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Come and Shop 'Til You Drop November Meeting

The November meeting is Boutique Night. Come and shop until you drop. We will have cuddle quilt projects to work on while we are waiting to shop, after we have finished, or while we talk the evening away. Bring your basic quilting supplies to work on the cuddle quilts. We will be tying and sewing labels on

quilts that have already been started. Large needles for yarn are usually in short supply. If you have some of these, please bring them along with your other basic quilting supplies (scissors, thimble, etc.). We will have quilts set up for some fun rounds with quilting terms — complete with prizes and more fun.

Vote in November — LQG Policies

Early this fall, the Executive Board received several requests regarding LQG policies. Although policy decisions made in previous years by other boards should be available in board or guild meeting minutes, there is no single place that these are printed. This makes it rather challenging to abide by these guidelines or to know whether policies even exist regarding issues in question. An ad hoc committee will review the minutes that we have and compile a listing of existing policies. In the meantime, LQG membership will review the following policy recommendations and vote on them at the November meeting. The changes suggested after the discussion at the October meeting are included.

Policy Recommendation #1 RE: Withdrawal of membership, dues re-

fund.

If the Executive Board receives a written request with reason for withdrawal, refund of dues will be considered at the board's discretion only through the October meeting.

Policy Recommendation #2 RE: Sale of merchandise at LQG functions.

a) The annual LQG Boutique is for guild members only. Any vendor must be a guild member and must pay the board established percentage of their sales to Lincoln Quilters Guild,

b) No outside vendors (i.e. non LQG members) will be allowed to sell merchandise at Lincoln Quilters Guild meetings, workshops or functions with the exception of contracted speakers/teachers who will pay the board established percentage of their sales to LQG.

Cuddle Quilt Quiz

1. What is a "cuddle quilt"?
2. Who receives the quilts?
3. How are the quilts distributed?
4. How many quilts have been given away since the program began?
5. Are there other projects related to cuddle quilts?
6. When can I work on cuddle quilts?

Be sure to search your Plain Print for the answers.

c) It will be up to the discretion of each year's Executive Board whether or not merchandise (such as sweatshirts, stationery, scissors, group magazine discounts) will be sold.

Santa's Socks

It's year #3 for our Santa's Socks program. Be working on your Christmas stockings for this worthy event. (Yes, you may make more than one each!) In fact, it's encouraged!

Bring your money to the November meeting to vote for viewer's choice.

Money raised in the vote will be used to purchase "fillers" for the socks. We will then donate the stockings to needy families in the Lincoln area.

Deb Bauer-Knopp



I am a big fan of tips and hints. I figure that somebody else has had to have the same problems or experiences that I'm having and has come up with great solutions. I want to benefit from their wisdom. Sometimes I run across terrific hints to solve problems that I haven't even had yet! Now that's really fine prevention. This past summer, my husband received a gift for renewing his (my) subscription to Quilter's Newsletter Magazine entitled 51 Time Saving Secrets for Quilters. I'd like to pass along some of my favorite tips.

"Figure shrinkage and waste at twenty percent when buying fabric." Now this seems to me a very good reason to buy MORE FABRIC.

"When working on a take-along project, a small hand towel spread across your lap will keep patches from sliding to the floor." It will also cover up the countless little spills and spots that I didn't notice were there until I sat down.

"Take bobbins of various thread colors rather than full spools." Now I've been doing this for years but it was always because I know where the

bobbins were, while my spools had this amazing habit of disappearing.

"Use zipper top plastic bags to carry supplies for hand piecing." I sincerely believe that zip top plastic bags are one of this century's finest inventions. In fact, I've been on several trips where some of my most stylish quilting friends carry the same see-through zipper topped makeup bag that I do.

"When appliquéing bias stems, stitch the inside curve first and begin the outside curve at the same end as the inside one. If you don't do this, one side will stretch one way while the other stretches the opposite way and the whole stem will pucker." Oh how I wish there were enough tips and hints to get me over my "fear of appliqué,"

I also read some useful tips in Fons and Porter's Quilter's Complete Guide. They offer the following suggestions:

"Plan your quilting route before you start." I understand this bit of wisdom might apply to Connie Strobe

and Company's return trip from the 1996 NQA Show, too. (: (: (: (That's three of them sleeping in the car...maybe they shouldn't be smiling. No, they are ALWAYS smiling when I see them.)

