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DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM

FOOD PANTRY. DONATIONS ARE VERY SLIM THIS TIME OF YEAR. ANYTHING YOU CAN GIVE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THIS IS ALSO SCISSOR/KNIFE SHARPENING MONTH. SEE PRICE SHEET FURTHER DOWN.

Vendor will be Sew-Together!

Hi All

We want to thank everyone for all the wonderful work on the charities last Month.

Lynda Harrington's Charter of Quilts for Kids

Binding the Quilts that Lynda brought in. Lynda did a show and tell, and they were great.

Pat Wolf Heart Pillows

Stuffing heart pillows to donate to MGH ICU (Critical Care Unit)

Joyce Lloyd Ryan's case for smiles

Pillow case for smiles. Pillow cases done for kids in any kind of stress all over the world.

Give a quilter a needle and watch how they change sadness into smiles

Don't forget the workshop with Michelle Banton on March 14, 2018

See Marlene Levesque.

Spring Quilt Weekend

March 22-25

See Mary Renn.

This month we are doing GAMES don't forget don't forget the buttons!

Don't forget

- 1 - You show and tell
- 2 - Money for the raffle table
- 3 - Bring a friend
- 4 - Have fun!

Love ya, Ida

CRAFT FAIR

Our craft sale is only months away, we need to get ready. This is our major fundraiser for the guild this year. We need your help getting fabric cut & ready. Go through your fabric stash and what you don't want or need.

Cut into usable pieces i.e.;

3 1/2", 2 1/2", 4" and 5" squares

3 1/2" & 2 1/2" strips for jelly rolls

5" for charm packs

10" for layer cakes

Code them by color or like things 30's fabric, Floral, Reproduction, Kids & Novelty.

Put into zip-lock bags- they must be clean and label them what they are. Get together with friends and have a cutting party.

Any UFO's you don't want is good too. Quilt tools, Scissors & Rulers in good working order and clean! No books, Magazines, or patterns.

We will have tables for you to rent for your crafts, 25 Dollars each. Yes, you can share the table with a friend.

Remember, Crafts only! Things you have made or things to make the craft. We'll be opening rentals on tables to the general public after the February meeting.

P.S. The room off the library is open for us, 9AM to close on Tues, Wed & Thurs. You can get together and have a cutting party.

Please remember, other groups from the guild also use this room.

QUILT CHALLENGE

A 20 inch square maximum and no smaller than 14 inch square. You must use your stash. No fabric after 2016, no UFO and kits. Anything you want it to be!

RAFFLE BASKETS for APRIL FAIR

"Enjoying Life" is the theme for our Raffle Baskets.

You can still sign up....

This year looking for the value of basket to be in \$200

Range. If you have donations that would be over that value, it is suggested that you could make 2 baskets! More baskets equal more income for the treasury!!

We will be assembling baskets at April meeting!

Please call Roberta See 978 319 5772 with any questions, concerns or to

Sign up. Our baskets are always AWESOME. I can't wait to see them. Thanks!!

Our next meeting is going to be a Game Night. We will be playing a bingo-style game of

Q U I L T O !

Every member will get one QUILTO game card to play. Additional game cards may be "purchased" with a fat quarter. The fat quarters will all be added to the kitty, and the winner at the end of the night will win them all! (*Only the people who purchase extra game cards will be eligible for the kitty.*) For your game markers, you will need to bring your own buttons. (*25 per card, bring extras if you are playing additional cards.*) We might even have a game just with the buttons. So, grab your button box, or raid Grandma's button jar and come prepared to play!

REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Lillian Ferreira, Catherine Flowers, Barbara Forestall, Jo Anne Frazier, Elaine Fubel, Anna Gallo, Louise Gearty, Janet Giunta, Helen Gloor, Gerry Graham, Kathy Graham and Mary Grenda.

If you cannot bring a refreshment, please contact Teresa Grignon @ 978-656-8323

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

1st, Patti Rollka; 4th, Karen Broughton; 5th, Kay Donahue; 6th, Cindy Bliss-Adams; 8th, Marguerette Trull; 15th, Verna Lemire; 16th, Susan Doherty; 17th, Ann Newton; 18th, Louise Lussier; 20th, Linda Arcand; 23rd, Norma Biggins; 27th, Kristin Clark.

A very Happy Birthday to all!

JANUARY 9th Board Meeting

Raffles :

Blue Fabric / Best Press – Pat Wolfe

Blue fat quarters – Pam Marlow

Solid color fat quarters – Deb Rauseo

Multi size flying geese ruler – Lynda Harrington

Panel Birds -Cyndi Bliss

Door prize – Ann Newton

Present: Ida Morrison, Dianne Judd, Roberta See, Cam Michallyszyn, Cheryle Laffey, Teresa Grigon, Ann LeBourdais, Marlene Levesque and Gina Maniscalco

April 21st is the Yard Sale. Going to have 1 raffle table. You can bring anything that is homemade. Maybe make a poster to hang up for publicity. Cutoff date to reserve tables is February 26th for anyone in the Guild. It will be open to the public after that.

Need to form a nominating committee for next year's election

Lynda Harrington brought quilts for show and tell. All the quilts are for charity. Asked her to bring some to every meeting.

Raffle table for next month will feature Red Work prizes.

Newsletter: still having issues with the AOL and Verizon emails. 20 people receive hard copy newsletter.

Get info quicker to Cheryle for newsletter.

Need articles for the newsletter. Need to get information from Carol about the Museum.

