

Guild Guide 2010

Heber Valley Quilters

Mission Statement

To provide a forum for local quilters of every level of interest to meet together on a monthly basis to promote the art of quilting, and:

- Learn new quilting techniques.
- Teach quilting and related sewing skills to one another.
- Show and tell current projects and ideas; also provide encouragement and support for each other.
- Provide opportunities for charity service to our community.
- HAVE FUN!

A Time & A Season for Quilting

New guild president, Tricia Mathis, has chosen for her theme this year, "A Time and A Season for Quilting."

Tricia has designed quilts for the four seasons. The first pattern, "Spring" will be provided for all guild members at January's kickoff meeting. Additional patterns for Summer, Autumn and Winter will be given out quarterly.

Tricia will also be issuing a fun monthly challenge using free patterns from Better Homes and Gardens website: www.allpeoplequilt.com. Each month, a pattern for a small project ("Timely Treasure") such as a pincushion, needle case, pillow, bag, apron, etc. will be attached to the guild Newsletter. Bring your finished project to guild meeting the following month for Sew & Tell.

Some other activities for the year will include a guild Retreat in April at the Zermatt Hotel, several fun charity quilt projects, and ongoing groups: Friendship Block, Round Robin, Design Challenge, and Finishing Bee. Birthday girls will receive a beautiful "Timely" prize at guild meeting during their birthday month.

One of our invited guests this Spring is Jill Finley, a pattern and fabric designer from Alpine, Utah.

The guild will participate in a quilt show celebrating National Quilt Day in March, and is excited to support the UQG Quilt Festival coming to Midway this Fall.



It looks like a fun and busy "Season" of quilting ahead!

Friendship Group

Cat Beckstead heads our Friendship and Round Robin Exchange Groups.

The **Friendship Block Exchange Group** is a great way to try a lot of different patterns, increase your quilting skills, and to have fun making new friends along the way!

Each participant will complete one block for each of the other members of your Friendship group. The first person on the list will provide a pattern and detailed instructions for everyone in the group, and participants will have until the following guild meeting to finish the block. Each person in the group will have a turn.

At the end of the swap you will have as many blocks as there are people in your group. Maybe enough blocks for a wall hanging or small quilt, depending on the size of your block. Or, you may use the friendship blocks to supplement an existing quilt or project. Or, if you already have enough projects of your own, and are not sure you want to join a Friendship group, sign up anyway, and select a simple block design. Complete your

quilt and donate it to a charity.

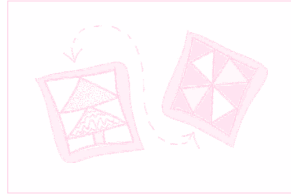
First, decide on a block you would like to have made. KEEP IT SIMPLE! Choose something that any level of quilter can make. No appliqué unless the group as a whole decides differently. Obtain or design a pattern. There are many websites that offer free quilt block patterns.

Next, determine your color and fabric choices. Provide clear and detailed instructions. If you prefer a specific

fabric, you may wish to supply it along with your instructions. Make a sample of the block to clarify color and placement, etc.

You will return your completed blocks to Cat who will hold everyone's blocks until the exchange is over. Be sure to pin a label with your name on each block you make. The due date for all blocks in this exchange is March of 2010. Once the exchange is over, Cat will then distribute blocks to those who completed everyone else's blocks.

And finally, enjoy the process! Remember this is a Friendship exchange—with a focus on the "Friendship." Have Fun!



Optional
Groups and
Activities to
Participate in:



Round Robin

Round Robin Exchange Group is an exciting and challenging adventure. You supply the center block, and three or four other quilters in your group will each take a turn designing and adding a border to your block, then rotating it to someone else the following month and so on. When it is returned, your initial block will have become a beautiful wall hanging or table topper.

For examples of finished Round Robin Exchanges, and to see just how creative our guild members can be with each border, please visit our blog:

<http://hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com/search?q=round+robin>

We're on the web!

www.hebervalleyquilters.com

hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com

Finishing Bee

Bethany May heads up our **FINISHING BEE**, a fun support group to inspire and motivate us to finish those UFOs (Un-Finished Objects).

Here are the guidelines:

- To join, contribute one fat quarter to the pool.
- Make a list of **TEN** projects in the order that you want to work on them. These can be works in progress, or new projects (write "New Project" on your list), one per month.
- Return your Project List to Bethany by February's guild meeting, keeping a copy for yourself as a reminder.
- Your first finished project is also due at guild meeting in

February for "Sew & Tell". For each project completed, your name will be placed in a drawing for the fat quarters.