Quilting
binds us
together

"Sew with a 'baggy bottom.' The sewing machine feed dogs will ease in the fullness of a slightly longer piece if it is on the bottom." Now I don't know about you, but there are not too many things that I want

to do with a "baggy bottom"! But, I guess if Fons and Porter say to do it...

Our very own Meylonie Schatz shared one of my favorite tips at our October Show and Tell. She said, "I have to close my eyes when I go by flannel now. 'Cuz, oh my, it just wants to jump into my hands."

For more wonderful advice and opportunities to "connect with quilters" be sure to attend the November meeting. And remember, "Quilting binds us together."

The Ties That Bind

personal notes



Congratulations to **Shelly Burge** whose quilt, "Windmills in My Mind," was the Nebraska State winner in the 1996 All-American Quilt Contest. *Good Housekeeping* magazine and Coming Home, the bed and bath division of Land's End, sponsored the contest.

Congratulations to **Gloria Smith** are also in order. Her wall-hanging,

"In Celebration of this Old Glory's Birthday," was selected to be in the Hoffman Challenge 1996. She used the Hoffman "Old Glory" challenge fabric in a row-by-row setting. (Editor's note: the row-by-row setting was popularized by our own **Corny Bunch** in their books by the same name). Gloria has had pieces selected three of the six years that she has en-

tered the Hoffman Challenge.

Congratulations to **Lucille Lenz** who entered over 100 items in the baked goods contest at the Nebraska State Fair. She won over 40 first place ribbons and over 25 second place ribbons. She said she did win other places but she quit counting the ribbons. Would you believe, she doesn't even eat what she bakes?!

Meeting Minutes

letter from the President



Lincoln Quilt Guild October General Meeting

October 14, 1996 7p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Church 49th and Prescott

Becky Haynes, president, welcomed guild members and guests.

Kate Laucomer introduced the guest speaker. Carole Collins from Norfolk, Neb. presented "The Evolution of a Quilter" to show her techniques and inspirations for quilting.

Business meeting:

Due to the absence of Mary Brooks, the treasurer's report will be printed in Plain Print.

Becky highlighted retreat weekend in Gretna. Next year will be Lincoln Guild's turn to sponsor the retreat. Mickey Anderson will be the hostess.

Connie Strobe read announcements from committee chairs:

November meeting — ornament exchange, boutique, and Santa socks
All new Armstrong fabrics on dis-

play tonight for sale.

Last change tonight for magazine special offer.

Cuddle quilt workshops announced.

Becky presented information to the group concerning policies recommended by the executive board. The two issues were refund of membership dues and "outside vendors." (See related article in this issue.) Group discussion resulted in other ideas and concerns to add/delete from the recommendations. The policies will be read again at the November meeting and a group vote will be taken.

Friendship Block committee drew names for winners of bundles of Nine Patch blocks. December Friendship Block will be exchange of 9" Christmas fabrics.

Meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Doris Gutzmer, Secretary

Wanted: Information About Small Groups

Are you a member of a small quilting group? We would like to feature some of the small groups that have begun through LQG. Please submit your articles for future issues of Plain Print. Tell us the name of your group, when you meet, how many members you have, and if the membership is open or closed. If your group has had any special projects or retreats, we would love to hear about those too.

In this month's Plain Print, you will notice photos from the Faded Blossoms October Costume Party. Faded Blossoms is a group of 19 ladies who served as committee chairwomen for the 1994 LQG quilt show. (Other quilt shows have given birth to such groups as Basket Cases and Falling Stars.) Faded Blossoms meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Membership is limited to those who served on the 1994 show committee.

Bits & Pieces



November Ornament Exchange

Be working on your quality hand-crafted ornament for our November exchange. Which ornament will go home with you?

Sheryl Jonas

Volunteers Needed

I need several volunteers to help on a committee for a National Quilting Day special event. Call me at 423-4611.

Kate Laucomer

Anniversary Year Celebration?

1997 is a special year for LQG. It's a milestone anniversary for us! Shall we have a special celebration banner? **Jan Stehlik** will welcome your suggestions and ideas and asks you to stay tuned for a further announcement.

Large Quilts Needed

We need large quilts to display at the eye center. If you have any, contact **Janiece Goin** at 788-2241.

Committee Reports not Free Advertising

It is important to remember that committee reports and announcements is not an arena for free advertising. If you have items that you wish to offer for sale or classes you would like people to know about, please put a notice on the bulletin board.

