Springfield QU News

November 2005

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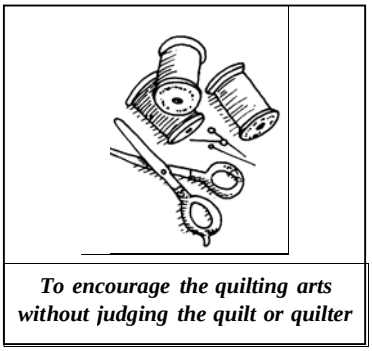

To encourage the quilting arts without judging the quilt or quilter

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Refreshments – Abigail Dolinger
Coffee Queen – Cindy Grimord
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Winter Quilt-In – Kim Fess
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Summer's End Picnic – Joan McGowan

From the President

Dear Quilting Friends,

Our auction was a huge success once again. We raised $4,394.00. Hats off to all the volunteers and especially Carolyn Pic who led this event. Thanks to all of you who donated items, purchased items, or both. I know I got carried away with my bidding.

Those of us who went to the Tikkala home for JoAnne's sewing room sale were able to select from rooms full of fabric, notions, books, and so much more. All organized by Loretta Spittle and Sallyann Morrison. I have a wonderful keepsake of JoAnne's I want to share with you. I purchased a child's wooden toy baby bed that morning and when I added it to my studio the bed was so full of fabrics and other purchases that I thought my little granddaughter Alden (almost 3) would never see it. My grands know that room is off-limits. Alden saw the bed from the doorway and just had to play with it. There went my idea of sprucing it up for Christmas. Instead out it came and Alden and her baby doll played all afternoon. I felt a very special closeness to JoAnne that day.

Springfield is definitely where the fun is! Our Holiday Luncheon is December 13 and if you haven't made your reservation with Sallyann you are almost out of time. We hope to have lots of snowball blocks for the drawing. The blocks are white-on-white with red print corners. These blocks are fast and fun to make so let's get started. Sallyann has planned a festive afternoon for us that you just don't want to miss.

Also in December, Lynn Munch is graciously opening her home to us for the off-Tuesday on December 20th. Lynn will have more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

At our November business meeting we met a whole new side of Diane Henry. She's a “spinster” on top of everything else she does. We had the opportunity to try a bit of spinning wool ourselves as she shared her knowledge of wool yarn, sheep and knitting with us. Thanks so much Diane, we love your work.

Also at the meeting Rebecca Heinze agreed to be our fearless leader for the spring bus trip to Lancaster, PA in April. Thanks for volunteering a second time Rebecca.

I have one of my UFO's finished and I should have added making a nametag as another UFO. I want to put one of our colorful, fun SQU pins on something more than my collar. If you don't have a SQU pin, Tamara Webb will be happy to sell you one for $2.

Francine York and Cindy Pedder had the new 2005-2006 SQU Directories available at the business meeting. If you haven't picked up your handy directory, see Francine.

I hope to make a few tree blocks for our December business meeting December 6 and I hope you will too. Julia Renken is sure to have more ideas for us and I can't want to see what Tamara Webb has planned for "Meet the Quilter". As the holidays come closer we all think of home, family, and loved ones. That love is shared in our home - our house - our theme for the year.

Enjoy this great newsletter Kim Fess has put together. We hope to all be together as many Tuesdays as possible, five in November. Friendship is what SQU is all about. We share many blessings with one another. My wish for each of you, my friends, this holiday season is a joyful heart shared with family, friends, and strangers and time to quilt a few minutes each day. We can save the resolutions for next month. For now, share the goodness of the season.

Enjoy, Penny

Penny’s Christmas Cake Recipe

You'll need the following:

1 cup of water
1 cup of sugar
4 large brown eggs
2 cups of dried fruit
1 teaspoon of salt
1 cup of brown sugar
Lemon juice
Nuts
1 bottle of whiskey

Sample the whiskey to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the whiskey again. To be sure it's the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again. Make sure the whiskey is still okay.

Cry another tup. Tune up the mixer. Beat two leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruits. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it goose with a drewscriver. Sample the whiskey to check for tonsisticity. Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares?

Check the whiskey. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon the sugar or something. Whatever you can find. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window. Check the whiskey again and go to bed.

