



Cyber Friends Guild News

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,
It's hard to believe that three months have passed already. But it's been a busy three months for everyone. The Cybee groups are well on their way of finishing their first charity projects. We have had a lot of success swaps, fun with the monthly lotteries and the Bingo game. Crystal, you have done a wonderful job in providing great swaps for everyone. I want to publicly thank you for all you have done. Five stars for you! I also have some things I am working on for everyone to participate in. Will let you all know when things are closer to being finalized.

There are also a couple of surprises in the works for the CFQG Quilt Show and the Raffle Quilt that will be announced later.

I have added a few tips in this issue of the newsletter and hope to add more in the next. If anyone has a good tip they would like to contribute to the list, please email me. I wasn't able to include a technique this time but plan on having one for the next issue. Sorry, but it takes me awhile to figure some of this out.

I hope you enjoy the March issue and please email me with thoughts and ideas for upcoming issues. I really appreciate all your comments and ideas.

Happy Quilting,

Janet



STARS

**Mesajo was the winner of the Feb lottery
Pinksurvivor won the pretty blocks made from
the ugly fq swap**

CFQG FIRST ANNUAL QUILT SHOW 2004

CFQG will be hold it's first online quilt show this year. We hope to make this an annual event. Rules



have been posted on the Guild site. There will be different categories, something for everyone, from the beginner to the

experienced. We will be awarding some great prizes in each category and also for Best of Show. Only finished item will be allowed. Quilts that you made in 2003 will be eligible for judging. We hope to have everyone enter at least one item in the show. All the members will do the voting for the winners in each category and for Best of Show. More details will be posted soon.

DRAWING FOR A QUILT

CFQG will be holding a 'Drawing' for at least one quilt and possibly two quilts this year.

This is to help raise money for the Guild and to help pay for the awards for the quilt show. More information will be forthcoming about this drawing when the quilt (s) are finished. The Guild hopes everyone will help with the tickets sales. You can sell them to friends, relatives, at church, and to co-workers.

QUILT SHOW

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Quilting by the Bay presented by
Peninsula Quilters Guild
June 19 10-5, June 20 10-4
Ralston Middle School Gymnasium
2675 Ralston Avenue
Belmont, California

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CybeeKeeper Buzzings

Activity around the hives has really been buzzing! Spring must really be in the air. Most of the groups meet at least once a month and some busy bees meet each week.

The Maine to Maryland Madwomen Quilting groups buzzings on the message board keep us all interested to see what they will do next. If my math is correct they have a least 240 postings on the message board.

Beachdreama and **Mmazepink** have done a terrific job as co-Queenbees. Their job is made easier by all the support of their group. There are 10 members in their group which meets weekly. Each member is actively involved with most of the activities.

Divermom has developed a spectacular Madwomen newsletter. It includes quilting tips, a book review, quilt site links and of course, a scrumptious chocolate based recipe. If you beg hard **peggyinmaine** may share the recipe with you. **MandyLifeboats** even provided an online tutorial on stippling at one of the group meetings.

There is some kind of a secret involving **peggyinmaine** but we will have to wait to learn the secret.

The group has adopted the Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC for their charity projects. Each member is providing a baby/crib quilt for special needs babies. The group also is participating in the Cancer Research Quilt Project

sponsored by **Cathi** and **Connie** in connection with the quilt shop in Ohio.

Another very active groups is the **Stompin' Stitchers**. This group makes me dizzy with all their work. **Spottedcow** serves as the Queenbee and reports she has received the following from her group:

18 Friendship Stars blocks 12.5,
57 Ohio Stars 12.5,
130 hearts that measure 6.5,
12 kaleidoscope blocks 1.5,
11 Ohio blocks 10.5,
12 kaleidoscope Pansy blocks 8.0
and 11 cute little unknowns 6.5.

When do they have time to even eat chocolate or have a cup of tea?

More buzzing news



momomof3, Bunnie, CathyOH, graciedonovan, and one visitor they hope will join their group and Ohiojan.

The bees are breaking out of their hives and buzzing great distances to get together. The Patchwork group met on Sat. March 20, 2004, at Waynesville, OH. The town may never be the same again. This is a quiet little aniquing town that just happens to have a wonderful fabric shop. Five members and two DHs gathered to eat, shop and talk, talk, talk. Able to make the trip were:

The group enjoyed it so much they are planning another trip in a

couple of months. Now I am not too sure about this group from Arkansas and the surrounding area. Some of them are members of the guild and some are friends from the HGTV board. They had a small meeting once before but on Saturday they met in Alma, Arkansas, and there were 18 of them representing 4 states.

They posted several pictures on the HGTV board and it looks and sounds as if the Cracker Barrel may never recover. There was something about lap dances on the tables. One of the group tried to sit in a child's rocker and to her dismay got stuck.



