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APRIL EVENTS

Wednesday, April 6

6:30 pm
7:00 pm

Guild Meeting @Pepperell VFW Hall
Program: Terri Sontra: Sewing History and Vintage Sewing Machines
Show & Tell if time permits-limit one, please
Pre-meeting Activities
Business Meeting

Monday, April 11
7-9pm

Open Sew
@Townsend Congregational Fellowship

Saturday, April 16
9am-3pm

Open Sew
@Pepperell Community Center

Thursday, April 21
9am-3pm

Open Sew
@Pepperell Community Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 4

Guild Meeting @Pepperell VFW Hall

Saturday, May 7
9am-3pm

Carol Doak Workshop
@Pepperell Community Center

Monday, May 9
7-9pm

Open Sew
@Townsend Congregational Fellowship

Thursday, May 19
9am-3pm

Open Sew
@Pepperell Community Center

CO-PRESIDENTS' MUSINGS BY GINNY AND REGINA

As March rolls into April, the birds are tweeting and the crocuses are finally peeking out of the ground. For us, our thoughts turn to flowered prints, bright colors, and thoughts of promised warmer weather.

Isn't the Raffle Quilt beautiful? Many thanks to Harriet, Mary and Barbara for all their hard work creating this work of art.

The April guild meeting should be entertaining and informative. Our guest speaker, Terri Sontra, will be sharing sewing history and displaying vintage sewing machines. She also will be vending necessities for these types of machines.

April 16th will be an Open Sew at the PCC. If you would like to facilitate this, let us know. Wanda will start collecting our guild dues for the upcoming year (\$20, or \$15 for Seniors, 60 years or older or under 18 years of age) at this meeting.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will find our proposed guild budget for 2011-2012. Please look it over and we will try to answer any questions at the April meeting. The Nominating Committee is still seeking candidates for available guild positions. Please consider joining the board or becoming a committee chairperson for next year.

Good news! The guild will be able to set up the quilt show on Friday night since there will be no football game at NMRHS. Get those quilts finished for the show.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 6th. In the meantime, we hope you don't have any WOMBATS.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MARIE ANDERSON

February 16, 2011—March 15, 2011

	<u>Month To Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	<u>Feb.16 -Mar.15, 11</u>	<u>Aug1,10 - Mar 15,11</u>	<u>Budget 2010-2011</u>
Income			
Block of the Month	0.00	18.00	50.00
Membership Dues Rev.	0.00	440.00	2800.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	100.00
Monthly Raffle Table Rev.	99.00	780.00	1500.00
Newsletter Revenue	0.00	0.00	50.00
Program Revenue	5.00	5.00	100.00
Projects-Guild Sponsored Rev	0.00	580.00	1200.00
Promotional Items	0.00	40.00	300.00
Quilt Show Revenue	0.00	0.00	1500.00
Raffle Quilt Revenue	0.00	0.00	1500.00
Workshop Revenue	390.00	1,405.00	4000.00
	<u>494.00</u>	<u>3,268.00</u>	<u>13100.00</u>
Expense			
Block of the Month Exp.	0.00	9.88	100.00
Challenge Expense	0.00	33.59	100.00
Charitable Contribution Exp.	0.00	0.00	2400.00
Dues and Fee Exp.	0.00	120.00	200.00
Library Exp.	0.00	0.00	300.00
Membership Exp.	0.00	0.00	200.00
Miscellaneous Exp.	0.00	0.00	300.00
Monthly Raffle Table Exp.	77.55	249.50	600.00
Newsletter Exp.	17.82	121.05	300.00
Outreach Exp.	0.00	150.00	600.00
Postage Exp.	0.00	49.23	100.00
Program Exp.	250.00	279.21	2500.00
Projects-Guild Sponsored Exp	0.00	586.34	1200.00
Promotional Item Exp.	0.00	0.00	750.00
Quilt Cupboard Exp.	0.00	134.43	200.00
Quilt Show Exp.	50.00	50.00	2000.00
Raffle Quilt Exp - 2010/2011	0.00	169.67	250.00
Refreshment Exp.	0.00	47.98	250.00
Rent Exp.	150.00	1,050.00	1500.00
Sunshine Fund Exp.	0.00	53.80	150.00
Web Site Maintenance Exp.	0.00	0.00	175.00
Workshop Exp.	0.00	750.00	4500.00
Total Expense	<u>545.37</u>	<u>3,854.68</u>	<u>18675.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-51.37</u>	<u>-586.68</u>	<u>-5575.00</u>

