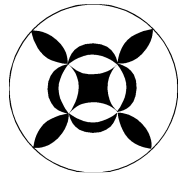


Irondequoit Quilt Club News



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March 2011

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Monthly Raffle

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Brenda's Caps

TBD

Brenda's Totes

Irondequoit Community Cupboard

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Charity Czar

Liz Brown 266-6054

Comfort Quilts

Elaine Kent 227-0471

Pat Lentilucci (Men's) 621-8412

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Jane Ryan (Alzheimer) 266-8529

Sunset House

Jeanne Muhl 336-9459

President's Pieces

Greetings Quilters,

Our Rochester weather for March certainly came in like a lion. We can only hope that the snow will finally wind down and the March weather will exit like a good little lamb. Have any of you felt like this is the winter that just doesn't end???

To combat our snow fatigue, Cheryl Bond has planned a super special program for our March meeting. Beth Helfter (a Greece native and graduate of Athena High School) will present her trunk show: "Perfection is Overrated". What an intriguing concept!! This is surely a way to escape the winter doldrums with exquisite quilts!

At our February meeting, there was a discussion about expenditure of Quilt Club funds. At present, there is no process delineated in our by-laws. We need to decide if we want to create "rules" or if we leave it as is and trust the judgment of our officers to make purchases for the Club. According to the by-laws, we need to discuss the idea, publish a written amendment in the April newsletter and vote at the April meeting and vote at the May meeting. Think about your

ideas and we'll discuss the topic at the March 28 meeting. A committee will then use your input to draft an amendment to be published in April and voted on in May.

Charity Czar, Liz Brown announced that we'll once again be making placemats for Meals on Wheels. You may help out at the Sew Nights on April 1 and May 6 or you may do your sewing at home. The placemats don't need to be intricate or fussy. Focus on colorful and attractive work. Remember many of the placemats go to men so patriotic, sports or outdoor themes are much appreciated. The final collection will be May 23.

At the March 4 Sew Night, Penny Schumacher walked many of our members through the process of using the AccuQuilt Go machine. They cut out many charity quilt kits that will be available for you at the March meeting. I was impressed at how fast and accurate it was with very little fabric waste! Stop in and see for yourself! If you wish to use the machine to cut your own personal quilt project, contact Penny at 467-0932 to arrange a Friday Sew Night time for April 1, May 6 or June 3.

Don't forget to contact Kathy Russell if you want to be part of our annual Bus Trip. This year we're visiting 4 shops in the Buffalo at a new lower cost (Thanks Kathy!). The cost is \$24.

Enjoy lots of quilting in these waning days of winter. If you don't have a project going, you might consider making a charity quilt. Elaine Kent will gladly accept charity quilts and her "crew" will even quilt and bind donated tops.

See you at the March 28th. meeting!

- Georgia

Irondequoit Quilt Club meets on the 4th Monday of each month (except as indicated) from Sept. to May from 7-9pm at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 3736 St. Paul Blvd.



IQC Shop Hop Update

The shop hop is underway! Some shops will ask to see your IQC Membership Card, so please make sure you take it with you when you head out to shop! If you need a card or have any other questions please contact Ruth Tetlow (787-0054 or

retetlow@rochester.rr.com).

This month's article features **Ivy Thimble Quilt & Gift Shop** in Victor, NY and **Sew Creative** in Fairport, NY.

The **Ivy Thimble Quilt & Gift Shop** in Victor, NY, is a destination quilt shop with approximately 4,000 bolts of fabric, quilting notions, patterns and books. We carry a large selection of batiks and civil war reproduction fabrics, as well as beautiful florals! We also stock a full assortment of bright and cheerful 30's reproductions. Whether you are an advanced quilter or just beginning to learn about quilting, we have a class to suit your needs. Our shop has a well lit classroom that's always full of folks quilting, learning, chatting and having fun. You can find our updated class schedule on our website (www.ivythimble.com) or call us at 585.742.2680. If there's a class you would like us to teach, perhaps a technique you would like to learn – just let us know and we'll get it on the schedule!

Ivy Thimble also offers longarm services. Drop your quilt off and discuss the details with our talented "long-armers". They can guide you in choosing the thread and stitching pattern for your quilt. Our "long-armers" are also skilled at custom quilting if you would like something very special for your quilt. The ladies at Ivy genuinely want you to experience our

motto for yourself: Enter as strangers, leave as friends. See you soon!

Ivy Thimble is located at 5 Railroad Street, Victor, NY (if using a GPS to find us, please note there is a Railroad St. AND a Railroad Ave. in Victor).

Ivy Thimble is open Mon–Wed 9:30 –5, Thur 9:30-7, Fri & Sat 9:30–4.

