

JOIN US FOR A TOUCH OF RICKY TIM BY GUILD MEMBER JUDY BLOCK

JULY 27TH

It is my pleasure to share the wonderful opportunity that I had in taking the two-day Ricky Tims Seminar in February 2006. The opportunity made available to me through the support and scholarship of the MRQG.

In February 2006 I attended a terrific seminar, sponsored by the NW Quilter's and held in Portland as a two-day seminar with Ricky Tims on stage and instructing over 300 quilters subjects from 13 different areas of his expertise. At our July program I hope to share the motivation and enthusiasm that I left the seminar with by sharing a PowerPoint presentation of some of what we learned, as well as samples of the projects that I have in progress since then.

Topics we covered were: Quilting Caveman Style, Convergence Quilts, Out of Your Mind, Flip 'n' Sew, Rhapsody Quilts, No Pins Precision Curved Piecing, No Pins Set-In Corners and Circles, Kool Kaleidoscope, Fear Not the A Word, Grand Finale, Magnificent Piped Bindings, and Binding the Quilt.

Judy

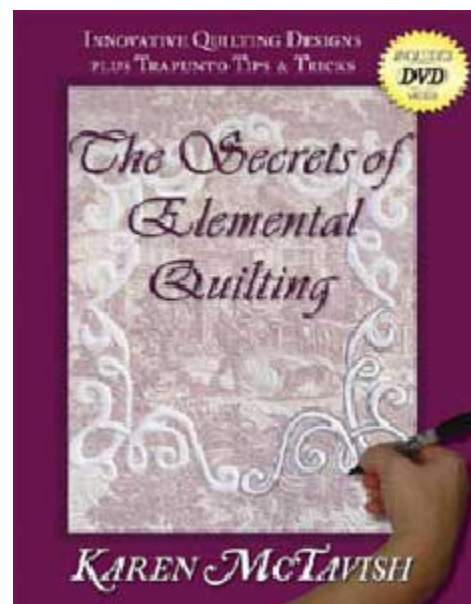


Ricky Tims Rhapsody Quilt

AUGUST 24TH - KAREN MCTAVISH - WHOLECLOTH AND TRAPUNTO

Our Aug. 24th speaker will be Karen McTavish, recipient of over 40 national and international awards for her machine quilting. She specializes in crafting award-winning heirloom quilts using techniques which allow machine quilters to replicate traditional hand-quilted effects. She has been featured on HGTV's Simply Quilts and her work has appeared in several books. She has published three books and currently is teaching workshops across the country on McTavishing, Trapunto, Wholecloth Design and advanced longarm machine quilting.

Karen will be available for book signing at the meeting and is also teaching longarm quilting classes at Linda Alexander's studio Aug. 24-27. Space is still available in the one day classes - either the 24th or 25th. Contact Linda if you wish to enroll. 541 745-9081





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BITS AND PIECES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Summer is in full force with many of you enjoying the sunshine and taking vacation time. I hope you can take time to scout out a new quilt store. I encountered two women who were on a week tour of quilt stores. They were certainly enjoying themselves.

Thinking about vacation spots, several of the board committee people and officers just returned from the Sister's Quilt Show. We came to support the raffle quilt, sell tickets, and of course shop. The raffle quilt got rave reviews from all age groups. Ticket sales were brisk and it wasn't just women buying tickets.

One woman decided she had to buy tickets when one of our sellers remarked that if she didn't have a place for the raffle quilt it could be donated to a hospital or medical facility. That sold her because she is a volunteer at her area's hospital.

I hope all of you know that beginning this year the guild is in charge of marketing and selling of the raffle quilt and any expenses in making and promoting the quilt. We depend on the proceeds of the raffle ticket sales to pay our rent to the BCHS for our meeting space and storage space.

We have two venues coming up where the guild will be selling raffle tickets. Please say YES to "The Firm" (formerly the marketing committee) when these members ask you to sign up for the Coberg Show or the Benton County Fair for an hour or two to sell raffle tickets.

Linda Alexander has provided excellent speakers for our programs and through your help we can generate funds

for top quality speakers, workshops and other quilting endeavors. I hope to see many of you at these events promoting our guild. It is a fun activity and you meet the nicest people.

To leave you smiling, I saw the cutest shirt on a lady at Sisters. Her shirt had a fat cat on it. The words under the picture said "I'm not fat; I'm just hiding my stash."

Debbie Garvin
MRQG President

CONFLICT, CROSSOVER, AND INFLUENCE: WHEN TEXTILE TRADITIONS MEET

The crossover between the fine arts and traditional textile methods has historically generated critical comment and debate. BCHS is pleased to host a special one day seminar featuring textile specialists who have successfully "crossed over." Each artist will explore the conflicts, crossover and influence experienced when artists of different backgrounds cross paths. Panel speakers will present their work, slides, and a special "reverse strip tease" performance featuring authentic reproductions of 18th Century garments.

