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JANUARY EVENTS

Wednesday, January 5	6:30pm 7:00pm	Guild Meeting (Pepperell VFW Hall) Program: Quilt Cupboard and Show & Tell Pre-meeting Activities Business Meeting
Monday, January 10	7–9pm	Open Sew (Townsend Congregational Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, January 20	9am–3pm	Open Sew (Pepperell Community Center)
Saturday, January 22	9am–3pm	Kathie Beltz's Tote Bag Workshop (Pepperell Community Center)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 2		Guild Meeting (Pepperell VFW Hall)
Monday, February 7	7–9pm	Open Sew (Townsend Congregational Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, February 17	9am–3pm	Open Sew (Pepperell Community Center)
Saturday, February 19	9am–3pm	Judy Damon's Kiss Me Quick Workshop (Pepperell Community Center)
Saturday, February 26	9:15am–3pm	"No Deb" Deb Day (Pepperell Community Center)

CO-PRESIDENTS' MUSINGS BY GINNY AND REGINA

As the holiday season winds down, we hope you had time to enjoy family and friends. The new year promises to be busy with workshops, meetings, speakers, and preparations for our guild quilt show.

At the January meeting, we will make charity quilts. Doris Lewis will direct us in this endeavor. Please remember to bring your rotary cutter, cutting board, sewing machine, iron, and ironing board if you signed up to bring these items. Everyone's help is needed. Also in the month of January, remember to finish and deliver your gift to your Secret Valentine.

In February, we will reveal the identity of your Secret Valentine. Please bring the gift you received to share with the group.

March, April and May, we will host speakers and their trunk shows. More details will follow.

May the new year bring you health, happiness, and more time to quilt!

TREASURER'S REPORT: MARIE ANDERSON

November 16, 2010–December 15, 2010

	<u>Month To Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	Nov.16 - Dec.15, 10	Aug 1, 10 - July 31, 11	Budget 2010-2011
Income			
Block of the Month	2.00	17.00	50.00
Membership Dues Rev.	15.00	395.00	2800.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	100.00
Monthly Raffle Table Rev.	126.00	491.00	1500.00
Newsletter Revenue	0.00	0.00	50.00
Program Revenue	0.00	0.00	100.00
Projects - Guild Sponsored	0.00	580.00	1200.00
Promotional Items	3.00	40.00	300.00
Quilt Show Revenue	0.00	0.00	1500.00
Raffle Quilt Revenue	0.00	0.00	1500.00
Workshop Revenue	-140.00	895.00	4000.00
	<u>6.00</u>	<u>2,418.00</u>	<u>13100.00</u>
Expense			
Block of the Month Exp.	0.00	4.88	100.00
Challenge Expense	33.59	33.59	100.00
Charitable Contribution Exp.	0.00	0.00	2400.00
Dues and Fee Exp.	35.00	50.00	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.	0.00	171.95	600.00
Newsletter Exp.	14.75	55.25	300.00
Outreach Exp.	50.00	150.00	600.00
Postage Exp.	26.09	49.23	100.00
Program Exp.	0.00	12.97	2500.00
Projects - Guild Sponsored	0.00	586.34	1200.00
Promotional Item Exp.	0.00	0.00	750.00
Quilt Cupboard Exp.	0.00	61.24	200.00
Quilt Show Exp.	0.00	0.00	2000.00
Raffle Quilt Exp - 2010/2011	0.00	169.67	250.00
Refreshment Exp.	0.00	22.98	250.00
Rent Exp.	150.00	600.00	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	350.00	4500.00
Total Expense	<u>309.43</u>	<u>2,371.90</u>	<u>18675.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-303.43</u>	<u>46.10</u>	<u>-5575.00</u>

*Checking Account Balance as of 12-15-2010**\$4,903.31*

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

December 1, 2010

Co-President Regina Mohan called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm. She welcomed attendees and asked that cell phones be made quiet. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were moved, seconded and accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Mary Lou Sanborn kicked off the Committee Chair and Announcement portion of the meeting with news of an upcoming "No Deb" Deb Day where members are invited to work on Deb Tucker projects on February 26. There is no cost, and will be limited to 20 people. Linda Pearl spoke about Workshops and apologized for submitting her article too late to make the newsletter. The Table Runner has been cancelled and may be rescheduled for next year. We still have the Kathie Beltz bag workshop, Judy Damon and Carol Doak to look forward to in the future. Membership Chair Wanda Makela reported that there were 86 in attendance, with one returning member, Joyce Newton, and two guests, Michelle and Pat. Wanda entertained the group with a story about her recent late-night return to the town of Pepperell, which I am sure will bring the Pepperell Police Department a few laughs for years to come!

