

# Quilting Diva's Newsletter

## July 2009

### Minutes from June meeting

18 members were present (we had more, but apparently some didn't sign in) We have decided to keep a member's directory, so have asked everyone to fill out a membership form. The directory is for guild use only, please don't send chain letters or emails. We are keeping track of birthdays (month and day only) so we can honor those who have birthdays during the month.

Alison demonstrated her foundation piecing technique for the New York Beauty blocks. She is giving each member a free pattern each month for a different New York Beauty block. A photo is up on the web site of a possible setting if you collect each month's block and set them into a quilt.

Linda talked to the embroiderers who wanted help setting up embroidery files on their computer. We also talked about "disk cleanup" and "disk defragging" to keep our computers running smoothly.

### Fat Quarter Frenzy

Our June fat quarter frenzy color was patriotic. 30 fat quarters were collected, and split into 2 groups of 15 each. We had 2 winners, Pat Bachman and Danny Durham. Congratulations to them!!! In July, our fat quarter color is YELLOW. Think sunshine, think flowers, think summer. Any fabric that reads yellow is what we are looking for.

### Block of the Month

Directions for the July Block of the Month were given out and samples were shown. Make the Ohio Star block in patriotic colors (for July) and put your name into a hat to win the blocks. You could win enough blocks for a quilt!

### 5" Square Exchange

We are taking names for the 5" block exchange during the months of June and July. You will need to get fabric with a sewing/quilting theme to cut into 5" blocks for each person in the exchange. You will then get back a 5" block from every other person in the exchange. You can sign up for up to 3 groups. You would need 1 block for each group you sign up for. So if you sign up for 3 groups, you would turn in 3 sets of blocks for each person, and get 3 sets of blocks in return. If you only sign up for 1 group, you need only turn in 1 set of blocks, and would get 1 set in return. Any questions, see me at the meeting or email me at [lindavictor@verizon.net](mailto:lindavictor@verizon.net).

### Charity Projects

We feel strongly about having a charity aspect to our guild, and have chosen a couple of projects to support. Directions were handed out for wheelchair bags, and fabric was donated to make them with. (Thanks to those who donated!!) You would only need to use something for a lining for the bag. It need not match, it can be one of those "ugly" fabrics you don't quite know why you bought. There is no time limit on this, so anytime you complete a bag, you can bring it back. We will collect them until we have enough to give to a rehab facility in the area.

We are also planning to make quilts for foster kids in Gloucester County. We are still

looking for donations of fabric to accomplish this, so if you are cleaning out your sewing rooms, and have some fabric you don't want, think about donating it for this project.

### Snacks

Thanks to those who brought snacks to our last meeting. Lee Atkinson has volunteered to be our "snack mom". She will have sign up sheets for you to sign up to bring snacks or drinks to the meetings coming up. Lets make her job easier and put our names on the list. If you'd like to volunteer to bring snacks, email her at [leoma\\_atkinson@yahoo.com](mailto:leoma_atkinson@yahoo.com). (please note that between leoma and atkinson is an underscore (\_) that can't be seen because of the blue line)

### Birthdays

Happy Belated Birthday to our June birthday gals,

Pat Bachman June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Danny Durham June 4<sup>th</sup>

June Stewart June 23<sup>rd</sup>

A Very Happy Birthday to our 1 July Birthday gal,

Carol Larkin July 20<sup>th</sup>

### UFO Challenge

We are well on our way to finishing up our UFO's!! A list of points for each step of the process was given out, and will be posted on the website. It's still a work in progress, as we are adding quilted clothing to the system. If you haven't done so already, give your list of 5 UFO projects to Alison, along with the size of the project, and the stage it is currently in. Bring the finished project to show and tell to move it off your list. Don't forget your label!!! You might want to check the shop next time you are in, Marie has just gotten books by Kim Churchuck along with Pigma pens to make your own quilt labels....workshops are coming up on the technique for only a \$5 kit fee. It's a fun way to make a label.

Our next meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at Needles and Pins. Our discussion will be all about specialty rulers and how to use them. Do you have a ruler you'd like to learn about? Bring it and we'll talk about it and demo it's use.

I will talk quickly to our embroiderers who want to know about the Amazing Box.

Hope to see you there! Any questions, please email me or Alison.

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