

Quilting Diva's Gazette

June 2009

Minutes of May meeting:

The first meeting of the new guild meet on May 17, 2009 at Needles & Pins Quilt and Fabric Shop in Swedesboro NJ. 15 people attended the founding meeting. We held a discussion about becoming a non-profit group, or remain a social group. We will remain a social group for now, with possible plans to become a "real" guild and becoming a non-profit entity.

We have decided to hold a couple of different fun activities each month:

- ✂ Block of the Month - a pattern will be provided, persons can make the block if they wish, for each block made, that person's name goes into a "hat" with the winner winning all the blocks that month.
- ✂ Fat Quarter Frenzy - we will have a theme, or color each month, announced in advance, and for each fat quarter turned in, your name goes into a "hat" to win all the fat quarters. If we get many fat quarters, we may break into two or more groups.
- ✂ Recipe Swap/Sock Swap - activity will be done on a random basis, the swap will be an item (like a recipe or a pair of socks) along with a piece of fabric or a block, swap will be done on a like for like basis (for example, you bring a recipe and a block, you take home a recipe and a block)
- ✂ Lecture/Demo - we will try to have a lecture and/or demo each month in the spirit of being an educational guild. We will pull from our members for this for now.
- ✂ Snacks - a snack "mom" will keep a list of all members and rotate who brings a snack and drink each month.

We have decided we will do charity quilting. One project we will begin right away is wheelchair/walker bags. Pattern will be provided by Linda Victor, and we will accept donations of upholstery fabrics where we can (we already have some). Members will make the bags, and provide lining fabric (muslin or any extra fabric you may have). Alison is looking into making quilts for foster kids in the county. We will look for donations to make these quilts.

We will have workshops on an occasional basis. We will look for space for all of us, possibly the library next door, and will probably have the workshops on a Saturday. We will charge a modest fee, part of the fee going to the teacher (drawn from our members) and the rest of the fee going towards the costs associated with having the guild.

Alison is setting up a web site for us. She has offered to cover the cost for the first year (note: the cost is a bit higher than expected, we will discuss this at the next meeting) The web site is up and running now, the address is www.njquiltingdivas.com so visit it and see what it looks like.

We voted on the name of the guild, and "Quilting Diva's" won.

Linda Victor gave a lecture on Pain Free Quilting, just in time for those of us who went to a quilting retreat to Stone Harbor the following week!! Hope it helped.

Alison gave out a free pattern, New York Beauty. She gave a quick tutorial on paper-piecing the block. She will be giving out free New York Beauty patterns over the next several months for us to enjoy. Let's see how many quilts are made from these patterns!!

FAT QUARTER FRENZY

We will start our fat quarter frenzy with **PATRIOTIC** for the month of June. Bring any

patriotic theme fabric and hope to win them all.

Here is a list of the months to come, and the color or theme for that month:

June - **Patriotic**

July - **Yellow** (yellow - if it isn't clear on your copy!)

August - **Pink**

September - **Blue**

October - **Halloween** print

Thanksgiving - **Orange**

December - **Holiday** (snowman, trees, whatever works for you)

Please use quality fabric for the swap, give what you'd like to receive. It doesn't have to be washed and ironed (although it can be), but please make sure it's pet hair free, and if possible, smoke free.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Our first block will be shown at the June meeting, and the directions sent in the July newsletter. Bring the block to the July meeting. There will be no block for the June meeting.

5" SQUARE EXCHANGE

While at the shore, I found a terrific fabric that reminded me of tiara's (we diva's must have our tiara's!) They look like they have pincushions in them. So I decided we will do our first swap using 5" squares (nickel's). Choose any sewing or quilting themed print, and cut into 5" squares, one for each person who signs up for the swap. You will hand them in, and the following month, you will receive one of each of the nickels in the swap. The swap is an optional activity, you do not have to sign up if you don't want to. We will take sign ups at the June and July meeting, with the nickels being turned in at the August meeting. This will give you time to sign up, and time to shop. I figure that 1/2 yard of fabric will give you 24 nickels, so we'll have plenty. If you want to sign up twice, you will bring 2 sets of nickels, and will receive 2 sets back. (so if only 12 people sign up, and sign up twice, you would receive 2 of each fabric.....) More details at the June meeting. Swap hosted by Linda Victor.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 28th at 12:30pm. We will socialize for 1/2 hour, the meeting will begin at 1pm. Our lecture/demo will be all about embroidery, and setting up embroidery files on your computer, searching for designs, downloading free designs, and using your computer to aid in your embroidery. Hope to see you there!!