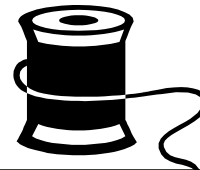


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*"It shall be the purpose of this GUILD to encourage a wider appreciation of quilting. To raise or maintain standards of design and individual ideas and expression. Keep interest alive by promoting local projects, programs and doing charitable works."*

*- BHQG Bylaws, Article II: Purpose*

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### President's Corner:

It's been such a pleasure to see so many of you on Tuesday mornings and to see your projects—that you're working on or have completed.

We'll have our usual events in January and February. January events will also include the SOYO and the Stock Show Quilt Exhibit. February will be a quieter month. Also, start thinking about the spring quilt-in and put the March 16 on your calendars.

June's Quilt Show is not that far into the future and we all know how quickly times seem to fly.

Let's continue to set our goals high and work toward another "Best."

Thank you for your support in 2011. May 2012 bring each of you good health, happiness, enrichment and creativity in your lives. Happy New Year!  
Joyce Crooks

### Monthly Guild Lunch:

Lunch reservations are on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:45. If you would like to make arrangements for one month, please let me know. Every month except January and March are open. The February lunch falls on Valentine's Day, which makes it a busy lunch day for a lot of places. I will be out of town the first part of February, so if we want to do something that month I need someone to make the arrangements. We will pass on February. Melissa Grote, 381-3257, melissa\_grote@yahoo.com

Schedule:

January 10 at Longhorn Steakhouse – arrangements by Pattie Black and Glenda Neal

March 13 at Famous Dave's – arrangements by Laurie Widner

### Publicity Committee:

could use help keeping the area shops stocked with bookmarks. If you have a favorite shop that you frequent and would like to be responsible for making sure they have a good supply of bookmarks, please contact me. Melissa Grote, 381-3257, melissa\_grote@yahoo.com

### Stashbusters:

This month's will be a laundry bag by Mary Hague. The next one will be in April with two easy table runner/toppers by Laurie Widner. As usual no fabric or machines are needed and this will be in the form of a demonstration with take home instructions.

### Project Warmth:

I hope everyone had pleasant holidays; we (as in Corbins) stayed here ALONE as my relatives think roads only go one way. Last year we hit ice on I-90 until we were way past Wall, and on I-29 at about Watertown we hit a blizzard (NOT forecast) which didn't let up until after we went past Fargo(SD & ND had pulled the plows off the roads - they couldn't even find the exits). So not wanting to get into anything like that again - - and of course the weather was just fine!!!

So, a new year - - Work Days are Jan. 30 & Feb. 27. Need folks to help with fabric pick-up from storage & returning it. Also, we are getting quite a few 'kits' and would really appreciate it if you would grab one or two and work on them. If you have nothing planned for January PLEASE dig through the bags in back. If you haven't signed up for a team for Feb. Work Day you could start something in January and finish in February!!! There are 6 teams signed up so far. Of course lunch is pot-luck -- always (unless you have a better idea - then come see me!!!)

As of year-end PW has given away 191 quilts; Pediatrics - 96, Youth/Family -69, WAVI - 12, Fire - 5, Habitat for Humanity - 4, and Special

Requests - 5. Children's Home was contacted but did not need any at this time.

The Christmas Raffle got PW over \$300, and we made \$225 at the Craft Fair when we paired a booth with the Guild's Raffle Quilt Sales Dec. 5 (WE need to work on this as it could be a good fund-raiser).

And I want to thank Chad at the Sewing Center for all the material - somehow he got 3 pickup loads of stuff and if he saw anyone from the Guild he loaded them down. I picked up the last of the 'good' stuff this past week.

Susan Corbin, Chair

### **BHOG Library Book Reviews:**

Borders and bindings can seem like a bother after you've made 30 or 40 blocks. Here are two good reference books that might inspire you to put some more thought and effort into them.

#### **Borders & Finishing Touches 2, by Bonnie K. Browning. Library number 02-53B.**

This book asks: What does a border do for a quilt, and does yours even need one? The first 23 pages give good instructions on fitting borders, planning appliqué on them and options for corners. Finishing touches offered are piping, rickrack edge and prairie points. Browning says some quilts don't need bindings for wear or appearance's sake. Some alternatives: couched cording, raw-edge fusing, and even edging with zipper teeth.

