



Quilting Bees

A Letter from our President, Sherron Watson

I can't believe that January is already here! This past year has zipped by. I am very excited to have the opportunity to be President this year. I will have big shoes to follow; the past presidents have all done a fantastic job.

This year our theme will be **Quilting Bees**. Each month I want us to learn and focus on a new idea/technique that will help us to think outside the box and explore different aspects of quilting. Some of our Bees are: *Bee Adventurous*, *Bee Creative* or *Bee Daring* to name just a few. I am excited to have some new quilters from our guild teaching us in an area that interests them.

Kay Evans will be visiting us in July. I have asked her to bring her trunk show of friendship quilts. Since the last time she was here she has added some new ones. She will also be sharing with us some ideas on how to take an existing quilt pattern and customize it to your liking.

January's meeting is our time to outline the year, announce any changes, introduce the board and to *Bee Informed*. (I can't help it... the bee's are too much fun).

In December we introduced our project for the year. Cat, Shantelle and I have designed a quilt that represents parts of the Heber Valley. In January you will receive your first row of instructions, along with the picture and folder to hold your pattern pieces. If you missed the chance to sign up in December, we will have extra patterns available in January.

Our economy in the past has often times shaped the style and type of quilting that

has been demonstrated through the generations. As quilters we are very resourceful when it comes to producing a quilt, whether it's for our own purposes or to be



Cat Beckstead, Shantelle Cox, Sherron Watson

used as a gift. With this in mind, I may not be producing many new quilts this year, but I hope to finish up many of my UFOs. Our newest quilting group to the guild will be the *Finishing Bees*. Bethany May will be leading this group of quilters and she will tell us more about it in January.

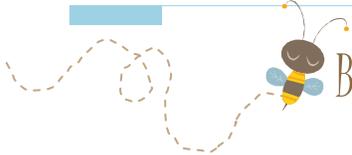
Being a part of the Heber Valley Quilters has increased my knowledge, my abilities and my confidence. This is largely attributed to all of the great ladies that come and participate each month and share their wonderful projects!

I hope that we continue to strive for friendship, inspiration and fun as we meet.

Sherron



Heber Valley Row Quilt 2009



Bee Informed—January Guild Meeting

Kickoff 2009

January's guild meeting, will, as always, introduce a TON of information to guild members. We have come to expect this, but for brand new members, a year's worth of wonderful plans and ideas can be overwhelming! To help as we begin our quilting journey with the Heber Valley Quilters in 2009, here are some tips:

- Bring your checkbook

As a special bonus this year, we have the opportunity to participate in a guild quilt project, as shown on the cover page. Several of our upcoming guild meetings will feature methods used in the row quilt (Paper-piecing, Bargello construction, etc.). The pattern cost is \$12.

Also, annual membership dues of \$25 are due in January. Sherron has a special prize for those who pay dues at guild meeting. If you want to receive any future newsletters, guild correspondence or blog notices, be sure to pay your dues BEFORE the February guild meeting. If you are unsure whether to join the guild, attendance is \$5 per meeting after your first visit.

- Participate

There will be many projects and groups for you to participate in: *Friendship Bee, Round Robin Bee, Finishing Bee, Design Challenge Bee*, and so on. Keep it simple. Pick the groups you are interested in, and do NOT feel obligated to do EVERYTHING! That is the quickest way to become discouraged.

- Think of the guild as your personal support group

Quilters of every skill level make up our membership. Don't be afraid to ask questions. We are all here to learn together, and you will find that quilters are the nicest people and are more than willing to share their ideas and expertise. Guild is a wonderful place to learn new skills and make new friends. And "Bee" sure to check out our guild blog to meet some of the fun, creative ladies in our guild!

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<http://hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com>

A Look Ahead

February's guild meeting will feature Rachel Crane teaching us her favorite method of Foundation Paper-Piecing. Doesn't it sound nice to just "stitch on the dotted line?" More information next newsletter.

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 to get to know a little better, find out a bit about her life, other hobbies, etc., and tell about that person at guild meeting the following month.

Who will the next **Queen Bee** be?

Fabric...

Fabric. In all it's glorious colors, textures, flavors, shapes and sizes. It has the power to stop a quilter in their tracks. It could make you feel like dropping to your knees and thanking your lucky stars for it's mere existence. It keeps you warm and excites your passion in creativity. It challenges the mind to create. It calls to you in your sleep, showing you the billions of variations and permutations possible within its folds.

"Come, design, create... I am here. I am fabric."

HVQ Guild Mission Statement

TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR LOCAL QUILTERS OF EVERY ABILITY
AND SKILL LEVEL TO MEET TOGETHER ON A MONTHLY BASIS
TO PROMOTE THE ART OF QUILTMaking AND:

- Learn new quilting techniques.
- Teach quilting and related sewing skills to one another.
 - Share current projects and ideas (“Sew” & Tell); provide encouragement and support for each other.
- Provide opportunities for charity service to our community.
 - HAVE FUN!



“Sew” & Tell

Each month at guild meeting there will be time allotted for Sew & Tell. Guild members may bring projects that they have been working on and show to the group.

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 other quilters to cheer you on? “Sew” us your stuff!

Quilted Nametag

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. This will be the place to embroider your Name, or use a Pigma Pen if you would like to write your name instead.

Cut a piece of batting and backing to the size needed. Lay right sides together and stitch around block, leaving an opening for turning.

Clip corners, turn right side out, hand-stitch the opening and attach a pin to the back. Your very own miniature quilt to wear with pride!



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Heber Valley Quilters
2009 Calendar

January 8

Bee Informed

February 5

Bee Precise

March 5

Bee Daring

April 2

Bee Different

May 7

Bee Challenged

**June 4—6

Bee with Friends

July 9

Bee Unique

August 6

Bee Adventurous

September 3

Bee Creative

**October 17

Bee Surprised

November 5

Bee Done

December 30

Bee Merry

**June = Guild Retreat
October = Mystery Quilt
at Cat's Cabin

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SUBSCRIPTION FUNDRAISER

Announcing 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.

 As a note of interest, last year around 25 people participated, and generated \$125 for our guild. Renew again this year when your subscriptions expire, and help with the fundraiser again! (Bee Helpful!)

Subscription sheets will be available at guild meetings. Make your check payable to Heber Valley Quilters for \$20. Your first issue will arrive in six to eight weeks. See Shantelle Cox for details, or call 657-0581.

Monthly Guild Meetings



Join us for our monthly
guild meetings held on the

FIRST THURSDAY

of each month

7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY ROOM

AMBank Building

620 West 100 South

Heber City, Utah

See you soon!

Next Meeting:

January 8th

Bee Informed

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Please Bring:

-  \$25 Annual Dues—Make check to HVQ
-  \$12 Heber Valley Row Quilt pattern
-  Sew & Tell items

Next Month:

February 5th

Bee Precise

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