Sew Creative opened its doors as Stretch & Sew in February of 1975 in Penfield. Jeanne and her staff taught hundreds of women to make t-shirts, bathing suits and even bras! After a change of name and 3 changes of location they are now located in an historic trolley station on the Erie Canal in Fairport. Jeanne's daughter Lisa joined her mother in the business in 1991 and they now run the business together along with a helpful, talented staff.

Sew Creative offers not only fashion fabrics but unique quilting cottons as well. They have a full schedule of classes that cover a wide range of topics including quilting, machine embroidery, embroidery software, handbags and home dec and of course, garment sewing.

Sew Creative is also the area's exclusive dealer for Pfaff and Babylock Sewing machines and Sergers. Their focus with their machine business is customer service and satisfaction. Make it fun is their motto! After 36 years in business, keeping it fun

is what makes Sew Creative a success!

Visit Sew Creative at 23 North Main Street in Fairport. Their hours are: Mon – Wed, Fri & Sat 10 – 5, Thur 10 – 8.

Their phone number is 388-0230 and their website is www.sewcreativefairport.com.



A reminder from our Shop Hop Participants

Plan to participate in the upcoming School of Shops shop hop. All of the shops are on the Irondequoit Quilt Club shop hop, so you can complete both hops with one shopping trip!! The hop hours are **Wednesday, April 13 through Friday, April 15 from 10-7 and Saturday, April 16 from 10-5.**

Sign up is FREE and Report Cards will be available starting in mid-January.

During the four days of the shop hop, each hopper must visit all six of the shops listed below for a free demonstration on a new quilting tool or technique, pick up their free goodie bag and get their Report Card stamped. Once the Report Card has been stamped by all six participating shops, the hopper turns in the card at the last shop attended and will be eligible for the prizes listed below.

As an added bonus during the hop, each shop will have a 15% discount on all bolted quilting cottons!

Participating shops include:

Betty's Quilting Etc. 42 Nichols Street, Spencerport, NY 14559 (585) 352-9362

Chestnut Bay Quilting (*new address*) 262 North St., Caledonia, NY 14423 (585) 538-4420

Ivy Thimble Quilt & Gift Shop 5 Railroad St., Victor, NY 14564 (585) 742-2680

Jackie Lynn's Fabric Center 475 E. Ridge Rd., Rochester, NY 14621 (585) 544-4110

Mt. Pleasant Quilting Company 2877 Mt. Pleasant Rd., York, NY 14592 (585) 243-0767

Patricias' Fabric House 333 W. Commercial St., E. Rochester, NY 14445 (585) 248-2362

Prizes for the 2011 hop are:

(1) Grand Prize: 30 yards of quilting fabric (5 yards from each shop in 6 different colors)

(6) Second Prizes: \$100 Gift Baskets, one from each shop

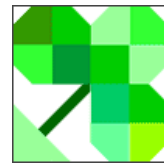
(6) Third Prizes: \$25.00 Gift Certificate, one from each shop

Plus many additional vendor prizes! (assorted fat quarter bundles, patterns, kits and books).



Fat Quarter Exchange

The theme for the March fat quarter exchange will be batiks. Think spring! Happy shopping and good luck to all! The February winners were Doreen Hoy, Mary Jane Kosel, and Georgia Sadler.



Make sure to come to our March meeting. We will be hosting Beth Helfter, a quilt designer and small business owner of EvaPaige Quilt Designs in Massachusetts. She will be presenting her trunk show entitled "Perfection is Overrated", about her quilt-making journey from her first attempt at self-taught quilting to the founding EvaPage Quilt Designs with her own line of unique patterns. She will discuss thoughts on the design process as it unfolds for her in the midst of the running a household and raising three small children, how a quilt can be a thing of beauty even without matching seams and perfect points, and the many joys of bringing her designs to other quilters.

There will be lots of quilts to see and Beth will also be

bringing her patterns for purchase during the meeting.

To find out more about Beth see her website at:

<http://www.evapaigequilt designs.com>.



Bus Trip

I need to know before March 16th if you plan on attending our 4th annual BUS TRIP. We will be going to the following shops.

Patchwork Garden (*new shop opened in October 2010*), Buffalo, New York

Pine Grove, Kenmore, NY

The Quilt Farm, Boston, NY

Creekside Fabrics, Arcade, NY

All shops are eager to have us and I know everyone will have a great time. Here is the plan:

Saturday April 16, 2011 at 7:30

AM: leave from Henrietta

Cost: \$24.00 per person (this includes everyone)

Bring Box Lunch, lots of cash or a empty credit card (so you can fill it up)

There will be some gifts given on the way down and 4 door prizes on the way back.

Water will be provided.

Pay Barb Butcher @ March 28th meeting.

