



# The Connecting Press

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January 2016

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## *A Message from our President*

Happy New Year Everyone! I am no good at making and/or keeping new year's resolutions so the only one I'm making this year is to get the President's Letter to Tammy on time. Time will tell how well I keep this resolution.

Our January guild meeting is scheduled to be a comfy, cozy friendly get-together. We don't schedule a speaker because of the possibility of bad weather and cancellations. Plan to bring a goodie like an appetizer or dessert to share. Also, if you want, bring a project to work on. If you prefer, you can just come to eat and visit with other quilters. In the past I've brought projects that I needed advice on as well as just some light sewing. Usually I spend more time walking around to see other people's projects and talking.

Many, many, many thanks to Chris Allison who has volunteered to chair the quilt show committee. Please be willing to step up and help her fill the various jobs that are required for putting on this fabulous show. Past committee members have left extremely helpful notes to make the jobs easier. The quilt show is our primary source of income for paying our speakers and purchasing items

for the guild.

We are still in need of a vice-president. This does not mean this person will automatically become president next year but it does give the VP time to get comfortable with the workings of the board and feel more comfortable in filling the job of the president.

Many thanks to our wonderful program committee that has scheduled programs for many months to come. I'm looking forward to all of them although I'm afraid the organizational person would run screaming from my sewing room.

I had a pedicure recently since I still can't use my left arm enough to do my mails myself. When I told the gal I wanted to save the toe separators to use as bobbin holders, she laughed but gave me a couple extra. Oh the wonderful hints you learn at guild meetings.

Have a very happy and healthy new year.

Phyllis



## *Upcoming Programs*

February we will have organizer Rachel Whiteaker speaking to us. If you want, please take a photo of your sewing room and email it to me and I'll pass it on to her. We will not identify you but this way she can give specific advice on how to help organize your area. Also, if you have specific decluttering/organizing questions, I'll pass those to her as well! (She will be showing before and after photos of various areas.)

# Quilt Show News

We are still in need of a quilt show chairperson as well as the following committee chairpeople:

- Concessions
- Charm Shop
- Quilt Hanging
- Quilt Registration

Please contact Phyllis Fee if you are able to take on one of these responsibilities. We cannot have a quilt show without you!



## Quilt Connection Guild

December 3, 2015

### Minutes

Jo Ann Gates called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Donna Richardson, Sue Phelps and Kerry Kiesling. Jo Ann announced that this would be an abbreviated meeting to allow time for the Christmas party. Door prize winners were Curt Biehl and Mary Hawn. Show and Tell participants were Jo Ann Gates, Cynthia Holman, Wanda Black, Linda Rowda, Carol Henke, Sue Babage, Susie Ammerman, Moe Dean, Jeanette Bagley and Dianna Raimondi. Ann Ward presented the President blocks to Jo Ann Gates. LaRena Brown gave the blessing.

Phyllis Fee announced that Chris Allison has agreed to be the Quilt Show Chairman. The members enjoyed the chili and fixings pitch-in dinner. Winners of the best decorated gift exchange bags were: #1 Chris Allison, #2 Donna Mag-nabosco, #3 LindaRowda, #4 Carol Henke and #5 Jo Ann Gates. Suzanne Miller called out numbers until members hollered out BINGO and claimed gift bags full of quilting goodies provided by the guild.

Forty-one guild members and three guest attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Hawn.

Sadly we lost two former members of our guild in the past week.



Julie Heck passed away on December 29th in Florida. Her family will have a celebration of her life at a later date. Details will be sent out when available.

Barbara Fulkerson passed away on January 1st. Her funeral is January 6th at 7pm with visitation beginning at 3pm. The service will be at Southport Height Christian Church, 7154 McFarland Road, Indianapolis.

## *QCQ Sewing Bees*

### Artrageous Connection

an art bee that explores new designs and techniques. They often paint and/or dye their own fabrics. They meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the home of Phyllis Fee. Please contact Phyllis at (317) 887-2551 for more information.

### Evenin' Bee

members bring their own projects to work on. They meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30 at the home of Tammy Lawson. Please contact Tammy at (317) 862-0999 for more information.

### Library Bee

members work on their own projects or help with charity quilts. They meet every Tuesday at the Beech Grove Library (downstairs), 1102 Main St, Beech Grove from 10am—2pm. Please contact Linda Osman at (317) 784-3098 for more information.

### Southside Stitchers

this charity bee is sponsored by The Fussy Cut Quilt Shop. Members work on Quilts of Valor on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10am—3pm in the classroom upstairs. Please contact Tammy Lawson at (317) 862-0999.

### Round Robin

This bee meets on the evening of the general meeting in order to pass their quilts to the next person to work on them. Susie Ammerman is the coordinator of this bee.