You may also consider purchasing advertising space in the Plain Print. Contact **Teri Wenz** at 488-7410. Thank you.

New Members



These members joined after the printing deadline for the membership book.

Ahl, Deb	838 Eastridge Dr	Lincoln	68510	402/488-8454
Anderson, Norma G.	1108 Ivy Ave.	Crete	68333	402/826-2965
Beideck, Rose	3333 S 29th St.	Lincoln	68502	402/423-6857
Buethe, Nancy J.	7711 N Hazelwood Dr.	Lincoln	68510	402/488-1645
Churchill, Annie	601 Northborough Lane	Lincoln	68505	402/489-5978
Cordry, Veronica J.	2125 Scott Ave	Lincoln	68506	402/486-4365
Engen, Jan E.	5540 Blackpool Rd.	Lincoln	68516	402/423-0954
Everson, Lu J.	Box 29101	Lincoln	68529	402/483-1703
Fitzgerald, Nathalie J.	14410 Ivanhoe	Waverly	68462	402/786-2418
Goodenkauf, Cheryl L.	Rt. 8, 11400 S 60th	Lincoln	68516	402/423-3128
Hall, Gloria	Rt. 1, Box 255 B	Palymra	68418	402/780-5773
Lawlor, Cathy S.	3000 Pecos Rd.	Lincoln	68516	402/420-5474
Mehenski-Quick, Nancy A.	5226 Bancroft	Lincoln	68506	402/484-5122
Malone, Marcia L.	17700 Basswood Dr.	Martell	68404-9711	402/794-4275
Poleschook, Nellie M.	4421 S 50th	Lincoln	68516	402/488-5663
Reed, Marian	6651 Colfax Ave. #1	Lincoln	68507	402/464-2838
Ronning, Kari A.	2860 R St.	Lincoln	68503	402/476-1398
Ronning, Ruth P.	3042 Sheridan Blvd.	Lincoln	68502-4217	402/435-0661
Ryan, Carolyn L.	2620 N Eden Dr	Lincoln	68506	402/483-2620
Schudel, Mary L.	6300 Andrew Ct.	Lincoln	68512	402/421-3600
Schulze, Sandie L.	7111 Old Post Rd., #12	Lincoln	68506	402/484-7817
Soderholm, Joyce R.	7600 Garland	Lincoln	68505	402/466-0661
Sorensen Hayes, Leah K.	4550 High Street	Lincoln	68506	402/483-0112
Tewes, June E.	17701 Basswood Rd.	Martell	68404	402/794-5001
Thompson, Marilyn M.	705 S 18th, #108	Lincoln	68508	Unpublished
Thurber, Linda J.	5401 S Dove	Lincoln	68516	402/421-1367
Volkmer, Sue A.	7014 238th St.	Alvo	68304-1828	402/781-2896
Wieggers, Chris	2124 Elk	Beatrice	68310	402/228-3977

Change of address:

Brandt, Miriam E.	9191 Eagle Rd.	Kearney	68847	308/826-4535
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Roger Brandt's address remains the same as it appears in the book.

Address correction:

Brinkman, Debbie	P.O. Box 694	Tecumseh	68450	402/335-4026
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Plain Print Deadlines

January issue	Nov. 13
February issue	Jan. 15
March issue	Febr. 12
April issue	March 12
May issue	Apr. 16



Please give newsletter information to **Becky Haynes** or **Teri Wenz**.

Absolute deadline for newsletter information is 10:00 p.m. of the Wednesday following the guild meeting. Information must be in Teri's hands by then or it's too late!

Friendship Block Exchange 1996-97

This month we are going to try something new with our friendship exchange. This month is a swap of fabrics, 9" square, in Christmas print. If everyone interested would bring two, one will be for direct exchange and the other will be collected — to be given in groups to the winners, depending on what is received. This way, you leave with one for sure and have the chance to get more, possibly enough to get you started on a new project.

