



Guild Guide 2009

Heber Valley Quilters

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 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 History

The **Heber Valley Quilters guild** was organized in 1999 by a handful of enthusiastic women. They met at members' homes, teaching each other and learning a new quilting technique or block each month. The word spread, and in ten years, membership has grown to over 50 members. Guild members have helped to make nearly 80 quilts to donate to charity organizations.

Past presidents of the guild have brought their own unique flavor to the guild.

Cat Beckstead, an accomplished quilter for 20 years, was raised under her Grandma's quilt frames. She served as president for the first three years (2/99 to 12/2001). 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, and has helped design and make the 2009 Heber Valley Row Quilt. She organizes our Friendship Block and Round Robin exchange groups each year.

Shantelle Cox ("princessquiltalot"), served as president for nearly two years, (1/02 through 8/03) establishing a block of the month program. In addition, she took a turn as board member and Area Rep for the Utah State Guild for several years. Shantelle has taught quilt classes at UQG Quilt Festival and for multiple guilds in the area. She hosts our annual guild retreat at her cabin each spring, and

presents our annual Design Challenge, now in its eighth year.

2004 president, **Deonn Stott**, (9/03 to 12/04) was responsible for securing a permanent home for guild meetings, compiling the guild mission statement and bylaws, and produced many guild publications including our HVQ "Quilter's Bible." Since her presidency, she has opened a machine quilting business and has become a featured teacher at quilting/sewing conferences around the state. She also teaches local classes for both children and adults. She currently serves as guild newsletter editor and historian.

Kari Giacalone, (1/05 to 7/05) with her relaxed, easy-going manner introduced a relaxed, easy-going style of quilting with a Primitive Americana folk-art quilt project. Patterns for the quilt were used as a primer to learn and practice five different ways to appliqué and five different methods of piecing.

When Kari moved to Pennsylvania, her Vice President, **Michelle Blair**, finished the year and served as president for part of the following year when she moved as well (8/05 to 6/06). Michelle inspired the guild with a "Calendar Quilt" block of the month celebrating holidays and seasons of the year.

Brenda Wilcox stepped in to complete Michelle's term and served the following year (7/06 to 12/07). Brenda's presidency brought guild members "Back to the Basics." In addition to monthly lessons, she instituted a

monthly spotlight of sharing quilting tips, tricks and tools that make quilting so enjoyable.

KayeDawn Epps, guild president 2008, focused on a theme of learning and perfecting several appliqué methods. We enjoyed a year of learning from each other and from several guest instructors. A rise in membership prompted KayeDawn to organize of Mentors and Sponsors for new guild members, and to go electronic with newsletters and a new blog, authored by Rachel Crane. Quilters were inspired to finish current projects with her "Finish a Quilt" program. She currently co-chairs our charity projects.

Current president, **Sherron Watson**, has taken on a theme of "Quilting Bees" with fun and innovative "Bees" for every meeting: "Bee" with Friends, "Bee" Creative, "Bee" Surprised, to name a few. She and former presidents Cat Beckstead and Shantelle Cox have designed a row quilt representative of our beautiful Heber Valley.

Thanks to these ladies and the other board members for their continued dedication, support and expertise. The guild is in good hands as we continue the quest to learn something new each and every guild meeting. Then in turn, guild members have a chance to cheer each other along as they express themselves creatively, share the enjoyment and promote the art of quilting with their families and friends.

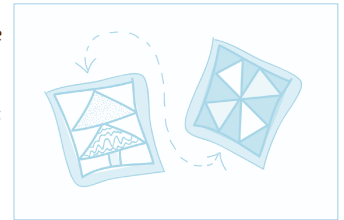
Friendship Block Exchange Bees

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.



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.

HAVE FUN!


Finishing Bee



Bethany May is heading up a fun, new group: Finishing Bee. Scheduled to meet after guild meeting following the Round Robin Bee, here are guidelines:

- To join, contribute one fat quarter to the pool.
- Make a list of **10** projects you want to finish throughout the year. These can be works in progress, or new projects (write "New Project" on your list) List them in any order you'd like.
- Bring a copy of your list to the Finishing Bee, where Bethany will keep it on file, then keep a copy for yourself for inspiration.
- Each month Bethany will draw a number, and you will work on that project from your numbered list.
- Return the following month with your completed project and put

your name in the drawing for the fat quarters.

- If you don't complete your project on time, it's a "BUMBLE" BEE — the penalty is to contribute another fat quarter to the kitty.
- Everyone will receive one  FREE BEE at February's guild meeting. At any point you can make one substitution (switch projects) for any reason using your FREE BEE.
- If you have not used your FREE BEE by the end of the year, return it for another chance in the drawing.
- The final drawing will be held at the Christmas Social in December.

Set reasonable goals. If all you have to do to complete a project is add a label, make several! If your project will take

longer than one month to complete, give it two spots, or whatever seems reasonable. Bethany plans to make a large quilt and will spread it out over two or three slots: Piecing, Quilting, Binding.

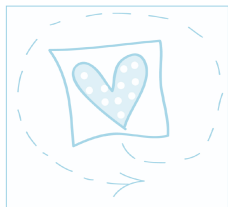
In April and September—the months prior to our retreats—Bethany will draw out two numbers, and you will have two months to complete both projects.

If you would like to get together for a regular old "Quilting Bee" to work on your projects, the Conference Room at the Wasatch County Services building will be available from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on the FIRST Wednesday of each month. Call Debbie Proctor: 671-0249.

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



Round Robin Bee



Round Robin exchange group is an exciting and challenging adventure. You supply the center block, and three or four other quilters in your bee will each take a turn designing and adding a border, 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 were with each border, please visit our blogspot:

<http://hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com>

Or check out our website for more ideas and inspiration:

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 her life, other hobbies, etc., then tell about that person 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 the next **Queen Bee** be?

"Sew" us your stuff!

"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.

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!



Quilting Bees

HVQ 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

**** Guild Retreats**

Charity Projects

The Guild's main charity project this year is to collect money to help women in third world



countries provide for their families. World Vision is a wonderful organization, and we can donate money for a sewing machine through their company.

Poverty-stricken girls and women — including orphans, HIV-positive widows, and single mothers — are often unable to support themselves and their families. Our gift will provide a sewing machine and training to help a girl or woman in a country like Albania, Bosnia, or Indonesia to achieve self-sufficiency and hope for the future.

Promise from World Vision: **"We promise to honor your generosity and use your donation in the most effective way possible. The suggested donation amounts are based on periodic surveys of the**

countries we serve. Donations will be used to provide assistance where it is needed most."

Our goal is to reach \$270.00 by the end of the year — that is enough to provide one sewing machine. The suggested donation amount is \$1. A fun way to remember to donate would be to put in \$1 for each Sew & Tell item you bring. Look for the cute little house at guild meeting to put your donations in.

Remember to bring your dollars or loose change rattling around in the car or junk drawer, and help us fill the house \$1 at a time, reach our goal, and make a difference in someone's life. "Bee Charitable"... and thanks!

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To learn more, visit World Vision's website: www.worldvision.org

WEBSITE: www.hebervalleyquilters.iwarp.com

BLOG: <http://hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com>

Guild Membership

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

See you there!



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

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!

