

upcoming program

The next guild meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, at 1 & 7 p.m. when we will welcome

Penny Haren. Penny will provide us with two different presentations, both of which will help you become a better piecer: "Fudge Your Way to Success and Not Gain a Pound" for the afternoon meeting, and "It's all About the Details" for the evening meeting. You will enjoy hearing about and learning her innovative new technique. You will never look at a block the same way again. Penny will so energize you that you will want to take one of her classes. There is still time and room to sign up. One class is not harder than another, just different.

Marge Pearson, Program Chair



Guild meetings are held at the West Des Moines United Methodist Church at 8th & Grand.

www.dmaqg.org

Evening Class Added!

You requested an evening class with Penny Haren and she has agreed to add one to her visit with us. A four-hour class is being offered on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. If you cannot arrive until 6 p.m., Penny says that will work fine; the first part will be some busy work and you will not miss any of her instructions.

Penny also provides kits, so you will not have to do any preparation. Not only will you learn a new technique, you will go home with enough done to make a lovely table runner. Sign up by mail or at the guild meeting.



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – DISGUISED AS THE DECEMBER TEA

The Articles of our guild require us to have an annual business meeting in November or December. This meeting has always been combined with our December Tea. With the annual meeting, we have included the unveiling of and voting on the President's Challenge, and our normal show-and-tell.

Due to the low attendance for the past few years, the board is considering changing the date of the Tea and we would like your input. As you sign in for the March guild meeting, we will be asking you to vote on some choices. If you are unable to attend the March meeting, you can use the ballot on Page 11. Since we will not be having a regular October meeting this year, the possibility of moving the Tea into November on either a Tuesday evening or a Saturday morning is being considered. We could also leave it in December. Your choices will be Tuesday evening, November 17; Saturday morning, November 21; Tuesday evening, December 1; or at the usual date and time on Saturday morning, December 5. Thanks for sharing your opinion.

Marge Pearson, Program Chair

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program calendar

MARCH 19-22

Spring Retreat

MARCH 24

Penny Haren

1 p.m. *Precision in Small Blocks by
Combining Techniques*

7 p.m. *How to Create Hard Blocks Easily*

APRIL 28

Nancy Kazlauckas

1 p.m. & 7 p.m. *Calligraphy with Thread*

MAY 26

Suzanne Swenson

1 p.m. *Women Quilting Through History*

7 p.m. *The Blue Ribbon Goes To...*

JUNE 23

Terry Clothier Thompson and Nancy Hornback

1 p.m. *Green and Red Appliqué*

7 p.m. *Dating Fabric and Quilts*

JULY 28

Connie Sue Haidle

1 p.m. & 7 p.m. *Back Basting Appliqué*

AUGUST 25

CHARITY AUCTION

SEPTEMBER 22

Ann Fahl

1 p.m. *Quilts for all Seasons*

7 p.m. *It's in the Details*

OCTOBER 28-31

AQS/DMAQG Quilt show

NOVEMBER 5-9

Fall Retreat

DECEMBER

Date TBD

Christmas Tea & Annual Meeting



From the President



Anita Gogerty

Hello ladies! Here it is, time to write another article. We had a great meeting in January with Jennifer Keltner. Hope you were there. I think I have her Sable disease (Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy). I keep scratching the itch and buying more fabric.

I hope you are all thinking about the president's challenge, "Vacation Memory." I am looking forward to seeing all your creative interpretations. Let's make this a great year for the president's challenge.

I also hope you are working on your little quilt for the quilt-show silent auction. This is an important fund raising event that supports our guild's programs and classes. The quilt show will be here before you know it.

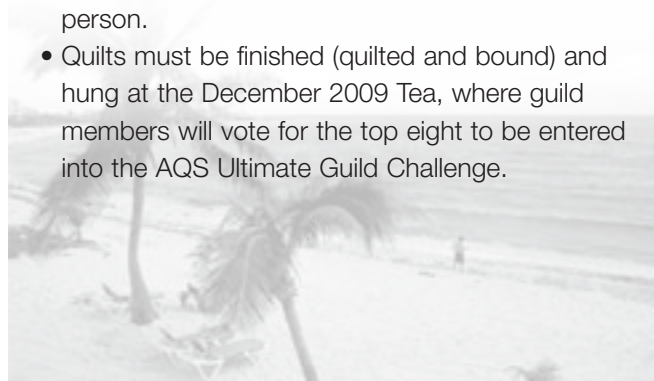
Just a reminder, we won't be having a guild meeting in October because the quilt show opens the day after our regular meeting day. The next meeting after the quilt show will be the Tea and Annual Meeting. Be sure to share your opinion on the possible date change for the Tea when you sign in at the March guild meeting (see Marge Pearson's article on Page 1).

