



Redbud Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Presidents Note

Dear Quilters,

I awoke early this morning to see the world outside my window blanketed by a heavy snowfall—an April Fool's Day joke played by Mother Nature overnight. Snow--Beautiful—Silent--Hiding all the signs of spring that I had been eagerly observing.

However, by the time breakfast was finished, the snow had disappeared off the branches and our sidewalk. It dripped from the roof. Although the ground remained covered with white; spring was asserting itself again. It will not be stopped. Cheery crocus will soon be visible again. Daffodils will soon bloom. Grass will keep greening up. Trees will blossom and unfold leaves. Sliders we saw yesterday in the old canal will climb up onto logs and rocks.

Peepers will sing in the evening.

This time of the year is full of anticipation for the events of the next few months to unfold. I can't wait!

There are also quite a few Quilt Guild events to anticipate over the coming months. I hope you are looking forward to them too.

The "Red, White and Blue" Challenge is due on April 10 at our regular meeting—prepare to be amazed!

Our Special Luncheon, honoring Lee, will be at noon on Saturday, April 14 at Hoss's in Huntingdon—Dutch Treat—Looking forward to seeing you there. Make your reservations at the April 10 meeting or call me.

A Sit and Sew is on the calendar for April 21 at the McAlevy's Fort Fire Hall, starting at 9 AM. Bring your own lunch and finish up last minute entries for the Quilt Show. It's a mini

retreat—very rejuvenating.

Wednesday, April 25 at 6 PM we will set up the racks for the Quilt Show at the Community Center, all are welcome. It is always nice to have some handy spouses come and help—Thanks in advance.

Thursday, April 26, Entry Registration begins at 9 AM until noon. (Call me if you need to make alternate arrangements) The Judge's Luncheon begins at noon and immediately following, the judging begins. The quilts are hung and judged. This is a great experience and a lot of fun-- so please join us if you can. We have revised our categories and entry form. We are introducing an easier hanging method this year. We hope these changes improve our show.

The 27th Annual Huntingdon Quilt Show is Friday, April 27 (9 AM—6:30 PM) and Saturday, April 28 (9 AM—3:30 PM). Quilters and the community enjoy this event. As always there will be beautiful quilts, friendly quilters, demonstrations, a craft table and door prizes. Our Silent Auction will benefit "Veterans Share"—I hope you are able to participate. The generous involvement of members has always helped make the Show a success. We cannot do it without you! Please be sure to sign up to

help at the April meeting. If you have any questions—please call Chris Carrere or me or email ccwncw1972@gmail.com.

Tuesday, May 8th at our meeting Dianne Curti will be presenting a program on color. We will also begin collecting items for our Silent Auction at the Picnic in July—Do you have goodies? Would you like to share???

May 11, 12, 13 is the Spring Retreat at Tranquil Lodge. Stay overnight—come for the day. "Jacket Construction" is on the agenda for Friday morning and Mary will be giving us a refresher on "Accurate Cutting and Piecing" Saturday morning. We have a few surprises in store for you. Sign up at the April and May meetings.

If you like Road Trips—join Guild members for one of two "Shop Hops" to the Lancaster Area: June 13, 14, 15 or June 20, 21, 22. Sign up and information is at the meetings.

I hope you are anticipating these Guild activities as much as I am. I know some will require hard work. There will be good times and laughter. There will be the joy that comes from a shared interest and satisfaction of a job well done. These events are times to build friendships, learn new skills and share our love of quilting with the people in our area. I am

looking forward to sharing these events with you.

Piecefully yours,
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Blankets & Books

On Tuesday, March 27th The Mount Union Community Library hosted their third annual Blanket and Books program. The Redbuds, in conjunction with the St. Luke's Laborers of Love made quilts for the Head Start three year olds. The event was held at the library and included story time and snacks.