Checking Account Balance as of 3-15-2011

\$4,270.53

PROPOSED BUDGET: MARIE ANDERSON

2011-2012

	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget 2011-2012</u>	
Income		
Block of the Month	50.00	
Membership Dues Rev.	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	
Monthly Raffle Table Rev.	1,500.00	
Newsletter Revenue	50.00	
Program Revenue	100.00	
Projects-Guild Sponsored Rev	1,200.00	
Promotional Items	1,000.00	
Quilt Show Revenue	8,000.00	<u>This is the pro- posed budget for 2011/2012 that we will be voting</u> on at the April meeting. If you have question, contact Marie
Raffle Quilt Revenue	2,000.00	
Workshop Revenue	4,000.00	
Total Revenue	21,000.00	
<u>Expense</u>		
Block of the Month Exp.	100.00	Anderson at m_anderson@cha rter.net.
Challenge Expense	100.00	
Charitable Contribu- tion Exp.	2,500.00	
Dues and Fee Exp.	200.00	
Library Exp.	250.00	
Membership Exp.	200.00	
Miscellaneous Exp.	200.00	
Monthly Raffle Table Exp.	600.00	
Newsletter Exp.	300.00	
Outreach Exp.	400.00	
Postage Exp.	100.00	
Program Exp.	3,000.00	
Projects-Guild Spon- sored Exp	1,200.00	
Promotional Item Exp.	500.00	
Quilt Cupboard Exp.	400.00	
Quilt Show Exp.	4,400.00	
Raffle Quilt Exp - 2010/2011	250.00	
Refreshment Exp.	250.00	
Rent Exp.	1,500.00	
Sunshine Fund Exp.	150.00	
Web Site Mainte- nance Exp.	165.00	
Workshop Exp.	4,500.00	
Total Expense	21,265.00	
Net Income	-265.00	

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: ANGIE CALLBECK
SQUANICOOK COLONIAL QUILT GUILD
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

March 2, 2011

Co-Presidents Ginny LoDuca and Regina Mohan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed members and our guest speakers, Cathy and Lisa from Candlelight Quilts in Chelmsford. Motions were made and the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Regina shared a thank you note from Nancy C. who received a quilt. She passed around an announcement regarding the Merrimack Valley QG's upcoming show.

The Raffle Quilt is ready to be quilted! Jan Pauli offered to bind it and Kathie Beltz will make a label. The Committee is looking for suggestions for a name for the quilt. Many thanks are due to the Committee for making this quilt. The Nominating Committee, Sue Fors, Doris Lewis and Harriet Pindell, remind members that they will be calling or emailing all members to see where they would like to serve the Guild next year.

Committee Chair reports began with Jeannie Lex, who says that she has 38 Challenge Quilts being worked on, and has 19 quilters and 31 binders signed up for the next phase of the project. She could use more volunteers! Workshop Chair Linda Pearl asks for payment for the Carol Doak workshop and announced that some on the wait list may be able to attend. Stacie Keefe drew the winner of the Block of the Month, Lou St. Onge. Melissa Heyes, substituting for Membership Chair Wanda Makela, announced

that there were 90 members and 2 guests present. JoAnne and Anna Maria drew raffle winners: Lou Ann Law, Harriet Pindell, Mickey Crocker, Anita Sartori, Darlene Blakely, Sandy Meyerhoefer, and then Harriet again, who declined the second prize, so lucky Mary Ellen Roy was the final winner. The big prize was won by Mary Wood.

