

Prairie Patchworker's Quilt Guild

Thursday, February 4, 2011

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January has definitely not been very good weather but it's been perfect quilting weather. Well, and quilt we did at our first annual quilting rereat. It was amazing. We had 18 members attend and the only thing that thre seemed to be too much of was food. The only thing we seemed short of was time. I do believe that everyone had a wonderful time. Half of us gathered at 1pm and spent the afternoon quilting. Then around 5 the rest came. We were treated to a wonderful supper from the BV along with a game that had us running around getting to know each other in a different way. At 7:30 we headed over to Haus of Stitches where Wendy treated us to some new gadgets that she is learning about. We then proceeded to do some shopping (of course, that's the best part of a quilt store!). Then we spent the rest of the evening quilting, laughing and chatting. Six of us slept overnight and were treated to a wonderful breakfast from Deb at 9am. Saturday we again continued to quilt with quite a few games thrown in throughout the day. Strip poker seemed to be the most popular and the most noisy I might add. Lunch and supper were again brought to us by the BV.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 11 & 12 - Thread Art with Bernice
- April 2 & 3 - Watson Quilt Show
- April 7 - Trash or Treasures Sale
- April 8 (pm) & 9 - Sunburst Table Runner Workshop with Irene
- April 8 - Friday - Tisdale Quilt Show
- May 26 - June 5, SK Stitches Conf, - Muenster

Things To Be Working On:

- Box Top Challenge - We are asking everyone to hang onto their challenges so that we can put them in our 2012 quilt show.
- Fabric Challenge - A lot of beautiful star blocks are coming in. Please keep them coming. Maybe we can make 2 quilts
- Mystery Quilt
- Pillowcases - This will continue to be an ongoing project so if you do some, please bring them to show at a meeting and they will be sent to the women's shelter

Sadly all the fun ended around 9:30 Sat. night and I know I felt a little lost for awhile after that without all the sounds of sewing machines, chatting and laughing. The best part of it was that we will do it again next year. We are limited to 22 people so everyone will have to make sure they sign up in time as you really do not want to miss it.

Our special even for February is the Thread Art workshop on Feb. 11 (7-9pm) & Feb. 12 (9-4) with Bernice. Please remember to sign up for this and if you can, please bring payment for it at our meeting. I am looking for someone who will be attending, to be in charge of setting up tables and ordering in the pizza lunch and collecting money for that. Please let me know if you can do that.

Please remember to bring the CQA magazine to our meeting to pass on to the next person on the list and as we ll, you can always read it and past issues at the library. current issues must sty in the library but past can be checked out.

Have a wonderful onth and Happy Valentines Day.
Beverley

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1. When you haven't quite got the exact match for your thread, do you choose the darker thread or the lighter thread?
2. What is the complementary color for Blue? Violet, Green or Orange?
3. How can you stop your fabric from fraying whilst washing? Do you run a stitch around the edge before washing, pin the edges down before washing, or cut off the corners before washing?
4. When piecing half square triangles (HST) do you add 1/2", 5/8" or 7/8"?
5. When commencing to free motion quilt how do you anchor your threads. Do you double back over them, take them to the back of your work, or bring them both to the top of your work?
6. Should you cut batting on your cutting board?
7. What size stitch should you use when foundation piecing.
8. If you don't wish to mark your quilt no matter what, but you do need some guide lines for your gridding. How can you achieve this?
9. When piecing two seams together is it best to pin before the seam, right on the seam, or after the seam?
10. You have just attended a fantastic quilt class and you would love to share all the new knowledge with your friends from your home quilt group. You photocopy the notes and hand them out. Have you breached copyright law?
11. When sewing needleturn appliqué, do you match the background fabric or the fabric piece that is being appliquéd?

Watch for next month's newsletter for the answers to the above quiz.



Quilt shops that support our Guild:

- Haus of Stitches - Humboldt
- Creative House - Saskatoon
- Prairie Chicks - Hague
- Harmony Handdyes - Tisdale
- The Quilt Patch - Moose Jaw

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