



**Westerville Quilt Guild**

# NEWS

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*One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks. ~ Jack Penn*



**September 22, 2009**

**Abby Miller**

**President-of-the-Month**

## **Books for Quilters**

Abby will be speaking about the many books available to quilters that may not necessarily have patterns in them, because when we set down our needle and threads and turn off our machines, we quilters need something to do, right?

Her presentation is going to be about all kinds of books available to quilters...Mysteries, fiction, non-fiction and even humor. Abby will also present a few of her favorite titles relating to children's picture books where quilting is the theme.

She will provide a list of titles, their authors, and genres so that our members can go well-armed into the bookstore or library...

## **WISE WORDS FROM MOTHER SUPERIOR**

A. Spools that are straight-wound are made to unwind straight from the side and not over the end. Cones are made to unwind directly over the top. Sometimes it may not matter, but if you use spools of a delicate thread such as Masterpiece or MonoPoly or Metallic, position the spool on the vertical pin holder and then feed the thread through the thread guides. The thread will unwind straight from the side of the spool (not over the end of the spool) and the spool will freely rotate as the thread unwinds. If you use cones and your machine does not have a cone holder, the cone should sit flat on a thread stand or cone holder with the thread unwinding up over the top of the cone.

B. Why Topstitch? We talk a lot about Topstitch needles. We learn from the pros. The majority of professionals and educators we work with use the Topstitch needle for nearly all their sewing. It is simply the best needle style for quilting, embroidery, and most sewing applications.

You really need only three needles:

- Topstitch #80/12 for piecing and for sewing with fine threads
- Topstitch #90/14 for the majority of threads
- Topstitch #100/16 for heavier threads

How about for metallic threads? Topstitch #90/14. Under a microscope, other brands of Topstitch and Metallic needles are almost identical. There is no need for both styles.

(Used with permission from Bob Purcell, [Superior Threads, April 2009 Newsletter](#).)

## 2009 Meeting Dates

- Sep 22 — Abby Miller—Books for Quilters  
Oct 27 — Becky Dickson — "Off Our Blocks" art quilting group  
Nov 24 — Annual Guild Holiday Party  
Dec 23 — No meeting



I have a Bernina Artista 630 and Pfaff Vision. Both are in good condition. I will donate 3% to the guild if the sale is done due to the newsletter. For more information call Ming Wang at 614-891-8853.



## Fun With Fabric

Don't forget about our two colored quilt challenge. Make a quilt with just two colors and bring it to show and tell. We have special pins for those who do! This is a year long challenge, so you have plenty of time ☺

## 2009 Charm Square Club



### Rules:

1. Use only quilt shop fabrics, washed and pressed, cut in 6-inch squares.
2. Place one square for each person, including yourself, in a baggie marked with your name.
3. Bring your charm squares each month to the guild meeting or send with a friend; you'll take home your new squares at the end of the evening.
4. We will begin in April and do both March and April's squares.
5. Call or email Becky Stains if you have problems or questions. 865-1190, [johnssta@aol.com](mailto:johnssta@aol.com).

Mar - Green

Jul - Patriotic

Apr - Pastels

Aug - "It's Hot"

May - 1930s or 1940s prints in honor of Mothers everywhere

Sep - "Back to School" in honor of teachers everywhere

Jun - Something manly in honor of Dads everywhere

Oct - Sports

Nov - Happy Holiday!

### Group A:

Judy Thiel                      Becky Stains  
Barb Horlocker                Rose Wetherel  
Connie Gelfer                  Ginny Littleton  
Karen Lesueur                 Cindy Warton

### Group B:

Corinne Vititoe                Karen Gulley  
Ruth Ann Leavell              Jayne Godsey  
Julie Lockard                  Sherry French  
Marilyn Murray                Susan Edwards  
Louise Maloy



## Westerville Quilt Guild

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at The Westerville Medical Campus of OhioHealth, 300 Polaris Pkwy, Westerville, OH 43082, Web Site: <http://www.WestervilleQuiltGuild.com>,

E-mail: [info@westervillequiltguild.com](mailto:info@westervillequiltguild.com)

Westerville Quilt Guild is a "member run" group. Member volunteers serve as "President-of-the-Month" and present the program for that month's meeting. Our dues are \$12 a year.

## Quilter's Green Tips



Sent in by Susan Edwards:

More uses for batting scraps..

1. Use leftover batting to cushion ornaments for storage.
2. Make pet pillows with scraps to donate to shelters.



Each month we'd like to publish a "green" tip to help us save our planet & our money too! In this tough economy, we can use all the help we can get to save money one way in our quilting so we can buy more fabric or take that new class or to pay for that fun retreat!

So send in your tips to the newsletter ([newsletter@westervillequiltguild.com](mailto:newsletter@westervillequiltguild.com)) and we'll choose one to publish each month.

## Quilting Tips sent in by Susan Edwards

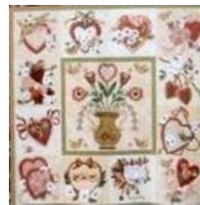
[How to fold quilts on the bias to prevent creases.](#)

This method actually is easy to follow, for both square and rectangle quilts.

If you purchase batting that has been packaged in a tight roll, let it 'air' before layering it in a quilt sandwich. To restore the loft, unwrap the batting and either allow it to lay out for several hours or briefly tumble in the dryer on the 'air fluff'.

## Summer is almost over...

...time to start thinking about next year's programs! What can you share with your fellow guild members? Did you attend a workshop this summer at NQA and learn something new you could share with the guild? We're always ready and willing to learn about new (or old) techniques, tips, or tricks. And if you are new and feel nervous about having to run the entire meeting — ask for help — there are executive board members (or anyone for that matter) who would be glad to help you out. There is an agenda template on the Web site to help you out. So there's no reason not to pick a month and have fun.



### Memories & Celebrations:

**Quilts that Honor Our Lives  
the Field House at  
Bryn du of Granville**

**Friday, October 9, 10am-8pm**

**Saturday, October 10, 10am-5pm**

Plan ahead to visit **Heart of Ohio Quilters Guild Show** with amazing quilts, wonderful vendors, good food, and friendly quilters. The [historic estate of Bryn Du](#) is just a short drive from Columbus, Ohio, and Granville and Licking County are gorgeous in the fall. For more information email at [quiltshow-info@gmail.com](mailto:quiltshow-info@gmail.com) This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it or call 614-309-3469. Visit the [Heart of Ohio Quilters Guild](#) web site and click on "Quilt Show" in the menu to the left for information on vendors, advertisers, raffle quilt, as well as the featured artist, the late Rae Howard.

## Newsletter Information

If you would like to submit an article or "tip" to the newsletter, please send it, either as an attachment or type the text in your email, and send it to me at:

[Newsletter@westervillequiltguild.com](mailto:Newsletter@westervillequiltguild.com)

The "publication" date for the Newsletter will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All items submitted to the

Newsletter need to be in by the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If you know of a member that does not have access to email, please give them a copy of the newsletter.