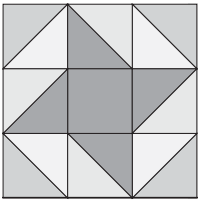
Anita Gogerty, President

2009 PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE RULES

Contest Theme: Vacation Memory

Finished quilt 40"X 30" (Horizontal)

- Share a vacation memory.
 - The quilt may be pieced, appliquéd, painted, stenciled, or embellished in any manner.
 - The finished quilt must consist of three layers.
 - The quilt must be constructed and quilted by one person.
 - Quilts must be finished (quilted and bound) and hung at the December 2009 Tea, where guild members will vote for the top eight to be entered into the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge.
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Special Group Meetings

NEWCOMERS' MEETINGS



Liz Porter

The Newcomers Group will meet Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Urbandale Public Library. Deb Feece will present a program on diagonally set quilts. Mark your calendars for the April meeting on April 21 with JoAnn Belling. She will be speaking on fabric selection and color in quilts.

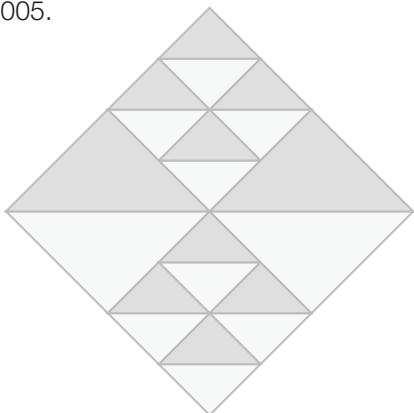
Liz Porter, Vice-President

THE EVENING APPLIQUÉ SOCIETY

The Society invites anyone who loves to appliqué whether by hand or machine to come and join the group. It doesn't matter if you're an experienced or beginner appliquéer. We meet at The Quilt Block the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Any questions? Call **Ellen Cooper** at 515/279-4813.

1800s QUILT STUDY GROUP

The 1800s Quilt Study Group always meets the FOURTH Thursday of the month at The Quilt Block at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be March 26. The study topic will be sewing machines. Members should research that topic and bring their findings to the meeting. Please note that meetings are an informal exchange of ideas and information--no formal presentations are expected, so please feel free to join us as we learn more about 19th-century quilt topics. A list of future study topics is available by contacting Kimber Van Heukelom at tkhook@msn.com or 515/993-4005.



Workshop Announcements

MAY WORKSHOP CHANGES

Suzanne Swenson was scheduled to teach a class on Monday evening, May 25, but someone reminded me that that Monday is Memorial Day. The Monday evening class has been moved to Wednesday evening. There has already been enough interest in the "Hang 'Em Straight" class that a Wednesday afternoon class has been added. If these changes do not fit your schedule please contact Marge Pearson at 515/996-9117 or Margequilts@wildblue.net.

CLASS KITS AVAILABLE

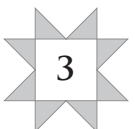
Love the class, but hate the preparation? Sign up for a March class with Penny Haren. Penny knows the frustration of getting everything pre-cut for a class, then going home with part of a quilt that never gets finished. She has solved both issues. She will bring a kit for you (\$10). Everything is pre-cut! Plus you go home with enough done to put together a table runner!

CLASS LOCATION

All the classes this year are at The Village at Legacy Point, 1650 SE Holiday Crest Circle, Waukee. It is well worth the drive! Leave Des Moines on Hickman heading towards Waukee. Start watching to your left (south) after the stop light at the Dahl's store. The entrance is just after a white farmhouse and before Earl May. After you enter Legacy Point, the classes will be in the large building with a circle drive way in front, just off of the first street to the left. It is better to park in back though, which is accessible by turning left on the second street. Another left turn will get you into the parking lot and the entrance from the parking lot takes you right to the meeting room.

LOOKING AHEAD

If you made it to the December Tea, you were able to get a preview of the work by our April speaker and instructor, Nancy Kazlauckas. From Minnesota, Nancy will be bringing a trunk show of quilts to inspire and enjoy! We will be learning how to add words of encouragement and motivation to our quilts through thread calligraphy. In addition, Nancy adds sparkle to her quilts with paintstiks. Both techniques will be offered in classes. Get signed up!