While members enjoyed sampling cookies, Refreshment Chair Beth Helfter asked one person from each group to bring their cookie vote forward. She also said that the Secret Valentine cards have been mailed and gifts should be delivered by February 1. Jeanne Lex thanked everyone for returning their Challenge Quilts and drew Barbara Townsend's name for a prize. Doris Lewis reported that the Quilt Cupboard has given out 29 quilts since September, including 16 to victims of a fire and 5 to Emerson Hospi-

tal Oncology patients. She drew names and gifts were won by Diane Von Voorhis (twice but she declined one), Carol Conaway, Ellen Feltus, Laurie Bulkow, and Stacie Keefe. She showed tops donated by member Helen Sicotte, "The Queen of Scrap Quilts" and some other completed quilts.

Newsletter Editor Sandi Tuttle said that she would like to do a brief newsletter next month and asked for submissions to be made by December 20. 32 members brought in completed blocks for the Block of the Month and they were won by Cheryl Laffe. Anna-Maria Poole and JoAnn McClure had some fabulous Raffles this month that were won by Kathie Beltz, Barbara Seney, Doris Lewis, and Jan Dillon. The big prize of a Sidewinder and fabric was won by Co-President Regina Mohan. Ellen Selin spoke about the upcoming Quilt Show. We need to find a larger venue and asks members to let her know if they have suggestions for a better location.

Approximately 10 members displayed many lovely items at Show and Tell. Beth announced the winners of the cookie contest, with Third place going to Lois Berge, Second Place won by Barbara Joyce, and the First Place, winning the impressive title of "Official Squanicookie", with Aunt Mabel's Mad Balls: Jill McCaffrey!

Co-President Regina adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Callbeck, Secretary

JANUARY PROGRAM

Doris Lewis

The January meeting will be our annual Quilt Cupboard workshop when we mass produce quilt blocks to be used for quilt cupboard quilts. As most of you know, these quilts are donated to anyone in need of the warmth and comfort of a hand made quilt.

This year we decided to do the Brick quilt pattern, it is a simple rectangular pattern, sewn end to end and then offset when sewn together. We have requested theme fabrics, such as masculine, feminine, juvenile, country and those appearing solid. You can still bring 7 1/2 inch blocks to the meeting on January 5th.

We have kits made up with directions, for those who are bringing their sewing machines. Other folks can trim the squares that come into the meeting that night so if you offered to bring a square-up ruler, mat and rotary cutter, you can assist in this part of the project. We will need a few people to press seams once the rows are sewn together. There will be members around to help the process go smoothly, I hope, and we can get a lot done in a short period of time!

I have been hunting for the sign-up sheet that was passed around at the last meeting and, of course, can't find it under piles of wrapping and UFOs! I believe 9 people signed up to bring machines, and we could use 12. So a few more people could bring their machines. We will need mats, rotary cutters and square up rulers to trim the squares as well as a few irons and ironing boards. Some bed risers would certainly help the backs of those trimming squares too!!

If you have any questions, give me a buzz and I'll try to help you!!

REFRESHMENTS JANUARY MEETING

Beth Helfter

I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas and is ready for another yummy year of guild refreshments.

Because the cookie tasting was so busy for me, I did not think to have a sheet out for the January meeting refreshments. So now I need all of your help. If you can bring anything food oriented to the meeting, please let me know via email, eva-paigequilts@charter.net, asap. Two ladies let me know at the meeting that they are willing to bring a case of water each, which is perfect. One more case would be good as well as we are getting low on water. Let's start the year fully hydrated. As always, if you decide last minute to make or purchase a food item for the refreshment table, I will never turn away your offering.

Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation in the Squanicookie BakeOff and congratulations to Jill McCaffrey and her grand prize winning "Aunt Mabel's Balls". I, for one, love that the official Squanicookie of our guild has such a cheeky name.

In a housekeeping matter – I will be unable to attend the February meeting and will need someone to take over the refreshment table for the evening. It is not at all hard, but does require that you arrive by 6:30 to set up and make coffee. If you can help out, I would very much appreciate it. Thank you.

QUILT SHOW 2010

Sue Fors and Ellen Selin

After much persistence on the part of our Co-president Ginny LoDuca, we have a commitment for the Quilt Show. The Autumn Festival of Quilts will be held on September 24th and 25th, 2011 at NMRHS. Now we can begin to plan!