Jill McCaffrey collected quilts for the Lawrence Library show in Pepperell. She asks members to see the show beginning with a reception on Saturday, March 19 and running for about a month. Doris Lewis announced that the Quilt Cupboard had 6 quilts returned so far. Prizes were won by JoAnne McClure, Dorry Swain, Pat Herne, Sheila Diegnard, Ellen Feltus, and Peg Holloran. Linda Pearl reminded attendees of the Carol Doak workshop that a supply list will be emailed. She also said that her bus trip to NYC is filling up nicely. At that point, there was a 2 minute break to distribute pizza boxes for the Challenge. The program resumed with Cathy and Lisa from Candlelight Quilts in Chelmsford, who entertained and informed the membership with lovely quilts and good information about color value and the use of mixed media. Upon completion of their presentation, approximately 10 people participated in Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted by Angie Callbeck, Secretary

WORKSHOPS*Linda Pearl*

We're making the final preparations for the Carol Doak workshop in May! I can't believe she's almost here. The class is full, and there is a waiting list. If you have signed up and cannot make it that day, please contact me so I can fill that slot. It'd be a real shame to have an open seat for this one.

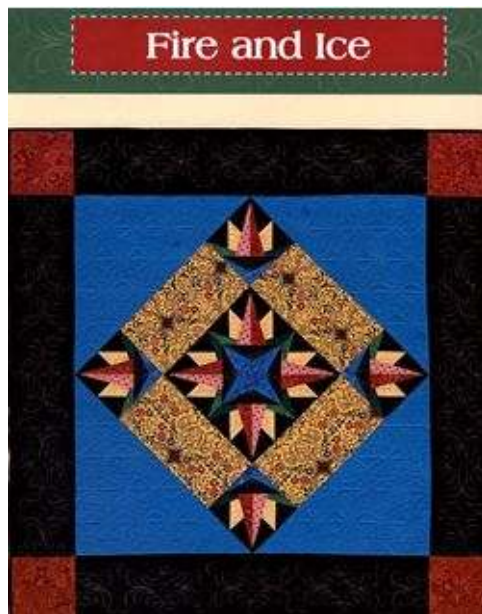
We ALSO have news for you—we have a 4th workshop now scheduled for June 11th for Machine Quilting. We are a talented guild, and we have encouraged new blood to come help us out. This member-led workshop will be \$10 per person, and it's definitely a hands-on workshop. You'll be encouraged with a lot of gentle persuasion to try new things. I'll have a sign up sheet at the April, May and June meetings, so if this is something you've always wanted to try, please come. The teacher will be named at the April meeting.

I'm pleased to know that Angie Callbeck will be joining Linda Brooke and me for next year's Workshop Committee, and we'll be putting our heads together soon for next year. If there is a workshop, technique or teacher that you'd like to see us host for next year, please let us know.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE*Wanda Makela*

Just a note that dues can be paid for the next year beginning this month, April, and each month thereafter. The new amounts were voted on in February. Regular members will pay \$20 per year. Seniors (over 60) will pay \$15 per year and any Junior members will pay the same as Seniors (\$15).

Melissa Heys will be taking over as Membership Chairman and will assist in the collection of dues so she can get her feet wet.

**Committee Chairs****Block of the Month**

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CHALLENGE COMMITTEE

Jeanne Lex



"Wrapped Up In Sports"

By Jeanne Lex jeannelex@lexinsurance.com 978-448-2845

"Every child deserves to have their spirits lifted, not only on game day, but every day."

We're on the home stretch... The last row or border was added to quilt tops in March.

Completed tops are to be returned, in their pizza boxes, to the Challenge Committee at the April meeting.

