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DECEMBER & JANUARY EVENTS

Wednesday, December 2	Holiday Party @ Pepperell VFW Hall Program: Cookie Swap, Gift Exchange Show & Tell 6:30 pm Pre-meeting Activities 7:00 pm Business Meeting
Saturday, December 5	Sweat Shirt Jacket Workshop @ Pepperell Community Center 9 AM–3 PM
Monday, December 7	Open Sew @ Congregational Fellowship Hall 7 PM–9 PM
Thursday, December 17	Open Sew @ Pepperell Community Center 9 AM–3 PM
Wednesday, January 6	Guild Meeting @ Pepperell VFW Hall Program: Creating Quilt Cupboard Quilts Show & Tell 6:30 pm Pre-meeting Activities 7:00 pm Business Meeting
Monday, January 11	Open Sew @ Congregational Fellowship Hall 7 PM–9 PM
Saturday, January 16	Miniature Paper Piecing Workshop @ Pepperell Community Center 9 AM–3 PM
Thursday, January 21	Open Sew @ Pepperell Community Center 9 AM–3 PM

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

It is so hard to believe that the holidays are upon us already! The days run into weeks, and before we know it, it'll be over. I would like to encourage each of us to take some time this season to appreciate all that we have. Maybe it's time to start a new tradition, one that can be passed on from generations to come. Spending time with our families can be so rewarding. Christmas music, holiday scents, a comfy quilt and no TV can create the setting for some great memories!

Everyone's idea of holiday fun is different. Some cook, some do cards—this could be a great time to get one of the books on fabric postcards to try something new. Whatever it is you decide to do, please take the time to enjoy doing it.

If I could give each of you one thing, it would be that you and your families all stay healthy, and not get over-booked. Well, I hope this year will give you those two things!

Enjoy the season, Sue!

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TREASURER'S REPORT: MARIE ANDERSON

October 14, 2009–November 15, 2009

	Month to Date <u>Oct 14 - Nov 15, 09</u>	Year to Date <u>Aug 1 - Nov 15, 09</u>	Annual <u>Budget 09-10</u>
Income			
Block of the Month Revenue	0.00	15.00	50.00
Membership Dues Revenue	81.00	627.00	2800.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	85.00	85.00	100.00
Monthly Raffle Table Revenue	160.00	496.10	1500.00
Newsletter Revenue	0.00	0.00	50.00
Program Revenue	0.00	355.00	100.00
Promotional Items	0.00	24.00	300.00
Quilt Show Revenue	0.00	6,584.30	8000.00
Raffle Quilt Revenue	0.00	2,310.00	2000.00
Workshop Revenue	205.00	2,110.00	2500.00
Total Income	531.00	12,606.40	17400.00
Expense			
Block of the Month Expense	0.00	5.74	300.00
Challenge Expense	0.00	34.84	100.00
Charitable Contribution Exp.	0.00	0.00	3000.00
Dues and Fees Expenses	25.00	26.40	200.00
Library Expense	0.00	0.00	300.00
Membership Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	2.00	300.00
Monthly Raffle Table Expense	0.00	52.43	750.00
Newsletter Expense	0.00	78.46	600.00
Outreach Expense	0.00	0.00	600.00
Postage Expense	5.54	59.74	150.00
Program Expense	500.00	871.05	2500.00
Projects - Guild Sponsored	0.00	726.48	300.00
Promotional Item Expense	0.00	0.00	750.00
Quilt Cupboard Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
Quilt Show Expenses	407.00	1,724.80	4500.00
Raffle Quilt Exp - 2009	0.00	173.25	250.00
Raffle Quilt Exp - 2010	0.00	0.00	200.00
Refreshment Expense	0.00	36.40	300.00
Rent Expense	150.00	450.00	1500.00
Sunshine Fund Expense	0.00	0.00	150.00
Web Site Maintenance	0.00	0.00	150.00
Workshop Expense	302.50	541.77	4500.00
Total Expense	1,390.04	4,783.36	21,800.00
Net Income	-859.04	7,823.04	-4400.00

Checking Account Balance as of 11-15-09 = \$13,055.72

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

General Meeting Minutes November 4, 2009

President Sue Fors opened the meeting at 7:00 pm by asking that any discussion regarding the newsletter policy be held until after the speaker has finished. This was later tabled for discussion at another time. The Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Sue announced that the Board meeting would be held on the 2nd Monday following tonight's meeting.

