



Silver Linings from
your president, Chris Hutton

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Happy New Year, Everyone !

Now that the holidays are over, we can concentrate on other things. Like New Year's resolutions. Why do we make them? How long do we keep them? Do you know what the two most frequently made resolutions are? Save more money is number one and number two is lose weight. Personally I find it a lot easier to keep a resolution that says lose money and gain weight. A recent survey found that 36% of resolutions are broken by January 2nd!

Our Quilt Show is coming up quickly and things are falling into place. We'll be starting Show Committee meetings at least twice a month soon. Our teachers and judges are contracted, the Banquet is planned. I know Victoria and her committee are hard at work on the Tea and Bonnie has the Country Store taking over her every waking moment. We will be taking nominations for Featured Quilter at the January meeting and voting on her in February. One last item, 2012 Challenge Quilts are due by April 15th (guess I'd better get started & get the idea out of my head and onto graph paper). See you all soon ! Happy New Year.

Chris

Calendar of Events:

January 9th & 16th-Opportunity Quilt construction-9:00am-CLC in Fallon
January 14th-General Meeting-11:00 am-CLC in Fallon

Emma's Supply List for the Dimensional Bow-Tie Block:
2-co-ordinating or contrasting fat quarters
Normal quilting/sewing supplies
Sewing machine

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Don't forget

Pat Woosley is collecting nice handmade items for the guessing game basket for the May 2012 show. That gives everyone about four months to get things to Pat. Although you have lots of time, you don't have to wait either. Pat has a nice clean storage area and will be happy to store items from now until they are used in May.

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NQG MEMBERSHIP DUES

Submitted by Penny Gregory-Membership
Coordinator

Individual membership renewal notices will be going out shortly. Current dues expire on January 31, 2012. (We have already received a few renewals from individuals that have paid dues for 2012 and one new member, Kathy Patterson who is good for 2012.)

If you do not belong to one of our NQG Chartered Chapters, your dues is \$25 annually. If you do belong to any one of the NQG Chartered Chapters, your dues is \$20 annually. Please print and fill out the renewal form completely! Mail your renewal and payment or bring it to the meeting in January.

At the time of submitting this article, Chartered Chapters that have renewed for 2012: Carson Valley Quilt Guild, Comstock Quilters, Fallon Creative Stitchers, Hearts of Gold Quilters, Patchwork Piggies, Pizen Switcher Stitchers, Sisters By Choice. Cabin Fever Quilters has joined us in 2012. If your Charter is not listed here, we urge your group to renew now!

Remember, this is the start of a new year and a good time to bring or invite a potential new member to our meeting.

Betsy's Block
(Back to Basics – Batting)

Batting is the middle layer of the quilt sandwich between the quilt top and the backing. It can be fluffy or flat, depending on the "look" you want and how the quilt is to be used. A flat batting is used for a wall-hanging, table quilts, or framed quilts. Somewhat fuller (higher loft) battings may show off your quilting stitches or patterns, but may not be as easy to control. Very high loft battings should be reserved for comforters or quilts which will be tied and not stitched tightly together.

Battings may be found in 100% cotton, 100% polyester, cotton/poly blends, wool, silk, flannel, bamboo, or other materials. Different parts of the country seem to have

favorites, and you will develop your favorite after working with them and discovering their good and bad characteristics. Battings come in packages from crib size to king size, or may be available by the yard on rolls at your favorite quilt shops. Batting by the yard is usually more affordable than packages, but you may prefer the convenience of a package. You should plan for your batting to be 3" to 4" *on all sides* larger than your quilt top to allow for shrinkage during quilting, especially if quilting by machine. You may need a quarter to one half yard extra if using wool or silk battings, but the results are worth it!

Thin battings (cotton or polyester) are easiest to manage for the beginning quilt maker. Choose one that is easy to get your needle through, is easy to care for, and does not require more stitching than you are willing to put into your quilt. Each type of batting requires different care and different amounts of stitching to hold your quilt layers together properly. Be sure to follow manufacturers instructions until you develop your own favorite. Some need to be prewashed, some do not. Some need to be quilted as close as 2" to 3" apart, while others can be stitched as far apart as 9".

There's lots more to be said about battings, so stay tuned to future newsletters for more.

By popular demand, we are printing a copy of this delightful Blueberry Treat recipe straight from the kitchen of Betsy Kanago.

BLUEBERRY TREAT

2 cups boiling water
6oz Jell-O (black raspberry, black cherry or any dark flavor)
1 can blueberry pie filling
1 can undrained crushed pineapple
Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Add pineapple and blueberry pie filling. Stir. Pour into a 2-quart baking dish and chill.

TOPPING

1 8oz pkg cream cheese
1 8oz ctn sour cream
¼ -½ cup sugar or Splenda
1 tsp vanilla
Mix until smooth and spread on Jell-O. Chill again. Garnish with chopped nuts if desired. This is especially great for a pot-luck because it can either be a salad or a dessert. Enjoy!

You can always tell a quilter's family by the threads they wear!

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Irme McClaren designed and pieced this lap quilt to be raffled off at the Lyon County's 150th birthday picnic.

In this quilt, Irme included the state flower, state tree, state bird and so on. She also included several of our state events like the Balloon Races, V & T Railroad and of course, our wild horses.

Article submitted by Ginger Wilson

CALL FOR ENTRY – Pacific West Quilt Show
Over \$25,000 in Cash & Prizes
Entry submission – April 20, 2012
Permanent residents of the following areas are invited to enter:
USA: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY
CANADA: AB, BC, NT, SK, YK

Show Dates: August 24-26, 2012
Location: Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center, Tacoma, WA
Entry Deadline: April 20, 2012 (Images and Fee received)

Members: \$15 per entry
Non-Members: \$30 per entry
Limit of two quilt entries per person
For entry forms and rules visit www.apwq.org or email: contest@apwq.org



From your Editor, Jan Recanzone

Well it is January 3 and yes, I have broken one of my resolutions only it had nothing to do with food or money. I vowed I would not start another quilt until I finished some old ones. Well I got two not finished but ready for the Longarm Quilter (forgetting for just a moment that that is me). The thought of getting not one but TWO quilts to that stage was so inspiring that I just couldn't help myself. I told the Devil to get behind me and he did. Then, he gave me a big push and I started playing with an idea for a new quilt. Before you could say, "lets go through my scraps" I had six blocks made and a dozen cut out. My design walls now hold four quilt tops in various states of undone and my UFO drawers are so full, I can't close any of them. To all my customers – don't believe a word I just said, I only work on your stuff.

Today marks the end of the ten percent discount for articles used in the newsletter ten month promotion.

I am wishing all of you a terrific 2012 and hope you finish every quilt and buy only the fabrics you cannot live without.