You can email me @ kathy1021@frontiernet.net or give me a call @ 585-482-1838

-Kathy



March Birthdays:

Sandi Fox	3/3
Kathy Glogowski	3/3
Jackie Root	3/4
Pamela Staub	3/6
Jennifer Steward	3/10
Pat Fackelman	3/19
Donna Goundry	3/19
Bettie Beiter	3/22
Melissa Manney	3/22
Renee' Despard	3/31

April Birthdays:

Helen Kohut	4/8
Sherry McArthur	4/12
Helen Fee	4/14
Mary Randall	4/14
Lin Mocejunas	4/28
Sandy Cordingley	4/29

IQC's New Toy

The club has purchased the AccuQuilt Go! cutter and several dies for use in cutting charity quilts and for members to use. The machine is available at Sew Nights and sanctioned club events such as retreats or sew days. To ensure that you have time to cut your blocks, please contact Penny Schumacher before the day you want to use it (pschumac@rochester.rr.com or 467-0932) to ensure that you have time to cut your blocks. At the last Sew Night, we cut 12 yards of material into charity quilt blocks in about 1 1/2 hours! These are the dies we have at this time:

- 6 1/2 inch tumbler block
- 6 inch isosceles triangle
- 4 7/8 inch right angle triangle
- 4 1/2 inch square
- 3 inch right angle triangle
- 2 1/2 inch square
- 2 inch half square triangle
- 3 1/2 inch drunkard's path
- 3 inch chisel
- 3 inch parallelogram

You can visit the Accuquilt website at accuquilt.com to view each die and get free patterns using the dies we have. You can also choose to purchase a die for your own use and cut your fabric using the cutter at any Sew Night.

April Newsletter items due:

April 8th, 2011

Secretary's Scraps

Thanks to all who participated in Lisa Priebe's statistics project! (drawing an estimated 3-inch line) The average length of the lines drawn by 29 IQC members was 2.42 inches with a standard deviation of 0.48 inches. The other group (about 75% male, most aged 40+) had an average of 2.54 inches with a standard deviation of 0.50 inches. I'm still working on the analysis and writeup!

St. Joseph's Villa thanked the Club for the pillowcases we gave them. They were very appreciative.

Block of the Month winner for February was Deb Trask.

Treasurer's Reports for September 2010 through January 2011 are now available. There is not enough space to include them in this issue of the newsletter. Lisa will send them out via email to all members with email addresses separately; anyone who doesn't have email and would like a copy, please contact Kathy Russell.

-Lisa Priebe & June Kanik



March Refreshments

will be provided by:

Ruth Tetlow
 Melanie Popick
 Georgia Sadler
 Pat Fackelman
 Deb Pratt-Gnage
 Doreen Hoy
 Jennifer Steward



Monthly Raffle

This month I will be raffling off a 6 month block of the month pattern called CABINS IN THE SWAMP. It has flying geese (my most favor – not) paper piecing, half square triangles, appliqué, and a lot of challenging blocks to complete. Instructions are written so you can understand what they want you to do step by step. There will also be a nail file, a Fons and Porter Mechanical Fabric Pencil and The Ultimate Stiletto.

Just buy a ticket and you could be the one to win these fabulous gifts.

-Kathy



Program Calendar

March 28

Beth Helfter

EvaPaige Quilt Designs
"Perfection is Overrated"

Trunk show

April 25

Annual Meeting

Patty Cline (**Chestnut Bay Quilting**) will be bringing some of her shop items to us and her friend, Doreen Clark will be doing a short presentation on civil war era garments.

May 23

End of Year Party
Install New officers



Sew Nights

Sew Nights run from 6:00 pm until the last quilter goes home (Fridays). There are a couple of Saturday Sew Days which will run 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. There is **no charge** for Sew Nights this year as our treasury is in good shape! Please bring a snack or drink to pass and your latest project.

Sew Night Dates for 2010-2011:

Quilters' Sew Nights
(Stitchers welcome!)

April 1

May 6

June 3

Stitchers' Sew Nights
(Quilters welcome!)

March 25

April 16 (10-4)

May 20

June 17

Additional Dates TBA



Upcoming Quilt Shows:

March 19, 10a-4p Patricia's Fabric House show at the Piano Works Mall, 333 Commercial Street, East Rochester. Free Admission!

March 19-20, Seaway Trail Discovery Center, Sackets Harbor, NY. \$5 admission.

April 1, 10a-5p and April 2, 10a-4p; "Connections" by Towpath Quilt Guild. Manlius Village Center 1 Elmbrook Drive West Manlius NY 13104 (315) 682-6134 Admission \$4.50

April 2-3. Wheatfield Community Center, 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda. (716) 694-6833. \$5 admission.