Back Row L/R Rainbow, jesdocswife3_1999 (Jan for short!), MedeMo, arkiegal64, doncrafter, ArkAngel1020, Pam (KansasDeb's sister) Front Row L/R Arkcrafter, fun2stitch (from OK), KansasDeb, Ruth Ann, stitchmom

The group took pictures and have accused her of sitting on a potty chair. Apparently they were in the restaurant for 2 1/2 hours and appropriated the rockers on the front porch for another 3 hours. They have planned another one on May 15 at the Olive Garden in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Look out Tulsa! It is wonderful the groups can get together and put a face with the names. Friendships grow even stronger as cybee sisters meet in person and get to know each other. What group will be next to meet? Inquiring minds want to know!

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California Dreamers are scheduled to hand deliver our hand-made goodies to Edgewood Center For Children and Families on May 1.

Dyed Grey, Old Lou and Tricia plan to meet for lunch and maybe do some shopping too before the big hand-off. Our group is making 2



TIPS & TECHNIQUES

1. Always use a scant 1/4 " seam allowance to insure that your block will not be too small. Stitch with one or two threads of fabric less than 1/4" to accommodate what is lost in pressing.
2. If you pre-wash your fabrics before making your quilt, spray with a spray starch or sizing before you press them and the crispness will make them much easier to handle when rotary cutting and sewing on the machine.
3. When machine piecing your quilts, use a 'scant' quarter inch seam. Learn your sewing machine and know what makes an accurate quarter inch seam. Then when you press your block pieces they will be the expected size.
4. Having trouble keeping your needles identified? Label the sections of a tomato pincushion with your different needle sizes you use and keep them there until needed again.
5. When machine quilting, make a test sample using the fabrics and batting which you used in your quilt to check your stitch balance and adjust your upper tension if necessary before quilting on your quilt.
6. Don't be afraid to try unusual color combinations to see how they work together. By doing this you may discover your most beautiful quilt ever!!!
7. To keep your threads from jamming at the beginning of your seams, use a "starter" scrap of fabric. Start sewing on this small scrap of fabric before you begin your chain piecing. This is especially helpful if you are sewing triangles and have those little points to contend with.

quilts with everyone participating in the effort. We've been invited to the center's Dinner Club and will help the kids, who live at the center due to abusive or neglectful homes, make dinner, tour where they live and chat with them. There are 48 kids who live in the center and it is our goal to eventually make a quilt for each of them.

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ANGLER 2 STITCHING GUIDE

The Angler 2 The Angler *The Angler 2* from Pam Bono Designs, Inc. is a quilter's tool for angles. Cut your



piecing time in half and eliminate the need to draw or press guides for diagonal lines. *The Angler 2* does it for you! *The Angler*

*2*TM is a plastic template that fits every sewing machine. It can be installed and reinstalled in minutes with a few pieces of masking tape. Make up to 7 3/4" squares with this upgrade. It eliminates the necessity of drawing or pressing diagonal seam guidelines and is very accurate for chain piecing.

- After a bit of practice, it cuts piecing time in half for most of the "quick piecing" techniques.
- Flying Geese" blocks are made quickly, accurately and easily with *The Angler 2*TM. Any "snowball" or diagonal corner or end quilts are a snap to make using the tool. Binding strips go together quickly.
- Eliminates the need to make grids for triangle-squares as they are time consuming, and, if lines are not drawn just right, the grid method is not as accurate. Triangle-squares may be made in a chain piecing manner with *The Angler 2*TM.
- Mitered corners are made quickly and easily with the tool.

- About \$6.00

I just purchased an Angle II and find it most helpful in making the new Siggie 2004 blocks. Knocked out a dozen in no time at all. It eliminates the need to mark the diagonal line. Took a couple of tries getting things lined up but if I can learn to use it anyone can.

Pressing Table

To make a portable pressing table, use a wooden collapsible TV table. Place several layers of batting to fit the top, and then make a drawstring cover of canvas duck to secure. It is great to have beside the sewing machine for pressing as you go & folds up out of the way when not in use.

FABRIC CHOICE AND PREPARATION

1. Don't be afraid to use color in your quilts.
2. Pick a print that grabs your attention. Coordinate colors around that print.
3. Always pick a fabric that is a little different from the others to add interest.
4. Choose fabrics from the same collection. They usually blend well and have a variety of lights, mediums, and darks.
5. Purchase extra fabric (1/4 yd. or more). You might make a mistake or need an extra strip or two. Plans for quilts change!

LET'S TALK!



Many things are discussed on our list, and quilting is only one. With friends we've made we want talk about everything under the sun. So it's not just our quilts we talk about but the rest of our world as well -

1. Our families, big things that happen,
2. Little things that are fun to tell. Here's a place to let off a little steam

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3. About things that have not gone right,
4. To celebrate our triumphs,
5. To sympathize with another's plight. Oh sure -- the quilt topics are important information and explanations abound, but it's the feeling of belonging and friendship That keeps us all coming round.