

# PIECE TALK

OLD TIPPECANOE QUILT GUILD  
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## UPCOMING GUILD PROGRAMS

- March 3—7:00 p.m. Back to Basics.** Learn to quilt or brush up your skills! This month: Marking, Rotary Cutting, Hand and Machine Piecing. Block of the Month due! Business Meeting and Show and Tell.
- March 4—9:30 a.m. Pillowcase Workshop-Come to Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian, West Lafayette.** We enjoyed the last workshop we had last June and made so many pillow cases that we decided to do it again and make pillow cases for a foster children's camp to be held in the summer at Camp Tecumseh. We will have some fabric, but you are welcome to bring some. Each pillowcase needs 3/4 yd. of the main fabric and 1/4 yd. for the cuff. If you want an accent color, you will need a 1 1/2" strip of contrasting fabric. Bring a machine or not-there will be jobs for all! Business Meeting and Show and Tell.
- March 18 —9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Quilting** at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian, West Lafayette. Layering and Tying.
- March 25—9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Quilting** at Unitarian Universalist Church, Cutting, Pressing, and Piecing.
- April 7—7:00 p.m. Back to Basics.** Learn to quilt or brush up your skills! This month: Hand and Machine Applique. Business Meeting and Show and Tell.
- April 8—9:30 a.m. Finding Homes for Orphans (orphan quilt blocks that is!).** We will discuss possible uses for orphan blocks. Several members have already agreed to share their use of these blocks. If you have done something with orphan blocks, bring it to show. Business Meeting and Show and Tell.
- April 22 —9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Quilting** at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian, West Lafayette. Layering and Tying.
- April 29—9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Quilting** at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian, West Lafayette. Cutting, Pressing, and Piecing.
- May 5—7:00 p.m. ELECTION DAY- Meet in Room 108 tonight!**  
**Back to Basics.** Learn to quilt or brush up your skills! This month: Block Settings and Borders. Business Meeting and Show and Tell.
- May 6—9:30 a.m. ELECTION DAY Cleanup in Room 106- Meet in Room 108 today!**  
**Making Scarves from T-shirts** Kay Harris and Joan Sanbloom will demonstrate how to make neck scarves from t-shirts. Business Meeting and Show and Tell.
- May 20 —9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Quilting** at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian, West Lafayette. Layering and Tying.
- May 27—9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Quilting** at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian, West Lafayette. Cutting, Pressing, and Piecing.
- June 2—7:00 p.m. Back to Basics.** Learn to quilt or brush up your skills! This month: Hand and Machine Quilting. Business Meeting and Show and Tell.
- June 3—9:30 a.m. Paper Embroidery** Mary Losey and Kay Beineke will show you a new way to make greeting cards. We will work on a heart shape (or other design if you prefer). Please bring scissors. Business Meeting and Show and Tell.
- June 17 —9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Quilting** at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian, West Lafayette. Layering and Tying.
- June 24—9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Quilting** at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian, West Lafayette. Cutting, Pressing, and Piecing.

\*All guild meetings are in **Room 106** at the Morton Community Center, 222 North Chauncey, West Lafayette unless stated otherwise.\*

## **A NOTE FROM MADAM PRESIDENT**

Hope everyone is surviving this cold winter weather! Enjoy the sunshine as often as possible, and hope you're getting some quilting going too. Have been planning my block of the month, hope you are too! Come for the second round of Quilting Basics! We had lots of participation and discussion too.

Next year's quilt show will be here before you know it. What part do you want to play in it? Raffle Quilt? Vendors? Registration? Trading Post? The show needs everyone's help!!!

Looking forward to seeing "your smiling face" March 3!

Madam President "Linda"

### **ICE CREAM CHALLENGE WINNERS!**

Morning: Mary Megathlin- Best Interpretation of Theme

Barb Robinson- Viewer's Choice;

Evening: Annabel Drazin-both Viewer's Choice and Best Interpretation of Theme

There were some great quilts. Thanks to everyone who entered!

### **AUTHOR MARIE BOSTWICK TO VISIT**

Marie Bostwick has written several novels that use quilting as their theme. The best known is the Cobbled Court Quilt Shop series. The novels are well written and well done from a quilting standpoint because Marie is a quilter herself. She will be in West Lafayette on April 17 from 5-7 at the West Lafayette Public Library. She will showing some quilts and talking about her new book, The Second Sister. You can purchase a signed book at the event. For more information about Marie, go to her website, [www.mariebostwick.com](http://www.mariebostwick.com).

### **CHARITY QUILTING DRAWING**

If you did something for our charity projects last year, your name was entered into a drawing for a prize to be given at the end of the year. The drawing was held in February (after a January snow out) and the winner is...Betty Campbell! Congratulations! A new drawing for 2015 has started. If you do a quilt top or quilt for the NICU or Y, if you bring a cat bag, if you contribute to the monthly charity donations, your name will be entered, and you could win a

fabulous prize. See the last page of the newsletter for March and April's Charity.

### **PRESIDENT'S BLOCK FOR LINDA**

Linda is requesting a block in purple and some coordinating fabric, any design. Size 9 1/2" (9" finished). Bring to any meeting!