- For accountability, you will need to check in with Bethany each month to show her your completed project.
- Everyone will receive one **FREE BEE** at February's guild meeting, to use if you can't get one of your projects done. If you have not used your **FREE BEE** by the end of the year, return it for another chance in the drawing.
- If you don't complete a listed project on time and have used up your **FREE BEE**, that's a "BUMBLE" BEE!

The penalty is to contribute another fat quarter to the kitty. Please pin your name to these so Bethany can keep track.

- The final drawing for the Fat Quarter bundles will be held at the Christmas Social in December.

Set attainable goals. If your project will take longer than one month to complete, spread the steps out over two or three months (such as piecing, quilting, binding), or whatever seems a reasonable amount of time to get your project done.

For any other questions regarding this group, call Bethany at (435) 512-4971 or email: jayandbethany@hotmail.com

Transform
your UFOs
from clutter that
only gathers dust
into treasures
that gather
memories.

Design Challenge

Each year since 2002, Shantelle Cox has presented the guild with a Design Challenge. These are challenges that test our creativity and build our friendships.

They are unique and fun, and always challenging! One year we

each designed a quilt using inspiration from a candy bar. On another occasion, we attended "Charm School" for several months, exchanging charm squares. One year's challenge was designing a quilt based on the observation,

"Everything I need to know, I learned in Quilt Guild."

Another year had us using "Elements" of design such as Earth, Water, Fire and Air.

Check the guild website to be inspired by these wonderful Design Challenge creations.

Subscription Fundraiser

The guild has a unique opportunity to raise a little extra money for our guild and to have a great magazine come to your home for a year. As a bonus, you will also receive two gift booklets and two spools of thread for new subscriptions or renewals through this program.

The cost is \$20. \$5 stays with the guild. Purchase subscriptions or renewals for yourself, family or

friends and they can be shipped anywhere in the US. If you are renewing, your current subscription will continue uninterrupted.

Subscription sheets will be available at guild meetings. Make your check payable to Heber Valley Quilters. Your first issue will arrive in six to eight weeks. See Shantelle for details. 657-0581, princessquiltalot@msn.com



Charity Projects

Take time
to give a
helping hand

Debbie Proctor serves at the Charity Quilt Committee Chairperson. This year, guild members will be given the opportunity to help with quarterly quilting projects that will benefit those in need in our community.

The first project she has planned for us includes helping the local High School FFA group make forty quilts for Project Linus. The FFA paid for all the supplies, and they are enlisting our help to prepare the quilts. We will sew the quilt top to the backing, right sides together, leaving an opening for turning. Lay the quilt on the batting, and stitch around again. Turn the quilt inside-out and top stitch around the quilt 1/4", enclosing your opening, all ready for the FFA kids to put on a frame and tie. Kits passed out at January's guild meeting, will be returned by February's guild meeting.

Your service may qualify for a Day at Disney. See this website for details:

www.GiveADayGetADisneyDay.com

Debbie has planned several charity quilt projects, hoping to have enough of a variety that everyone will find a favorite. The only cost to you will be a little of your time.

Our service can really make a difference in someone's life, one quilt at a time. And, though we know that our guild members don't need a prize for giving service, those participating in the charity projects will be able to enter their name in a quarterly drawing.

We are still in need of more volunteers to serve on the Charity Quilt Committee. Please let Debbie know if you are able to help. Thank you in advance for your wonderful service!

Guild Retreat

Heber Valley Quilters look forward each year to a guild retreat. There is nothing like putting aside a day or two or even three to relax and sew. Of course there is plenty of laughter to go around, always plenty to eat, and a lot of quilting. What could be better than that? Oh yes, plenty of friends to enjoy it with.

Past retreats have included a mystery quilt usually taught by Cat Beckstead, lots of door prizes, games, favors, movies, a moose out the window, snow on the ground, very little sleep (too busy quilting!) and tons of fun. Plan now to take some time for yourself this coming Spring.

Timely Tip of the Month

Serving as Vice President this year, one of Rachel Crane's assignments is to organize a "Timely Tip of the Month." Members of the guild will have the opportunity to share their favorite

"Timely" tip. This may be a cool tool, a quilting tip or trick or short demonstration of a quick, easy, handy technique that makes your quilting experience more organized and enjoyable.

If you have a tip, trick or idea that you would like to share, please let Rachel know, or sign the list at January's guild meeting.

Queen Bee

A member of the guild will take the spotlight each month as Queen Bee. The previous month's Queen Bee will select someone from the membership list that she would like to get to know a little better. She will find out a bit about that person, then give a brief report at guild meeting the following month. The new Queen Bee will be able to bring a sampling of her work to share as a small trunk show.

