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THE QUILT SPREAD

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The President's Pen

Hello Members,

Did this last year, 2011, go by fast for you? Didn't get all the quilts I wanted to finished, but there is always this year.

Our board is planning a wonderful year for the guild. Sarah is working on programs. Maribeth is planning new classes. A finish up class for all of us that didn't get the instruction right from the first class is in the works too. Lupe has the retreat going well. Tammy has a date and things set for Baby Love Olympics. Please join us for all the events planned for you this coming year.

I would like to thank all our members that gave of their time and thread to sew stockings for Jenniewings. We did a great job and many of you sewed your time away for the soldiers. Thank You.

Please think about serving your guild this year. We have many positions open, and elections will be here soon. Many of us are moving in the coming year and will need replacements for our jobs.

Looking forward to a great time with all of you.

Happy stitching.

Karen

MEMBERSHIP

It's time once again to renew our membership. Please put your form along with the dues, either cash or check, in an envelope with your name on it. If you want to mail them the address is on the form. I won't be at the day meeting but I'll be at the night meeting. If you have your dues at the day meeting please have the dues and the form in an envelope and give them to Karen Ringrose. She'll get them to me. I'll bring your membership cards to the February meetings.

Thank You Susan Taylor and Karen Ringrose for your help with membership in October and November while I was gone.

If anyone wants information on the membership chair position please talk to Karen Ringrose. It isn't hard and you can see the responsibilities in the bylaws at www.rpqq.eu . I think it is in the member's only area.

Going away blocks:

Jessica Duncan would like her blocks in earth tones (no blacks or whites), Sandi Brooks would like her blocks in fall colors, and Sue Costello would like her blocks in blue and tone on tone cream. If you get Susan Costello's blocks done by the November meeting, I can get them to her husband before he leaves.

Remember, all going away blocks are 9" finished friendship star. The pattern is at www.RPQG.eu. Click on Blocks.

I hope to mail out all the going away blocks at the end of January. If you have any going away blocks please bring them to the January meetings. I would like to close out 2011 so please get them in if you have them.

WEBSITE

Tom is going to put a new button on the website. It will be classifieds for members. It is for items having to do with our interests like sewing machines, fabric, yarn and thread that sort of thing not yard sale items.

I handle the calendar on the website. If you have a correction please let me know in an e-mail. suzandrice@msn.com . If you tell me in person I won't remember. Also if you have something you want on the calendar e-mail me directly with the information. If I'm not in the area I'll send it on to Tom and he'll take care of it.

Make sure you put RPQG in the subject if you send something to Tom for the website. For example, you can send pictures, links to your favorite online shop, or information on classes. Tom's e-mail is rice1000@msn.com and my e-mail is suzandrice@msn.com.

If you need the login information for the members' only section of the website, e-mail me at suzandrice@msn.com . When you have an event or cancel an event please send me the information for the calendar.

Also, check out our Facebook page Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild. It's another way to participate.

Check out the calendar on the website. If the information for your Guild event isn't on the calendar please forward the information to info@rpqq.eu or directly to the web master rice1000@msn.com to get it updated.

Sue Rice

Acting Membership Chair and member of the website committee

MEETINGS

The next day meeting is on January 19th at **RAMSTEIN NORTHSIDE CHAPEL** at 9:30 am.

The next evening meeting is on January 26th at **KLSA BUILDING, PULASKI BARRACKS** at 6:00 pm.

Stitch and Gab is back after its Christmas vacation every Friday from 10:00 am at **KAPUAN CHAPEL ANNEX**.

CLASSES

January 28th (4th Saturday)

Carla Conner will teach a Chateliane Class. A lot of people have requested this! If you don't have a name tag or would just love one of these special name tag/pin holders, come learn the method of making it!

February 4th

Reversible Quilt Class taught by Susan Taylor;

We were going to do this on Feb 25, but that is the weekend of the Baby Love Olympics, the weekend before that is a long weekend and people might be traveling, the weekend before that is a fabric dying class (outside of RPQG) that some of the ladies have signed up for. Therefore that leaves Feb 4th for the reversible quilt class. Susan will teach us a different pattern from the last one. It's going to be great fun. If there is interest, but too much time conflict please let me know right away and I will see if we can do it in May!

