Star table runner on Saturday, February 22nd. This sophisticated looking star is actually quite easy to make, and there are no triangles to cut! The key to this pattern is to use the "Tucker Trimmer" ruler, designed by Deb Tucker. Marlene will be teaching the pattern and also demonstrating some of the many other ways you can use the Tucker Trimmer ruler in your quilt making. The workshop will take place at the DiPalma Estates Clubhouse,

located at 62 Juniper Lane in Tewksbury. It will run from 10:00 to 2:00 and the cost will be \$25.00. The class fee includes the cost of the pattern, but not the Tucker Trimmer ruler. If you wish to purchase a ruler, Maryann at Sew Together in Tewksbury carries them. (If you don't have the ruler, the Rangely Star pattern can be created using some creativity and a 9" square ruler.) Marlene is taking final signups via email. For anyone who misses the meeting, send her an email at mleveg@verizon.net. Payment will be due no later than the February 11th meeting.

PSSST, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!?!

The March meeting will feature Patty Sawyer, a certified quilt show judge who will present a light-hearted lecture on "HOW I BECAME SO JUDGEMENTAL". Patty will also do some mock judging. If you would like to bring a quilt to be judged, please let me know . . .

The April meeting will be the UFO auction. I am seeking volunteers to help at the auction, as Vanna White runners, and to work the admin registration, and cash out tables. Please let me know . . .

For the June meeting, I am seeking 30 members to commit to bringing a Show & Tell. There's one little extra that goes with the Show & Tell, and I'll be happy to share that with you when you sign up.

Please let me know if you would like to participate in any, or all of the above. I will have sign up sheets at the February meeting. As you know, I have not been shy about me-approaching-you, with sign up sheets in hand, LAUGH OUT LOUD.

Thanks for playing along, Sue Pedersen, Event Coordinator, smp44@comcast.net

MINUTES from JANUARY 29, 2020 BOARD MEETING

Attendees (7): Kathy Graham, Sue Doherty, Sue Pedersen, Cam Michallyszyn, Pat Wolf, Marlene Levesque, and Cheryl Laffey.

I Spy Squares are still being accepted. If you have any, please give them to Sue Pedersen.

The February 11, 2020 meeting's speaker will be Ruthie Ryan from Nashua Sew n' Vac. Also the "Scissor man" will be there if anyone wants scissors sharpened.

Money is due on February 11, 2020 for the March Getaway at the Franciscan House in Maine. Please see Mary Renn.

The March 9, 2020 meeting's guest speaker will be Patty Sawyer. Topic will be Judging Quilts.

Sunday April 19, 2020, is our visit to the Lowell Quilt Museum. The cost is \$10 per person and a light lunch will be served.

April 14, 2020 meeting we will be doing the UFO Auction.

Respectfully,

Kathy Graham

CHARITY BLOCKS

The pattern we have chosen is called “Wonky I Spy” and we are hoping to collect blocks made from fun juvenile prints in bright colors. So, check out your scrap bag for those fun, funky bits and let’s see how far we can go with turning them into kids quilts.

UPCOMING

Quinobequin Quilters Quilt Show

Over 100 Beautiful Quilts on Display! From Traditional Quilts to Art Quilts

Friday & Saturday, March 27-28 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Admission \$10 (free for children)

Needham Masonic Lodge

1101 Highland Ave, Needham, MA

(Exit 19C off Rt. 95, 1 mile on right)

More Info: www.Quinobequin.org

A COUPLE OF PICTURES FROM CHARITY NIGHT





RECIPE THAT WAS REQUESTED

Turtles Candy

- 30 Rolo chocolates
- 30 small pretzels (not sticks, but the flat, figure-8 shaped kind)
- 30 [pecans](#) or 30 [walnuts](#)

DIRECTIONS Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Place the pretzels on a baking sheet covered with parchment paper. Top each one with an unwrapped Rolo candy.
2. Bake in oven for 3-5 minutes, until the chocolate just begins to melt. The Rolo should be soft but not completely melted.
3. Remove from oven, place on cooling rack and immediately squish the chocolate with a nut. Watch the caramel ooze out. YUM.

Scissor & Knife prices

Scissors/Shears			
Fabric Shears	7.00	Bandage Scissors	9.25
Pinking Shears	10.50	Operating Scissors	17.50
Industrial/Tailor Shears	8.50	Plastic Surgery Scissors	17.50
Knive Edge Shears	8.50	Cuticle Scissors	12.00
Barber Scissors	15.00	Poultry Shears	8.50
Thinning Shears	15.00	Pet Grooming Shears	15.00
High Performance Stylist Shears	15.00	Mat Combs, Per Tooth	2.50
Embroidery Shears	7.00	Rotary Cutters	11.50
Suture Scissors	9.25	Corrugating Shear	12.00

Ask about our Wolff brand pet grooming shears, stylist shears and fabric shears.

Knives			
Paring Knives	3.00	Cleavers	5.00
Boning Knives	3.00	Electric Knife Blades	6.00
French Knives	3.00	Linoleum Knife	6.00
Slicers	3.00	Fish Filet Knives	3.00
Serrated Edge	3.00	Hunting Knives	3.00
Pocket Knives (Add 1.00 for add'l blade)	3.00		

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MY WIFE, THE QUILTER

She learned to quilt on Monday. Her stitches were very fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner, so we went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures Tuesday. She says they are a must.
They really are quite lovely, but she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday, it was a sampler. She says the stipplin's fun.
What highlights! Oh what shadows! But the laundry wasn't done.

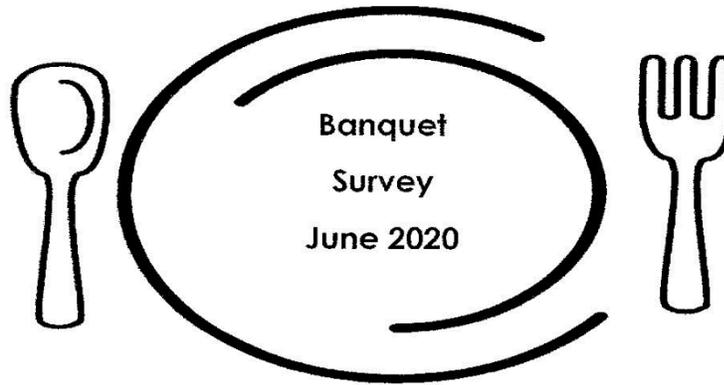
Her charm quilt was on Thursday, green patches, blue and red.
I guess she really was engrossed; she never made the bed.

It was wall hangings on Friday, in colors she adores,
but she never seemed to notice the crumbs on the all the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday! My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away; the house will still be neat.

Well, it's already Sunday. I think I'm about to wilt,
I cursed, I raved, I ranted—the maid has learned to quilt!

—Author unknown



Do you prefer:

- A meal at an outside venue \$\$\$
- A meal at the Senior Center
 - Elegant \$\$
 - Casual \$
- Potluck at the senior center

Any suggestions please submit here. I may not remember if you talk to me during a meeting.

Thank you,

Deb Rauseo & Elaine Walsh,

Please circle your preference and give to either me or Deb Rauseo.