If you have quilt backing fabric you'd like to donate, please contact me and bring to the April meeting. Backing fabric must be 100% cotton and at least 45" x WOF (width of fabric). Specific colors are not required, but it'd be nice if they were team colors:

- Red Sox/Patriots: Red, White and Blue
- Bruins: Gold and Black
- Celtics: Green and White



If you have not signed up to machine-quilt or bind a quilt and now find you have time to accept the Challenge, please contact me.

To the 21 members who've agreed to machine quilt 38 quilts, please

- ♦ advise me if you are able to quilt more than one quilt during the month of April and return to our May meeting,
- ♦ pick up pizza box(es) w/quilt top, batting and backing fabric at April meeting
- ♦ ask a friend to do so or contact me for other arrangements if you are unable to pick up your box(es) at the April meeting and return to the May meeting,
- ♦ *contact me immediately* if your name is on the following list of members who've agreed to machine-quilt, but cannot do so.

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|--------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Lois Berge | Angie Callbeck | Sue Cusick | Barbara Forslind |
| Melissa Heys | Norma King | Ginny LoDuca | Patty Malerbi |
| Leo McClure | Sandy McMath | Robin Murch | Susan Parks |
| Linda Pearl | MaryEllen Roy | Michelle Ryba | Cathie Shoemaker |
| Lou St Onge | Barbara Townsend | | |

Please refer questions to any Challenge Committee member: Jeanne Lex, Melissa Heys, Beth Klein, Norma King, Jan Dillon, Dianne VanVorhees and/or Wanda Wilson.

Again, thank you so much for your participation in this Challenge.

REFRESHMENTS*Pat Martin*

The following people signed up to bring refreshments to the April meeting.

Barbara Townsend
 Nancy Bogar
 Lou Ann Law
 Harriet Pindell
 Mickey Crocker
 Laurie Witherell
 Sue Fors
 Pat Gronroos
 Sue Roy
 Deb Shields
 Jan Pauli
 Barbara Seney
 Pat Herne
 Linda Farineau
 Julie Radzicki
 Peggy Holloran
 Sandi Meyerhofer
 Linda Pearl-----water
 Marcia Addy
 Lois Berge----- Ice

MONDAY OPEN SEW*Beth Klein*

The Monday night Open Sew at the Townsend Congregational Church is back by popular demand. They will continue to be the Monday after our meetings through June. We meet at 7-9 pm in Fellowship Hall at the Congregational Church on Brookline Street in Townsend. The March Open Sew will be held on **April 11th**. Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY OPEN SEW*Maria Anderson*

Our regular Thursday Open Sew will take place on Thursday, **April 21st** at the Pepperell Community Center from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring your projects and enjoy a day of quilting with friends. Remember, save the third Thursday of each month on your calendar so you don't miss any!

QUILT CUPBOARD*Doris Lewis*

Our quilt cupboard group has really been busy recently, quilts are flowing in and out faster than even I can believe! I spent an afternoon with Eva McGettigan, my camping/quilting friend, making backings for all the tops that came in at the March meeting, and another day, Carol Conaway came over and we totally organized all the fabrics into sizes and colors—sorry Cathy from Candlelite Quilts!! You just can't break some habits! Then on March 10, there were 9 of us working diligently to make up kits, put on labels, make bindings and other assorted jobs. We even had Sandi Tuttle working with a cast on! Ellen Feltus returned 10 quilts on which she had sewn labels. Besides Sandi and Ellen, Margaret C., Jan D., Carol C., Regina M., Ginny L., Barbara F. and I had a very productive day.

I called Beth Helfter to ask permission to include her Confetti Toss pattern in kits we make up, and not only did she say ok but donated 5 patterns to put in the kits as well as a piece of bright, cheery fabric to use as the focus fabric and borders for another quilt. A lot of you have been saying that you want a kit that you can take home and sew, so we have been working on just that!! Of course there are tons of quilt kits to be quilted also. Hopefully we have something for everyone! As of March 24th, we had 11 baby quilts, 3 children's quilts, 10 adult quilts and 7 novelty quilts/wall hangings. As you can see, we could use more in the children's category.

