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History Lessons ~ Time Marches On

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In the winter of 1776 General Washington's army, the Continental Army, was in bad shape. Most of the soldiers had enlisted in the summer, thinking they would beat the British and be home for the fall harvest. They were ill prepared for winter in their summer attire.



During the winter of 1776, the colonists lost battle after battle and continued to be pushed by the British army and the German Hessians further west from fort to fort across New Jersey until they finally reached the Delaware River and crossed into Pennsylvania and safety. They were safe because every boat along the Delaware River for 35 miles upstream and 35 miles downstream were either destroyed or had been used to take the Continental Army across the river. British musket and cannon fire could not reach them, so they rested for the

first time in months.

While resting, a gentleman by the name of Thomas Paine then wrote one night in the snow beside a camp fire, an article that would be known as *The American Crisis I*. Thomas was touched by the loyalty and the bravery of the men making up the Continental Army. He spent a short time with the army and then went to Philadelphia where he had the article printed in the *Philadelphia Journal* on December 19th 1776.

He had copies of the paper expressed to General Washington along the Delaware River the same day. Washington was touched by the words he read and had the papers distributed among his officers. Washington was planning on a brave move to retake the town of Trenton, with much needed stores, on the New Jersey side of the river currently being held by the German Hessian troops. Thomas Paine's article gave him the courage and resolution he needed to go through with the plan for his broken army. General Washington had the article read to his troops before he made the now famous crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas Day and

successfully retook Trenton. It was the first major American win in over a year and a half.

What did Thomas Paine say that was so powerful? Here are only a few lines:

*These are the times that try men's souls:
The summer soldier and the sunshine
patriot will, in this crisis,
Shrink from the service of his country;
But he that stands it NOW,
Deserves the love and thanks
of man and woman ...
We have the consolation with us, that
The harder the conflict,
the more glorious the triumph.
What we obtain too cheap,
we esteem too lightly;
'Tis dearness only
that gives every thing its value.
Heaven knows how to set
a proper price upon its goods;
And it would be strange indeed,
If so celestial an article as FREEDOM
Should not be highly rated.*

"...The harder the conflict the more glorious the triumph" is a sweet reminder to me about anything worthwhile. With the great sisterhood available in our guild, not only can we find the courage, resolution and inspiration to try new things that will allow us to create treasures valued "dear," but the friendships we develop can make those conflicts of life easier to bear, and the triumph glorious.

FEBRUARY ~ Border Patrol

Ever make a quilt, then add the borders only to have it pucker or wave in the breeze? Debbie Proctor's Border Patrol presentation will give you inspiration and confidence to make your borders fit perfectly.

Lieutenant Debbie will lead us in Configuration Exercises to plan for straight borders, checkerboards, piano keys, cornerstones, prairie points and more to be

creative with your quilt borders. If you have a quilt top or block that can use some brainstorming ideas for border treatments, please bring it to use as a class sample.

Plan to attend this important training meeting next Thursday, Feb 3rd, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

HVQ Guild Quilt 2011



January's block will serve as the centerpiece of our guild quilt this year. Choose either the Puritan Star or the Flower Urn. All patterns and information is available for guild members on the guild website www.hebervalleyquilters.com/members-only.php.

We would like to thank our local quilt shop, *Seasons of Home* for their support of our guild and of this project. See their store for a selection of reproduction fabrics.



Make a comment, win a prize!!

Check out our guild Blog online which is updated OFTEN, even weekly! Share a comment which will enter your name in monthly drawings at guild meetings.

<http://hebervalleyquilters.blogspot.com>

Charity Quilts

THANK YOU to those who took home kits to sew together flannel charity quilts last month. Please complete them in time to turn them in at this week's guild meeting. The fabric and batting was supplied by the WHS FFA students, and they will be tying them around to give to the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Share the ♥.

Round Robin Group

REMINDER: Round Robin group kicks off round one this month. If you signed up to participate, bring your beginning center block to guild meeting. Please report to Staff Sergeant Cat for mission instructions to receive your first assignment.

Checklist

PLEASE BRING:

- Finished Charity Quilts*
- Round Robin Center Block*
- Finishing Bee Finished UFO or a BLUE Fat Quarter*
- Sew & Tell including Medallion HVQ Guild Quilt Block*
- Quilted Nametag
* (if participating)

See you at Guild Meeting!!