The panel of distinguished fine artists includes **Nancy Bryant, Kaaren Beaver, and Liz Hoffman**. The seminar will be of special interest to artists, hobbyists, teachers, textile specialists, and students. The seminar will take place in the BCHS Moreland Auditorium on **Saturday, October 21st** from 10:00 AM — 3:30 PM.
Coffee 9:30 AM ~ Presentations 10:00 AM
Catered lunch & entertainment, noon to 1:00 PM
Afternoon sessions 1:00 PM ~ 3:30 PM

BCHS Members \$25, non-members \$35, includes catered box lunch.

Students with ID, \$5 (order lunch for an additional \$5).
Limited seating. Reservations suggested.

Registration forms available at
www.bentoncountymuseum.org or 541-929-6230 ext 107.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

We did it! Along with donations from the public immediately after the Katrina and Rita hurricane disasters and the quilting group from the Regent Retirement Home, our guild has sent 200 quilts to victims in Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. We also collected and sent 21 sheets, 25 pillowcases and 13 blankets. What an amazing and giving group quilters are.

Some of the quilts went to Accendo Home for Boys in Gautier, (Go she')MS. Tommy Fortenberry is the Director of the home and doing a great job with wayward boys. They sustained a big loss because of the storm.

The service committee will be really paring down our collection of fabrics because we will be losing the storage space in the annex. Look for some great bargains at some future meetings as we try to "lighten the load" that we will have to move to a new storage area.

The MRQG will be actively pursuing tax-exempt status in conjunction with our new relationship with the Benton County Historical Society. Because of this, we will need to keep track of hours spent on charity quilts. If you have expended any time since January working on service committee projects, please let me know so that I can keep track. My e-mail is dlgrube@pioneer.net

Thanks again for all that you do. *Lynn Grube*

QUILT PINK DAY!

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Sponsored by Moda Fabrics & American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine <http://www.quiltpink.com/>

Won't you join us in the fight against Breast Cancer? Calling quilters of all skill levels! Bring a friend and together we'll support the fight against breast cancer. This will be an all day open house event.....quilters can stop in any time and make a block.

Please join together on September 30, 2006 at:

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JOANNE CUTLER HAY SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the JoAnne Cutler Hay Scholarship is to provide funds toward furthering knowledge of quilting and the textile arts, or skill development. Recipients of this scholarship then present to the guild information or techniques they learned as a result of the scholarship. Thus the entire guild benefits from the knowledge gained by the recipient. Our July speaker, Judy Block, was a scholarship recipient and all of us will be able to attend the Ricky Tims seminar vicariously through Judy's presentation.

Any guild member can request funds from the scholarship (from \$25 to \$300) per fiscal year by downloading the scholarship application form from our website www.marysriverquiltguild.org/ (click on scholarships) and turning it in to the MRQG executive board which meets monthly. Applicants will be notified of the decision made as soon as possible after the executive board meeting.

The raffle quilt brought in \$1358 at the Sisters Quilt Show.



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2007 RAFFLE QUILT

As Tree of Wisdom Grows...

We are very excited about the progress of our 2007 raffle quilt project. The completion of Kits 1 and Kits 2 in Paper Piecing are completed. We had a near 100% turn out of volunteers for the Appliqué Kits, and many are well under way and completed. We look forward at the July guild meeting to receiving hopefully the remaining appliqué blocks. Again we wish to express our sincere thanks for all of the generous time and talents pouring into this terrific group project. We have gathered approximately 50 quotes and words of wisdom. We still invite you to contribute any of your favorites. You may jot them down and get them to us at the board meeting, or email them anytime to QuiltQuotes@yahoo.com.

We will begin assembly of the center block and appliqué tree in our next phase and assembly of the pieced borders. We will keep you all posted.

Susan and Judy

ESSENCE OF OREGON

Loosely Bound, a group of local fabric artists, is having a show at LaSells Stewart Center for the month of August entitled The Essence of Oregon.

The opening reception is Saturday, August 5th from 2-4. Artists include Nancy Bryant, Liz Hoffman, Kerry McFall, Marcia Gilson, Marcy Gregg, Shirley Strubb, Sidnee Snell, Babette Grunwald, Susan Richardson, and Diana Cleland Boyle. Many of these artists are guild members

The Pattern of Our Lives - a special note from one of our members.

Sometimes our lives can begin to feel like a patchwork quilt. For awhile things go along rather cozy and comfy and we are content in knowing that our seams are strong and we are happy with the pattern of our lives.

Then change comes along, sometimes planned—like adding a new binding to replace a worn out binding, or the birth of a new baby in the family. Many times change can come suddenly, without warning, like a stain on your quilt, or perhaps a torn edge to your quilt that needs emergency repairs.

Last week at our house we had such an incident. We had somewhat of an addition to our family, like adding a new patch to a scrap quilt.....our peacock, Queenie, brought her newly hatched chicks and introduced them to our yard, which will be their new world. We have often been teased that our yard is more of a bird sanctuary, which is probably true enough. We spent the next few days observing Queenie teach her chicks how to hunt for worms, catch bugs, show them where the best shady resting spots in the flowerbeds could be found, and how to avoid the dangers around every corner. In just three days the chicks learned so much and also grew right before our eyes. They were as if a bright and cheery patch was added to our life quilt.

