



NEWSLETTER

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MYSTERY QUILT

First I want to thank all of the MQ members for being patient with me. I know that I'm sending directions late, and I appreciate the support and understanding I have been receiving from all of you.

The instructions for Month 1 will be sent out very soon, so you hopefully won't have to wait in anticipation for much longer. Additionally, I'm going to try to get the Month 2 instructions sent out on time.

I also want to thank Pat Clark for reviewing the picture of the finished quilt. She said that this was a good mystery quilt because picking out fabrics would be challenging for advanced quilters, but it would be easy enough to piece for beginners. Pat also liked how the mystery quilt is tessellated. Thanks again Pat!

Donald

ODDS AND ENDS

My fiction choices for this month are *The Grace Kelly Dress* by Brenda Janowitz, the *Aupair* by Emma Rouss and a very old one *The Family Tree* by Barbara Delinsky.

Wishing all of you happiness, and renewed energy to quilt and learn new things in the coming year.

Till then,
Mary

PROGRAM NEWS 2022-2023

All programs are offered by Zoom unless stated otherwise. Email Carolyn Boice at TiggerTurtle313@msn.com with any questions. Fall workshop information is posted on the website, spring will be shortly.

ON ANOTHER NOTE – I WOULD LIKE TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT THE 5 QUILTS FROM THE TWIN QUILT PROJECT ARE ALL BACK IN MY POSSESSION. I WILL REACH OUT TO THE SHELTER AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DONATE THEM.

SAT DECEMBER 17, 2022 – Unfortunately due to bad weather conditions our wonderful gathering had to be cancelled. I know many of us were looking forward to seeing each other. Hopefully, we will be able to do so in June when the weather is better.

SAT JANUARY 21, 2023 – Community Sew; Willow and I have been hard at work planning for our January project. We hope to bring you something fun to do with us during the cold month of January from the warmth of your home – see below:

The guild is inviting everyone to join together in January after our monthly meeting for a Zoom Community Sew. We are planning a Wonky Log Cabin Round Robin Quilt as you Go - the more the merrier.

Preparations for a wonderful smooth get “together” include getting the following set up ahead of time:

- 1. Pick a backing fabric for your quilt, you want something for a finished 30“x36”.
- 2. Cut batting to match backing size.
- 3. Baste or use a temporary spray adhesive to put your batting and backing together.
- 4. Pick a center, could be a panel, could be a chunk of your favorite fabric or color, or even an old block you made that you don’t know what to do with. We are not requiring any specific size but keep in mind your finished size when selecting yours.
- 5. Pull out your scraps, looking to have pieces between 2” and 5” in width and 40” long. If your strips aren’t long enough, sew some together so that they are at least 40”. This will make participating in the round robin easier for you during class.
- 6. Once you have the strips divide them into 6 piles and place each pile in a bag. Feel free to divide them randomly, by color, by width or anyway you choose to do so. Label your bags 1-6.
- 7. Count down till our sew day. Any questions please reach out to Willow or myself. When we are done the quilts will be donated to the Mountain Valley Manor Adult Home in Kingston.

SAT FEBRUARY 18, 2023 RESCHEDULED:

At 11 am we will have our lecture from Karen Brow-Meier: Zoom Presentation “*SMUGGLE Principles*” where Karen will discuss the seven design elements which make a quilt sing.

www.javahousequilts.com

Member Led Workshops; I have a couple of takers but need some more. It will once again be by Zoom. Dates and times to follow as I organize with instructors. If you are interested in teaching or have something you would like to see from one of our members please let me know soon, time moves quickly. Because we are on Zoom don’t forget you can teach when it works for you, so if you aren’t available on the day of our meeting don’t let that stop you from participating.

PROGRAM NEWS 2022-2023, continued

SAT MARCH 18, 2023 – Jennifer Houlden – Zoom presentation “*Creating Contrast in your Quilts*” where Jen will talk about how one of the key ingredients to great work is contrast and using fabric with different values, textures, patterns are the first steps to gaining that contrast. She talks of embellishments and other ways to create dimension within your piece and the role of design. Everything adds levels to your quilt to get that WOW factor.

We will follow her presentation with her workshop “Mini Bargello Sunflower” part 1 (12:30pm-4:30pm). She spends the first part of the workshop working with the participants on color and fabric selection then we move into creating this beautiful piece.

Workshop cost is \$30 members, \$35 non-members.

www.quiltsbyjen.ca

SAT MARCH 25, 2023 – *Part 2 (12:30pm-3:30pm) of the Mini Bargello Sunflower* where we get to continue with Jen and working with finishing tips and techniques to make this beautiful sunflower come to life.

SAT APRIL 15, 2023 – Shelley Cavanna of Cora’s Quilts – Zoom presentation “*Spectacular Stars Simplified*” where Shelley talks about how she has simplified the intricate-looking traditional design by breaking it into easy-to-piece units, without a set-in seam or bias edge in sight. You won’t be using templates or cutting angled pieces from strip sets either. Instead, each of the eight designs begins with familiar stitch-and-flip units that are then sewn into blocks. Yes, blocks! From there, arrange blocks to create a variety of stellar designs that even a novice can complete with ease. If you can stitch on a marked line, you’re ready to make these heavenly quilts!

