

Missouri Valley Quilt Guild

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Minutes . . . April 15, 2010

The April meeting of the Missouri Valley Quilters was called to order by president Phyllis Stoddart.

Marlene Sapa reported that there is a \$3865.18 in the account.

New member packets that includes a pattern for the name tag are available. Some were handed out to newer members.

Michelle Ripplinger announced the national teacher for spring 2011. Laura Heine lives in Billings, Montana and teaches artsy-piecing-technique-free motion quilting and a variety of other techniques. The classes have not been decided yet. The dates are April 1-3, 2011.

The UFO show was a great success with many finished projects.

Board Meeting

The executive board meeting of the Missouri Valley Quilters met on May 3, 2010 at the home of Phyllis Stoddart. In attendance were Phyllis Stoddart, Marlene Sapa, Barb Emery, and Phyllis Oxentenکو.

Two offices for the new year have been filled. Susan Riedinger volunteered to be the treasurer and Laurie Sheldon volunteered to be the newsletter editor. We need a volunteer for vice president.

Our May meeting will be a hands-on project, strip piecing with Jenny Yearous.

The North Dakota State Guild asked for a \$50 donation from our guild to be used for the State Fair, certified judges, prizes, ribbons.

We still need a committee for the Christmas Party.



WANTED

Guild member to volunteer for the office of Vice President.

Thank you to Susan Riedinger who volunteered to be the treasurer and Laurie Sheldon who volunteered to be the newsletter editor.

If you have any questions about the offices, please contact Phyllis Stoddart.

Upcoming Events

July 23-31

North Dakota State Fair, Minot, ND
www.ndstatefair.com

TOP TIP TAKING CARE OF STRONG ODORS

There are several methods to remove odors from quilts or tops. If the odors are mild, hang the quilt outdoors, keeping it in the shade so sunlight does not affect it, and allow the breezes to clear the odor. If you do not have a place to hang the quilt, try placing a sheet on the ground (again, in the shade) and spread the quilt on top. Use weights in the corners to keep it flat.

Stronger odors can be eliminated by the following methods:

- Place the quilt in a container with a tight fitting lid. Wrap charcoal briquettes in a loose-weave fabric, such as cheesecloth, and place it in the container. Put the lid on and let it sit for 1-3 days. The charcoal should absorb the odors.
- Use the previous method, but instead of charcoal, use a bar of Irish Spring soap.
- Spread the quilt on a floor, using a sheet under it for protection. Generously sprinkle baking soda over the quilt. Roll up the quilt in the sheet and let it sit overnight. Shake out the quilt (preferably outdoors!) and put it through an air cycle in your dryer.
- Some have suggested using a spray product such as Febreze, but note that some people are very allergic to the ingredients in these products and pets can be allergic as well. A home-remedy spray can be made with 1 capful of liquid fabric softener, 1 ½ cups water and 1 cup (cheap) vodka. Vodka is known to remove odors. I would test this on another fabric first. There is no odor from the vodka.
- Place the quilt in a dryer with dryer sheets, running it on just air without heat.

Information from *Machine Quilting Unlimited E-News* newsletter, May 2010. www.mqumag.com

May Program

This method is a great way to use up scraps from every other project you have done. It doesn't matter if your fabric is ugly, coordinates, matches or even looks good together. When you put enough colors together it all goes together and looks great! Also, this type of project is one you can work on whenever you have time and never have to worry about where you left off or how things go together. I like it because sometimes, you want to just sew and not have to think about it!

Supplies

Sewing Machine - all you need is straight stitching so your feather-weight is great for this

USED dryer sheets – new ones stink too much. They come out of the dryer wrinkled so a quick press is helpful. Use the polyester setting.

Fabric scraps (please no yardage) anything larger than ¾" wide

Thread – good way to use up partial spools and bobbins

Rotary cutting supplies: A fresh blade.

A 6" square or a 6 x 12" ruler depending on the finished size of your block is really useful

A revolving cutting mat is nice too.



Block of the Month - Block 8 Memory (Clara Stone)

If you are interested in making this block, you will find the instructions on the web site at:

<http://www.missourivalleyquilters.com/events.htm>

Area Classes . . .

Classes at Sewing Machines Plus:

Coffee quilt wallhanging with Melinda - This wallhanging will be made over a period of three sessions - June 7, July 12, and August 9 (6:30 to 9:00 pm). The design is a collaboration with Melinda and a friend.

The class schedule for Bismarck Sewing and Quilting can be viewed on their website at www.bismarcksewingandquilting.com.

Stop in at the Quilt Haus to check on their class schedule.

Upcoming Guild Programs

May - Strip piecing with Jenny Yearous - Hands-on project.

June - Art quilt - Hands-on project.

August - Summer pot luck and show of summer projects.

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Next Meeting – May 20, 2010

Meeting time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: House of Prayer Church

Hostesses: Sisters in Stitches