The quilts given out recently have all been for children whose families were burnt out of their homes so that's why that supply is so low. Quilts with girly colors and boys with sports fabrics are always popular. If you need fabric, PLEASE call me and come over and look thru the stash I have for the cupboard. Same thing for backings and batting, it is here for anyone to use on quilt cupboard quilts.

Our next get together here at 124 Jewett St., Pepperell, MA., will be April 14th—hope you can come and join us. We have a great time playing with all the fabrics and quilts!!

VQF BUS TRIP*Linda Pearl & Stacie Keefe*

Editor's note: Due to prior commitments, Harriet Pindell and Mary Wood have decided not to schedule the Vermont Quilt Show bus trip this year. However, Stacie Keefe and Linda Pearl will be hiring a bus for the trip.

Members of SCQG are invited to join Sew Quilted LLC (Stacie Keefe) and The Patchwork Pearl (Linda Pearl) on our first joint venture, the bus to the Vermont Quilt Festival. This isn't a guild function, but something we're joining forces on this year. We will be opening this trip up to other guilds. We will be going to Vermont on Saturday, June 25th, 2011. We are still hammering out the details, but we'll have more information and sign up sheets in April.

RAFFLE QUILT COMMITTEE*Harriet Pindell*

The raffle quilt is almost finished. Now we need a name for it. The original pattern was called "Granny's Stars" and was done in thirties fabrics. Our fabrics are more "country".

We will decide on the name within the next week. Thank you for your suggestions

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Barbara Joyce - 978-345-1995

QUILTERS YARD SALE*Sue Fors!*

It's time to start thinking about our yard sale and what other 'stuff' you want to get rid of. Remember that fabric you bought? How about those patterns that you have already used. Did you pick up that kit because you knew you just 'had' to have it? Books, notions, stencils and bags. All this 'stuff' is like money in the bank for you. This is the 'stuff' that you are through with, but someone else would love to have.

Our Yard Sale will be held during the June meeting. The tables are \$10. each and all you have to do is let me know if you want one. The only thing we ask is that what you are selling is quilt-related. We will be covering the tables so there will not be any 'early birds' sales.

The following members have already asked to have tables for the Yard Sale. If I have neglected to put your name on this list, please contact me. Sometimes 'life' has a habit of getting in the way of my intensions! I will start collecting the money at the March meeting. Your table will be \$10.

Sue Fors! Nancy Cegalis Wanda
Makela Angie Callbeck Sheryl Kottman

Sue Fors! sue_fors@yahoo.com

PEPPERELL LIBRARY SHOW*Jill McCaffrey*

The library show is currently running. It looks great with all the different fabrics that go with our theme of "Fabulous Fabrics in Our Quilts." As always I am amazed at all the wonderful talent we have in this guild. Please stop by and see it if you have a chance. The show can be seen whenever the library is open. It runs until April 25th. We will be taking the show down at 9:00 on April 26th. This is a change in the take down date as the library wants us to leave it up over the weekend. I will be looking for people to volunteer to help me take down the show. Everyone's quilt will be returned at our May meeting.

Also special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped set up the show.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Sue Fors!

Quilt Show Below is the Sign Up list for our quilt show. If you have volunteered for a chair position, but don't see your name listed, please contact either Ellen or Sue. If you do not see your name listed, please consider where you would like to help out. Right now, Publicity is the most urgent chair that is needed. We have awesome shows, but it will be very sad if we go through all this work and not have anyone attend for lack of publicity. If you don't want to do it alone, get a friend to co-chair. We will be having a meeting for the chairpersons soon. We do have a budget for this year, so you need to start thinking about what you need so you can be sure to get your 'share' of it!

Show Chairs: Ellen Selin and Sue Fors!

Raffle Basket: Susan Parks Peg Russell Patti Malerbi

Demonstrations:

Displays: Jill McCaffrey

Facilities (Quilt Racks): Ellen Selin

Special Raffle: Sue Fors!