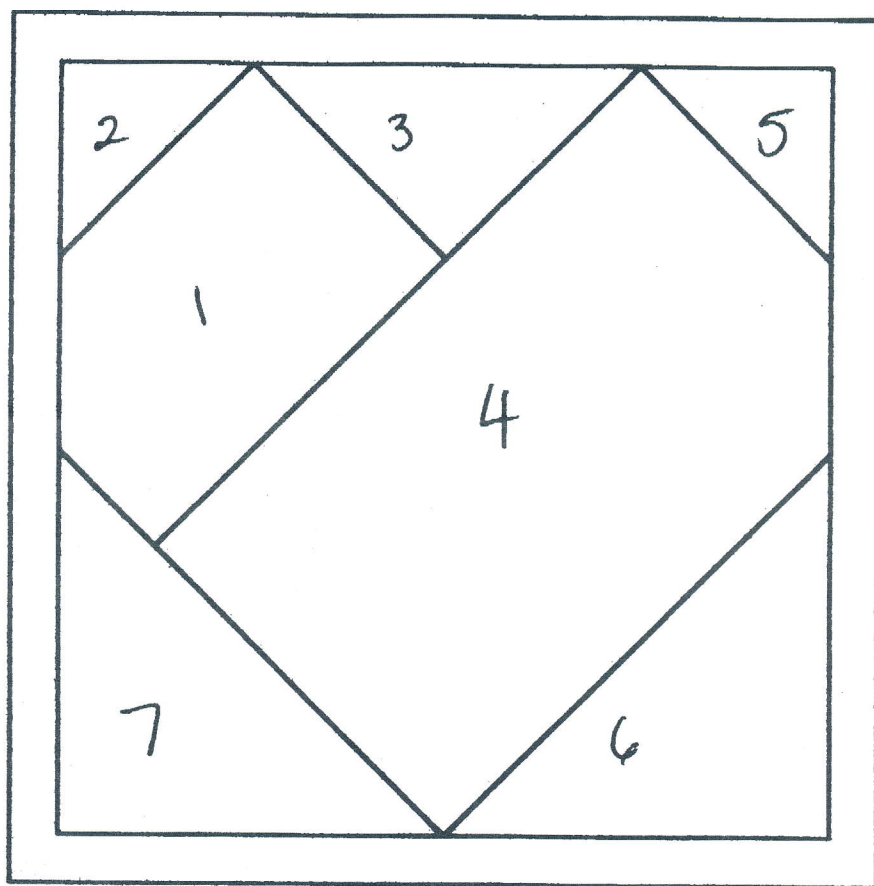
November	9" squares of Christmas fabric
January	4" paper-pieced heart (pattern will be in the January Plain Print)
February	6" squares of unwanted (ugly?) fabric
March	6" pieced Buttercup block (pattern will be in the March Plain Print)
April	pastel strips
May	4" paper-pieced basket (pattern will be in the May Plain Print)

January Block Exchange

I want to get everyone started on our exchange for January. We want to try a foundation piece. Because this is so close to Valentines' Day, we are doing hearts. The pattern to the right is the one we have chosen. I will have additional patterns at the friendship block table, along with one for those of you more experienced with this method. I urge you all to try it, and figured this may be a good way to introduce it to you all.

To start, you need to have a paper pattern. You may use this one, or one picked up at the meeting. Or, you may copy this one onto other paper with a ruler to help you with the lines. You can use any red for the heart and any light background print for the other. Be creative and use different prints. You could also use muslin. Be generous when you cut your pieces and remember to add more than the 1/4" to all sides for seam allowance. Then you can start to sew your blocks.

To begin, have the paper pattern facing you. Then on the opposite side, place your #1 fabric right side down. Look through your paper to make sure there is enough to cover the needed seam allowance. Over-size is better to ensure that you do not run short. Place the #2 fabric right side together to the first. Then, with the lines facing you, sew on the line between 1 and 2, starting



and stopping outside the lines and backstitching. If you want to prevent slipping, use a little from a glue stick to hold them in place. Leave the outside seam to trim with a ruler at the end.

Press the piece open and you are now ready to add the third piece and sew along that line. Continue following this method,

making sure you are allowing enough to cover the seam at the edge.

Some extra hints to help you: extra will be better than less, less ripping. You will remove the paper after all the pieces are sewn. A seam ripper drawn along the

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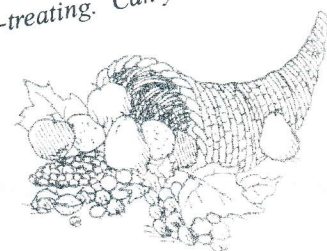
stitches will help perforate. Just take the tip and drag it along. Use tweezers to remove stubborn spots.

We really want you to try it. I am willing to have you call me if you get stuck. VERONICA at 486-4365. If you really want to do this and need help, maybe we can get a group together and go over it. I am really excited and so is Kim. We want lots of blocks on our table in January. See you at the meeting.

