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"THOUGHTS WHILE STITCHING"

Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with shades of deeper meaning.

If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love. Don't be surly at home, then go out in the street and start grinning 'Good morning' at total strangers.

Nothing will work unless you do.

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain.

Self-pity in its early stages is as snug as a feather mattress. Only when it hardens does it become uncomfortable

How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!

Quotes from **Maya Angelou** (1928 -) Women's History Guide, Jone Johnson Lewis, Editor

MESSAGE FROM JOY YOUNG, PRESIDENT

Wow! It's the middle of May already! Summer is almost here. For me that means outdoor activities and not a lot of quilting. I've already told you about my husband and his/our boats. As I'm writing this he is down at the dock washing down the deck of our sailboat so we can go out this weekend. It's called a "shakedown cruise". We go out for an overnight to figure out what is not working properly or what new things need fine tuning.

This summer our Guild will be doing something different and maybe we can call the summer of '08 our "shakedown" for the future. Instead of business meetings we will

have more fun. In July we plan to host a community picnic. We are inviting local (Heathsville) businesses, government employees and Tavern volunteers to join us for lunch. It will be our usual potluck party and maybe we'll add some hot dogs to make it a little more "picnic-y". The date is July 1, so we can have a 4th of July celebration a bit early. Then, in August, we'll be going on a field trip. At the last meeting it was decided to go the Quilt Museum near Harrisonburg with some other stops along the way for shopping and lunch. Maren Lindberg, Micki Pugh & Dee Rogers are making the plans. They'll have a sign up at the next meeting.

Here's hoping this summer will be remembered for lots of fun!!!!

QUILTERS' NEWS

Meetings: As mentioned in Joy's message, summer will bring some changes to our regularly scheduled meetings. Please be sure to note:

July 1, 2008 - Community picnic – no business meeting

August 5, 2008 – TQG Field Trip – no business meeting

No Executive Board meetings will be held in July or August.

No Gala committee meeting will be held in June.

Susan Melton will make a decision at a later date whether to hold a Gala Committee meeting in July or August.

Since there will be no business meetings during July and August, Loons Lines will not be published during these months.

Joy Young is asking for volunteers to bring a "dish to pass" for the Community Picnic which will be held in lieu of our regularly scheduled July meeting. Please contact Joy if you can bring something.

Gala News: **Linda McMakin** asks that we start combing our stash for items for the Gala Silent Auction. "We have lots of containers; now we need something to fill them. Since there will be no business meetings in June or July, and I will be away for the first half of June, you can either call me this summer, or bring your things to the September meeting."

TQG Web Site: Linda McMakin has updated the TQG web site. Be sure to check it out as it has several photographs and information about the upcoming Gala.

CONVERSATION WITH JEAN EVERLY

This month, Jean Everly has agreed to an interview with "Loons Lines". Jean is someone who is always been known to "pitch in" whenever help is needed. She served as Recording Secretary of TQG in 2006.

LL: How did you decide to begin quilting? Is there someone who has influenced your love of quilting? What kind of quilting do you most enjoy?

My first experience with quilting was when I took a class called "Christmas In July" at the Quilt Patch in Fairfax, Va. I decided that I would make a quilt for my son. I called it "Wilson Fishing". I appliquéd a little boy in red and blue overalls, plaid shirt, embroidered a sombrero hat with a feather, a fishing pole with a fish in his hand. He still has the quilt. I like hand piecing because it is easy to carry along with you. My

Grandmother, on my Father's side, was the only one in the family that sewed, so she got me started. My Mother could tat and crochet.

LL: We understand that you spend time on the road between your home in the Shenandoah Valley and here on the Northern Neck. How do you manage to quilt at both homes and do you enjoy quilting while traveling?

We have a log home in the Shenandoah Valley, which we built to move into when Julian (husband) retired, but after visiting the Northern Neck we decided to retire here. I have supplied the farmhouse with a sewing machine and quilting supplies. I have found several quilt shops within easy driving distance (Woodstock, Front Royal and Joann's in Winchester). I try to keep a small project to do while traveling.

LL: Can you tell us something about your family- and whether anyone in your family shares your love of quilting.

