

February 2009

GALA Gazette

Newsletter for the GALA Quilt Guild

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Tool-of-the-Month
- Chris Piepmeier
and Sunny
Pedigo,
Members at Large

February Reminders:

- Name tags: those forgetting theirs will be fined a fat quarter
- February program: "I love my machine: the care and feeding of my sewing machine" presented by James from Southern Sewing.
- Dear Jane cottage group meets every other Monday.
- Anyone interested in forming an "EQilter5" cottage group?
- Dues for 2009 (\$20)
- Baby quilts needed

January Meeting Highlights

- 36 members and one guest attended
- Tool of the Month winners: Pam Brandt—puzzle mat (cutting surface)
- Scrap Exchange was well received: there were 43 Grab bags!
- Hancock's and JoAnn Fabrics offer 10% and 15%, respectively, to "card-carrying" guild members
- President Martha Ragan suggested that guild archival materials be gathered and organized.

Upcoming Events/Announcements

- Workshop: 9:30-11:30am EST, February 21, 2009; Scrap management and string quilting techniques presented by Sunny Pedigo
 - Supplies: four 10-inch muslin squares; four 2 X 15 inch strips of same color fabric; big bag of scrap 12 inches long or longer (left-overs from other projects are great).
 - Sewing machine, rotary cutter, scissors, thread, etc.
- February meeting: January 21, 2009, 1:00pm EST
- "Grab bag-scrap swap" continues: Please bring ten 6-inch squares of 100% cotton quilting fabric (please remove selvages) in paper bag.
- February Block-of-the-Month: Block Central has redesigned their website. Go online to blockcentral.com; click on "Block of the Month" near the top of the screen rather than along the side. Then scroll down to February and click on the instructions. Remember to click the space that reads "printer friendly version". For a direct link to the quilt instruction you can use: www.knoblin.com/bom2004quilt.shtml
- National Quilting Day will be celebrated with a display/exhibit held at Phenix City Public Library March 18-25. Folded quilts will be displayed on quilt racks for the show. If you have a quilt rack to lend, please contact Martha Ragan.
- Congratulations to member Linda Bolen. She was named "Teacher of the Year" from her school.