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President's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

Normally, I try to use this space for quilting inspiration that I glean from my social media resources. Unfortunately, this month (and maybe a little longer than that?), my Facebook page has become filled with political ads, opinions, and all that goes with that. I promise, I won't talk politics!

We are settling into our new home, with only a few boxes here and there left to unpack. My husband has been working hard at bringing the yard (it's not a lawn, yet) back to life. It and the house have needed some attention for years, it seems, and that is our current task -- daunting, but fulfilling -- it's our place, close to heaven.

Happily, I did find the quilts that I have ready to enter into the fair. Have you looked at

your fair booklet yet? I hope that you are planning to enter something, as the Routt County Fair is for all of us, and it is a wonderful opportunity to market our Guild. I'll leave you with this lovely poem that I found in the fair booklet, written by Arthur Chapman for the Routt County Fair Association in 1926, but still true today.

Hugs, Terri Meeks

The Corner Close to Heaven

There's a corner, close to Heaven,
Where the clouds and mountains meet,
Where there's trout in every stream,
And the fields are full of wheat;
Where there's cattle on the hillsides
And there's coal beneath the plain,
And the hot springs rest the weary
And relieve the sufferers' pain.
Here the home folks fit the picture --
Once you meet 'em they're your friends;
Here life's really worth the living,
So you feel when each day ends;
Here are trails where trouble ceases,
Here's a new land, full of zest,
In our corner, close to Heaven,
Where the streams flow to the West.
Come to the Fair and you will surely
realize then that Life is worth living.



Heading to my sewing room... if
I'm not back in 48 hours
or don't show up for work...
Don't alert the police; just bring
food and water... Only 14 days
until the Routt County Fair!
Quilts are due Wednesday,
August 17th!

Greetings from Your Vice-President

It was great to see a good turnout at our July meeting and workshop! Plus, we had three guests which was terrific. As a quilt newbie, I didn't really understand the difference between a New York Beauty and a star quilt until Viola Colombe's presentation. I thought a New York Beauty was a kind of star quilt... :-). In any event, what a treat to see about a hundred quilts created by Viola. Gorgeous color combinations along with amazing quilting! And then we had the chance to learn paper piecing for New York Beauty on Saturday. What a wonderful

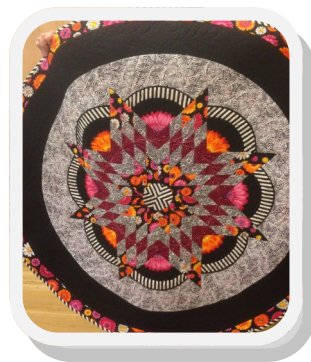
chance to meet a great quilt artist and to learn a new and very efficient way to do paper piecing.

In August, I will present a program on designing your own textiles using your computer, scanner and an online company to print your design onto a couple dozen different kinds of fabric. The focus of the presentation will be the amazing new possibilities available to textile enthusiasts today and the many opportunities they represent. Plus, it is not hard and it is not expensive! I was thinking about the May presentation about the 1930's quilts and how American textile designs changed after the demise of European textile cartels. I think there will be a similar change in the future now that it is realistic for individuals to create their own fabric and no longer have to rely solely on what others create. Even though we will continue to use store-bought fabric, we can now be more creative than ever in our designs by adding some unique elements to our projects. In order to demonstrate what the fabrics look and feel like, and to show how the printing compares on ultra cotton and Kona cotton. I

will bring some fabric that features Yampa Valley design elements. Some of the fabrics might be well suited to projects for next year's Routt County Fair and I will be happy to sell at cost any of the pieces to members in attendance at the end of the August meeting. At the workshop on Saturday, 20 August, we will learn how to create fabric repeats for yardage and computer steps so you can create your own designs. The workshop will be at Library Hall so we can use the WiFi with our laptops.

Hope to see you next month!

Happy Quilting, Donine



Opportunity Quilt

Up next . . . Are you ready?

August - Tamie Buskirk

September - Tina Smith

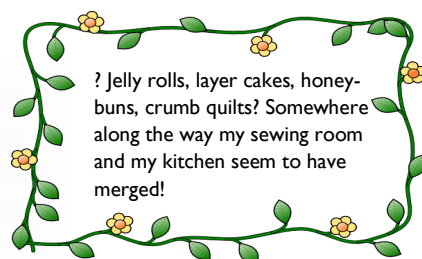
October - Peggy Hoff

November - Madeleine



The July Opportunity Quilt was made by Jackie Grimaldi and won by Annabeth Lockhart.

Thanks, Jackie for a wonderful fabric basket!