Maureen Blanchard announced that she will be moving her shop to a new location on Route 13 in Townsend around Thanksgiving. Beth Helfter told the membership that Laurie Bulkow had been injured in a fall from a horse and asked for her to be in your thoughts. Ellen Sellin thanked the workers and chairs who worked so hard on the quilt show. Sue asks all workers to notify their chairmen with the hours they worked so they can be entered into a drawing at the December meeting. Beth Klein reminded people about the Open Sew held in Townsend on the Monday following the meeting. Sandi Tuttle asked for patience as she works through some email glitches with the newsletter and asks that if you don't receive your copy to let her know. Wanda Makela, Membership Chair, reported that there are 117 in attendance with 2 guests, including one from Alaska!

Norma King drew the winner of the 26 Blocks of the Month and awarded them to Jeanne Myers. Linda Pearl announced that she will be hosting a one-day bus trip to the MQX show's new location in Providence next April. See her if you are interested in going, the fee for bus fare and discounted admission will be \$60.00. Kathy Landry reminded attendees

that tonight was the last night to participate in the Guild Challenge, Winter Wonderland. Regina Mohan spoke about the delicious refreshments and thanks everyone for remembering to take their dishes home when they leave. Ginny LoDuca reminded people to check out library books and said there are a few new books available. Terry Rivard presented several raffle winners with their choice of fabulous prizes. Lucky winners were Nancy Amato, Darlene Blakely, Joyce Wells, Ginny Myllykangas and the mini-iron was won by Cheryle Laffey. (I'm fairly certain I have misspelled at least one of these names, so please forgive me.)

Chris Ross announced the date for the rescheduled Bali Bowls workshop as Saturday, April 24, 2010. (Secretary's note: The Spring Retreat at Lake Shore Farm has been verified as the weekend of April 9-11.) Samples were available for a miniature paper piecing workshop with Susan Parks and crazy quilt blocks. If you want to be on the wait list for the Kathy Beltz sweat-shirt workshop, please email Chris. Sue asks for people to submit their recipes to the newsletter and label the items they bring in so people know who made it. She reminds us that the December meeting will feature a cookie swap and a gift swap for those who wish to participate. Terry Rivard told a very funny joke (which cannot be repeated in print) in an attempt to fill in time before the speaker.

The Program began at 7:30 and featured Three Mill Girls, a unique look at the lives of three girls in Lowell, and was thoroughly enjoyed by attendees. The program ended at 8:55 pm. Many members offered items for Show and Tell, after which the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Callbeck, Secretary

DECEMBER PROGRAM*Sue Fors & Michelle Banton***December Program / Show and Tell**

As you know, our policy is to have show and tell after we have a guest speaker. Well, we realize that the last two meetings had the type of speakers that did not complement this very well. We would like to express our sincere apology to any of you who brought your quilts to show; and we know they did not receive the recognition they should have. Show and Tell is important, and we would never want it to appear as an “add on” to our meetings.

For our December program, we would like to have an expansive Show and Tell. We want to see your quilts, plus all those great Christmas presents that you have made as gifts. Feel free to bring as many as you would like. Also, we would like to ask anyone who has brought quilts in the last 2 months, to please bring them in again. We promise you will have our attention!

Christmas Cookie Swap and Gift

The leaves will be coming off the trees soon and it will be time to think about the holidays. For our December guild meeting, we are planning a Cookie Swap! If you'd like to participate...and we really hope that you will.....please bring 7 plastic bags with 6 cookies in each. One bag will be opened and used for refreshments at our meeting - the other 6 will be used to swap. Your 6 bags will go on a table and you will get to select 6 different bags of cookies to take home with you. You will go home with 3 dozen cookies. PLEASE - bring something special that you make for the holidays! This is not the time to bring chocolate chip, peanut butter or plain sugar cookies. Make those special cookies that Grandma always made - or that cool new cookie you saw on Martha Stewart.

In addition, we will have a gift swap. It is also optional, but if you want to participate, please bring a \$10 value, quilt related, wrapped gift.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS*Sue Fors***A Quilters Gathering**

We would like to congratulate each one of you ladies for having your quilts accepted into this year's quilt show. They looked great hanging there!

Exhibitors were:

- ◆ Joan Blanchard (Wild Goose Chase)
- ◆ Maureen Blanchard's (Sara's Tulips) won an Honorable Mention Ribbon for Machine Quilting Excellence.
- ◆ Beth Klein (Jacobean Fantasy Flowers, Golden Christmas Stars and Insanity #1)
- ◆ Jill McCaffrey (Fanciful Floral Fans, Splashy Star Bursts and Sunrise behind the Hills)
- ◆ Linda Pearl (Color of my Sunset)
- ◆ Mary Lou Sanborn (Celebration of Love)
- ◆ Jaki Soper (Star Burst)
- ◆ Barbara Townsend (Glow in the Dark, Roses for Mom, Watercolor Madness)

NOTES FROM YOUR EBOARD

- * Please start thinking about a design for the next raffle quilt and volunteering to chair.
- * Our next One Day Retreat is scheduled for March 6, 2010. Details will follow.
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- * The spring Lake Shore Farms Retreat will be from April 9-11, 2010.
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- * The fall Lake Shore Farms Retreat is scheduled from October 22-24, 2010.