March 24th (4th Saturday)

Birgit Schueller will be teaching Whole Cloth Quilting Design.

April 28th (4th Saturday)

Debby Coleman will be teaching an English Paper Piecing class.
Who better than our own English Woman??

All classes are will be held in room 3444 on RamsteinAFB on 2nd floor, and will be \$20.00 unless otherwise posted.

PS It's always nice when you bring a snack or drink to share!!

If interested in any or all of these classes please let me know by e-mailing me at djr8456@hotmail.com

Details of all meetings and classes can be found at :<http://www.rpqq.eu/calendar.html>

Directions to the Classes Venue

Coming in the front gate, it is the first entrance for the BX/PX. Immediately get into the right lane, which will take you to a parking lot on the right (just before a gate). Park there and you'll

see the big building, with the large 3334 on it. Enter at the main entrance, which is the double doors about halfway down the building, use the elevator to go to the 2nd floor. (I think it actually says 0,1,2 so it will be the 1st floor). Turn right out of the elevator and you'll find us!

Finally, if you ever want to use the Accu Quilt, let me know and I will bring it to Stitch N Gab on Friday!

Maribeth Barnello
1st Vice President, Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild
06306 701 0415

RETREATS

I am trying to raise money for our Spring Retreat and I need a little help. I plan on selling items at the next Fleamarket at the Ramstein Community Center. If you can help me by donating any items that you think will sell at the fleamarket, I would really appreciate it. Purses, kitchen appliances (no refrigerators please), women's clothes, fabric and costume jewelry in good condition sell quickly. I am asking for the items to be donated because by the end of the day I will take whatever the customer gives me for them. All proceeds from the fleamarket go towards the retreat.
Let me know if you can help;-)

Spring Retreat 2012

Spring Retreat is 2-4 March 2012 at Waldhotel Felschbachhof in Ulmet (Kusel), Germany 66887. The price is €130 per person.

This year we are offering a class at no extra cost to all retreat attendees on Saturday 10:00 - 12:00. Karen Ringrose will teach this class to anyone who is interested at our retreat. Attendees have the option to take the class or work on their own projects.

Registration for the retreat will begin February 1-28. Payment in full ensures your registration. No refunds.

Retreat includes room, sewing room, Saturday class (optional) Friday night meal, Saturday B/L/D, and Sunday breakfast.

Lupe Warren

BABYLOVE

November 2011 Summary Report

Kits were checked out by Maribeth Barnello (1611 – Panel); Lynn Savoie (1711 – Bumpy road, 1811 – Center star & 2811 - Basketweave); Gordon Ashlee (3211 – D-9) ;Kathy Beales (3411 – Applecore) and Rachel Watson (3511 – Take 5)

Completed quilts were turned in by Lynn Savoie (811 – 4 patch, 911 – Tumblers, 1111 – Churndash & 1211 – Barney/Barney)
No pins were awarded.

No quilts were delivered to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in November, 11 quilts were delivered in December.

Baby Olympics is Scheduled for **25 February**, it will be held at the Kapaun Chapel on Vogelweh from 1000 – 1600. Please come and bring your sewing machine, sewing notions (including thread) and transformer if necessary.

- ❖ Lunch will be provided
- ❖ Games will be played with prizes
- ❖ There will be an opportunity to earn the same pin that was given out at last years Baby Olympics if you either missed out or would like a matching set; join us this year to find out how.
- ❖ Several different quilt kits will be available to choose from: extremely easy – easy & a few challenging ones for those experienced quilters who want something more. All provided kits will be precut and directions will be included.

Tammy Mann

PROGRAM

Happy 29th Birthday RPQG

We are celebrating our 29th birthday this year!

For this month's program we will be having a birthday party and remembering where this guild has been. If you have been a member of our guild for any amount of time and would like to share a positive experience or how the guild has enriched your life please plan on sharing. Remembering to share only one or two things, within a 5 minute period.