The hands-on section features 10 quilts, made by other contributors that give good directions for a technique in the book. The very detailed table of contents is a really useful feature.

#### **Happy Endings: Finishing the Edges of Your Quilt, by Mimi Dietrich. Library number 04-14D.**

In contrast to Bonnie Browning's book (above), this one focuses on bindings and other edge finishes, with some basics about borders. Dietrich goes over layering the quilt for basting, and gives tips for figuring border yardage and using unusual fabrics.

Good illustrations will help you miter odd angles, do neat curves and do the inside points of scallops with less bulk. Hand-sewing the binding edge to the back is a critical final step, and the

author has firm ideas on what kind of thread and stitch to use and stitching down the miters.

One of the best hints in the book is a no-fail formula for a diagonal-seamed join on the ends of your binding. To find your subject in this book, go to the easy-to-scan single-page index in the back.

Gina Nania

### **2012 Raffle Quilt:**

The raffle committee thanks you for your cooperation in the making of this quilt. It's going to be another beauty!! We do have about a fourth of the blocks out yet and we would appreciate you making appliquéing these blocks a priority. Mid-January, we will resume our work into the completion of the quilt. We deliberately allowed ourselves plenty of time to work on the quilt as it also has to go to a longarm quilter and then the binding and label will need to be applied.

Joyce Ketterling

### **Stock Show Quilt Show:**

Hi everyone, here is what we have so far. I hope lots of you will be able to come to the trunk shows and come help out. Ginger Nelson will have the signup sheets and Joyce Ketterling will have the little entry forms.

Schedule:	
Jan. 26, Thursday Carol Doyle	10 a.m.-12 p.m. Check-in:  10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Hang Quilts
Jan. 27, Friday	10 a.m.-5 p.m. 1 p.m. Wall Trunk show
Jan. 28, Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m. 1 p.m. Hermosa Trunk Show
Jan. 29, Sunday	10 a.m.- 5 p.m. 1 p.m. Hot Springs Trunk Show
Jan. 30, Monday	10 a.m.-5 p.m. 1 p.m. Custer Trunk Show
Jan. 31, Tuesday	10 a.m.-5 p.m. 1 p.m. BHQG Trunk Show
Feb1, Wednesday	9 a.m.-12 p.m. Take Down 12 p.m.-3 a.m. Check out,  Pick quilts up upstairs

Show is being organized by the Guild under the direction of Rebecca Smith and Joan Kettlewell.

group will meet to share interests and concerns.  
Please join us! Coffee and cookies will be provided.

**All Interested Longarm Quilters:**

On Saturday Jan. 14, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m., at the Quilt Connection in Rapid City, interested longarm quilters from the area will be meeting. This

Editor's note: I have received only one ad purchase for the New Year and in the interest of fairness will give all others a grace period in this issue. Please bring your business cards and let me know for 2012. Laurie

Our membership year ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> and dues for 2012 are due no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please send your check for \$15.00 payable to 'BHQG' to Black Hills Quilters Guild, Attn: Membership, PO Box 2495, Rapid City, SD 57709. **Please note any change of address, telephone number, or email address.** If you are a long-arm quilter and would like to have your name listed on our web site, please indicate that as well. Thank you.

Attention: A pretty scarf was left at the Christmas Party. It can be claimed at the Church office.

**March Quilt-In:**

Join us at the church for a spring quilt-in/potluck, March 16, sponsored by the guild and organized by Reta Welsh and Bonnie Kroeger. Projects planned include: a purse with 6 options, and a sweatshirt jacket. Fabric requirements and a little prework on the jacket will be featured in the next newsletter. Save the date and begin thinking about this fun spring activity. SOYO of your own projects also allowed and encouraged. See you there.

**Programs/Business Meetings/Board Meetings Calendar:**

Jan. 16—1:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Program: "Live" from the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Ginger Nelson  
Refreshments: Judy Smither, Mary Hague

Feb. 20—7 p.m. Business Meeting

Program: Collage Art Quilts, Special guest presenter: Joan Sowada of Gillette,  
Wyoming  
Refreshments: Marilyn Looyenga, Reta Welsh, and Amanda Dahl

**Recipes:**

**Coconut Mounds Candy:**

Sift 5 cups powdered sugar, add 1 can Borden Eagle Brand Milk, ½ cup melted butter 1 box/bag flaked coconut, and 2 cups chopped walnuts. Chill for 3 hours until easier to work with, and then roll into balls the size of walnuts. Set in the refrigerator until firm.

