

Prairie Patch Quilt Guild

Thursday, May 5, 2011

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Upcoming Events

- May 5—guild meeting and Haven will demo “Off Centre Flying Geese”,
- May 26 to June 5, Saskatchewan Stitches Conference, Muenster.
- June 2nd—Guild Meeting and supper @ 6:30.

Don't Forget

- Wednesday quilting is cancelled for now
- Show & Share
- Reid Thompson Library holds our guild quilting books and they can be taken out any time. A copy of the CQA magazine is also there.
- CQA magazine to be brought to the mtg. To be passed around.

Things To Be Working On

- Box Top Challenge
- Fabric Challenge
- Mystery Quilt

FYI

Barb Pavelick has offered to take scissors to a business in Bruno to have them sharpened. If interested, please speak to her.

Welcome everyone. So far it seems like we have had a beautiful spring and maybe some of the land will be starting to dry up. Hopefully seeding can happen soon. I lived for 25 years in London, Ontario and life for the population there seemed to revolve around strikes and layoffs with the car companies and other manufacturing. When I moved here in 1988 I quickly discovered that here, life revolves around seeding and harvest. I have appreciated this aspect of life so much as without our food we couldn't survive. But the other part of this is it brings us closer to the land and nature and I have loved that. As well, raising kids here was a wonderful experience because they knew where their food source came from. The one thing I know for certainty that as much as I love my family, I will never move back to Ontario! OK, so what does this have to do with quilting? Well, actually it doesn't really except for the seeding and harvest. I think quilters at heart are farmers, whether we actually farm the land or not. We are farmers of fabric. Huhhhh??? You ask. Well, I think all of us can admit that we do a lot of seeding. When we are planning a quilt we gather all our pieces of fabric (seed) around us and then start cutting and sewing (sowing). Then after some time, voila, we have a harvest which is our quilt. Sometimes, depending on the quilt and our time availability it is a long growing season until we harvest the quilt and sometimes it is a short growing season. Now, like a farmer, we must be clever and wise. We must save our money for a “rainy day” so that we can purchase all that seed so that we can start the seeding process when the time is right. This of course would be our stash. And we don't want to purchase seed that is not of top quality, we need to purchase good

seed that will give us a top quality quilt. Our thread is like our fertilizer and it too must be of top quality. I also know that a clever and wise farmer will always be learning and growing as new products and farming techniques become available. This is of course what quilters like to do as well. Now, again, a clever and wise farmer will always share a wee bit of his bounty (garden produce, Food Grains Bank) because that is a kind and generous thing to do and humanity can only work well if we share (kindergarten rule #1). We as quilters share by doing a lot of charity work and giving our quilts to family and friends. Now, recently, over the past several years, I must admit that I have been the type of farmer who purchases a lot of seed in the form of kits but has not been doing much sowing at all. I have had very, very poor harvests. My daughter is leaving home in September and my aim is to take the time to be a more wise farmer and sow all those seeds and have a large harvest that I can then share with the ones I love and those in need.

Please remember your money for the June supper. Cost is \$12.00/person.

Time is running out to sign up for Sask. Stitches Conference so see Haus of Stitches if you are interested.

At our June meeting we need all the Fabric Challenge blocks. It would also be great to have all Box Top Challenges finished and Mystery Quilt tops. Please bring them and even if you brought them earlier, bring them again so that we can get pictures. Then try to save them for next year's show.

Happy Quilting

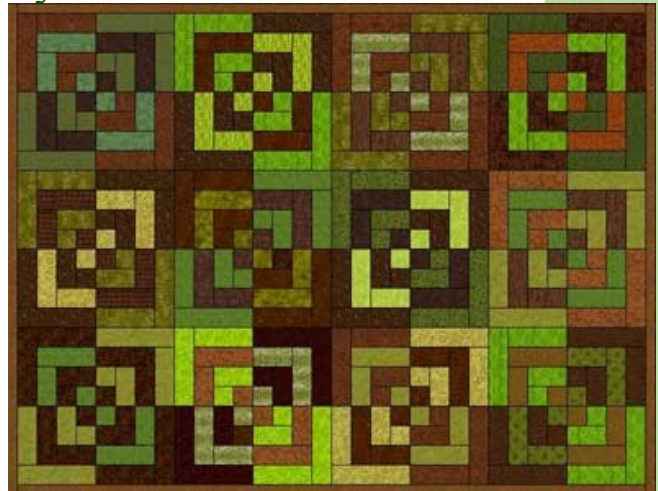
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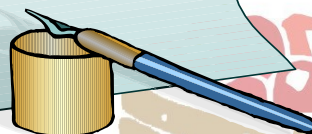
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Fun with Jelly Rolls



Birthday Celebrations

Linda P.—May 1
Tracy H.—May 3
Carol J.—May 10
Bev L.—May 12
Beverley H.—May 28
Barb P.—May 28



Quilt Shops That Support Our Guild

- Haus of Stitches—Humboldt
- Prairie Chicks Quilting and Scrap-booking—Hague
- Creative House—Saskatoon

Executive

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