Also for Show and Tell please bring any quilt that you made while taking a class from one of our members. It does not have to be completed. It will be so fun seeing all of the different patterns we have made over the years! Old pictures are also welcome.

We will have a small table set up with photo albums, our Russian quilts will also be on display.

Next year will be our 30th birthday, there are already plans in the motion, so this is just to get us thinking about our guild and what it means to each of us.

Sarah Head

LIBRARY CORNER

Books are available to all Guild members who are in good standing with the Guild. Books may be checked out for a month and renewed for an additional month. To give all Guild members an opportunity to check out books, there is a two-month maximum for books.

Donations of books, magazine and individual patterns are always welcome and will become part of the Library, or be available for the annual Book Auction.

If you have a book wish please let Celeste know the name and author of the book you'd like to see in the Guild Library and every effort will be made to obtain the book.

Celeste

MEET THE MEMBERS

Ok, I've have written a few *Meet the Members* for the newsletter in the past, but never about me. Here's my story.....

I was Active Duty Air Force in 1999 when my third child was born in Landstuhl, Germany. An Active Duty Husband, being Active Duty myself, and three kids was a lot of stress on me. In 2000, now living in North Carolina, I decided to go into the Air Force Reserve and spend more time at home with my kids.

Going from a working Mom to a Stay at Home Mom was not easy. I didn't fit in with the SAH Moms. I needed something for myself, but what???

My mother in law, who loves to sew, came to visit one summer and brought me a ton of sewing stuff. Fabric, rotary cutter, rulers, cutting mat, etc... "What's all this for?" I asked. Then she handed me a binder with more than 50 hard plastic quilt templates and said, "I thought maybe you could do something with this stuff. I can't get into quilting, maybe you can."

After a couple of failed attempts at creating my masterpiece, I took a course in sewing at the local Community College. I sought out and joined a Quilt Guild in hopes of learning the craft, but yet again I didn't fit in.

From 2002-2009 I have been on my own trying to learn to quilt from books and the Internet. In 2009, my family returned to Ramstein AB, Germany. I remember hearing about a Quilt Guild back in the 1990s when I was here last. So I started searching, and searching. I finally found them on Facebook in 2010. I posted asking when their next meeting was and some girl named Genevieve Chicka replied to my post ;-)

I was so happy to have found RPQG. I will never forget my first meeting.....January 2010. Oh Boy!! What a meeting that was. I have to say ladies, it was not a good first meeting for a newcomer, but I met some great ladies that morning. Maryann Sharp was the first to introduce herself and welcomed me to the meeting. Without knowing I sat at what seemed to be the NATO table. Everyone at the table spoke a different language, French, Dutch, and German. They spoke English as a second language. Hooray!! English is my second language too. I fit in! Miss Collette sat to my right and was so sweet. She talked my ear off.

My favorite part of the guild is of course, the mix of people it brings together. Nowhere else would I meet a wide variety of personalities to learn how to quilt, raise teenagers, and be a goofy girl when I get to my 60's.

Lupe Warren

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE:

Schacht Spindle Co. Weaving loom

Baby Wolf "4 Now-4 Later" ; Currently has 4 shafts (4-Now) but is expandable to 8 shafts (4-Later). 1x 26 inch reed (12 stitches/inch).

Extras included: 2 wooden apron bars, 3 wooden lease sticks, rubber bands, wooden crank handle, apron cord, 96 tie up cords, stroller (casters), tension box, fabric cutter, various shuttles, 2 weaving books.

Assembled 1989. Excellent condition.

\$1,400.

If interested please contact Bernadette Keeler at batgirlkeeler@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Guild needs help in the following positions :

- Membership (collecting the dues and keeping the membership roster updated).
- Night meetings (making the coffee and setting out the food).
- Historian . The Historian's duties are to attend and take photographs of all Guild events and maintain the digital photo album. Store and update all digital photo files on the Guild hard drive. Store all meeting minutes and newsletters on the Guild hard drive. Also maintains custody of RPQG Scrapbooks.