

# Heber Valley Quilters

## GUILD GUIDE FOR NEW MEMBERS

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*Shantelle Cox*

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*Brenda Wilcox*

### 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:

(A) LEARN NEW QUILTING TECHNIQUES.

(B) TEACH QUILTING AND RELATED SEWING SKILLS TO ONE ANOTHER.

(C) SHOW AND TELL CURRENT PROJECTS AND IDEAS; ALSO PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT  
AND SUPPORT FOR EACH OTHER.

(D) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARITY SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

(E) HAVE FUN!

### A HISTORY

**The Heber Valley Quilters Guild** was organized in 1998 by Amy Pierson, Cat Beckstead and a handful of enthusiastic women. They met at members' homes, teaching each other and learning a new technique or block each month. The word spread, and it wasn't long until a new meeting place was needed. After trying several locations, the guild finally found a space that would suit their needs; the AMBank Conference room. It is an ideal location with plenty of room which will allow for more growth.

Past presidents of the guild have brought their own unique flavor to the guild. **Cat Beckstead**, an accomplished quilter, with a wonderful sense of color and design, served as president of the guild for the first several years. Cat has a huge library of quilt publications, and is always willing to share her expertise. She designed the guild's Row Quilt project in 2004. She organizes our Friendship Block and Round Robin Exchange groups each year.

**Shantelle Cox** (whose email name is princessquiltsalot), served as president for nearly three years, establishing a block of the month program. In addition, she took a turn as Area rep for the Utah State Guild for a couple of years. Shantelle hosts our annual guild retreat, and presents our annual design challenge.

2004 president, **Deonn Stott**, was responsible for compiling the guild mission statement and bylaws, and produced many guild publications including our HVQ "Quilter's Bible." Her immaculate piecing and quilting is an inspiration. She currently serves as guild newsletter editor/web mistress/historian.

**Kari Giacalone**, with her relaxed, easy-going manner introduced a Primitive Americana folk-art quilt project in 2005, which we used to learn five different ways to appliqué and five different methods of piecing.

When Kari moved out of state, her Vice President, **Michelle Blair**, finished the year and served as president the following year, inspiring us with a "calendar" block of the month.

**Brenda Wilcox** stepped in to complete Michelle's term when she also moved out of town, and served as president in 2007 with a focus on getting back to the basics and sharing tips, tricks and tools that make quilting easier. She is our current Hospitality mistress.

**KayeDawn Epps** is our current President for 2008, and we have an exciting year ahead learning and perfecting several appliqué methods. Her vice president, president-elect for 2009 is **Sherron Watson**.

Thanks to these ladies and the other board members for their continued dedication, support and expertise. We are in good hands as we continue the quest to learn something new each and every guild meeting. Then in turn, we promote the art of quilting as we creatively express ourselves, share our enjoyment of quilting and cheer each other along the way.

## FRIENDSHIP BLOCK EXCHANGE GROUPS

The Friendship Block Swap is a great way to try a lot of different patterns and increase your quilting skills, but most of all, to HAVE FUN!

Each participant will complete one block for each of the other members of your Friendship group of about six to eight people. Beginning in February, the first person on the list will provide a pattern and detailed instructions for everyone in the group, and you will have until the following guild meeting to finish the block. Each person in the group will take their turn respectively.

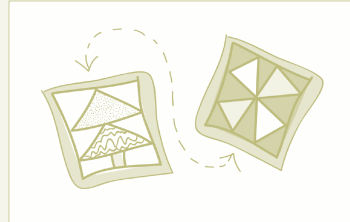
At the end of the swap you should have enough blocks for a wall hanging or small quilt, depending on the size of your block.. Or, you may want to use the friendship blocks to supplement an existing quilt or project. Or, if you already have enough projects of your own, and are not sure you want to join a Friendship group, sign up anyway,

and select a simple block design. Complete your quilt and donate it to a charity of your choice.

First, decide on a block you would like to have made by each of the participants in your group. **KEEP IT SIMPLE!** No appliqué unless your group as a whole decides differently. Obtain or design a pattern. There are many websites that offer free quilt block patterns. Check out our website Resource page for some great links to free patterns:

[www.hebervalleyquilters.iwarp.com](http://www.hebervalleyquilters.iwarp.com)

For design help, Shantelle Cox and Cat Beckstead, also Debbie Proctor, (our county 4-H extension agent), all have quilt block design computer programs, and will be happy to assist you.



