

June 24, 2010

Next Black Swamp Quilters Guild meeting is Thurs July 8th, 7 pm at Simpson Bldg. Program is Wearables with Connie St. Clair. Come as early as 6 pm to socialize!

**IMPORTANT INFO:** The Simpson Building is refinishing their floors, and unable to honor their rental to us for our Sept 9th meeting date. No other parks building is available to us, so we've found an alternate location. For this Sept 9 meeting, we'll meet at BG's Church of the Nazarene. The church is located at 15341 Gorrill Road (Conneaut becomes Gorrill as you travel west), which is about 3 miles from the Simpson Building .

Thank you to the Hallenbeck special program committee...they did a fabulous job! Booking the speaker, handling publicity, ticket sales, set-up, refreshments and all that went on behind the scenes....thank you, thank you, thank you! I personally handed membership info to 34 women who were not members, so this evening was wonderful PR for our guild. Mary Lou was inspiring, her quilts amazing, and her humble down-to-earth personality proves she is a role model we can all appreciate. Be sure to visit her website at [HDDesigns.net](http://HDDesigns.net) and order a pattern or two.

American Sewing Expo in Novi, Michigan announced the "Art of the Quilt" expo contest Sept 24-26. Entry fee is \$20.00 per quilt- two-quilt limit. Theme: "Classic American Automobiles." For entry form, contest rules and deadlines, see: <http://www.americansewingexpo.com/content/contests#Art> or [watastitch@comcast.net](mailto:watastitch@comcast.net).

The winner of the Project Linus Raffle Quilt winner was Dianna Ysasi. If you bought tickets at Kaleidoscope or elsewhere, it's time to throw your ticket stubs away!

Denise and Cindy are holding a Fabric Dying Workshop on Sat. July 24, 10 to 3 at Cindy's house. Cost for materials will be minimal. Learn more and sign up at our July meeting, or call Cindy Huffman.

Speaking of Cindy, our Row of the Month Queen, she'll be back at our July meeting with TWO blocks to make up for our not having a June meeting. She assures us they're easy, and not to worry.

I happened upon a quilting blog called "Crap I've Made" with a subtitle of "Because sometimes it's amazing, and sometimes it's just crap." That's telling it like it is, eh?!?

Barb Henning reports that FIFTEEN baby quilts were donated to CRC last month after she put out the emergency request. Way to go quilters!

Down Under Quilts, an Australian quilt mag, is compiling suggestions on what ten quilt designs you'd suggest for a series of postage stamps.

There's an Amish quilt show at The Dairy Barn Art Center, Athens , Ohio through Sept 6. The quilts are from PA, OH and IN, and are all pre-1950. Details at [www.dairybarn.org](http://www.dairybarn.org)

Instead of binding your quilt, consider a row of yo-yos along the edge.

I get nightly emails from Google Alert, with any web news item or blog that mentions the word "quilt", which is how I find most of the little interesting tidbits I share with you. Last month, when I read about a "Quilt Dinner", I clicked through to read about it. I pictured a banquet with foods decorated like quilts, but I was wrong.....a group in Kansas City had a quilt show, and that's just what they called the party!

Storing your scissors near a magnetic pincushion can cause them to become magnetized, which can damage your sewing machine's computer. To demagnetize them, rub a magnet on the blades several times (not too fast) in different directions. This will disrupt the magnetic alignment within the scissors.

Happened to stumble on a really clever, easy way to finish your quilt binding. See <http://www.moosequilts.com/BindingTutorialWeb.pdf>

You may already know it. This is the method of cutting a one inch chunk off one end of the unsewn binding end, using it as a 'ruler' for trimming the other end, then connecting the two ends with the same diagonal seam as the rest of the binding. No ruler or marker needed...it saved me a lot of time when I tried it, and I got a smoother, better finish than ever before! Somebody should demo this at a meeting!

FOR SALE: Husqvarna/Viking Mega Quilter w/cruise control & Next Generation Quilting Frame. \$2200 Call Sherida in Rudolph, 419-686-0257. "The cruise control was purchased from Janette Willman, and her husband installed it on my machine. I just don't have the time to use it, and I'm looking at a new embroidery machine and need the space!"

If you haven't heard yet, Jennifer Chiaverini (the author of the Elm Creek book series) is teaming up with Project Linus to offer Elm Creek Readers the chance to decide whether Sarah's twins will be boys, girls or one of each by making a specific quilt block and mailing it to her by Labor Day, Sept. 6, 2010. You're encouraged to 'stuff the ballot box', and you can actually influence the characters in her novel! All the blocks will be donated to Project Linus. The information and pattern are available on her website [www.jenniferchiaverini.com](http://www.jenniferchiaverini.com) under "News" dated May 24, 2010. The results will be revealed at Project Linus Institute on Friday July 22, 2011.

Joan Conrad said she was asked for the recipe for the caramel corn snack she made for our last BSQ meeting. So here it is!

#### Caramel Corn Snack Mix

1 cup unpopped popcorn  
2 Tbsp vegetable oil  
½ cup butter  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
½ cup light corn syrup

1 tsp baking powder  
½ tsp vanilla extract  
2 cups small pretzel twists  
4 cups crispy rice cereal squares  
2 cups pecan halves

Preheat oven to 250 degrees F.

Pop popcorn in large pot with 2 tablespoons vegetable oil. In a large saucepan, mix butter, brown sugar and corn syrup. Bring mixture to a boil (over medium heat) stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium-low and DO NOT STIR for 5 minutes. Remove the pan from heat and mix in baking powder and vanilla extract, stirring carefully. In large baking pan, combine popcorn, pretzels, cereal and pecans. Pour the butter mixture over the popcorn mixture and stir to coat. Bake for 1 hour, stir every 15 minutes.

There's a new video game based on animated yarn and a world of cloth and textiles. See the trailer at

<http://e3.nintendo.com/wii/game/?g=kirby>

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