Each child received a crate with a book bag made by Judy Miller, a toy, ten books, and a coupon from the Texas Roadhouse in Altoona for a

free kids meal and adult entrée for the guests that were at the presentation. There was even a visit from the Cat in the Hat!! Cathy says that the presentation went well and was attended by six kids and their families. Thank you to all who helped by creating the quilts for these children.



The pictures of this event were taken from the Mount Union Community Library Facebook page.

Upcoming Events

- 4-14: Noon Lee Park Day at Hoss's
- 4-21: 9 AM to 4 PM. Sit and Sew Fire Hall at McAlevy's Fort
- 4-25/28: Quilt Show Activities
- 5-8: Regular Meeting
- 5-11/13: Spring Retreat
- 6-12: Regular Meeting
- 6-13/14 or 20/2: Lancaster Shop Hop
- 7-10: Picnic at Smithfield Park
- 7-19: Hershey Bus Trip
- 8-4/11: County Fair

Meetings

In November, Shirley Wallace and Jane Decker gave a talk on how to control your stash. I thought they had some interesting ideas. As a matter of fact, after they talked about how they cut their fabrics into “precut sizes,” for instance, 5 inch squares or 10 inch squares, I started to tame my fabric the same way. I am not cutting up yardage but the smaller stuff is getting cut into “precut sizes.” Sorry Shirley, the tiny little pieces are still going in the trash! Shirley also says she separates her fabrics by lights and darks, not by color.

As always, the Christmas dinner was wonderful. A special thank you goes to Linda Grove for making the ornaments for each guest. They are beautiful! The turkey dinner was delicious, as usual. During show and tell, Yvonne



Wilson showed us a quilt that she had returned from

Keepsake Quilting. She had entered it into a contest and won and the quilt had been part of Keepsake Quilting’s traveling exhibition!



At the January meeting, Chris



Carrere presented a program on the Nine Patch Pizzazz. It was interesting and informative and afterwards, I came home and went

through some of my fabrics because I just knew I had the perfect fabric for a quilt like that! Thank you, Chris, for the inspiration. She presented the program with a book called Fast, Fun, and Finished in a Day, by Judy Sisneros.



For February’s meeting, Cathy had several people make the same block using different colors so that she could show us how color and the fabrics we choose can change the block completely. She talked about

how color works together with value to bring out different aspects of a pattern. Thank you Cathy!

The March meeting featured a trunk show by Marsha Hartman. Her quilts were awesome and the color choices very interesting. I especially enjoyed what she said was the first quilt she ever made.

It was green with blues and purples, stars... just



beautiful. She showed us two quilts with the same pattern but different color ways and they were bright and cheerful. Some were almost



abstract, some very bright and some muted but all were breathtaking.

She is quite talented. Like most quilters, she had to go around collecting (borrowing) quilts to bring to the trunk show because she gives so many away. We are glad you did Marsha! Thank you!



Sit N Sew

Chris Carrere

The first installment of Redbud's Sit n Sew on March 3 was



a great success. Eleven quilters



gathered at the fire hall in McAlevy's Fort, some just to visit, but most to

work on projects. Our voices kept up with the humming of our machines as we enjoyed the extensive time to chat with other quilters while making progress on some UFO's. Shirley commented, "I came to be with my friends. A bonus was to get some of the binding sewn on a quilt." Cathy and Mary planned the guild's large charity project. "Loved it!" said Sally. "I needed a space to lay out a fleece throw, so having a large table on which to do so was wonderful. Plus, receiving opinions from other quilters helped me with another project. I got a lot done." Having organized this activity, I was very happy with the number of folks who

attended. I hope more will join us next time.

Sit n Sew #2 is scheduled for **Saturday, April 21, 9am – 4pm**, again at the fire hall on Highway 26 South in McAlevy's Fort. A small donation for the rental fee would be welcome. This would be a great time to finish up a project to enter in the QUILT SHOW. **COME ONE! COME ALL!**

Quotes I Like

Chris Carrere

"The best kind of sleep beneath Heaven is under a quilt made with love."