Later in the week we did have to make an emergency repair, as if to a quilt. Queenie's pea chicks were found alone in a corner of the yard huddled together one morning. We knew she would never leave them, she was protective and would never let them stray. The chicks safety was our first concern. They were vulnerable without their mother's care. Once they were secure in a little cat carrier, we set out to look for Queenie. To our sadness, we found her just outside the yard fence with no life left in her.

It was as if part of our quilt had been torn away, lost to us forever. The quilt that remained was tattered, never to be the same.

However, those bright, little patches that Queenie added to it, would enhance our quilt and bring new life and renewed beauty to it. Yes, we are raising the pea chicks and they are thriving. They have their mother's big, inquisitive eyes and her peaceful, quiet nature. And like a quilt that has been damaged, with gentle hands we will make the repairs, reinforce the seams and continue with the pattern of our lives.

LuAnn Kessi
Harlan, Oregon
July 2005

PLACES TO GO

July 28th-30th Blackberry Jam Festival
Rolling Rock Park in downtown **Lowell, OR**
Lowell Grange hall corner of 2nd and Moss
Streets. Hours 10-4 free admission

July 29th Second Annual Coburg Quilt
Show and Tea Saturday, 9-4pm downtown
Coburg, OR at I-5 exit 199 Enjoy quilts
and music in our outdoor parks. Vendors will
be selling quilt related items, and local antique
shops are open for browsers. (note: tickets
will be for sale for our raffle quilt and it will be
on display in our booth)

August 4th- 6th Oregon Coastal Quilters
Quilt Show Newport Middle School - 825
NE 7th Street Fri & Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
Admission \$5.00 **Newport, OR**

August 11th-13th Pacific Northwest
Quiltfest 10 am. - 6pm. **Seattle Center**
Exhibition Hall & Northwest Rooms Daily
Admissions \$10 3-day pass \$20
www.opnq.org

August 18th- 20th The Lighthouse Quilt
Guild Annual Quilt Show August 19th – 9:00
AM – 5:00 PM August 20th — 10:00 AM –
4:00 PM
Del Norte County Fairgrounds Highway 101
& Cooper **Crescent City, CA**

August 19th -20th “Quilts by the Sea” 10-5
Tillamook County Fairgrounds

September 14th -16th Columbia River
Gorge Quilt Show Skamania County Fair-
grounds Featuring Elly Sienkiewicz,
Stevenson, WA

September 21st- 23rd Northwest Quilting
Expo 2006 Expanding Your World Of
Creativity Portland Expo Center 2060 N.
Marine Drive - **Portland, OR**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHALLENGE COMMITTEE

There are two challenge packets left. The cost is \$10.00
and October is the Challenge quilt meeting.

It's time to start thinking about the 2007 Challenge
Quilt. Get in on choosing a theme, writing the challenge
“rules,” selecting fabric, and making the packets. If you
are interested in helping on this committee, please contact
Judy Juntunen.

TREASURER

Expenses - \$619.45 Income - \$65.50 Current
Balance - \$3982.82 *Tammy*

A Bit about our July Speaker - Judy “Quilt” Block

I was born to sew. So I got my “professional” start at 6
years old. My first project was an apron that I designed
myself for my Grandma, which led to doll clothes and
eventually school clothes for my sister and myself. In
grade school I manufactured Raggedy Ann & Andy Cloth
Dolls and sold them to order.

The avenue of working with cloth was my destiny. I
married and started a family right out of high school,
finding lots of opportunity to sew, from maternity clothes to
baby layettes. I made a business out of contract sewing so
that I could remain home with my small children. Once
they were into school I ventured out of the home to
become a quilt instructor at Daisy Kingdom.

Quilting took root, and I dabbled in hand quilting, hand
appliqué and piecing. This was the onset of rotary cutting
and machine “speed” piecing. With instruction from Mary
Ellen Hopkins “You Can Sit On My Quilt, author, my life
changed and there was no turning back. I retired from
travel in 2003, and moved to Corvallis in the fall of that
year. I joined the MRQG in the fall of 2005. Wanting to
get back into teaching I accepted a move to part time
retailing at Jannilou Creations where I could also teach
quilting classes.

Judy Block



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 27 - Member Judy Block, "Ricky Tims"

Aug. 24 - Karen McTavish - History of
Wholecloth and Trapunto Quilts -
Note: change of date

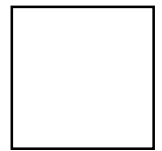
Sept. 28 - To be Announced

Oct. 26 - Challenge Quilts

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm
Social 1/2 hour starts at 6:30 pm
"Show and Tell"
happens at every meeting

Note our new starting time!

www.marysriverquiltguild.org/



First Class

Our Mission is:

- ◆ To contribute to the knowledge of quilting and the textile arts.
- ◆ To promote the appreciation of fine quilts and quiltmaking.
- ◆ To contribute to the growth and knowledge of the art and the industry through educational meetings and fellowship.

