



Quilting Bees

President's Message

Well I have done it again. I bought a quilting pattern, got it home, used a snippet of the original idea and then CHANGED THE WHOLE THING! What is wrong with me? Does anyone else have this problem? The really sad thing is that this time I have included one of my friends. She is new to quilting and we have been working very hard on getting her to finish one quilt...I have nick-named her the Kit Queen. In fact, yesterday she called to tell me she bought another kit AND that she likes some of it and needs to change most of it. So, apparently there is someone else out there who has my dilemma too.

Friends add a whole new element to quilting. Without some of my dearest quilting friends I would be sewing seams too big, using WalMart fabrics, not precutting and measuring my borders, never using a seam ripper (that's the truth...I never tore anything out), and best of all, encouraging me to do my very best work. I also would probably not own half the supplies I do if my friends did not enjoy spending my money in quilting stores.

My friends have also taught me to share my talent and abilities with others. Just this week I got a call from a new quilter requesting help with a specific pattern and this

morning I have a lady coming over to learn appliqué. I have mentioned before how much I enjoy new quilters. They have a desire to learn and an enthusiasm that is contagious. I don't claim to know it all, but I am not afraid to ask and find out the "hows" in life and quilting. This willingness to share and teach has been shown to me by so many of the ladies in the guild. The talent that we have among our friends is amazing. Thank You!

Quilting with friends can be very enjoyable. I am really looking forward to our retreat in June. I know that Shantelle and the other ladies in the guild are organizing the event and creating a weekend that we won't soon forget. I am personally thrilled to finally get the chance to go and spend some quality time with my sewing machine...I mean with friends. There are so many quilting events that take place around the state that it would not be as fun to attend unless you had a buddy to go with.

When I receive a quilted item from a quilting friend, it brightens my day. This is because I know the work, thought process, time and effort that go into making a project and finishing it. Then on top of all that, they give it away! So, what I am trying to say is

that my quilting friends are amazing, thoughtful, caring and fun ladies. Sorry men, I don't have any male quilters...YET. I am still working on my husband; he just does not see the need or have the desire.

I am looking forward to next week's meeting and the chance we will get to see how creative we all are. The Friendship Basket Design Challenge is a great idea. I finished mine and I feel a sense of accomplishment. Being given a block and then asked to create something new can be overwhelming at first. But for me, it challenges me to think outside the box and to take complete control.

One final note about friends: we will have a chance to revisit some of our past friends this month. Our guild has officially been in existence for ten years. In honor of this we have invited the past presidents to come and spend the evening with us. I have also asked them to bring their president's quilt to display. Without these quilting friends starting and keeping the guild running we would not have the monthly opportunities to get together and share our passion for all things quilting. So thank you Cat, Shantelle, Deonn, Kari, Michelle, Brenda and KayeDawn!

Sherron



DESIGN CHALLENGE QUILT SHOW & 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY ~ May 7, 2009 ~ 7:00 P.M.

AMBank COMMUNITY ROOM 620 West 100 South, Heber City

~ REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED ~

Queen Bee ~ Christy Watt

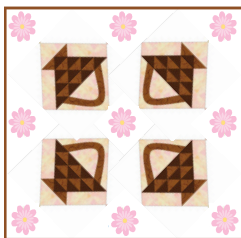
Christy was raised in Blackfoot, Idaho. Her husband Jason also grew up in Blackfoot, and they both attended BYU. He actually proposed to Christy at the Homestead Resort—who knew they would someday live here? Christy’s degree is in Dietetics, which took them to Chicago for an internship for a year. They moved to Heber City eight years ago, and just moved into a new house at Christmas time—two days before she gave birth to her fifth child.



Christy grew up doing cross-stitch and embroidery, and still loves to have a needle in her hand. She says the sound and rhythm of a needle and thread going in and out of fabric is relaxing and therapeutic to her. She began quilting seven years ago when she joined Heber Valley Quilters. She loves when seams match up and points are actually points, not plateaus. She likes to appliqué (freezer paper method), sew bindings, and machine quilt small quilts. She has decided that she is drawn to two-color quilts and would love to have a collection of them. She loves rich country colors of fabrics and homespuns. Some notions she thinks are very spiffy are a bias tape maker and yo-yo maker, but the one thing she has recently discovered and absolutely cannot live without is a rotating cutting mat.



Christy looks forward to quilt guild every month to see friends and be inspired by everyone’s talent at Sew & Tell. She goes home ready to sew up a storm. She used to try to have a clean house before she sat down to sew, but now she knows that is impossible, so maybe she’ll do the dishes before sewing. Her dream come true would be to sew a little each day because sewing makes her happy. Christy, you and your quilts make us happy too! ÜÜÜ



Design Challenge Bee 2009

Quilting is all about FRIENDS...

It is time for our “Baskets of Friendship” Challenge Quilt Show on May 7 at 7:00pm. I know many of us are excited to see how everyone’s challenge quilts turned out. I hope everyone has had fun celebrating the friendships we make here in the

guild. Everyone who brings their challenge quilt (finished or not quite so) to show will receive a participation prize.

