



Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

newsletter

From Our President....

Ho Ho Ho, Merry Christmas To You All.

WOW, I can't believe it's that time of year already. I've decorated everything inside but the outside has a way to go, and the shopping is a long ways from done. Part of it is because I don't know what to get for whom.

We are having a great Christmas luncheon, catered from the Garden House. There will be some entertainment, and we will be voting on the board members that were nominated last month.

In addition to the normal show and tell, if you have a favorite Christmas quilt that you have made bring it to show.

We donated 48 lbs. of food to Care and Share last month and, remember, this month we are doing a toy drive for the Holiday Assistance. You can buy anything you want, boy or girl, but they are in the most need of toys for boy ages 12 – 17.

Our retreat is coming up quickly. December 9th is the deadline for the \$15.00 registration fee. After that the fee is \$20.00. Some of the classes have filled up while others are in danger of being cancelled. If you haven't registered yet, we will have registration forms and the catalog of classes at our meeting on Thursday.

Hope to see all of you there.

Liz

NOT-QUITE-HOMEMADE STUFFING

(From Kathy Fazio)

1/3 cup finely chopped onion
1/3 cup finely chopped celery
3-1/3 cups water
2 chicken bouillon cubes
1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
1 stick (1/2 cup) margarine or butter
2 6-oz. pkgs. Stove-Top (or store brand) chicken flavored stuffing mix

Chop onion and celery. Place in large pot with the water, bouillon cubes, parsley and butter. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer for 1-2 minutes until vegetables are tender. Add stuffing mix; stir and cover. Remove from heat; let stand 5 minutes. Fluff with fork and serve. (Instead of bouillon cubes, you can replace some of the water with an equal amount of chicken broth.)

January 2011:

6th: Block of the Month class

13th: General Meeting 10a.m. at the Senior Center. Show and Tell and a Potluck Lunch served.

19th: Class – Mellow Yellow quilt. Jean Fitzgerald will teach you her fun quilt.

26-29th: CCQG

❁ Winter Retreat !

Membership Dues

It's membership time again. Our 2011 dues are only \$20.00 for the entire year. What a bargain! Our guild board really goes to great lengths to keep down the costs and give us great classes, luncheons, door prizes, etc...

Please try to pay your dues early at our December meeting. Linda Shokrian will be collecting the dues. If you pay them this month you will have your membership card at the January meeting. Our dues need to be turned in by our January 9th meeting, so the yearly phone book can then be made up and handed out by our March meeting.

Thank you for your kind consideration and timely payment of dues.

QUILT RETREAT



Our fifth annual Quilt Retreat will be held January 26-29, 2011 at the Crystal Inn right here in Cedar City. We hope you are as excited as the committee members are! Many of you have asked how you can help. Here are some ideas:



We have a few classes with low enrollment.

We don't want to have to cancel classes; so please take a close look at these classes, taught by some awesome teachers:

Mary Lou Blazer's Cabin in the Pines (Wed AM)
Sage Platt's Paper Pieced Color Wheel (Wed all day)
Sheryl Lewis' Stack 'n Whack (Thurs & Fri AM)
Lynette Bingham's Faux Cathedral Window (Thurs AM)
Mona Covington's Mayan Garden (Thurs & Fri PM)
Norma Jean Richards' Stars and Stars (Fri all day)
Judy Stolrow's Log Cabin Wilderness (Fri all day)
Judy Rockwell's The Hen House (Sat AM)

We're lucky to have all this talent in our area – let's support them with your attendance. If you've already registered and want to add another class, contact Kathy Fazio. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time!

We need items for the welcome bags. Do you own/manage a business, or know someone who does? We need promotional items from our local businesses (key chains; fridge magnets; pens; wallet calendars, discount coupons, etc.). We plan to stuff 150 bags; but smaller amounts are OK, too – whatever the businesses can donate. If a business is willing to offer a discount, we'll even create and print the coupon. Contact Eleanor Miller if you can help.

We need door prizes. We're looking for sewing/quilting accessories, patterns, free-meal coupons from local restaurants – anything that can be given away during our classes. So, look through your sewing room for new, unused items, and approach our local businesses for prize donations. Contact Rachel Shallenberger or Patti Lund if you need a donation request letter.

We need help at the registration table...

We need volunteers to staff the registration table for the four days of the retreat. (Please don't make us use unemployed reindeer...) This is a really fun job and gives you a chance to be a great ambassador for our community and our Guild. If you can work a 3 or 4-hour shift, please let Eleanor know.



We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Glorious New Year! We hope to see you in January 2011!