Scissor man will be at next meeting. He can do knives and scissors

Marlene needs to get more people to sign up for the workshop.

Marlene will be doing a "game night" bingo next meeting (February). Everyone needs to bring at least 25 buttons and a fat quarter to receive an extra board.

Roberta got people to sign up for the baskets \$150.00 limit.

Cheryle may put a code name in the newsletter to be entered for the door prize. Just to see who reads it.

Gina Maniscalco, Secretary

FEBRUARY IS OUR SCISSOR AND KNIFE SHARPENING MONTH

Please bring your scissors and or knives in a zip lock bag. Clearly label the bag with your name and phone number. Cash and checks are acceptable methods of payment. Credit cars also accepted.

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		

Merrimack Valley QFK update-

Thank you for letting me share our chapters story with the group last month. To those of you who reached out to help – thank you we truly appreciate whatever folks can do for us. If you think you would have time to help and would like to, I always have kits available for sewing together and that is what is needed the most right now to get our supply going again. Lowell General and Winchester get quilts from us every other month. The more we can get finished the more we deliver to them. The thank you's we get from parents are truly heartfelt and it does our hearts good to know they appreciate us thinking of them - and besides we love to quilt and who better to quilt for than a sick child.

These have been the totals since the chapter's inception that are reported back to the organization- more people have been helping and we are getting more and more done each month.

2015-207; 2016-294; 2017-311

So, if you would like to help in some way I can be reached at: merrimackvalleyqfk@gmail.com

978 905 0899 call or text

P.S. If you are considering cleaning out your stash – we work strictly on donations – if you have cotton fabric you would like to donate please contact me.

Thank you -Lynda Harrington

RYAN'S CASES FOR SMILES

Tuesday night's count...29 finished and 22 "kits"; Additional from our Thursday morning sessions...32; A nice donation to Ryan's Case for Smiles. Thank you all for helping. Joyce Lloyd

FOR THE HEART FROM THE HEART

Many thanks to all who stuffed and stitched 75 heart shape pillows during our meeting last month. These pillows will be bagged and tagged and given to patients at the Mass General Cardiac ICU. The sentiment included on the tag with each pillow is as follows;

"Wishing you a heartfelt recovery. Handmade for you from the Tewksbury Piecemakers and friends"

Many thanks again! Pat Wolf.

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM nequiltmuseum.org

Exhibit running January 10 – April 21, 2018 - Quilts Japan: the 13th Quilt Nihon Exhibition from Tokyo.
Quilted Works of Gladi Porsche are on view through April 29, 2018.

The Hand

Saturday, March 3rd at 1 PM- Guest Lecture on "Japan: Tradition & Inspiration". Japan is home to the world's second largest quilting community and honors a rich history of textile traditions like *shibori* dyeing and *sashiko* stitching. This informative and entertaining lecture is offered by award-winning quilt artist, Alison Wilbur, who has lived and taught in Japan.

Also, new hours. January – April; Tuesday – Saturday, 10-4

May – December; Tuesday – Sunday, 10-4

UPCOMING QUILT SHOW & EVENTS

Amoskeag Quilters Guild Presents:

Tomorrow's Heirlooms Quilt Show

"A Passion for Quilting"

Saturday and Sunday, March 24 - 25, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Manchester Memorial High School

1 Crusader Way, Manchester, NH

Accessible Venue/Ample Parking

Multi-Day Admission: \$8 - Under 12 Free

ALSO

Fabric Extravaganza

Save the dates - March 8, 9 and 10, 2018

Holiday Inn, Nashua, NH

MQX QUILT FESTIVAL 2018

The Center of NH/Radisson Hotel – Manchester, NH

Thursday, April 12 & 13: 9am – 6pm; Saturday, April 14th, 9am – 5pm.

Spring Quilt Weekend 2018

Franciscan Guest House

Kennebunkport, Maine

March 22,23,24,25

Hi everyone, The spring 2018 quilt weekend will again be at the Franciscan Guest House in Kennebunkport, Maine. THE PRICING IS STRUCTURED. Single or double? Thursday through Sunday? Only part of that time? The price will include lodging and 3 breakfasts but no lunch or dinner. I will be at the February meeting. I will need final payment by February 13, 2018 at our monthly meeting. If you have any questions I can be reached at home (603)260-6590 leave a message and I'll get back to you. I have moved my new address is 11 Apple Blossom Dr. Londonderry NH 03053 Mary Renn

DON'T FORGET YOUR CHECKBOOK!

WORKSHOP

I am excited to announce that we have a workshop scheduled! The project we will be making is the "Dresden Neighborhood" quilt, and it will be taught by Michelle Banton of Little Pup Designs. The finished quilt measures 24 X 24".



The date for the workshop is Wednesday, March 14, 2018, and the cost is \$40, which includes a copy of the pattern. The workshop will be held at the Senior Center, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and run approximately 6 hours. Here is a preliminary list of supplies needed for the class. A more detailed list will be given when you sign up for the workshop.

- Dresden Plate acrylic ruler/template – bring one of your own, or you can purchase one from Michelle.
- Background – 2/3 yard of background fabric
- Houses – 20 scraps, approximately 4" x 10" for houses
- Doors & Windows – small amounts of scraps for these
- Roofs – 20 scraps, approximately 4" x 2" for roofs – can all be one color, or scrappy.
- One scrap approximately 4-5" square for the center.

The class size is limited to 20 people, and I will be taking signups at the next meeting on a "first come first served" basis. The class fee must be paid at the time you sign up. -Marlene