Summary of Minutes for Business Meeting, Nov.1
The meeting was called to order at 9:50am. Francine, our treasurer, reported we have a balance of $5,698.71. She indicated that monies have been paid to Big QU, Fall Retreat and our new SQU pins. She encouraged a good showing at our fundraiser. Julia reviewed program, BLOTTO, UFO Challenge and workshop information. Ellie Molstad was the winner for the November BLOTTO block. We will also be doing another "Soldier Quilt" workshop in January and Diane will have a new pattern for us. Sallyann is taking monies for the holiday luncheon. Tamara reported that she has sold 38 SQU pins. Penny encouraged all to pick one up; they're bright and beautiful! Joan McGowan reported the dates of Fall Retreat '06. Kim shared Winter Quilt-In info with us, with planning sessions to come. Rebecca will chair our next bus trip to Lancaster in April. Carolyn reviewed the details on the upcoming auction. After the break, Diane Henry, our “meet the Quilter,” talked about her passion for spinning wool. Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.
Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Grimord, Secretary

From Cindy Grimord, who also serves as our Coffee Queen, here's the recipe for that great hot punch she had at the auction:

Spiced Perked Punch

2 - 32 oz. bottles cranberry juice cocktail
1- 46 oz. can pineapple juice
2 cups water
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons whole cloves
12 inches of cinnamon, broken (I used more)
The peel of 1/2 orange, cut in strips (I used the whole orange, then ate the middle!)
3 cups light rum (optional) (I used an extra cup of water and used 1 teaspoon of rum extract; could be adjusted to personal taste)

In automatic percolator, combine cranberry juice, pineapple juice, water, brown sugar, salt, and water with extract (if using). Place cloves, cinnamon sticks and orange peel in coffee basket lined with a filter. Perk full cycle. If using real rum, put in just before serving.

This recipe is from Janet Miller, former coffee queen. Enjoy!!

Corrections, Changes and Additions to SQU 2005-2006 Membership Directory

Change: email address for Joyce Canary from fzw0211@netzero.net to fzw0211@yahoo.com

Change: Janet Leeling to Jane Leeling

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If you have not yet gotten your Springfield directory, be sure to see our treasurer, Francine York, to get one. It is very handy to have!

SQU Spring Retreat 2006

If you have registered to attend the SQU Spring Retreat 27-31 March 2006, now is the time to make your second payment, due by the December 6th business meeting. This installment is $110.

The due date for the final payment of $110 for Spring Retreat has been changed from January 31, 2006, to the business meeting on March 7th. That will give you a little more time to recover from all your holiday spending.

Hospitality Corner

A big thank you to the ladies who volunteered to bring refreshments for our Auction: Genene Chubb, Betty Carnes, Karen Cross, Bonnie Miller, and Loretta Spittle. Everything was delicious . . . I should know . . . I sampled everything :-)

For December 6, the following ladies signed up to delight our tastebuds: Kitty Tyler, Pat Lane, Peggy Evans, Kathy Farenish, and Loretta Shinol.

Thank you! Abigail Dolinger

Springfield's Annual Fall Auction

This year's auction proved to be a great success once again. We had some wonderful auction items and great finds on the "Under $20" table. A great big thank you to Kim Fess, Joan McGowan, Diane Henry, Vickie Basham, Alice Richbourg, Judy Bregman, Cathy Flanagan, Roz Elliot, Beverly Pontius, Abby Dolinger, Francine York, and Bonnie Miller. I could not have done it without you and thank you to those who donated the fabulous auction items. Thank you!! Thank you!!
Carolyn Pic,
Auction Chairman

P.S. It's not too early to start thinking about next year's auction.

Editor's Note: And a GREAT BIG thank you to you, Carolyn. You did a great job of organizing and motivating everyone! Congratulations on another successful auction!

A NOTE FROM BARB MORGAN

In late August the Quilters Hall of Fame in Marion, Indiana invited me to put my wallhanging, "Hearts in a Heart" in their "Holidays" display during November and December. I had it in this year's QU show and someone connected with the Hall of Fame saw it there. Since it was my first attempt at machine quilting you can imagine my surprise and thrill to be asked to display it. You never know what fame will come out of our quilt show!

Spring Retreat 2006 Quilt for Auction

After the December 6 meeting, there will be a short meeting to discuss the quilt for next year's auction. I will bring ideas I have and would love for you to bring any you have. We are happy to have everyone's input, but only attendees at the retreat can vote to decide!