Mary Hawn has a new phone number:

[317-607-5118](tel:317-607-5118)

and a new email address:

[hawnmah@gmail.com](mailto:hawnmah@gmail.com)

Please make these changes in your directory.

## 2016 Quilt Connection Guild Challenge Project

# challenge

2016 is the bicentennial celebration for the state of Indiana. The state is sponsoring a quilt show called "19 Stars" based on the fact that Indiana was the 19th state admitted to the union. Our guild plans to tie into this celebration for the challenge for our 2016 quilt show, A Chain of Quilts. You have a choice for the theme of your wall-hanging all of which tie into the state of Indiana. You may choose to use one or more of these symbols:

State tree—tulip tree

State flower—peony

State bird—cardinal

Nickname—Hoosier State

Motto—Crossroads of America

Star

State Song—On the Banks of the Wabash

State Flag

Official colors—blue and gold

19—ties into the state's theme, wall-hanging can show the number 19 or include 19 items of something.

**SIZE:** The size must be a minimum of 18" x 18" and a maximum of 24" x 24" or anything in between. It can be square, rectangular or any other shape that fits into the minimum and maximum.

**COLOR:** You may use any colors you want BUT your design must include a piece of "turkey red" fabric that will be provided by the guild. You will receive a piece of 9" x 22" turkey red fabric. You may use all or any of it in your design.

This has already been washed in Retayne and preshrunk in the dryer!!!

**EMBELLISHMENTS:** If you desire, you may embellish your wall-hanging any way you like. However, it does not need to be embellished.

**ROD POCKET:** Please add a 9" rod pocket to the back of the wall-hanging. (this means fold a 9" wide piece of fabric in half and use 1/4" seams across the top and bottom in attaching it.

**QUILTING:** The wall-hanging should have 3 layers like a full size quilt—backing, batting and front. Quilt as desired. Please write a brief description of the quilt and attach a label with the title.

**DUE DATE:** August 2016 Quilt Connection Guild Meeting

If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members listed below:

Susie Ammerman, Phyllis Fee, JoAnn Gates, Cynthia Holman, Vickie Lashley or Jennifer Stockwell.

# Getting to Know You

## Laura Riha

1- I have been sewing all together since Sept 2013. Took a class on how to get to know my sewing machine. Then I started making my son lounging pants and a pillowcase. Then I made a strip quilt. Then I was hooked more on quilting than I was using store bought patterns. I wish I could like patterns more cause there are some cute things out there.

2- My first sewing machine was a Brother CS6000i and that was what I started with in 2013. I had been looking into bigger nicer machines after that so I could have more options and throat space sewing room. Then in July my husband surprised me with a Brother 1500s quilting straight stitch only machine. I love that machine for its ;large 10" throat space and larger table attachment. Eventually I want to get a nicer machine with more stitches and maybe embroidery.

3- As far as quilt shops, I have only been to one and that is the Back Door Quilt shop. I get most of my fabrics from JoAnns. I make lil blankets, contoured burp cloths, table runners, and quilts for special purchase from friends and family. I love quilting and my husband loves that I have something that interests me too. I would someday love to meet Jenni Doan from MSQC as I love all her tutorials. My second favorite would be Vanessa from Crafty Gemini as I like watching her variety of crafts and videos.

4- I am 45 yrs old, married to a lovely Christian man since 1997, we have a 15 yr old son that we adopted in 2007 from foster care, we were foster parents for about 8 years until 2014, I am the youngest of 6 however I only have 2 siblings left, my husband and I come from big families, I am a stay at home mom. My other new hobby I am starting out on is refurbishing furniture and enjoying that too.

## STANDING RULES/REMINDERS:

The Quilt Connection Guild meets at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of every month at the Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood, IN. Annual Membership dues are \$15.00 and newsletter only members are \$5.00 yearly. Both are renewable in September. Guests may attend two meetings for free before deciding to become a member. Receiving a newsletter prior to the meetings is one of the benefits of membership. New members who join after March 1st pay pro-rated dues of half price. Each member is expected to make a cloth nametag. If a cloth tag is not worn to the meetings a 25 cent fee is assessed and contributed toward future door prizes. Door prizes are drawn monthly for members and guests. Members are eligible to win only if they are wearing their cloth nametags. New members are allowed a two-month grace period to create their cloth nametag. We welcome youthful quilters as long as they are dues paying members and encourage them to participate in guild activities when accompanied by an adult. Also, please be considerate of the speaker and those around you and keep any whispering to your neighbor to a minimum.

If you have articles/information for our newsletter contact Tammy Lawson at [lawson7616@yahoo.com](mailto:lawson7616@yahoo.com)