

The Quilt Reporter

Piece Corps Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting:
March 5, 2012 7:00 pm
Community Presbyterian Church
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

March 6	Karen Vulgamott
March 12	Cathleen Brown
March 12	Lisa Volden
March 27	Nancy Garton

* Birthday and Anniversary information is obtained from the annual yearbook.

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS GUILD MINUTES

February 6, 2012

The February 6th meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Barbara Wilkerson.

Following the program the meeting continued. Barbara thanked the

Hostesses: Janie Kemp and Susan Dudley and the

Greeters: Susan Dudley and Cira Wright.

Guests Kay Huntsman and Sherry Gardner were welcomed.

Program

"Quilting during the Civil War, 150 years ago" was presented by Vicki Jackson.

Secretary Minutes

Secretary minutes were approved as mailed.

Treasurers Report

Janet Loveless gave the treasurers report

Old Business

We will be hosting a quilt show in May at the Wyeth Tootle Mansion. Members were asked to be thinking about quilt to display in the show.

Vicki Jackson reported that most of the challenge fees have been **paid**.

Carl Hentsch presented the last pattern for the Block of the Month. Membership was encouraged to complete their quilt and bring to the March meeting.

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New Business

The Missouri Valley Quilt Show will be March 22-24 at the First Christian Church in Savannah. Registration information will be on the web site.

Jackie Defenbaugh presented information for the “Fat Quarter Friend” challenge project. Info sheet and 2 fat quarters are to be brought to the March meeting to participate in the challenge.

Courtesy: Deloris Foster had nothing to report.

Ways and Mean: Cira Wright reported that no knife order has been sent in since last month. She reported that raffle ticket sale is slow.

Charity: Hazel Meade had nothing to report.

Web Site: Nancy Root had nothing to report.

Retreat: Vicki Jackson reported that there are still a few openings and members were reminded to bring a handmade item to exchange if they wish to participate in the exchange.

Guild Library: Carla Proctor reported that the library is getting really full and has some really good books. Books have been added from Bev Lowry and Leo Galloway.

Vicki Jackson announced that 20 Hospice gowns and 2 lap quilts were made by Bobbie Foster.

Show and Tell was enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,
Acting Secretary
Hazel Meade



Next Meeting
March 5, 2012

Greeters: Karen Vulgamott and Laveta Bunse
Hostesses: Jacque Defenbaugh and Carolyn Alexander

PROGRAM

“Big Stitch Quilting”
by Jacque Defenbaugh

A Note from the President

Hello Piece Corps Quilters,

I hope to see you at our Guild meeting, Monday, March 5. Jacque Defenbaugh, will be presenting a program on "Big Stitch Quilting." Jacque learned about Big Stitch Quilting during a Guild Meeting. After that meeting she researched this style and began some Big Stitch Quilting on her own. She's now ready to share it with us. A big Thank You to members, Vicki Jackson and Hazel Meade, for our "Patriots in Petticoats" program last month. That's what Guild is all about learning more about and sharing our love for quilting with each other.

If you are planning on becoming a "Fat Quarter Friend" and joining in on making a project for our September Challenge, don't forget your "FQF" packet. We'd love to have you join us even if you were not in attendance last month, you may still join in on the fun by bringing two of your favorite fat quarters (two fats that you really like and that you think look great together). Make sure you've placed your two fats into a gallon sized zip-loc bag to make your packet. Grab a "FQF" Profile Sheet and fill it out right after you arrive, if you did not get one last month. Place your completed Profile Sheet into your packet and hand it in. One of our other members will draw your packet out at this meeting and take it home to make a quilted item just for you! Everyone participating will bring their completed "FQF" project back in September and as they show it to the entire Guild they will introduce their "FQF"! It's a great way to meet a new friend and quilt a fun project! Like almost everything else in Quilt Guild this is an optional activity although, we do hope you'll join in on the "FQF" project!

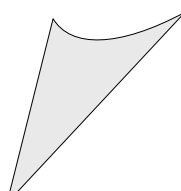
Secret Pals from last year will share their final gift and their name during our March meeting, too. Participation in the Secret Pal Exchange is optional, but guarantees a lot of fun throughout the year.

We'll start a new Secret Pal Exchange for this coming year during our March meeting too!

Deloris Foster has been hard at work completing our new Yearbook and will bring them in hot off the press to distribute this month, as well! Thank you, Deloris!

The new Program Committee has already been hard at work and have some really great programs planned for this year. Their goal was to have some visiting speakers *and* some of our own members presenting a variety of programs they hope you'll find interesting and fun. Our other Committees are firing up to make sure our Guild has a really great year!

Keep Quilting Close to Your Heart,
Kelly



Quilt Block Pattern



Irish Chain

Size: 12" Finished

Beginner Level

Cutting Instructions

Dark green print

... Cut 2 squares $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ "

... Cut 1 square $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ "

Med green print

... Cut 16 squares 2" x 2"

Cream

... Cut 2 squares $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ "

... Cut 16 squares 2" x 2"

... Cut 2 squares $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ "; cut diagonally to make 4 half-square triangles.



Assembly Instructions

Step 1. On wrong side of $3\frac{7}{8}$ " cream fabric, draw diagonal line with the marking tool of your choice. Layer square with $3\frac{7}{8}$ " dark green print square, right sides together. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of marked line; cut apart on marked line. Press open to make pieced squares (Diagram I). Make 4 pieced-squares.

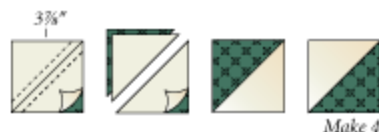


Diagram I

Step 2. Using Diagram II-A as fabric placement guide, sew 2" cream and medium green print squares together to make pieced square unit. Make 8. **Step 3.** Paying close attention to placement, sew 2 pieced square units together to make piece rectangle unit (Diagram II-B). Make 4.



Diagram II-A



Diagram II-B

Step 4. Using Diagram III as a guide, sew $3\frac{7}{8}$ " cream squares to $4\frac{3}{4}$ " dark green square to make square-in-square unit. Make 1.

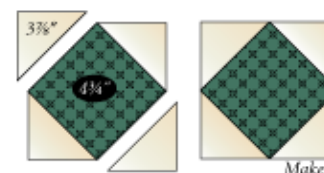
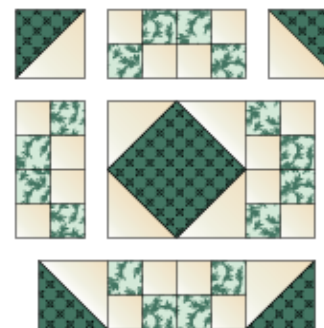


Diagram III

Step 5. Sew units together to make rows (see Assembly Diagram). Sew rows together to make Irish Chain Block.



Assembly Diagram