SLICE HOUSE PROJECT*Beth Helfter***Slice House Project Participants!**

Now that everyone has their boxes back and is hopefully thrilled with every last block, let's get ready for the reveal at our February program. So if you haven't yet started your front door block, make it your New Year's Resolution Priority Number One to get it done by the February meeting if at all possible! Lots of your fellow guild members who didn't participate are anxious to see what we did, and those of us who did participate want to see our blocks in your quilt!

All we want for the reveal is at the very least your eight blocks sewn together. You do not have to have a border on them, although that would be a nice addition. You do not have to have it quilted, although we would be thrilled if it were, and you do not need to have all the embellishment done, although there will be prizes for those who have it done to this point. We will plan to hang them on the clotheslines as we did the crayon challenge quilts, and each participant will be asked to give a brief presentation on who did what block and what they did to finish it or what plans they have to do so, and any other information they would like to share.

So February is your first deadline in the completion process. The next deadline is May, when Rose Wuoti has asked if we would hang them in the Johnsonia Art Gallery in Fitchburg, just as we did with the New York Beauties two years ago. Twenty-one of us participated in this project, and we would really love to see as many of those quilts as possible hang in the gallery.

Thank you and have fun finishing them!

MONDAY "OPEN SEWS"*Beth Klein*

The next Monday Open Sew will be held on **December 7, 2009** from 7-9 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Townsend Congregational Church, Townsend, Ma.

January 11, 2010 is the January Monday Open Sew from 7-9 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Townsend Congregational Church, Townsend, Ma.

THURSDAY "OPEN SEWS"*Marie Anderson*

The next Thursday Open Sew is on **December 17, 2009** at the Pepperell Community Center in Pepperell, MA. Open 9 am thru 3 pm and always free to all members.

January 21, 2010 is the January Thursday Open Sew at the Pepperell Community Center in Pepperell, MA. Open 9 am thru 3 pm and always free to all members.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH*Terry McPartlan***Loaves & Fishes**

Loaves & Fishes is in desperate need of food for holiday tables. They also need feminine products, and baby diapers. As the weather gets colder, they could use gently used coats as well as other warm clothes.

Loaves & Fishes is looking for volunteers, and holiday presents. They have a shop where children can come in and get presents for their parents. Money or gift certificates are also accepted.

Please be generous.

QUILT CUPBOARD*Jan Dillon*

I will be delivering 6 lap quilts to the Emerson Oncology Unit on November 30. Several years ago, the Quilt Cupboard committed to donating one quilt a month. It has been six months since they have received any quilts from us (I usually deliver quilts every 3 or 4 months). Lap quilts are always needed by our Quilt Cupboard, so don't hesitate to work on this size – average 48" by 60".

RECIPE*Lori McElroy***Cranberry Walnut Bars**

Preheat oven to 350.

Spray 15x10x1 pan with cooking spray.

Mix in a large bowl until mixture resembles coarse crumbs:

2 1/2 c. flour

1 c. cold butter cut into pieces

1/2 c. confectioners sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

Press firmly into pan and bake 20 minutes until golden.

In a large bowl beat:

4 eggs

1 1/3 c. Karo corn syrup (light or dark - I used dark)

1 c. sugar

3 tablespoons melted butter

Stir in:

2 c. coarsely chopped fresh or frozen cranberries

1 c. chopped walnuts

Pour over hot crust and bake 25-30 minutes until set.

Cool completely before cutting.

(personal note: these are sticky to cut - using a plastic disposable knife works better for cutting than a regular steel serrated knife. This trick also helps with fudgy brownies)

2009-2010 WORKSHOPS

Chris Ross

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP SUPPLY LISTS FOR WORKSHOPS

Sweats Shirt Jacket Workshop with Kathie Beltz

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: The Pepperell Community Center
Cost: \$10
Additional Fees: none

Create an easy quilted jacket. Basically, a layer of fabric (quilt blocks, strips, squares) is quilted to the framework of a sweat shirt, creating a jacket. The technique is easy, and can be used to make an assortment of jackets. The jacket in this class will use Stack-N-Slash blocks with a variety of fabrics. There is still one space open for this workshop. Please contact Chris Ross if you are interested.