Lynn Munch

Holiday Luncheon Snowball Block

We will have a quilt block drawing at our 2005 Holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. The Snowball block, that has been so popular in the last couple of years, is back again in the colors of red and white consistent with the holiday season.

Instructions for the block:

1- 8 ½" square of white-on-white fabric

4- 3" squares of red print or use 4 different red prints

Constructing the block:

Step 1- Draw a diagonal line on the back of each red square.

Step 2- Place a red square in each corner of the white square, right sides together.

Step 3 – Sew on the diagonal line so as to form a triangle in each corner.

Step 4 – Fold back the triangles you just formed and press. Do not trim the back fabric away. Leaving the back fabric secure will stabilize the corners until ready for assembly.

Remember each block you submit will earn you a chance to win in the drawing.

You are cordially invited…

Everyone is invited to come to my home on December 20, from 9:30 to noon, for a holiday off-Tuesday gathering. I will provide some cookies (remember Sue Baker's tray of cookies I bought at the auction?), cider, coffee and tea. You do not need to bring anything, but if you do, you are welcome to, but please take home any leftovers!
Directions: Due to Wilson bridge construction, the turn onto Ft. Hunt Rd. from Rte. 1 is closed, so I recommend this route. Take 495N to the Telegraph Road South exit. Go straight across Telegraph Rd. You will be on Huntington Ave. Stay on this for over a mile. After you will cross Rte. 1, the road will bend and end at Ft. Hunt Rd. Take the right. Stay on Ft. Hunt, passing Belle View Shopping Center and Belle View School on your left and Paul Springs Senior Living Center on your right. Take a left onto Marine. Take a right onto Villamay and immediately take another right onto Gatewood Drive. Pass Burtonwood Dr., then take the right onto Gatewood Court. We live at 7404 Gatewood Court. My phone number is 703-768-6537. I sure hope you can come!
Lynn Munch

Happy birthday and congratulations to all of our SQU members who will be celebrating their special days in the month of December:

Abigail Dolinger 12/5
Bonnie Campbell 12/11
Roxana Pressnell 12/15
Penny Boyanton 12/21
Beverly Pontius 12/10
Beth Jurewicz 12/11
Anne Argentieri 12/19

Farewell Blocks

When a member leaves our Springfield group, she is presented with a set of blocks made by our members. Please help us maintain a supply of blocks for this purpose.

Start out with 5 blue prints 3-inches square and 4 unbleached muslin 3-inches square. Sew in a nine-patch pattern. The finished blocks should measure 8-inches square. Sign with a permanent marker, your name, date, chapter and/or any message you wish on one of the muslin squares in the nine-patch block. Heat set the message with a hot iron.

You can deliver any completed blocks to Cynthia Cavey at our meetings throughout the year. If you have any questions, please call me at 703-971-6033.

And, please, if you know that anyone is leaving during the year, please let me know of their departure date. Thank you for your help.

Cynthia Cavey

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This month's question was: **What is least favorite part of quilting for you?** Here are the responses that I received:

The part of quilt making I least enjoy is straightening or squaring up a large bed size quilt before I sew on the binding.--Debbie Dishmon

One of my big "dislikes" with a quilt project is removing all those little dark strings from the back of the quilt top before layering. You know there is always going to be at least one on the back of a light piece that you will not discover until the top is quilted. And you just know your eye will go to it immediately every time you look at the quilt until the end of time.--Loretta Shinol

What I find most tedious about quilt making: Pinning long rows together and pinning borders to the body of the quilt. But whenever I omit this step, I am sorry!--Abigail Dolinger

Now for our next "Question of the Month": **What interesting/funny quilting injury have you received?** Cut off a finger with a rotary cutter? Sewn into your hand? Cut your clothing when trimming a block on your lap? Send your response to me at kimfess@aol.com, and I'll put it in the next newsletter.

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! Do NOT park on the street in front of the church; you will be ticketed. You must park in one of the church parking lots.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for input for the newsletter is the Friday after each month's program meeting. Although there will not be an official program meeting this month, the deadline for the next newsletter will still be <u>December 23</u>. Yes, yes, I know that this is only two days before Christmas, but hey! I don't have anything better to do! Of course, you don't have to wait to send in your "stuff" until December 23. Get it in early; avoid the Christmas rush! Please e-mail your input to kimfess@aol.com.