Who will be the next Queen Bee?

Time for "Sew & Tell"

One of the highlights of guild meeting is "Sew & Tell." Guild members will bring projects and quilts that they have been working on to show to the group, and tell it's story.

It is a time to admire and dream, a time for motivation and inspiration, a time to receive some recognition for your efforts.

Who can better appreciate the dedication, endurance, patience and commitment it takes to create a beautiful quilt, than a room full of quilters and friends to cheer you on?

Come and "Sew" us your stuff!

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HVQ in Cyberspace

E-Mail

Communication to guild members will require an e-mail address. Guild Meeting reminders and other guild-related communication will always come via email from our Communication Coordinator. You may in turn send an e-mail to the guild:

hgbervallgyquilters@yahoo.com

Guild Blog

The guild blog serves as a living scrapbook of our guild activities for the past two years. It also includes links to local quilt shops and machine quilting businesses, all of which have membership in the guild. Browse through older posts to get to know our members and get inspired by their wonderful creativity. Bookmark this site and visit often.

hgbervallgyquilters.blogspot.com

Guild Website

The guild website is a permanent home for newsletter archives, slideshows of past years' Design Challenges, the Guild Guide for Members, a yearly calendar of events, and more. The look of the website will change with the seasons. After all, it is

"A Time & A Season for Quilting."

www.hgbervallgyquilters.com

Newsletters

Membership in Heber Valley Quilters will give access to a monthly newsletter, posted on the website each month a week prior to guild meeting.

Members current on their dues may log in each month to receive a pattern for a "Timely Treasure," see announcements, reviews, a private membership listing and more.

www.hgbervallgyquilters.com/newsletters.php

HVQ Organization

2010 OFFICERS

<i>President:</i>	Tricia Mathis	<i>Charity Quilt Chairperson:</i>	Debra Proctor
<i>President-Elect/Vice President:</i>	Rachel Crane	<i>Communication Coordinator/Blogmistress:</i>	Natalia Bonner
<i>Secretary/Treasurer:</i>	Beth Wegner	<i>Design Challenge Coordinator:</i>	Shantelle Cox
<i>Historian/Newsletter/Webmistress:</i>	Deonn Stott	<i>Friendship/Round Robin Coordinator:</i>	Cat Beckstead
		<i>Finishing Bee Coordinator:</i>	Bethany May

Utah Quilt Guild Membership

Heber Valley Quilters is a charter chapter of the Utah Quilt Guild www.utahquiltguild.org. We would encourage you to join this statewide guild. Our own Barbara Murdock, former UQG president, is heading up this year's Quilt Festival, to be held at the Zermatt Resort October 5th ~ 9th. We will have the opportunity as a guild to supply volunteers, help with the quilt show, and be a great support to Barbara as quilters from around the state and beyond gather for this annual festival. Wendy Jones wjones1968@msn.com is our area representative. One of the charities for UQG is to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. Buy a pink fat quarter from Wendy, make a block using that fabric, and it will be used to make a quilt which will then be auctioned at Quilt Fest.

Quilted Nametags

Make a quilted nametag to wear at guild functions.

- Sew your favorite block in any size up to 5".
- Stitch a 1-1/2" strip of muslin or white fabric to one side of the block.
- Embroider or write your name with a Pigma Pen on the strip.
- Cut a piece of batting and backing to the size needed.
- Lay right sides together and stitch around block, leaving an opening for turning.

- Turn the nametag right side out, and hand-stitch the opening closed.
- Attach a pin to the back.

You have just made your very own miniature quilt to wear with pride! Wear it to guild meeting and you are eligible for monthly door prizes!



Guild Membership

Membership in the Heber Valley Quilters Guild renews annually, beginning in January each year.

Join us for our monthly guild meetings held on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month
7:00 pm. To 9:00 pm.

Meetings are held in the Community Room at:
AMBank Building
620 West 100 South
Heber City, Utah
See you there!



Annual Membership Dues: \$25 payable prior to February's guild meeting. Members will receive monthly newsletters and other guild publications such as block of the month patterns. Those who join during the year will have their dues prorated, unless they wish to receive all that year's previous newsletters and publications. In such case, they will pay the usual annual membership dues amount.

Guests are welcome to attend one complimentary guild meeting prior to becoming a guild member. Subsequent attendance fee: **\$5** for each meeting attended thereafter without joining the guild as a member.

We hope you will join us—join in the fun!