? Jelly rolls, layer cakes, honey-buns, crumb quilts? Somewhere along the way my sewing room and my kitchen seem to have merged!

25 Pauline Bouchard
27 Sandy Berlet

Programs & Workshops - Mark your calendars!

Looking ahead . . .

August 18th - Donine Schwartz . . .
Designing your own fabric.

August 20th - Workshop with Donine Schwartz

September 15th - Cathy Miller . . . The Singing Quilter

September 17th - Workshop with Cathy Miller . . . Mock Mola Machine Applique

October 20th - Silent Auction

November 17th - Potluck Dinner,
Bring your favorite dish to share.



A **BIG** thank you to Chris, Bonnie & Jean for helping to hold over 90 quilts during Vi Colombe's program. Great Job!

102nd Annual Routt County Fair - Get Ready!

Lots to see from A to Z! August 18-21, 2016 - Home Arts Check-In is from 1-8pm on Wednesday, August 17th. Jackie let us know that she is more than happy to collect your quilts and deliver them to the Routt County Fairgrounds. Just have them dropped off at her house no later than 5pm on Tuesday, August 16th. Exhibited items can be picked up at the fairgrounds from 2-6pm on Sunday, August 21st. If you are

going to drop your quilt off at Jackie's house, please make sure to have an entry tag filled out and your name on the quilt. Judging will take place on Thursday, August 18th.

There have been over 100 quilts entered in each of the last 3 years, let's help make it a 4th!

Fall Retreat

September 23-26, 2016 Hampden Inn, Laramie, WY

UPDATE: There are only 3 spaces left for Fall Retreat—We would love to have you join us but space is limited. If you are planning to come, please call Tamie @ 819-6234 ASAP.

Retreat Fee - \$40/Members, \$50/Non-Members

Hotel Rooms: Single - \$99/per night; Double ; \$ 49.50/pp/per night; Triple - \$33/pp/per night
Reservation form is attached!

Please note: the hotel rooms are being booked through the retreat committee and NOT directly with the Hampden. The Guild will pay for the rooms by check in order for us to take advantage of a tax savings which we are passing on to you!



This is a free sewing weekend, starting on Friday, ending on Monday.

More details to follow soon. Tina, Chris and I hope to see you there.



Minutes from the Guild Meeting July 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Terri Meeks at 6:36 pm.

Terri welcomed four guests.

Tamie Buskirk moved to approve the minutes from June, 2016 and Cathy Gero seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Report of Officers:

Treasurer Cheryl Spahr was absent so Terri Meeks gave the Treasurer's Report.

Vice President Donine Schwartz gave information for the Saturday class with Vi Colombe. Donine also encouraged people to attend the August 18th program "Textile Design" and the Saturday, August 20th workshop which will detail textile design on the computer.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter/website – they are working on the new website and will contact a professional to help with the problems they have incurred.

Opportunity Quilt – Amy Pederson showed the fabric bowl made by Jackie Grimaldi and later won by Annabeth Lockhart.

Raffle Quilt – Peggy Hoff reported that we have enough triangles and she will let us know when a sewing day is scheduled. Each guild member will receive 25 tickets this year and you are encouraged to sell more.

Fall Retreat – Tamie Buskirk & Tina Smith. Retreat will be Sept 23-26 at the Hampton Inn in Laramie. As of today there are 12 spots open. Lots of games, fun

ideas, door prizes and more are in store for those attending. Sign up now! Cost is \$40 members/\$50 non-members plus the cost of your room. All reservations should be made through the retreat committee to save on sales tax.

Charity Project – Marcia Spitellie reported that we will partner with the Routt County Foundation for Senior Citizens this year in collecting funds and we'll make smaller Christmas Stockings to include Chamber Bucks for the need seniors. October 22 we'll make the stockings at the Selbe Apartments/Scott Center from 9am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided.

New Business:

We received an inquiry from CQC to host their August 2017 General Meeting. Sharon Yannaccone moved that we host them and Jackie Grimaldi seconded. Donine will check about having a quilt show at the Depot during that time.

Terri Meeks reported that there is a new quilt guild in Granby. She suggested we try to have a combined meeting with the new Peaks & Pines Quilt Guild Inc.

Old Business:

Donine had a meeting with Kim Keith of the Steamboat Arts Council. In order for DMQG to join the Arts Council we need to volunteer 6 hours (\$50 per hr. credit) of teaching in the Visiting Artists Program. Joining would allow DMQG to have a booth at Art in the Park and advertising for our classes. A booth at Art in the Park would allow us to sell Raffle Tickets and other handmade items.