SECRET VALENTINE

Beth Helfter

By now you should all have received your Secret Valentine's name and address. If you have not, please contact me ASAP so we can panic together.

All Secret Valentine gifts are to be delivered (via post office, hand delivered to the home under cover of darkness, left at your Secret Valentine's place of work with the janitor, whatever) no later than noon on February 2, our meeting date. After January 25, please do not plan to use the post office as your method of delivery as we want to be sure everyone gets their gift before the meeting if at all humanly possible. The gifts should be either handmade or purchased, be quilty and Valentiny, and be of a value between \$15-\$20. Please bring your gift to the meeting to share with the group.

QUILT CUPBOARD

Doris Lewis

The Quilt Cupboard has been busy as usual!! We met on December 10 at my home, and Diane VV, Ellen F., Jan D., Margaret C., Ginny L., Regina M., and Carol C. all came and worked. We concentrated on making kits for the January meeting where we will be making the Brick quilt tops, we trimmed and cut the squares to size and a few of the girls even took some home! We also made up some kits of quilts for members to take home, some are UFOs and some are ready to be completed. Eva M., a camping quilter, brought a few more pre-printed panels for baby quilts to give to the cupboard. Ellen Feltus returned several quilts she had bound and took a few more to do.

A quilt was returned at the December Open Sew at the Community Center by Cath H. The top had been made by Regina M. and borders done by Jan D. before Cath completed it. Another top was turned in by Diane V.V., and we'll be looking for border fabric to complete it. Sandi T. worked on an adorable child's quilt that morning and is getting that top ready to be machine quilted.

A quilt was donated to a 10-year-old boy whose mother, a co-worker of Karen Hoyt, recently passed away. It was made by Susan Parks and quilted by Louise Thorpe. Four quilts were given to Barbara Townsend for two families who were burnt out in a fire in Hollis recently.

We are working hard to make up kits for our members to take home and work on. At the last meeting 11 of 14 kits were taken!! Thank you so much ladies and gentlemen for your willingness to help out such a worthy cause!

Next get-together is at my house on Thursday, January 13th.

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CHALLENGE

Jeanne Lex

“Wrapped Up In Sports”

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

A huge THANK YOU to the 35 members, who have accepted the challenge to piece New England sports-themed quilts for children in need.

Our goal is 48 quilts, so the Challenge Committee still has several boxes that have not been started.

With the holidays winding down and a long winter ahead of us, perhaps you have some extra time each month to work on a very short project? The Challenge Committee would be grateful if you’d agree to join the challenge too. To do so, all you need do is see any of the committee members at the Challenge table.

We’ll assign you a box; answer all your questions and you’ll be in business.

Important Note to those 35 members with pizza boxes at home now: It is imperative that you complete your task and return your box to the Challenge Committee table at the January meeting. If you are unable to do so, please contact me, Jeanne Lex nine.patch@yahoo.com or 978-448-2845.

If you do not wish to take part in the Challenge, but would like to make quilts to donate to Wrapped Up in Sports - absolutely, feel free to do so, as all quilts for donation to this worthy cause are very much appreciated. Quilt Requirements were posted on the SCQG Yahoo Group as well as in our November Newsletter. If you do not have access to either of these, feel free to email or phone me and I will be happy to send those to you.

As always, if you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the following Challenge Committee members: Jeanne Lex, Melissa Heys, Beth Klein, Norma King, Jan Dillon, Dianne VanVorhees and/or Wanda Wilson.

WORKSHOPS

Linda Pearl

We had a very successful first workshop with Sue Pelland at the Pelham Community Center on November 20th. We learned a lot about chalk-lines as well as Sue’s new ruler. It was a success by all accounts, and I expect we’ll be hearing more from Sue – and about Sue in 2011. With any luck, these quilts will be a welcome addition to next year’s show!

We still have a few openings in January with Kathie Beltz’s Tote Bag class – it’s scheduled for the Pepperell Community Center on January 22 at 9am. Since Kathie is a Guild member, the class fee for this is \$10.

For February, get into the Valentine Spirit – and learn how to make quick work of your stash – with Judy Damon’s Kiss Me Quick. February 19th, again at the Pepperell Community Center.

We’re still looking at the calendar for the spring, and can always use more help. To find out what’s required, email Linda@thepatchworkpearl.com.

Have a Great Holiday Season!