Your quilting friends,
KIM and VERONICA



Mystery quilters go trick-or-treating. Can you guess who?



Cuddle Quilt Quiz answers...

A1. Cuddle quilts are small as 18" square through twin size. They are usually tied but sometimes machine (or even hand) quilted. Each quilt has a label that tells the recipient it was donated by Lincoln Quilters Guild.

A2. Cuddle quilts are given to those children who are in need of something "cuddly and soft" during a crisis time. They are also given to new mothers who otherwise could not afford something special for their children. The quilts are distributed by several social service agencies in the Lincoln area.

A3. Currently cuddle quilts are being donated to: Malone Community Center, all three Lincoln hospi-

tals, Rape Crisis Center, Friendship House, Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center, City Mission, Healthy Homes program, Teddy Bear Cottage, Welcome Baby, Lancaster County Social Services, and any families that come to our attention who have a need.

A4. Since LQG began this project in 1989, we have given away 661 quilts.

A5. Three projects have grown from the cuddle quilt project: Santa's Socks, Angel Quilts; and tote bags are given to Social Services. Santa's Socks are Christmas stockings made by LQG members for the November meeting. After the viewer's choice judging, the stockings are filled and distributed to needy children.

Angel quilts are small, 18" square quilts given to mothers of still-born babies. These serve as a memento to the child's short life. Angel quilts were also sent to the families who lost children in the Oklahoma City bombing and the school-yard attack in Dunblane, Scotland.

A6. Every LQG member can be involved in the cuddle quilt project. At every meeting, there is a cuddle quilt table. There you may turn in quilts that you have made to donate, or pick up quilts that need to be finished. There is always tying (or quilting), binding and labeling to be done. Watch your Plain Print for information on upcoming cuddle quilt work days too!



Can you identify these faded blossoms?

There is fabric in the closet
and it migrates down the hall
to the basket by my sewing chair,
then on the floor it falls.

The remnants of my projects hide
beneath the time-worn couch
with dust bunnies and lost
quilting books
that I forgot about.

Oh, I know that in my lifetime
I will never see complete
all the projects that I've started —

but, for fun it can't be beat.
For I love to sort my fabrics
and I love to spread them out
into patchwork plans and patterns
— that's what quilting's
all about.

Only quilters understand it,
for they suffer from it too.
Patchwork Fever is contagious,
so BEWARE — it might
catch you.

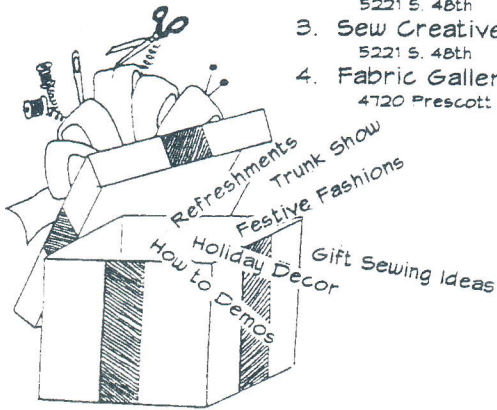
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SEW FESTIVE!

Thursday, November 7
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

You are invited to a creative evening of holiday sewing ideas. A gift to you from the south Lincoln sewing shops:

1. Creative Hands
5220 S. 48th
2. Calico House
5221 S. 48th
3. Sew Creative
5221 S. 48th
4. Fabric Gallery
4720 Prescott



Upcoming Meeting



November 11, 1996 • 7:00 p.m.
Boutique Cuddle Quilt Connection

Seventh Day Adventist Church
48th & Prescott, Lower Level

◆ Refreshments & 'Round the Room activities ◆

6:30 p.m.

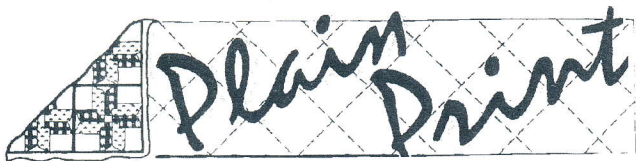
- ◆ Santa's Socks ◆
- ◆ Ornament Exchange ◆
- ◆ Show & Tell ◆



Upcoming Events



December *No meeting. Happy Holidays!*
February 8 Diane Deahl Class ◆ 10am - 4:30pm
"Designing Nonsymmetrical Quilts"
More information and the registration form will appear in the next Plain Print.



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