Member announcements:

Jackie asked for Fair Quilts by August 17th. She will take them to the Fair and bring them back. She reported that we have the best Quilt Display in the State.

Jo Stack reported that Quilter's Quest in Craig is having a 20% - 40% Sale through the end of July.

Terri Meeks brought some "Row by Row" block patterns to show that she found on her anniversary trip around the State of Colorado.

Break

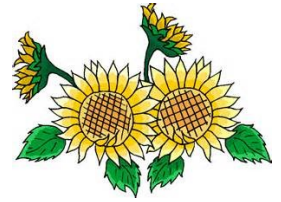
Program: Vi Colombe

Show & Tell:

Opportunity Quilt was won by Annabeth Lockhart.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45

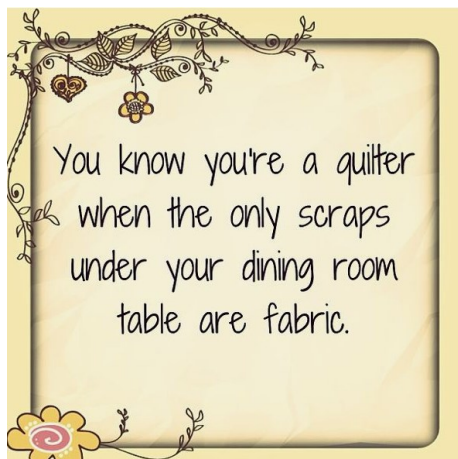
Respectfully submitted by
Marcia Spitellie
for Barbara Swisler



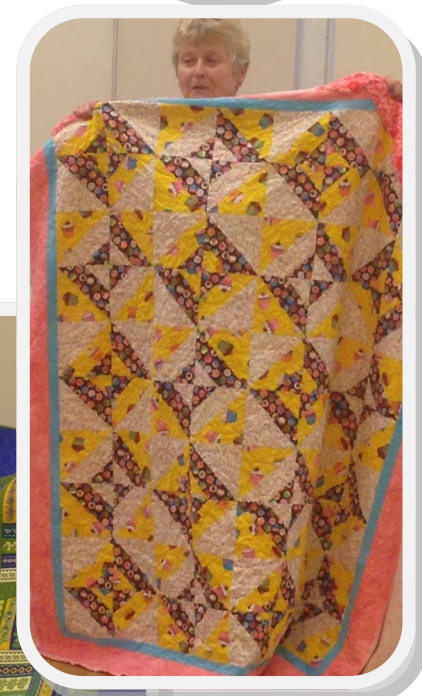
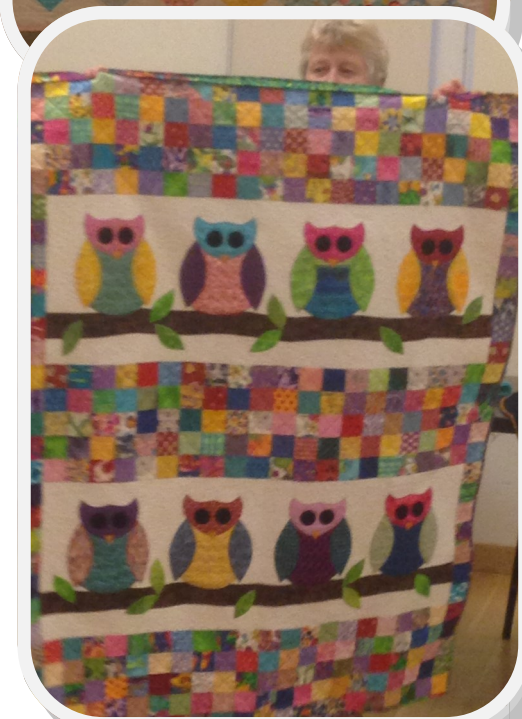
This year for our "Senior Project" we will be making small Christmas Stockings. We'll meet at the Selbe Apts/Scott Center from 9-4 on October 22nd. We'll need Christmas fabric and small sizes of batting. The stockings will be about 12" tall. Lunch will be provided, including coffee, tea & water.

DMQG will partner with Routt County Foundation for Senior Citizens collecting \$\$\$ donations to buy Chamber Bucks to put in the stockings. RCFSC will know who may need a little extra money. We'll "pass the hat" at our October meeting or you may make a donation at any time. Please give your donations to Marcia Spitellie as these funds won't go through the guild. However, DMQG will be recognized on the card.

Thanking you in advance for supporting this project!