For our workshop we will be working with the Dandelion Quilt using this method, pattern book is required which I have ordered and will have with me at Decembers in person meeting if anyone wants to look at it. Workshop cost is \$25 for members/\$30 for non-members.

www.corasquilts.com

SAT MAY 20, 2023 – MJ Kinman -- Lecture: *Gems & Joy: The diamond quilts of MJ Kinman*

The most beautiful gemstone captures light and reflects it back to us with unique brilliance, revealing its fiery personality. These are the divas and the drama queens of the gem world. Every one of them has a story to tell...just like people. This slide lecture and trunk show chronicle her story – My 20-year adventure in learning how to create the biggest diamonds in the world in cloth.

www.mjkinman.com

Workshop: The Hope Diamond and Evelyn Walsh McLean with MJ Kinman -- The 18” pattern, inspired by the legendary Hope Diamond, is perfect for the confident beginner. I describe the technique they will learn as traditional piecing using freezer paper as a template. If students can put two pieces of fabric together with a quarter-inch seam allowance, they’ll be able to successfully finish this large block. Workshop cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

SAT JUNE 17, 2023 – End of the year -- Still working on details, more to follow.

Carolyn Boice

MINIATURE HISTORICAL QUILT GROUP

The Miniature Historical Quilt Group will start 2023 off on Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 am with a lecture by Donald on Charlotte Perkins Gilman. The quilt to accompany her is Feed Sack Flower Garden in American Doll Quilts.

A reminder, that we always met the second Saturday of the month (week before the guild meeting) unless otherwise noted. Our purpose is to discuss women who made a contribution to American society but their accomplishments have been lost to time and history. You will receive a reminder notice from me mid-week and the Zoom link from Pat on Friday.

In February, I will be discussing a famous woman reporter who changed how the news was reported. Her quilt is the Game Board Quilt in Prairie Children.

In March, we will discuss a woman who fought as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Her quilt is Star Medallion in American Doll Quilts.

In April, a discussion about the life of a very famous author, who in recent years has been defamed. Her quilt is Prairie Quilt in American Quilts.

May and June topics will be sent at a later date.

As always, if you wish to join our history, miniature quilt making group, please contact Pat or Ellen with your name and email. All are welcome!

Finally, it is with much sadness that I report the passing of a member of our group, Faye Mihill. She will be missed by the Wiltwyck community.

Hope to see you all January 14th!

Ellen

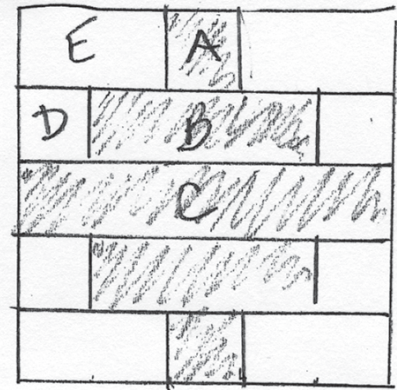
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please send all articles to be placed in the newsletter by the Friday following the meeting. This will give me time to get the newsletter done before the deadline. Either send your article via email to jf.wiltwyckguildnewsletter@gmail.com or snailmail it to me at **J. Ferrara, 165 Lily Lake Road, Highland, NY 12528. Please use a universal format, or write directly into your email.**

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

December 2022 & January 2023 **FLURRIES**

We will make a 10 1/2" pieced unfinished block. The block comes from Quilters World, Winter, 2020. The quilt was named "Flurries" and it appeared on pp.62-64. It was designed by Tricia Lynn Maloney. All seams are 1/4"

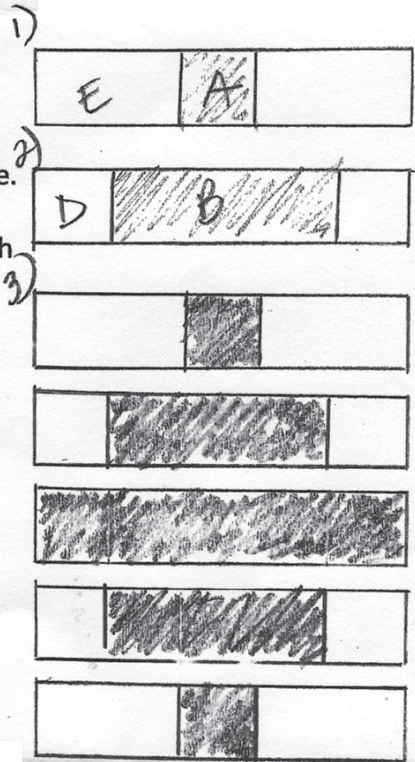


READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING AND MAKE A PRACTICE BLOCK FIRST.

- Fabrics** 1) Blue and white print: two 2 1/2" A squares; two 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" B rectangles and one 2 1/2" x 10 1/2" C rectangle
 2) White solid: four 2 1/2" D squares, four 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" E rectangles

Completing the block:

- 1) Sew an E rectangle to each side of an A square as shown. Press to the blue print. Repeat to make two matching A-E units.
- 2) Sew a D square to each side of a B rectangle as shown. Press to the blue. Repeat to make 2 matching B-D units.
- 3) Referring to the block diagram, sew a A-E unit to a B-D unit. Repeat with other pair of A-E and B-D units. Sew the units together as in the diagram with C rectangle in the middle. Press all four seams in one direction.
- 4) Square up to 10 1/2" and sign your name in the seam allowance.



Since we will not be meeting in person, mail to:

Mary McLaughlin, 212 Dogwood Lane, Kingston, NY 12401

This block is SUPER, SUPER EASY!!!! The winner will also receive RED fabric for the cornerstone squares

The winner of the September/October Block of the Month was Jackie Myers

The winner of the November Block of the Month was Shirley Swenson

Mary McLaughlin