“NO DEB” DEB DAY

Karen Hoyt

If you have been lucky enough to take one of Deb Tucker’s workshops over the past few years, you are probably very disappointed that Deb will not be teaching at our Guild in 2011. A few of us “Deb groupies” with serious Deb withdrawal are putting together a “No Deb” Deb Day on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 9:15am – 3:00pm at the Pepperell Community Center. This is a day devoted to finishing your Deb UFOs or starting one of the many patterns you have acquired at her workshops. Dust off your Tucker Trimmer, Wing Clipper and Rapid Fire Star Template and join us for a productive day of sewing the “Deb” way. The day of quilting is free. Bring your own lunch or order out. We will provide a few baked goods. Sign up at the December or January meetings. Space is limited to 20.

The Deb Tucker Groupies; Karen Baer, Mary Lou Sanborn, Nancy Russell.

PEPPERELL LIBRARY SHOW

Jill McCaffrey

It is time to think of the Pepperell Library show. The theme this year will be “Fabulous Fabrics in Our Quilts.” I already have my eyes on displaying the Australian fabric quilt that Rachael Gallant showed at show and tell. As always I like to display lots of variety. So anything you would like to submit I am sure will have fabulous fabrics in it. We will also display the Winter Wonderland Challenge quilts.

The set up for the show will be the week of March 14th and take down will be April 22nd or 23rd. There will be a small reception on March 19th from noon until 2:00 pm. I will collect the quilts at our March meeting and return them at our May meeting. Beginner’s quilts as well as expert’s quilts are always welcomed. There is no judging for this show so everyone should feel real comfortable submitting quilts. We only ask that you be a member of our guild to submit and that you not submit a quilt that has already been exhibited at this show.

As always the library and the guild cannot be held liable for loss or damage. Everyone exhibits at their own risk. If you have any questions please feel free to call me, Jill McCaffrey at 978-448-5593. I will be asking for volunteers to help when it gets closer to the date of the show. For now please think about what you can display at this show or what UFO you could finish that would fit perfect with our theme.

Lawrence (Pepperell) Library Show Entry Form 2011

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Name/Title of Quilt _____

Size in inches (approximate) Length _____ Width _____

Techniques: Pieced _____ Appliqued _____ Mixed _____ Other _____

Please write a few sentences about your quilt that we can print on a display card to hang with it. It could include such things as: What was your inspiration? Were there any special techniques that you used? What is your favorite part of the quilt? Did you make it for someone special? Etc.

APRIL RETREAT AT LAKE SHORE FARM

Cath Hallsworth

The April Retreat will be here before you know it. It is the weekend of Friday, April 8th through Sunday, April 10th. When I was at the October retreat, Harry spoke we with me and warned me that the price for the weekend is increasing by \$30 starting January 1st - a two night, 6 meal rate for a single will be \$210 and for a double will be \$160 each.

I have the listing from last April with everyone’s previous room assignments from last April. I will email out a listing of the people and rooms on the SCQG email later this month or you can check with me at the January meeting. If you came last April, but are UNABLE to attend this April, please let me know so your vacancy can be filled. We have 40 people registered at this point in time. I would like to keep the total number at 40, but there are others who would like to come.

I will be collecting \$25 deposits at the January meeting – please make out checks to Lake Shore Farm; no cash, please.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at challs-worth@yahoo.com.

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE JANUARY MEETING

Sewing Supplies for Making Quilts

Challenge Quilts

Name Badges

Refreshments (No sign-up list so please bring something)

Sign up for Workshops

Non-perishable Foods & Paper Towels for Outreach

Your Block of the Month Square

Show & Tell Quilts

MONDAY OPEN SEW

from Marie Anderson

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 7-9pm in Fellowship Hall at the Congregational Church on Brookline Street in Townsend. The January Open Sew will be held on January 10th. Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY OPEN SEW

from Marie Anderson

Our regular Thursday Open Sew will take place on Thursday, January 20th at the Pepperell Community Center from 9am to 3pm. 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! Contact Marie Anderson at m_anderson@charter.net if you have any questions.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Quilters of Squanicook Guild,

I can't even begin to explain how I felt 30 minutes after walking into Emerson Hospital full of apprehension and dismay. What got to me most, besides staring at the most beautiful patchwork quilt I ever laid eyes on, was that the Squanicook Guild would take the time to make such a precious gift. My eyes filled up. I am so grateful for your kindness. You put a smile on my face when I needed it most. I love the orange trim and the fall shades.

Love, Kate M. Sudbury

Dear Friends, Fishes,

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers and especially the clients of Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Inc., I would like to extend my appreciation to the members of your club for your recent contribution of \$50.00.

Sincerely, Patricia Stern, Executive Director