

Tompkins County Quilters' Guild December newsletter

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving. I had a very busy day - I had forgotten how much entertaining very small children require!

We have had two very enlightening meetings -John Kubeniek has lots of wonderful ideas about how to quilt our tops, and Pat Pauly was very entertaining at the Schweinfurth. My thanks to the program committee for their hard work this year!

December 12th will be our Holiday Party at 6:30..always lots of fun, and our only meeting in December.

If you are busily making gifts for family and friends, I wish you success in getting everything completed!

Happy Holidays!

Kathy

Snippets of History

by Barbara Dimock, Guild Archivist

After the completion of a very successful show, I thought I would take you back to an earlier show. This one was in 1995 and was also a great success. Alyce Anderson and Beth Osterman agreed to be the co-chairs. After several shows at the Ithaca High school, committee members looked around for possible sites to hold this show. The National Guard Armory was chosen. Alyce said that the lighting and space were great. "The only danger was if the US went to war the armory would be closed for our show. It was a risk we decided to take."

Here are a few notes from this show:

-Liz Henry took charge of the raffle quilt. She suggested the "Wheel of Fortune" pattern because she had made a small version of one for the previous small quilt auction. She

found that doing the pattern as a group project also

had its challenges as everyone's quarter inch is not the same! As you can see, the quilt came out beautiful in the end.



-With the success of the first small quilt auction one was included in this show.

-This was the first show where computers were used for data entry. Though we think that computerized data entry can be daunting now, Helene Croft, Ruth White and Alyce's husband Bob, had plenty of challenges getting quilts entered that year.

-This show was also before our cute wooden manikins. Garments for this show were displayed on a lattice room divider, vests spread out and fastened with clothes pins, jackets were on traditional fabric manikins. (Does anyone have a photo?)

Here are a few of the Viewers' Choice award winners for that show. You might recognize some of the names. Clothing - Alyce Anderson "Life of a Cat"; Miniature – Melissa Fowler "On the Dole"; Wallhanging - Lynn Ink "Miniature Rose Garden"



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Nancy Ostman, Fran Welch, Carol LaBorie, Kathy Carman and Katy Grace.

Best wishes for a fun-filled birthday and a happy and healthy year ahead.

Take care, Aafke

TCQG Small Quilt Challenge 2018

Theme:

"fiber of my existence" Size: 12" x 12" finished

The Challenge:

Create a 12 x 12 small quilt that *reflects the theme "fiber of my existence"* and include:

Include one technique you have never explored before (*such as paper piecing; reverse applique; hand applique; machine quilting; hand embroidery; hand dyed fabrics; surface design; a new ruler ...etc.*)

Include a small bit of the unifying fabric (*to be distributed at the Holiday Party*)

Due Date: The August Annual Picnic

Prizes will be awarded for:

The Best Use of Color; The Best Original Design; The Most Creative Interpretation of the Theme; The most unique exploration of a new technique.

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Upcoming programs

December 12 – Holiday Party: Food, Prizes, Games, Dancing, Fun for Everyone!