Miniature Paper Piecing with Susan Parks

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: The Pepperell Community Center
Cost: \$10

Additional Fees Pattern – talk to Susan or order online at www.caroldoak.com

This workshop will teach paper piecing techniques using a miniature quilt project from Carol Doak's book, *Easy Paper Pieced Miniatures* (Martingale & Company). The project incorporates a center compass (or Medallion) and there are size options which you should discuss with Susan before the class. Stop by to see Susan's wonderful sample at the next guild meeting.

Miniature Paper Piecing with Karen Pessia

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: The Groton Senior Center
Cost: \$30

Additional Fees none

Cut-away Appliqué is a technique that every appliqué artist should have in their repertoire of skills. In this class you will learn how to create a pattern on freezer paper, transfer the design to fabric, needle-turn inside/outside curves, points and reverse appliqué. Karen's beautiful class sample will be on display at the next guild meeting.

SCQG WORKSHOPS FOR 2010

Please note that the Deb Tucker workshops are currently full with a substantial wait list. All other workshops still have openings.

DATE	WORKSHOP	TEACHER	LOCATION
Saturday, January 16, 2010	Miniature Paper Piecing	Susan Parks	PCC
Saturday, February 06, 2010	Shadowed Star	Deb Tucker	PCC
Sunday, February 07, 2010	Shadowed Star	Deb Tucker	PCC
Saturday, February 27, 2010	cutaway applique	Karen Pessia	GSC
Saturday, March 20, 2010	raw edge fabric collage	Paula Webster	PCC
Saturday, April 10, 2010	Domestic Machine Quilting - fillers	Diane Loomis	PCC
Saturday, April 24, 2010	Bali Bowls	Carol McLeod	GSC
Saturday, May 08, 2010	Pet Portraits	Jan Queijo	PCC
Saturday, June 05, 2010	Tulip Bag	Linda Pearl	PCC

REFRESHMENTS
from Regina Mohan

Thank you all for your delicious and abundant choices for the November meeting. You really outdid yourselves. Look on page 6 for Lori McElroy’s Cranberry Walnut Bars recipe. This is the list I have for December and even though we will have a cookie swap, I’d like a few more desserts. If you are able to bring something, please email me privately at: rpmohan@verizon.net

I really appreciate each and everyone for continuing to help make our dessert table an awesome “picnic” for our meetings.

WATER: (individual containers)

- Mary Ellen Roy
- Doris Lewis
- Jeanne Lex
- Joanne Lockwood
- Nancy Bogar

VEGGIES @ DIP:

1. Brenda Butland
2. Heidi Caruso
3. Susan Houde

DESSERTS:

- Lori McElroy
 - Karen Ullo
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CHEESE @ CRACKERS:

1. Leo and Joanne McClure
2. Deb. Anderson
3. Nancy Robinson

ICE:

- Dorrie Swain
- Terry McPartlan

CHOCOLATE/CANDY:

1. Paula Lane (fudge)
2. Harriet Pindell
3. Barbara Townsend

JANUARY 6 MEETING PROGRAM
Jan Dillon

January 6 Quilt Cupboard Workshop

The quilt design chosen for this year’s quilt cupboard workshop is, once again, quite simple. A sample of the quilt pattern will be shown at the December meeting. The design works best with lights and darks (not mediums). The fabrics (100% cotton, please) should be solids or tone-on-tone or very small prints that read solid. No large prints please. For those of you who would like to prepare fabric ahead of time, we are asking for 7” squares of fabric. These will be cut, sewn, assembled, and squared at the January workshop. We can save a lot of time if we have plenty of 7” squares ready to work on.

We will have a sign-up at the December meeting for cutters, ironers, sewers, runners, color coordinators, squaring the blocks, etc. We will also have a sign-up for sewing machines, irons & ironing surfaces, rotary cutters, mats, rulers, etc.

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In case of inclement weather, be sure to check the guild website for any notice of meeting cancellations or postponements. A notice will be posted on the opening page of the website if there is any change in plans for the meeting. If you have a friend without internet access - be sure to let them know. We do not automatically follow the North Middlesex School closing schedule since we no longer meet at one of their buildings. But, no matter what the weather is...please stay home if you are not comfortable driving - even if we DO have our meeting.

Website: www.SCQG.org (This is NOT the yahoo list - however we will also send out a notice on the yahoo list. Some people don't get their yahoo messages until later in the evening, so the website will have the most current information in this situation).

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING

Cookies for Swap & Gift for Exchange

Name Badges

Refreshments (if you signed up to bring something)

Return Library Books

Non-perishable Foods & Paper Towels for Outreach

Your Block of the Month Square

Show & Tell Quilts