2009 DMAQG Workshop Information

Penny Haren

www.pennyharen.com

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 – Penny

will bring kits and you do not have to bring your sewing machine! Learn how to make complicated blocks without all the fuss.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 – Penny's second book will be available in time for this class. Kits will be available and you will want to bring your sewing machine. Learn Penny's techniques for making six-inch blocks by piecing and appliqué.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 5:30-9:30 P.M. – Newly added! Learn Penny's innovative technique for making complicated blocks in her evening Pieced Appliqué class. Kits will be available.

Nancy Kazlauckas

www.threadcalligraphy.com

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 – Nancy will add inspiration to your quilts by teaching machine calligraphy using a zigzag stitch. This technique can be done on the quilt top or while you are machine-quilting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 – You have seen paintstiks in the stores and the results on others' quilts. Learn this fun technique to add sparkle to your projects.

Suzanne K. Swenson

cherrybaskets@aol.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, MORNING – This is your chance to have your new and old quilts appraised so that your insurance is adequate. Appointments will be available.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1 – 4 P.M. – This class will help you finish your quilts. In her "Hang 'Em Straight" class, Suzanne will review the basics for setting blocks square, applying borders, and sewing binding so your project/quilt hangs straight. No supplies needed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 6 – 9 P.M. – This is an evening "Hang 'Em Straight" class, a repeat of the afternoon class for you ladies with day jobs.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 9 – 4 P.M. – "Stars all Around" is an all day class that will teach precision-piecing techniques that will give you sharp points and straight seams.

Terry Clothier Thompson

www.terrythompson.com

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 – Learn some tips on how to date fabric and quilts; Terry will come with a trunk full of dresses and quilts for you to learn from. You may also bring your quilts, quilt tops, or quilt blocks for her to date and use in class.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 – Come and make a soldier quilt from Terry's book, Louisa May Alcott. An appliqué lesson will be optional.

Connie Haidle

www.appleblossomquilts.com

MONDAY, JULY 27 EVENING OR WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 MORNING – Connie will be teaching you some interesting ways to appliqué using Glad Press'n Seal. She will also focus on skinny stems and split leaves in her back-basting appliqué.

Ann Fahl

www.AnnFahl.com

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – Learn the fundamentals of good machine appliqué, how to get a beautiful satin stitch; use decorative thread; the importance of using a foundation; and pressing.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24-25 – Stitch a Black-Eyed Susan wall hanging with a flowerpot full of blooms. Learn Ann's methods to make award-winning quilts including fusing, appliqué, and free-motion embroidery.

WORKSHOP SUPPLY LISTS

At each guild meeting I will try to have next month's supply lists available for you to pick up. I will also be e-mailing them out to those who have an internet address available. Thanks for signing up for classes. You will have fun with the added benefit of improving your quilting skills.

Marge Pearson, Program Chair



2009 Des Moines Area Quilters Guild WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Program Chair: Marge Pearson, 515/996-9117, margequilts@wildBLUE.NET

Your Name _____ Date Rec'd _____

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TEACHER	DATE	DAY	WORKSHOP	COST	TOTAL
Penny Haren	Mar 25	Wed	Pieced Appliqué: book 1	\$45	_____
	Mar 26	Thurs	Pieced Appliqué: book 2	\$45	_____
	Mar 26	Thurs	Pieced Appliqué (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	\$30	_____
Nancy Kazlauckas	Apr 29	Wed	Thread Calligraphy	\$45	FULL
	Apr 30	Thurs	Paintstiks	\$45	_____
Suzanne Swenson	May 27	Wed	Appraisals by appointment (morning)	\$35	_____
	May 27	Wed	Hang 'Em Straight (1 – 4 p.m.)	\$25	_____
	May 27	Wed	Hang 'Em Straight (6 – 9 p.m.)	\$25	_____
	May 28	Thurs	Stars All Around	\$45	_____
Terry C. Thompson	Jun 24	Wed	Dating Fabric and Quilts	\$45	_____
	Jun 25	Thurs	Soldier Quilts	\$45	_____
Connie Sue Haidle	Jul 27	Mon	Back Basting Appliqué (evening)	\$20	_____
	Jul 29	Wed	Back Basting Appliqué (1/2 day)	\$20	_____
Ann Fahl	Sept 23	Wed	Free-Motion Thread Embroidery	\$45	_____
	Sept 24-25	Th-Fr	Black-eyed Susan, Appliqué & Embroidery	\$90	_____
				TOTAL	_____

