



# NEWSLETTER

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**February 12, 2009**

President: Bobbie Brooks Vice-President: Lisa West Secretary: Penny Johnson  
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The February 12th QQ meeting will be held at the Mountview Baptist Church, 2140 Fishinger Road in Upper Arlington (at the corner of Mountview and Fishinger Roads). Remember to enter using the entrance with the canopy at the northeast side of the church.

This month's special presentation will be "Ruth McDowell returns to QQ". Ruth McDowell will be joining us as our guest speaker at our February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Her topic will be "New Works." Those who heard her speak when she was here 2 years ago will remember her as an entertaining and informative speaker. She will also be bringing some of her new books for purchase and signing.

The workshop sessions (February 12-15) will be held at ITT Technical Institute – At I-270 and Fishinger – from 9am till 4 pm each day. Additional information will be e-mailed to registrants shortly. Questions, please contact Judy Krol.

## **Presidents Notes: Bobbie Brooks**

Hello everyone, a huge 'thank you' for the overwhelming support of both our Raffle Basket event and the "We've Got a Notion" medley during the January meeting. Another gracious thank you to Laura from Beth's Creative Stitchery, who shared the Bernina 830 as part of the Notion medley. Also must include in our thanks are the Most-Awesome-Sellers-of-Multicolored-Raffle-Tickets, Madeline Hansen and Sue Powers.

February brings the welcomed return of quilter, fabric artist, teacher and guest speaker, Ruth McDowell. Because Ruth is retiring after 2009, we are honored to again host her as workshop instructor and guest speaker. Please invite friends, family, fellow quilters, members of other quilt guilds as well as those folks you met while waiting in line at fabric & quilting shops; I would love to have to set up more chairs. The fee for this lecture for non-members will be \$5.00.

There will be our usual business meeting beforehand but it will be quick.

## **QQ Retreat**

It won't be too long & we will all be at Deer Creek enjoying some fun sewing time. Instructions for the Mystery quilt, for those of you who signed up, will be available at the Feb. QQ meeting. For those unable to attend it will be mailed to you. Please remember the temperature in the ballroom can get a bit warm (& for some it's too cool) so best to dress in layers. We will be having a Tshirt/Sweatshirt/Shirt/Top Contest AND a Wild/Fun Sock Contest. So you all have plenty of time to plan your "outfits". :-)) More info will be made available on the Friday of your arrival. See you there, Janet, Peggy, & Mike :-)))

**UFO Challenge: Joann Purcell**

Two prizes were given out at the last meeting of patterns and \$10.00 gift certificates to Glass Thimble. The next drawing will be at the **May** meeting so get lots done to add to your tickets! Is Ruth McDowell quilt on your UFO list? Get it done for this meeting.

**Other Notes: Rita Reed**

I did not properly thank those who worked hard on our Christmas banquet .There was no true sign-up committee other than Kathi Machle. These are the folks who stepped in and helped. Mary Clark of "Always in Stitches" and her entire staff made the centerpieces and used tablecloth plastic leftover from their workshops. Kathi Machle ordered the meat; fine tuned the arrangement of the food tables, supplied the cups, made all the drinks and set up the drink table.

Ann Bond unlocked the church at 5pm. Mary & Debbie (of Always in Stitches) set up most of the tables and chairs. Maria Slayman, Kay Hoagland and Patty arrived and jumped right in to help, including tables for sign-in, Choices, Secret Pal and the Ornament exchange. They also helped with the table runners & scatter candy.

Sandy Overturf had someone sick at her house but still dropped off the three baskets for the door prizes.

Bobbie Brooks supplied the rest of the table cloths, the paper table runners and the scatter candy. She also supplied the cafeteria sized trays, bowls, napkins & utensils and the Reserved signs, three commercial sized hot side dishes & a bag 'o salad for the Chorus. After finding out how many Chorus members were actually coming, to make the food last longer, she added another 200 plates, this time a smaller dinner plate size. Bobbie Brooks also hired the Columbus Women's Chorus.

A heartfelt Thank you to all these women for making the holiday warm and wonderful.

**Library: Kay Hoagland**

We've received a donation of the new Monica Ferris novel, Knitting Bones. If you haven't read any of this series of knitting mysteries, you're in for a treat. They take place in a knitting shop, but most of us knit and knitters are similar to quilters....they buy way more than they need and they have too many UFO's. They also seem to find dead people just as often as the quilters do in quilting mysteries. We have almost every book in this series, so stop by the library table and pick up a book to read over the cold months. Each member can check out up to 3 books for a period of one month. Please return your books promptly.

**Door Raffle: Sandy Overturft**

Remember to bring any items that would make good door prizes. Just because you are not using it or have three doesn't mean it would not find a good new home in someone else's sewing basket. We would be happy for any donations and thanks for the previous donations.