~Shantelle

If you need help with your quilt, feel free to call or email me: princessquiltsalot@msn.com.

Finishing Bee

Project to complete by MAY Guild meeting:

#7

Finishing Bee

Every quilter has them: UFOs—UnFinished Objects taking up physical space in the sewing room and mental space that most busy quilters can ill afford to spare. Here is another tip to help you transform UFOs from clutter that only gathers dust into treasures that gather memories.

Just Say “NO”

Say NO to new projects, that is. Commit yourself to finishing at least one UFO before you start any new quilting projects. If you're a hopeless project starter and find that goal too ambitious, you can set a goal of finishing one UFO from your list for each new project you start.

The key is to link making progress on your UFO pile to the progress you make on other projects.

If you haven’t done so and would like to join the Finishing Bee, make a list of projects to work on, then give a copy to Bethany May at guild meeting, along with a fat quarter to join the club. Download the form from our guild website: hebervalleyquilters.iwarp.com click on “HVQ Publications.”

A drawing for the collection of fat quarters will be held in December. ALSO—add your name to the “Finish A Quilt” jar for more prize drawings! Questions? email Bethany: jayandbethany@hotmail.com



Charity Project

The members of the Heber Valley Quilters Guild have been given the opportunity and



challenge to donate each month towards the sewing machine. The suggested donation is \$1.00; each time a member has a Sew & Tell article to share with the other members they are given the opportunity

to "Bee Charitable"

and make a difference in someone's life. These dollar gifts are adding up each month and by the end of the year we hope to meet the suggested goal and provide independence for a woman and her family.

There is \$60.00 in the charity gift house, we are on our way towards our \$250.00 goal. Keep up the good work and keep those dollars coming.



KAYEDAWN & CRUSAN

Sew... you want to be a Quilter...

Quilting has been around for hundreds of years, and without new quilters of all ages it could become extinct. Neither should you be expected to spend hundreds of dollars in the learning process on every gadget known to man. While new fang-dangled gadgets come on the market almost daily, you don't need much more than a few "basics" that don't really cost so much. Be sure to pick good quality items. They're worth the investment.



Quilting is much easier when relaxed.

- Sewing machine - something sturdy and sews an even, straight line. Shop around and find something comfy. Remember, expensive does not always mean the best.
- Rotary cutting equipment - A sharp rotary cutter - choose the shape you like best and change the blade often. Self-healing mat, acrylic ruler. (Christy's favorite Rotary mat—50% off at www.joanns.com)
- Fresh needles in your machine - Change them often, as often as every new project. A dull needle is like sewing with a leather punch.
- Good quality thread – This is a matter of your taste. Cotton, polyester, cotton/poly or any combination thereof. Look around and sample. Unwind the spool. If you find irregularities or lumps in the thread, don't use it. The long term damage to your machine is not worth the savings of the cheaper spool.
- Regular hand scissors for thread snipping. Barbara's favorite brand of scissors is made by the KAI knife company: www.kaiscissors.com
- Fabric - 100% cotton - See Barb Murdock's article on the UQG website: <http://www.utahquiltguild.org/> or their April *Beeline*.
- Sharp pins - Barb's favorites: Clover glass-head silk pins. They don't leave a mark. <http://noveltyquiltfabric.com/pro1356327.html>
- Finally....A great sense of humor. Quilting is much easier when relaxed.

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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

Round Robin Bee



March: Round 1—Bring your Center Block for the initial exchange. Receive someone else's block to add the first border.

April: Round 2—Return Round 1 block with first border added, give to Cat to exchange for someone else's.

May: Round 3—Return Round 2 quilt with second border added; exchange again. This time you will have two months to add the final border—no

Round Robin Bee in June due to Guild Retreat.

July: Round 4—Return Round 3 with final border added for the big reveal; return to original owners! Yeah!

For inspiration, or to check out some past examples, visit our guild blog and website.

<http://hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com>

www.hebervalleyquilters.iwarp.com



Bee With Friends

Our guild retreat is coming up June 4-6! I hope you are getting excited. It will be fun to get away for a long weekend of quilting! There will be two classes--a mystery quilt by Cat and quilted sweatshirts by Beth and Shantelle. Material/supply lists for the classes will be available at guild meeting; talk to Shantelle. We will also have plenty of open sew time to work on whatever projects you bring.

The survey and retreat fee (\$15) are due May 7th. If you have any questions about the retreat or the classes, please email Shantelle: princessquiltalot@msn.com. Thanks!!

~Shantelle

Monthly 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!

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Next Meeting:

May 7th

Bee Challenged

Design Challenge Quilt Show
& 10th Anniversary Celebration

Please Bring:
(**If participating)

-  Design Challenge Friendship Basket Quilt – quilted, bound, labeled.**
-  Finishing Bee item #7, or fat quarter to add to the pot.**
-  Round Robin with second border added, ready to trade**
-  \$\$ and spare change for charity
-  Sew & Tell items
-  Quilted Nametag

Next Month:

June 4th-6th

Bee With Friends

Annual Guild Retreat
“Quiltin’ in the Woods”
At Shantelle’s Cabin in Oakley