Show & Tell July 21, 2016 DMQG Meeting



BANANA SPLIT DESSERT Submitted by Amy Pederson

- 3 c graham cracker crumbs
 - 2/3 c butter
 - 1/3 c sugar
 - 3 bananas
 - 1 c chopped nuts
 - 1/2 gal Neopolitan ice cream
 - 1 c chocolate chips
 - 1/2 c butter
 - 2 c powdered sugar
 - 1 1/2 c evaporated milk
 - 1 tsp vanilla
 - 1 pint whipping cream
- Directions:**



1. Combine first 3 ingredients. Reserve 1 cup of the crumb mixture and press the remaining crumb mixture into the bottom of an 11 x 14 pan.
2. Slice bananas evenly over crust. Slice ice cream in 1/2" thick slices over bananas. Sprinkle with nuts. Freeze until firm.
3. Melt chocolate chips and 1/2 c butter. Add powdered sugar and evaporated milk. Cook mixture until thick and smooth, about 1/2 hour. (Note: it doesn't get real thick, just a little heavier than thick cream.) Be sure to stir constantly so mixture does not scorch. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Cool. Pour over ice cream layer and freeze.
4. Whip 1 pint whipping cream and spread over chocolate layer. Top with remaining crumb mixture. Store in freezer.



This month's photos courtesy of Donine, Terri M and Amy

A LESSON IN PRE-CUTS: COMMON NAMES, SIZES AND SHAPES

What are pre-cuts? Pre-cuts are exactly what they imply. They are pieces of fabric that have been "pre-cut" to a pre-determined size.

Why would I buy them as opposed to regular yardage? There are advantages and disadvantages to using pre-cut fabric bundles. Pre-cuts often include an entire line of fabric whereas quilt shops may only purchase a few bolts in a collection. It's a way to inject a wide variety of fabric into your project that has already been coordinated for you.

A disadvantage could be that these pre-cuts may not be the size you need for your project. Some of the larger pre-cuts can be cut down to the size needed. However, if your pattern calls for a variety of 3" squares, a "mini-charm" pack will not work as these are 2 1/2" squares. A regular charm pack of 5" squares would work but would need to be cut down, possibly wasting fabric.

So, what are these pre-cut bundles called? That will depend upon their size. Here are a few common names:

Fat Quarter Bundle: A 1/4 yard cut of fabric is from selvedge to selvedge (bolt end to bolt end) and will measure 9" wide times the width of the fabric which for quilting cottons is usually 44-45". A fat quarter is just that. It is a 1/4 yard piece of fabric but cut "fat" meaning instead of 9" by 44-45", it will be approximately 18" by 22".

Fat Eighth Bundle: Fat eighths are half of a fat quarter, approximately 9" by 22".

Charm Packs: A charm is a pre-cut 5" square of fabric. Other common names you will find on the market are "Stone Chips" from Northcott Fabrics and "Bali Snaps" from Hoffman Fabrics.

Mini Charm Packs: They are "mini" charms or 2 1/2" squares. Moda Fabric in some cases may refer to them as "Baby Jane".

Layer Cakes: A Layer Cake is a super-sized Charm Pack! Whereas the Charm Pack is made up of 5" squares, its big sister is made up of 10" squares. Robert Kaufman Fabric may refer to them as "Ten Squares", whereas Hoffman Fabric will call them "Bali Crackers".

Jelly Rolls: These are 2 1/2" x WOF strips of fabric, rolled up neatly and packaged. Depending upon the fabric manufacturer you may find them under different names such as: Free Spirit Fabrics – Design Rolls, Robert Kaufman – Roll-ups, Hoffman Fabric-Bali Pops and Northcott Fabric's-Stone Strips.

Honey Buns: These are the Jelly Roll's little sister at just 1 1/2" x WOF. You may not find these as readily available as the Jelly Roll. The only other manufacturer besides Moda is Robert Kaufman's Skinny Strips.

Dessert Rolls: These are the big sister to the Jelly Roll. Cut 5"-6" wide x WOF depending upon the manufacturer. You may find them in quilt shops under a variety of names such as Desert Roll by Moda, Tonga Treat by Timeless Treasures, Twice the Charm by RJR, Fat Rolls by Windham, Charm Rolls by Windham Fabrics and Design Strips by Rowan Fabrics.

When you are out shopping, you may find other sizes and shapes of pre-cut bundles available. I've just listed a few common types here.

DELECTABLE MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD

The DMQG membership meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at the Steamboat Springs Community Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm for early sign-ups and meetings start promptly at 6:30 pm. Individual Memberships are \$25/per year. Business Memberships are \$35/per year. Meetings are free for members, and non-members pay a \$3 guest fee.

DMQG Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at Selbe Apartments/Scott Center. Board meetings are open to all members.

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