May 13,14 (10a-5p)-15 (11a-4p), "Palette of Quilts" at Clarence Town Park Clubhouse, 10450 Main St, Clarence, NY. \$5 admission.

Genessee Valley Quilt Guild "75th Diamond Jubilee Quilt Festival", June 3-5 at RIT, 1 Lomb Memorial Drive. \$10 daily.

<http://gvqc.org/index1quiltshow.php>



Upcoming Quilt Classes with Margaret Spevak:

S.A.B.L.E. CLUB (make a quilt from your stash) - Saturdays, 3/5, 4/16 & 5/7/10, 12 – 5 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$30 each month.

U.F.O. PIZZA PARTY - Saturdays, 3/26, 4/30, 5/21, 6/4/11, 10 am – 4 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$40/month

FAST & FABULOUS FRIDAYS - Fridays, 4/22/11 (Urban Cabin) & 5/20/11 (Pie Crust Pile Up) at Jackie Lynn's, 10 am – 3 pm, \$40/month

BQ3 - Monday, 3/28/11, 6 – 9 pm at The Scarlet Thread, \$40

THINK INSIDE THE BOX - Tuesdays, 3/8 & 3/29/11, 5:30 – 8 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$45

QUILT DEMO/RUNNER SERIES - Saturdays, 3/12, 4/23, & 5/14/11, Demo: 10 am – 12 pm & Runner: 12 – 5 pm at Jackie Lynn's, demo only \$20/month, demo & runner \$40/month

FLORAL RUNNER & PLACEMATS - Friday, 3/25/11, 10 am – 3 pm, at The Scarlet Thread, \$40

TWISTED BARGELLO - Mondays, 4/11 – 5/9/11 (no 5/2), 60 – 8 pm, at The Scarlet Thread, \$50

SHATTERED QUILT - Tuesdays, 4/5 – 4/19/11, 6 – 8 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$45

FRENCH BRAID - Thursdays, 4/7 – 4/14/11, 5:30 – 8 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$45

X BLOCK - MO'S BASKET - Tuesdays, 4/26 – 5/3/11, 5:30 – 8 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$45

TRIPLE STARS & STRIPES - Thursdays, 4/21 – 5/5/11, 6 – 8 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$45

FABULOUS FINISHES - Friday, 4/29/11, 10 am – 4 pm, at The Scarlet Thread, \$40

MACHINE QUILTING MADE EASY - Friday, 5/6/11, 10 am – 3 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$40

FABULOUS FINISHES - Tuesdays, 5/10 – 5/17/11, 5:30 – 8 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$40

COLLECTIBLES QUILT - Thursdays, 5/12 – 5/26/11, 6 – 8 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$45

AFTERNOON DELIGHT - Tuesdays, 5/24 – 5/31/11, 5:30 – 8 pm at Jackie Lynn's, \$45

For more information check out Margaret's website at www.quiltingwithmargaret.com or visit the stores to see samples and sign up.



Webster Quilt Guild is having Sharon Stroud come to do a workshop called "Care and Feeding of your Singer Feather-weight Machine." The workshop is scheduled to take place during the Webster Guild meeting on April 15, 2011 from 10 am to 2 pm. If you are interested in signing up for the workshop or have further questions please contact Cheryl Bond.



Cotton Prices are Rising Sharply!

Since many of us quilters use primarily cotton fabrics, Kathy Russell thought this article would be of interest. These are excerpts from a longer article; for more, contact Kathy or see <http://www.americanquiltretailer.com/cotton/>

Today's cotton products are rising at an alarming rate due to supply and demand in the world marketplace. The projected demand for 2010/2011 is 3 million bales (480lbs) greater than 2009/2010. This, coupled with short crops due to floods in Pakistan, hail storms in Texas, water issues in California and cold, wet conditions in China, have all compounded to create increased pricing for cotton.

Raw cotton cost has increased in triple digit percentages in a relatively short period of time and stockpiles have been depleted. Many people are of the belief that "speculators" are driving up the prices needlessly, and this may be somewhat true, but there is a real shortage in the world market that is causing the majority of the problem.

Pricing for cotton has not kept up with inflation over the years. Now that a shortage exists it is increasing at a very rapid rate. This will be reflected in the cost of all cotton textile products whether they be fabric or finished garments. Just like oil affected gas costs and prices went soaring before settling back to about 50% of the increase, fabrics will do the same. The cost of fabrics made from cotton will increase but never recede back to where they were previously.

Price increases on fabrics are real and must be passed along to the consumer. Shop owners cannot afford to absorb the increases even if consumers object initially. Store staff should be educated on how to explain what has happened; with the ease of the internet all of this can be researched quite easily.