1. By paying for the class at the time of registration, you are placed on the paid list.
2. One check may be made out to DMAQG for all workshops chosen.
3. Any class fees not paid at time of registration are due 60 days prior to the class.
4. At 59 days prior to the class, spaces become available to those on the waiting list.
5. At 30 days prior to the class, any vacancies become available to nonguild members at an additional fee of \$10.
6. Payment is refundable if cancelled at least 30 days prior to the day of the workshop.
7. Daytime workshops are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 1/2 day workshops are from 9 a.m. to noon unless noted; and evening workshops are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
8. All workshops will be held at the beautiful, spacious, and well-lit Village at Legacy Point in Waukee, IA

Complete and mail this form to: Marge Pearson, 2932 105th St., Van Meter, IA 50261

Community Service

We have had a request to provide a raffle quilt for the Festival of Trees and Lights event sponsored by Blank Children's Hospital. Since we are already committed to furnishing a raffle quilt for the 2009 Memory Walk sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, I want to combine these two projects and involve as many guild members as possible. I would like our members to make nine-patch blocks with 3" (cut size) squares to



make a 7 1/2" square finished (8" square unfinished) blocks. Each nine-patch block should be made from fabrics that are predominantly in the same color family. All colors are acceptable. The block can be made from two fabrics or be scrappy and made with up to

nine different fabrics. You are welcome to use floral fabrics & prints, but please avoid using geometrics.

I would like these blocks by the April guild meeting. I will schedule one or two sewing days to design and complete the tops. All blocks will be used. You can have input from beginning to end. This will be a very fun project. I am looking forward to seeing some of the beautiful 9-patch blocks you come up with.

Judy D'Iapico, *Community Service*



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THANK YOU DAWN CAVANAUGH!

Thanks to Dawn Cavanaugh for the two great lectures and three fabulous workshops in February! She shared her journey from crafter to quilt artist. We learned tips for communicating with a quilter when we drop off a quilt to be quilted (don't drop and run). Dawn also shared her 20 quilting principals – one of which was “done is better than perfect!” We certainly enjoyed seeing Dawn's beautiful work.

Donita Fredricks, Newsletter Editor



Dawn Cavanaugh

Dawn's beautiful prize winning quilting, detail below.



Left: Three identical quilts showing the effects of different quilting designs and densities

FEBRUARY SHOW-AND-TELL HIGHLIGHTS



Jane Hamilton shared her "Round Robin Quilt of My Imaginary Small Group" all made from antique quilt blocks collected by Jane.



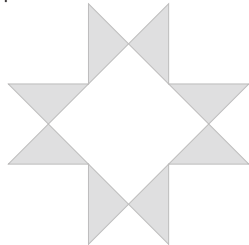
Carolyn Eliason showed her appliqué quilt, completed nine years after it was started.

TREASURED QUILTS FROM YOUR DONATIONS

Kathy Safris shared two quilts during show-and-tell at the February meeting that were made by participants in the quilting group at Creative Visions. These quilts were made using orphan blocks that had been donated by a couple of our members. The new owners treasure these quilts. If you have orphan blocks that you know you will never make into a quilt, please consider donating them to Creative Visions or another charitable organization. Every block deserves a chance to be in a treasured quilt!



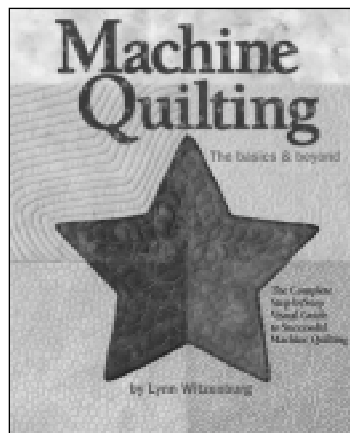
Kathy Safris showed two quilts made at Creative Visions from blocks donated by guild members.