"A good friend is like a warm quilt wrapped around the heart."

"A day patched with quilting seldom unravels."

A Special Thank You

Diane Curti took over the correspondence job from Lee Park.

Cornbread

Chris Carrere

1 cup white flour
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup cornmeal
1 /4 cup oil
1 /2 cup white sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda

Combine dry ingredients. Mix wet ingredients until egg is incorporated. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients, mixing thoroughly. Bake in a greased heavy pan (I use an iron skillet) at 350 degrees for 25–30 minutes.

This was the cornbread I grew up eating and is a sweet cornbread, the only kind I like.

Cryptogram

QHMLIXK, CMYL HLXUEXK, NHL FEVP
WHLNOLH OPNI N UCEL HMUUTI!

And here is your hint:

I = N

There are 100 occurrences of the word "Redbud" in this puzzle. How many can you find? .

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Retreat Talk

Tracy Harpster – what do you think about the retreat? I love the retreat for several reasons: 1.) The company. 2.) I don't have to worry about doing anything else at the house. I am just strictly here to sew. I am not worried about vacuuming the floors, doing the carpets, laundry, cleaning the refrigerator, it's all gone. I can dedicate this weekend to totally sewing. And, if I get too tired to sew, I can take a nap or just kind of hang out with my friends here and not feel guilty about not being productive. I think my favorite part is just being with fellow women who enjoy this, fellow women who I just want to be around. Fellow women who have been through things in life, who have had some crises and have had some things happen to them and the ability for them to be able to talk to me. This is just therapy about how life comes at you sideways sometimes and you will survive, you know? I've gotten a couple of real tools from these women to (I love the word) press on, and this too shall pass even in the midst of craziness. I could say food but everybody is going to say food and to me that is a second bonus, not the primary. It is definitely the secondary.

Cathy Whittington – What do you think of this retreat? I love it! This is my third time coming and I thoroughly enjoy it, thoroughly look forward to it for months. My favorite part is the camaraderie

between all the ladies. Everyone is so nice and helpful, and you learn a lot. I am amazed at the little things that you pick up from each other. The women are very talented. Everyone is willing to share a tidbit of information. I have been to quilt retreats before where they've had like, you know, this little group sits over here and that little group sits over there and, you know, if you are not a part of that group then you are kind of on your own. But not here, here everyone is so friendly and welcoming and it makes you feel welcome.

Jean Habinyak – I am really enjoying this retreat. This is my first time and I even joined your quilt group this morning. The projects that you're projecting to do, like the jackets, interest me. I love learning and so this really fits me to a T.

Dez Hamlin - This retreat has always been a really positive experience for me. Not only do we have great quilters here but we have great cooks. Every time we come here, I learn a new technique or try a new dish that I would like the recipe for. Plus, this is an opportunity to really get to know your fellow quilters in a beautiful setting. Tranquil Lodge: That describes it perfectly. It is so beautiful here just to sit and get stuff done. Every time you come, you watch somebody else and learn even how they put color together. You don't even have to learn a new sewing technique because everyone here knows how to sew. It's watching how someone does

different colors and, it's always inspiring I think.

Shirley Wallace - I just like coming here because the people are so friendly and I have an excellent time, just an excellent time. I like to harass people and this is a wonderful group to harass. (Editor's note: Shirley has a very infectious giggle and is quite fun to watch in action!)

Chris Carrera - The retreats for the quilt guild are the highlight of my life. These are wonderful, wonderful ladies to be with, very friendly and welcoming. I always learn something new. The Tranquil Lodge, where we stay, is absolutely gorgeous and it is just a lot of fun! It gives us a lot of time to get some projects finished. The food is too much and always delicious. I have made so many good friends by coming to this. I was reluctant the first time, very reluctant the first time. I just felt like I didn't fit, that my skills would be laughed at but that does not happen at all. It is a good chance to learn from a wonderful group of ladies. It is just marvelous. I really look forward to it.