Refreshments: Sue Cusick Joyce Newton Peg Russell

Publicity:

Quilt Drop Off: Laurie Bulkow Ginny LoDuca Regina Mohan Marcia Addy Carol

Foisy Cath Hallsworth

Raffle Quilt: Harriett Pindell, Barbara Joyce and Mary Wood Barbara Norton Sheryl Kottmann Margaret Connolly Terry McPartlan

Show Setup: Cathie Shoemaker MaryLou Sanborn Pat Gronroos LouAnn and Mike Law Ruth LaLancette Laurie Witherall Jill McCaffrey Donna Fuller Carol Foisy

Scrap Bags: Norma King Barbara Graybill Terry Rivard Sheila Dignard Nancy Bogar Sandi Tuttle

Vendors: Michelle Banton

Show Layout: Beth Klein Sandi Tuttle

Registration: Marie Anderson

Quilt Return: Ginny LoDuca Regina Mohan Cath Hallsworth

Silent Auction:

Signs: Laurie Bulkow

Admission/White Glovers: Jan Dillon Melissa Heys Sheryl Kottmann



“NO DEB” DEB DAY

Karen Baer

Wing Clippers, Tucker Trimmers, Rapid Fire Hunter Star Rulers...petite and large...Rangeley, Wyoming and Shadow Stars, Atlantic Fly Away. All manner of things “Deb” were on hand on Saturday, February 26th when 20 guild members and professed “Deb” groupies gathered at the Pepperell Community Center to work on many beautiful Deb Tucker patterns. Some were starting a new project, some were mid-project and two were machine quilting their finished Deb creations. Our IT team of Mary Lou Sanborn and Jeanne Lex projected Deb’s YouTube tutorials which prompted some interest in her newest ruler. Spinach tortellini soup and chunky chicken soup provided by Nancy Russell and Jeanne Lex, respectively, were appreciated by our hungry group, as were some delicious breads and baked goods.

It was interesting and inspiring to see different fabric choices and how they come together to create beautiful, unique quilts. Let’s hope that next year Deb Tucker will be once again teaching us in person, but if not, we know we can be productive in her absence.



Our guild is known as a very kind and generous group of quilters, who give of ourselves and our resources to others in need. If you’re anything like me, you’ve found 24 hours in a day are not enough to do all we want.

Here’s a project, that will only take an hour or so to complete.

Just One Star is a project that asks you to make only one star block.

Just One Star may not directly benefit those affected in Japan, but every little bit helps...

Merumo, a blogger friend of mine, posted, *“I’ve heard that Japan has officially requested aid from the United States, so I believe this little block will help some how somewhere between here and there.”* BTW, Merumo’s family is fine.

Please log on to http://www.unitednotions.com/LA_just_one_star.pdf and download and print the 2-page information and pattern.

Bring your block/s to the April meeting and I will be happy to mail them to Moda for you. And don’t forget to sign your block/s.

And sew on...

Jeanne Lex

SCRAPS FOR THE QUILT SHOW

Norma King

Please don't forget to collect and save all of your scraps. As you're finishing up that last quilt for the show, or any other projects, be sure to bag up any unwanted leftovers. If they are getting in your way, and you want to get in touch with me, I can make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you to those who have already brought some in. I have about a half dozen bags so far, but we need much, much more! If you have any now, bring them to the next meeting.

RAFFLE BASKETS FOR THE QUILT SHOW

Susan Parks



Raffle baskets: who would have thought there would be so much to learn, and so much to do to

run a successful basket auction? I've done some research on the web and I've talked with several "raffle basket veterans" from other guilds and organizations who've given me lots of information on how to run a successful raffle basket auction for our September Quilt Show. Bottom line: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our goal is to have 10 to 12 baskets available for auction, a modest number I'm told. With only three people (so far!) on the committee, we definitely need more hands and minds to make this endeavor successful. There are many, many ways in which you can help. Take a look at the list below and see where you would fit in.