In a double boiler, melt ½ bar paraffin wax, 1 cup chocolate chips (semi-sweet), and 6 plain Hershey Bars. Keep on the stove while using a spoon to dip the balls above and put on wax paper to set. Note: these keep better if refrigerated until serving. Enjoy!

Laurie Widner

Would whoever made the delicious grape salad we had at the Christmas Party be willing to share her recipe? If so email it to [laurenwidner@aol.com](mailto:laurenwidner@aol.com) or phone it to her at 343-4129. I have had a couple or requests for it.

Congratulations to Charlotte Schoonover for her quilt being accepted at an international show, Road To California.

### **Laurie's A Blessed Mystery:**

As I think back on all my blessings for the year—I can't help being thankful to belong to such a supportive, giving and fun guild. I also can't help but remember something Susan Mary Cee. was talking about at one Tuesday workday—it gave me a niggling idea which comes to fruition this year. She was talking about “blessing quilts” and how much love we pour into our projects.

If you are like me, and I'll bet you are, there is someone in your life going through a particularly hard time and you can't help thinking of them often and wishing all kinds of blessings for them. It may be a family member, friend or other quilter-- just someone going through an especially challenging time either spiritually, physically, or medically. It could be a friend with cancer, a family member who is out of work, or someone overwhelmed with depression, overwork or just a fellow quilter who has too many projects in the air and can't seem to finish one for the worry of three more (BEEN THERE, DONE THAT). There is someone you would wish special blessings for.

I would always rather buy an extra ¼ or ½ yard fabric to make sure I have enough to finish the quilt rather than run out in the last block. My stash has a growing multitude of little remnants and extras that I can't bear to throw out but aren't quite enough to do another project. Therefore, I have designed a mystery quilt with the help of EQ7 that encompasses these little leftovers and will make a blessing quilt in this New Year. I invite you to join me in more than wishing something special for a special friend.

This is very much a stash project---the only thing to buy or commit to is 2 yards of white, a neutral or black for the background in order to tie the quilt together. It will be composed of little steps that can be done over the next 9 months without too much time but the catch is every month we do something along with the quilt blocks. Grab your scraps, find a box or space to sit this project and come with me on a blessings journey!

The plan is to finish up in September so you have a chance to put it together and get it quilted in time to give that someone a special blessing memory at Christmas next year. Maybe we can have a showing at the Christmas party and then a hand delivers them or mails them to our “needy” person. Or if you can't think of someone in that shape just come along on a fun mystery project.

For January:

1. Pick a person.
2. Pick a background. This is planned to be about 60 inches square or a lap size.
3. From your background cut 3-4 6 ½ widths of the fabrics (WOF).  
Sub cut into approximately 20 to 24 6 ½ inch squares. Set aside.
4. Think of the things you want as blessings for your special someone.(i.e. health, love, faith, or a million other blessings that they may need.) Make a list on paper and keep it with your quilt as it grows.
5. As we go along keep in mind the following ongoing shapes: as your scraps accumulate or you sort them, cut leftovers into 2 1/2”, 3 ½” squares or triangles. that will fit into 6 ½ inch blocks (as the quilt itself is made of various completed blocks). Also randomly sew some scraps ( 1½ inches wide by 56 inches long strips) to use as an inner border or 2 ½ by 8 inch strips to use as a colorful binding. More on that later.

That t wasn't so hard, was it.

For February:

1. Take some of your 2 ½ inch squares and do some 4 patches. You'll need at least 50 of them total. They take such a little time to make . Remember there is no set color pattern on these—mix up your stash colors randomly. I will have a bunch of 2 ½ squares sitting by my machine and will start and stop other projects with a few 4 patches. Throw them in your box as finished. The kicker is that with each 4 patch you do, say a little prayer for that person. We can never have too many prayers—and at the end of each sewing spell say an extra prayer for yourself—you deserve it.
2. You also need to do sixteen 6 ½ inch stars this month in any simple pattern you want. We all know there are many simple patterns for stars out there. Use your favorites. The step with these is to call your person or someone to whom you owe a call with each star. Not hard, but something we don't do often enough.

More next month. Laurie