### **CHARITY DONATIONS**

In September, we started accepting cash as well as goods for donation to the selected cause. Here is what has been donated in cash so far:

September and October:

Lori's Kitty Rescue \$159.10

November and December:

Jubilee Christmas \$195.00

February:

Food Pantry \$84.00

These agencies thank you for your generosity.

The money was put to good use!

### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

The evening guild has decided to do a block of the month this year.

Each month: Each person who brings a block will get their name in a drawing. The winner will choose the block pattern for the next month.

The choice of theme, fabric and size is the yours. Final use of the quilt is your choice also. You can give it for a shelter or NICU quilt, keep for yourself, or give it as a gift. Be sure to bring each block made the next month. There will be a final show and tell at the end of the project.

Anyone needing the pattern by snail mail needs to let us know. If anyone who only attends in the morning wants to participate, they will need to get their block to the evening guild meeting, either by having a friend bring it or come in person!

The first block is "our" block-Old Tippecanoe. Instructions are available, as well as directions for No Waste Flying Geese. Bring your block for the drawing, and a block to suggest for next month if you win! Let us know if you have questions! Happy Quilting!!!!

## SHOWS

March 5-7 Indiana Heritage Quilt Show, Bloomington Monroe County Convention Center, Bloomington, [www.ihqs.com](http://www.ihqs.com) for info.

March 26-28 International Quilt Festival, Donald Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont IL, [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com) for information.

April 9-11 Original Sewing and Quilting Expo, Schaumburg IL, [www.sewingexpo.com](http://www.sewingexpo.com) for information.

April 25 Boone County Homemakers Extension Quilt Show, Boone County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Admission \$3.

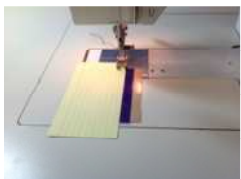
June 18-20 National Quilt Association Show, Little Rock Arkansas, [www.nqaquilts.org/shows](http://www.nqaquilts.org/shows) for information.

## THE PERFECT QUARTER INCH SEAM

One of the best basic skills you can master to become a great quilter is the quarter inch seam. There are many tools and tricks to help you achieve an accurate seam. Here are a few of them!

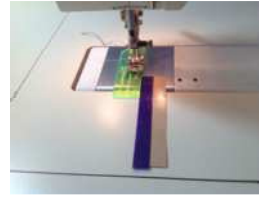
-Get the patchwork or quarter inch presser foot for your sewing machine. There are generic ones available if one for your model isn't available. One place to check is [www.nancysnotions.com](http://www.nancysnotions.com).

-The lines on an index card are a perfect quarter inch apart. Trim one so that the line is a quarter inch from the bottom of the card. Put it under your presser foot and lower the needle through the line. Then mark the edge of the index card on the machine with moleskin or a product such as Sewing Edge-reusable strips that stick to the arm of your machine. The Sewing Edge strips are thicker than masking tape and give you a bit of an edge to run your fabric along. You can also use post it notes-a stack of 6 or so will temporarily stick to the arm to mark the seam allowance.



Index Card

-Bonnie Hunter sells a little clear acrylic ruler with holes punched at one eighth inch intervals. You place the ruler under your presser foot at the desired seam allowance marking and lower the needle. Then mark the edge as in tip #2. Check [quiltville.blogspot.com](http://quiltville.blogspot.com) for more information about the Sewing Machine Seam Guide Ruler.



Acrylic Ruler

-Some sewing machines can adjust the position of the presser foot to a desired seam allowance. See if you can do that with your machine.

After you make the adjustments, sew two pieces of fabric together and check the seam. A perfect seam allowance will help you be a perfect quilter!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERS WHO DO LONG ARM QUILTING

-Helen Stingley 765-523-2694

-Ruthie Wasmuth 714-4292

[ruthie.w@comcast.net](mailto:ruthie.w@comcast.net)

BATTING Did you know that the Guild sells batting? Call Andrea at 765-449-4123 or email the guild address for purchase! If you are making a quilt for the Women's Shelter, NICU, or Quilts of Valor, Low Loft batting is free.

-Quilter's Dream Request (Low Loft polyester) 73" x 93" \$9.00

We can order single packages of Quilter's Dream Batting so if you would like to purchase some for personal use through the guild, call Andrea for prices.

NICU QUILTS Lois Collings continues to accept 30 inch square quilts (flannel backed), quilt tops and pieces of flannel for the NICU Quilt Project. Contact Lois at 765-296-5735 for information.

CAT BAGS Cat bags should be no bigger than 20" x 27". Smaller sizes are fine. They should be soft—filled, but not too hard. Bring to a meeting!

SHELTER QUILT TOPS: Preferred Size: 35-40" x 50" but any size up to twin will be accepted.

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## **CHARITY DONATIONS FOR MARCH AND APRIL**

**March/April:** Community Cancer Network. Helps cancer patients with nonmedical needs-food, transportation, bills, etc. Collections at both meetings. Gift cards for gas or groceries are welcome. Questions to Rebecca Peters, 497-4480 or petersrl76@hotmail.com or Marisa Simmons, 497-1097 or mjsimmons16@gmail.com.

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