JOIN THE COMMITTEE! We could use at least six additional people to work on coordination, organization, and marketing. The logistics and planning lay the groundwork for a successful raffle. We welcome your ideas and expertise.

SIGN UP to work the raffle basket table during the show. We'd like to get people to sign up for (minimum) two-hour increments. You'll be at the show anyway, so why not come on over and help sell tickets? Sign up with a buddy! The more, the merrier!

MAKE SOMETHING for one of the raffle baskets. Our plan is to have a combination of "made" items, "purchased" items, and "donated" items in each basket. With so many talented guild members, we're hoping that you'll agree to make something to show off that talent. We'd love to put at least two "made" things in each basket. Although our MAKE list is not fully developed yet, we definitely are looking for (a) pillowcases for the boys and girls' baskets, (b) pin cushions and table scrap bags for the quilting baskets, (c) knitted items such as kids' mittens, baby boots & hats, and woman's scarves for an assortment of baskets and (d) totes, again for an assortment of baskets. If you can help out with any of these items, please let me know. And if you can think of something else you'd like to make, please let me know that also!

DONATE SOMETHING for one (or more) of the raffle baskets. Look through your fabric stashes and supplies and pull out items that you'd like to donate. A pattern you bought but never got around to using? Please consider donating it. Rulers, threads, pins, needles – anything quilting-related – we welcome your contributions. I'll have a box set out at each meeting (starting with the April meeting) to collect items you donate. Fabric, fabric, and more fabric! What would a quilting basket be without awesome fabric? The success of the raffle baskets hinges on having things in them that people want. If everyone in the guild contributed something, we'd surely have some fantastic baskets to raffle off.

CREATE A BASKET on your own or with the help of a few friends. I know there are lots of creative minds out there who would come up with terrific ideas for a themed basket. What fun to imagine the contents and then go out and fill your basket to the brim. We're definitely counting on several of you to join together and make raffle baskets to auction. We can't possible create ten to twelve baskets on our own. We'd be happy to help with ideas and packaging – or anything else you might need help with. Below you'll find a listing of possible theme baskets to get you started. The list is by no means exhaustive; use it as inspiration however. We would be so very grateful if you (and a group of your quilting friends!) would sign up to make a basket. Please, please: sign up soon and let me know what your theme is so that it's not duplicated. Come on now: who couldn't make up an awesome Chocoholics Dream basket?

Our guild relies heavily on sales at the biannual quilt show to fund our programs, outreach and other expenses. Let's all do our part to make the 2011 show a big success. As Chair of the Raffle Basket Committee, I'm really, really hoping that you'll choose to help out in one (or more) of the ways mentioned above. Please email me at susanparks52@verizon.net, call me at 978-448-8370, or see me at one of the guild meetings to volunteer. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Raffle Basket Theme Ideas

Reproduction Quilting Basket	Make Mine Batik	Fat Quarter Fun	Americana & Folk Art
Knitting/Needlework	Autumn Harvest	Movie Night	Oh Baby! (Everything for the New Arrival)
The Chocoholic's Dream	Wine Country Picnic	A Taste of Italy	Microbrew Beer Bucket
The Bookworm	Boy's Basket	Girl's Basket	Tea Time
Visiting Gramma's House	Soup's On...	Pamper Yourself – The Spa Treatment	The Coffee Addict
Luck of the Irish			

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE APRIL MEETING

Name Badges

Challenge Quilts

100% Cotton Backing for Quilts-45" WOF

Pay Dues for the Year to Wanda—

\$20, or \$15 for Seniors, 60 years or older or under 18

Refreshments (if you signed up to bring something)

Return Library Books

Sign up for June Workshop

Non-perishable Foods & Paper Towels for Outreach

Your Block of the Month Square

Show & Tell Quilts-Limited to one please



This is the Raffle Quilt for our quilt show in September.

Thanks to everyone who worked on it, especially Barbara Joyce, Harriet Pindell and Mary Wood.