I was born and raised in Alexandria, Va. I married my High School sweetheart. We have been married 55 years. We had a business in Alexandria and Fairfax, Va. We sold the business before moving here. My daughter Linda still works at the Funeral Home in Alexandria, Va. We have two daughters (Elizabeth and Linda) and a son (Wilson), seven Granddaughters, three Grandsons, one Great granddaughter and expecting another Great Granddaughter in August.

I am sorry to say that no one in the family shares my love of quilting. I keep hoping.

LL: We understand that you belong to one (or more) of the Quilting Bees on the Northern Neck. Can you tell us something about their activities and what you most enjoy by belonging to a Bee?

I enjoy most the fellowship we share. We work together on quilt projects for the Gala. When you need to baste a quilt the ladies are always willing to help. If you have a problem they seem to have the solution. There is so much knowledge in our groups. It inspires you to see what the ladies are working on.

LL: Anything else that you would like to tell us?

The Tavern Quilt Guild was the only Guild in the Northern Neck when I moved here. A friend gave me Anna Holland's name and I called her. Anna invited me to a meeting and I became a member. We now have several guilds, which only goes to show that the art of quilting is expanding in the area.

JUNE PROGRAM

Liz Mesec has scheduled a wonderful program for our June TQG meeting. Tammy Weston who is the "mother" of the Blooming 9 Patch will be here. She works weekends at "The Quilt Man" Quilt Shop in Ashland, and will be giving us a trunk show. She has also created a different way to do the log cabin block.

MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2008 TQG MEETING

President Joy Young called the meeting to order at 10:06. There were 38 members and one guest present.

Jeanne Rose displayed the raffle quilt for the Lancaster Middle School, for which she is selling tickets. Liz Mesec announced that Linda Fiedler has family problems and will not

be available until sometime next year. She then introduced Linda Pool to give a program about putting photographs on fabric.

Joy called the business meeting to order at 12:48. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as published in Loons Lines.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer- Linda McMakin read the treasurer's report.

First Vice President- Pauline Lipscomb said that she still has raffle tickets for the Virginia Quilt Museum quilt. Also requests that members join the Tavern and the Farmer's Market will be the third Saturday in May.

Second Vice President- Liz Mesec had to leave, but Joy filled in for her. Next month's program will be given by Tammy Weston who gave the 'blooming 9 patch' program to the members of the Warsaw Guild. She will be doing a trunk show for us. July will be the picnic, no business meeting. August will be a field trip, also no business meeting. Maren Lindberg said that two trips were being suggested: one to Harrisonburg including the quilt museum, the quilt patch shop in Dayton and the farmers' market. It would cost \$46.00 each for the bus only. The other trip suggested would be a day in DC to see the quilts at the Smithsonian and DAR, which would cost \$25.00 per person for the bus only. Costs for both trips are based on 40 people. If we can not get that many of our own members we can open it to other guilds. Trips to Lancaster or Mary Jo's would be too long. It was suggested that Stanton be added to the Harrisonburg trip as there is a very nice exhibit there. A vote was taken and the members decided to take the Harrisonburg trip on August 5th.

Corresponding Secretary -Jeanne Rose said that she had sent get well cards to Paula Teeples and Betty Patterson. Jeanne's granddaughter is in the ad for the herb store in this week's edition of the Rappahannock Record. Marilyn Nolte said that Betty Patterson sent thanks for all the cards, calls and food. She is still not feeling well.

Loons Lines -Janet Vaughan was not present, but Joy said that she had requested members make sure that she had up-to-date e-mail addresses, so that they can receive Loons Lines. Check your e-mail address in the membership book to be sure it's correct.

Membership- Cookie was not present. Joy said that the board requested Jeanne to send messages to past members who had not yet renewed and the result was two renewed memberships.

Joy sent around a sign up sheet for a quilt-in next Wednesday, the 14th, at the TMB from 9-until. The Guild will provide coffee and tea. Bring your own lunch and a dish for a pot luck dinner. Also bring your own project to just sit and quilt.

Committee Reports:

Gala report- Paula Hudson reminded members that the workshops are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10 till 3. Lunch is provided. They need more help not only for sewing, but cutting, unsewing, pressing etc. You don't have to stay for the whole day, just drop by when you have time. Paula and Susan showed two more finished tops, one donated and one made of some of last year's BOMs. Susan Melton distributed forms for quilt show entries, not auction quilts. You need a form for each quilt entered into the show. The Gala Committee meeting is next Tuesday in the TMB at 2:30.