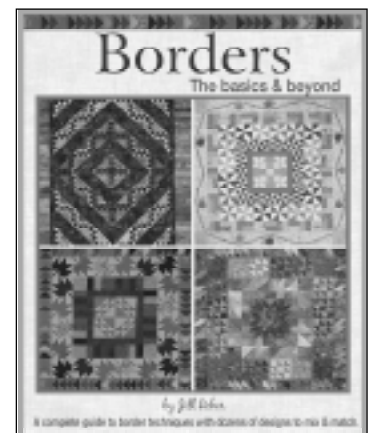
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A BOOK REVIEW ~ *in verse*

Our guild has a book: "Quilts For Men",
With ideas from crib to den.
A gift from Landauer.
Two copies did shower.
With thirteen patterns, not ten.

A fairly new quilter am I.
Few patterns for men do I spy.
My household is male:
No pretty pink sale
Of ribbons and fluff can I buy

So happy was I just to see
A book full of patterns for me.
From cute baby blues
To den quilts he'll use
Plus cape for "magicians to be".

Designers and quilters are local.
Guild members, friends are the focal.
What great fun to see
In print, successfully.
My support for them is vocal.

Stop at the library next time.
Check out all these patterns so fine.
Scouts need the eagle!
Boys need a beetle!
Grab this book, in spite of this rhyme.

– Sandy Stoltenow (*My apologies to Shakespeare and Milton*)



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Guild Library. The following is a list of books donated in the first 2 months of 2009:

"Borders – The Basics and Beyond" by Jill Reber
"Free-Style Quilts: A "No Rule" Approach" by Susan Carlson
"Felt to Stitch: Creative Felting for Textile Artists" by Shelia Smith
"Circle of Quilters" by Jennifer Chiaverini
"Tumbling Blocks" by Earlene Fowler
"Fool's Puzzle" by Earlene Fowler

Donated From Landauer Books:

"Fons & Porter Presents Quilts from the Henry Ford" by Liz Porter and Marianne Fons
"Quilts for Men: from Crib to Dorm to Den" by Landauer
"Beautiful Borders, Backings and Bindings" by Jill Reber & Margaret Sindelar
"Penny Haren's Pieced Appliqué" by Penny Haren
"Borders – The Basics and Beyond" by Jill Reber

You can search our complete list on the website.

Mary Martin and Barb Nelson, *Librarians*



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ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT

If you will be unable to attend the March guild meeting, please use this ballot to vote for your favorite time for the Annual Business Meeting/Tea. Submit by mail to: DMAQG, PO Box 25070, West Des Moines, IA 50265, no later than April 15th.

Only one vote per member, please.

NAME _____

MEMBER? YES NO

YOUR CHOICE: (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE BOX)

- Tuesday evening, November 17
- Saturday morning, November 21
- Tuesday evening, December 1
- Saturday morning, December 5.

Thank you for sharing your opinion!

2009 LITTLE QUILT SILENT AUCTION

It's not too early to start working on a Little Quilt for the silent auction at the quilt show. We are looking forward to some beautiful contributions this year. To be accepted into the auction, quilts need to be no bigger than 20" on each side, or 80" total in outer dimension. If you plan on creating a nonquilt item such as a purse, doll, etc., please contact me to make arrangements for hanging. If you are thinking of quilted postcards, please make a bundle of 4 to 6 postcards. We are not accepting framed quilts this year. All Little Quilt items will need to be turned into the committee by the September guild meeting.

This is an important fund-raiser for our guild and a chance to show off your own impressive talents to the larger audience we'll be expecting again this year. What fun!

Sharon Meisenheimer for the Bitsy Chicks, Quilt Show Committee - Little Quilts

CALL FOR ENTRIES

I was so impressed by the quality of the quilts I judged for your last show. As the Entry Coordinator for the 2009 NQA Quilt Show in Columbus, OH, I am getting entries in and thinking that the quilts I saw in Des Moines would hold up very well in the judging. I encourage you, especially if you were a prize winner, to consider entering the show. You can enter as a non-member and the forms can be found at nqaquilts.org/2009show. The show is not juried, but is judged by a three-judge panel. This is the 40th Anniversary of the NQA show and there will be a Red and White Quilt exhibit for new or antique quilts fitting that description. There is no entry fee for this non-judged exhibit, and NQA pays to return ship your quilt. Go to the same web site for an entry form for that exhibit. The NQA Quilt show will be held June 18-20, 2009. Entries must be received by May 1. Hope to see you and your quilts at the show!

Jennifer Perkins, NQACJ and One of the 2008 DMAQG Quilt Show Judges


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