**Kids N Kamp: Laura Krietemeyer**

ONE, ONE, ONE—That's "One", NOT one hundred eleven. We are doing something a little different this year for the quilt auction. No tree, only ornaments. We are asking for ONLY ONE ornament per quilter, but we want that ornament to be truly special. Nice fabric on front and back. Pretty stitching. No John Deere, Barney, homespun, or fabric with a thread count of about 50--all of these have happened. Get creative, Christmas ornaments, not OSU ornaments. Many of you have made great ornaments in the past, and that's what we want. Questions, contact Laura Krietemeyer. **THANKS!**

**Secret Pals: Ann Hunter**

February brings us another holiday-Valentine's Day! Everyone likes to get a Valentine gift so don't forget your secret pal. Chocolate goes well with everything.

**Choices: Wendy Banner:**

Remember our charity-bring in paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper or your old cell phones

If you are like me and have bunches and bunches of small scraps of fabric I would suggest going to [www.quiltville.com/crumbs.shtml](http://www.quiltville.com/crumbs.shtml). They have a great idea for making whonky blocks from all of those scraps- if you would like to make some blocks for Choices quilts please make as many 5"(includes seam allowance) blocks as you want- any colors- if we get enough we can put them together into quilts. You are also welcome to make the traditional nine patch blocks- 9.5" including seam allowance- just a thought for something to do on these dreary winter days.

**Membership Updates:**

Please make the following new or returning members feel welcome.

Marilyn Glenn

Linda Deis

Judy Walker

**For Sale**

Ann Hunter has several batts that she would like to sell. Some are queen/king size. Prices are \$5.00 to \$10.00 according to size. She also has packages of poly-fill suitable for stuffing pillows, stuffed animals, etc. The money from this will be donated to Church Women United in Emergency Assistance Fund which helps low income families with rent payments, utility bills, food, etc. Ann donates to this worthy cause as much as she can and she would appreciate your help. Thanks.

**For Sale**

I am a former QQ member from about 12 years ago. I have a quilt frame that I would like to donate to a good home. DETAILS: I originally bought the frame at a QQ meeting, in the mid 1990's It is a hand made "vintage" relic, made from very durable wood, all wood, including wood pegs to adjust the width. I heard there was a women's correctional facility that might want it, especially since it has no metal parts, and that one of the QQ members knows about this facility. Otherwise, maybe a QQ member could use it.

I would be happy to donate it back to QQ for the group quilts, or to a correctional facility, or just to any quilter who would use it.. It can be used by 4 to 8 people at once.

It has the 8-foot, 6-inch wooden bars. I would need it picked up from my home, as it comes apart for transporting in a minivan.

Photos available if you are interested. I no longer do quilting and I am eager to disperse this very nice item to a good home! Thank you! Patty Ahalt

**If you spend your life trying to avoid stepping on any cracks, and you happen to love quilting ... you should enjoy some of the following superstitions that a reader submitted. Let us know if you have others to add to the list.**

## **Stitching Superstitions** by Lorena O'Connor of Silver Spring, MD

*"Someone was weaving cloth one day when they discovered that two or three layers were warmer than one. Thus the process of quilting was born.*

*And down through the years, superstitions associated with quilting have also been born. If you're a quilter you probably already know many of them. So, the next time you are stitching with your friends, you might want to share some of these stitching superstitions."*

### **Luck ...**

- If you begin a quilt on Friday, you will never live to finish it.
- Never quilt on Sunday. It is the day of rest.
- If a thread breaks, it will bring misfortune.
- Stitching a spider web design into a quilt will bring good luck.

### **Love and Marriage ...**

- Design a bridal quilt with continuous borders of vines or ribbon-like patterns. A broken border is said to foretell a broken marriage.
- If an unmarried girl puts the last stitch in the quilt, she will become an old maid.
- If a girl shakes a new quilt out the door, the first man who comes through the door will be her future husband.
- When a quilt is first taken off the frame, wrap it around an unmarried woman to give her luck in finding a mate, or throw it at the first single man she sees to charm him into a relationship.
- Marriage quilts should be laid out fresh so that dreams on the first night will come true.
- If two people shake a cat in the quilt, the one near where the cat runs out will marry first.
- A girl who begins piecing a quilt will not marry until it is finished.
- After finishing a quilt, the first one over whom it is thrown will be married first.
- If someone wraps you in a new quilt, you will get married within a year.
- If you break a needle, the next baby will be yours.

### **Miscellaneous ...**

- After a quilt is completed, the quilter should sleep with the quilt one night and then give it to the special person it is made for.
- When a person is ill, it is said if they sleep with a quilt, all the love from the quilt will heal them.
- Never make human figures on a quilt. It is believed the figures will walk and visit you at night.
- If anyone starts a quilt in the form of a star, someone in the family will die before it is finished.
- If you dream while sleeping under a quilt for the first time, the dream will come true.

*There are four corners to my bed,  
on which I now this new quilt spread.  
May I this night in trouble be,  
and the one I love come rescue me.*

Happy Quilting!