Historian- Marge Stack had no report.

Librarian- Betty Turner said that she had a contribution from Margaret Cox. The

members had decided at the last meeting not to have a silent auction at the July picnic

Hospitality- Aldra Lloyd thanked the ladies who brought refreshments today. Next month's refreshments will be provided by Dordy Wheat, Carol Shackelford and Sue Oliveri.

Publicity- Cookie Booth was not present.

BOM- Gail Griffith was not present. The pattern for block # 5 was distributed. Colors are gold for the star, white background and pastel prints for the four patch.

Education - Sue Burton was not present. Susan Melton circulated a sign-up sheet for teachers. Sue would like at least five teachers for ten students, teenagers. The class is called 'stitching on the fence' and the pattern of the lap quilts will be rail fence. The classes will be on July 9, 11, 14 and 17. Sue will take any sewing machines members would like to donate for the classes. She has received three. There will be a \$10 charge for the classes which will go to the Tavern. The Guild will provide fabric kits with our education budget.

Unfinished Business - We will be bringing food for the picnic like we usually do for the July party. Dee Rogers asked how we are handling the health department regulations. That is not necessary as we are inviting people to a private party. Joy and Dee will get together to discuss the picnic.

New Business - Kathy Pitts announced that for the month of October the Guild will be doing a display in the glass cabinet inside the doors of the Northumberland County library. Instead of the usual quilts they will need small items we have made such as pin cushions, dolls etc. The cabinet has adjustable shelves and there is no direct sunlight in that area.

Announcements - Cookie reminded members of the 'Come Quilt With Me' at the Farmers' Market on the 3rd Sat, 17 May. Last month the auction quilts drew a lot of attention and they sold 4 cook books.

Penny Mace announced that the American Association of Woodturners is having their national meeting in Richmond this year and she is in charge of the spouses' creativity room. Many of them are quilters and she is doing small projects with them. One of the things they will do is make quilted postcards for wounded soldiers at Walter Reed. Penny has a neighbor who is a Pentagon official and he will see that the postcards get to the proper people at Walter Reed. If some of the Guild members would like to make 3" by 4" Postcards she will pick them up at the July meeting. They do not necessarily have to be red, white and blue. Put an appropriate message on the back and sign with your first name only, town and state.

Margaret Cox announced that St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is sponsoring a Bluegrass and BBQ evening at Roanoke Farm on 360 north of Heathsville, on Saturday June 7 from 5-8 pm, rain or shine. Tickets are \$20 now and \$25 at the door. It will benefit Hospice and SAIF Water. Margaret told us that there are 4,000 people in Lancaster County without drinkable water.

Several ladies had "show and tell" and five celebrated birthdays. The BOM was held over for next month to give members time to complete it. Only three were displayed. The door prize was won by Lois King. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55

Respectfully submitted, Mary L Sawyer, Recording Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 3, 2008	TQG monthly meeting – TMB, 10:00 – 2:00 PM
June 12, 2008	Gala Workshop – TMB – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
June 26, 2008	Gala Workshop – TMB – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
July 1, 2008	TQG Community Picnic
July 10, 2008	Gala Workshop – TMB – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
July 24, 2008	Gala Workshop – TMB – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
August 5, 2008	TQG Field Trip
September 506, 2008	“Quilts: Past, Present & Future” Staunton, VA www.staunton.va.us/visitor .
October 17 – 18, 2008	2008 Gala and Quilt Auction

OFFICERS

President:	Joy Young	Historian:	Marge Stack
1 st Vice President:	Pauline Lipscomb	Membership:	Marion Booth
2 nd Vice President:	Liz Mesec	Librarian:	Betty Turner
Corresponding Secretary	Jeanne Rose	Education:	Sue Burton
Recording Secretary	Mary Sawyer	Hospitality:	Aldra Lloyd
Treasurer	Linda McMakin	Publicity:	Marion Booth
Immediate Past President	Susan Melton	BOOM:	Gail Griffith
Gala Co-Chair	Susan Melton	Door Prizes:	Sue Oliveri
	Paula Hudson	Editor:	Janet Vaughan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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