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. Include a basic drawing, and make a sample of the block to clarify color and placement, etc.

Remember to complete blocks for others in a timely manner, and return or send the

block to guild meeting the following month.

Sign up for Friendship Groups at the January guild meeting, or contact Cat Beckstead if you'd like to participate but are unable to attend that night. Cat's email: [catann40@aol.com](mailto:catann40@aol.com)

Remember, the goal is to

**HAVE FUN!**

## ROUND ROBIN EXCHANGE GROUPS

Round Robin exchange group is an exciting and challenging adventure. You supply the center block, and the other three or four quilters in your group will each take a turn adding a border, rotating it to the next person in your group the following month. Your initial block will become a beautiful wall hanging or table topper.



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

<http://hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com>

Or check out our website for Round Robin 2005 for more ideas and inspiration:

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## SEW 'N' TELL

Each month at guild meeting following guild business, will be time for Sew 'n' Tell. This is the time for everyone to be able to bring their projects that they have been working

on or thinking about, and show to the group. It is a time to admire and dream, a time for motivation, a time to receive some recognition for your efforts. Who can better appreciate

the dedication, endurance, patience, time and commitment it takes to create a beautiful quilt, than other quilters to cheer you on? Come and "sew" us your stuff!

## DESIGN CHALLENGE

Each year Shantelle Cox presents a design challenge to the guild, testing their creativity (and endurance, in some cases). It is always a mystery, always fun and exciting!

Design challenges of the past have included such things as designing a quilt based on a candy bar drawn out of a bag. One theme was a "Picnic in the Snow." Guild members exchanged fabrics and made small quilts for each other based on where they would like to go on a picnic. Another design

challenge theme was "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Quilt Guild." Quilters designed and made quilts that reflected their observations about quilting.

Last year's design challenge was attendance at "Charm School". Guild members exchanged fabric squares to create their own charm quilts.

This year's design challenge is sure to be intriguing: "ELEMENTS OF QUILTING." Guild members will attempt to design a large quilt block

based on one of the elements: AIR, EARTH, FIRE, or WATER.

Subsequent guild meetings will reveal further steps to add more "elements of quilting" to these ELEMENT quilts for the next several months, culminating in our annual Design Challenge Quilt Show at June's guild meeting and afterward displayed at the Wasatch County Library during June.

Let's get those creative juices flowing!  
Any questions? Email Shantelle:  
[princessquiltsalot@msn.com](mailto:princessquiltsalot@msn.com)

## CHARITY QUILTS

One of the guild's main purposes is to provide opportunities for charity service to our community. Each year the Charity Quilt Committee will decide where these wonderful little quilts will be donated to give a hug to someone special.

Most of the quilts donated are crib or lap size, about 40" x 60". Right now we have about 130 quilt blocks ready to piece into several quilt tops, and we would encourage everyone to participate in one phase or another to finish these quilts.

In addition, we would invite everyone to make a simple charity quilt (pieced or tied) that can be donated to one of our charities of choice, Quilts4Cancer or a dialysis center.

Thanks in advance for all of your service!

Your Charity Quilt Committee,

*Crusan Epps*

*Wendy Jones*



## QUILTED NAME TAGS

Make a quilted name tag 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 or write your name (with a Pigma Pen).

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 viola! You have your very own miniature quilt. Wear it with pride!

We're Online! Check out our guild BLOG and WEBSITE:

<http://hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com>

and

[www.hebervalleyquilters.iwarp.com](http://www.hebervalleyquilters.iwarp.com)



## 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 their life, other hobbies, etc, and tell about that person at guild meeting the following month. The new Queen Bee will bring a sampling of her quilting projects and other interests to show and tell as part of the Queen Bee spotlight. Who will the next Queen Bee be?



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## MONTHLY GUILD MEETINGS

Join us for our monthly  
guild meetings held on the

**FIRST THURSDAY**

of each month

**7:00 pm. To 8:30 pm.**

Meetings are held in the

Community Room at:

**AMBank Building**

**620 West 100 South**

**Heber City, Utah**

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



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.