Yvonne Wilson - I love the retreat. I have been coming for years and years and the people are amazing and fun to be with and we have classes and learn things from each other. It doesn't matter whether you have quilted for thirty years or two minutes, you still learn things from each other. It's a great group of ladies and I come every time that I can. The food is good too!

Cathy Wilson - I like that we are able to get together and enjoy one another's company. We always learn something, to have that time to visit but also to be able to sit and work on your quilting and not have to worry about other responsibilities. I think it strengthens the guild and makes friendships.

Cathy turned the tables on me and asked me what I liked about the retreat:

Sue Juarez – I like the friendships. I like the camaraderie. I like the positive vibes. Nobody is arguing. When there are so many people together, so many different opinions, so many different ideas, it is easy to get antagonistic but these women are not. They are so friendly, tolerant, and accepting of each other.

Mary Saulen- I most enjoy getting together with friends and doing something. We all enjoy the same thing. Sometimes we pick up a new idea. I also enjoy when we have a planned activity.

Editor's note: The last time I was on a retreat, **everyone** mentioned the food. This time, the food was talked about **only** when I prompted. It was notable that this time, the focus was truly on the people and the friendships and the enjoyment that each one of us got from visiting with each other. It was a good weekend!

Spot Light

Our spotlight is shining on Pat

Snyder!

Pat says

she was

born

and

raised



in Shirley Township, PA. Pat was introduced to quilting by Lee Park when she was 51 and has been quilting for 28 years! Pat prefers to quilt with earth tone colors and country fabrics and likes traditional style quilting best. Pat was invited to come to the Redbud meetings by Lee Park and she has been a member for 17 years! Other than quilting, Pat enjoys gardening, and painting, both tole painting and oil painting. Pat also hosts sew-ins for the guild to work on craft table items! She has a lovely big space to work in! Thank you Pat, for so generously letting the light shine on you for a moment!

Editors Note

Susan Juarez

Do you ever feel like you just need to stay in and hide under a blanket? In March, we had a sit-and-sew at McAleveys Fort. I got ready the night before, made sure all my stuff was ready and packed up. My sewing machine that I take with me is always in my take along bag and I didn't even check it because I knew it was in there. Well, after a very hectic morning of making phone calls and messages to Arizona and California for a family matter, I get everything in my car and go to the fire hall. There was a walking foot on my machine! No regular foot anywhere in that bag! I finally resigned myself to sewing with the walking foot but it wasn't going very well. Finally I had a great idea! I looked in the removable part of the machine bed and there was a regular foot! Woohoo! I got a regular foot on, after borrowing Jane's screwdriver, and started sewing. It wasn't a ¼ inch foot and I had to

guess at the seam size. I sure hope they fit like all the others when I finally get to put the thing together into a quilt! There was one good thing though, the ladies were fun to visit with and I enjoyed the day. I really enjoy the ladies of the quilt guild and thank God for having found you all. Thoughts of you all brighten my day and I feel that if no one laughed at me trying to sew curves with a walking foot, I better stay with you all. You are sure a group of saints!

Birthdays

Be sure to wish a Happy Birthday to the following Redbuds:

- Apr 9 Norm Wilson
- Apr 10 Mary Jean Walker
- Apr 11 Sarah Buckley
- Apr 12 Andie Wolven
- Apr 15 Yvonne Wilson

- May 27 Janet Dunlap
- May 31 Beverly Fitzgerald

- June 13 Chris Carrera
- Jun 26 Sharon Decker

- Jul 7 Cathy Whittington
- Jul 10 Linda Woodcock
- Jul 21 Marian White
- Jul 22 Mary Saulen
- Jul 30 Cathy Wilson
- Jul 31 Nancy Walz

- Aug 1 Darlene Oswald
- Aug 2 Patti Holesa
- Aug 10 Sally Detweiler
- Aug 23 Leo Juarez

Puzzle Answers

Friends like Redbuds are much greater than a blue ribbon!

