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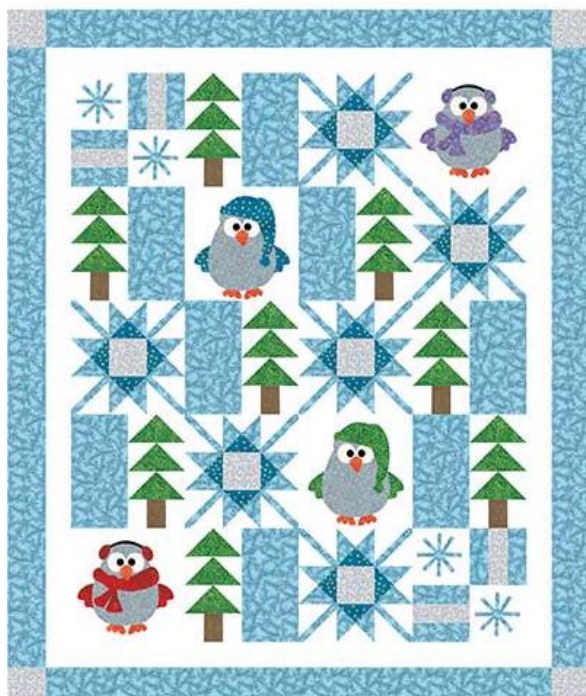
All guild members are invited to submit articles for this newsletter. Please write your own articles and e-mail them to us no later than the 20th of the month to allow us time to process each article before distribution. If there is no newsletter any month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- Taryen, Wendy & Deborah,

Meeting Dates

Meeting times are 10:00 AM – 2 PM.

February 10-13 th	Retreat!!!
March 5 th	Charity workshop
April 2 nd	TBD
May 7 th	?
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From the Chair

We are gearing up for the Retreat! So exciting! We have a few newbies to retreats and I think they will be very surprised and happy that they are coming to enjoy this fun time.

The FUN Committee has some fun games and activities and a few surprises in store for us. In addition, Sue-Ellen Hewitt is bringing the bolt of background fabric for the "Buck a Block" blocks that we are making for the quilt show. Last show these blocks were very popular. And Diane and Claudia will be ready for the two blocks that we each have made for the raffle quilt. They plan to have a design wall and we will decide on placement of these beautiful winter themed blocks.

I will be bringing two-yard cuts of Jonathan Thorn fabric. These will sell for \$3.00 for two yards. I also have some 1-yard cuts (the end of the bolts) for \$1.50. Jonathan and I are trying to get together this week so that I will have MORE fabric. Snow has been very inconvenient! He is generously selling this fabric for \$1.50 per yard. Do not despair, if I do not have what you like at the retreat, I may have it in the "Upstairs Quilt Shop" aka Wendy's vacant apartment. If by chance you are unfamiliar with the back story of this brave and wonderful family, just ask me.

Remember - No snow dancing for the retreat - but bring your scraper just in case!

- Wendy

From the Co-chair

Fire in my belly, by Van Morrison

"Gotta get through January

Gotta get through February "

But I only want 9 days of February to be over, as the anticipation of our retreat is building so is my list of items to bring. My mind is a spiderweb of thinking.

Should I bake some cookies and bring candy or have oranges? Maybe a lemon pound cake or breakfast treats.

Which machine should I bring? Big Bernina or little Bernina?

How many quilt tops can I make as I look over my patterns and fabric?

Oh, this one is real nice, it only needs 385, 2.5 x 4.5 rectangles and 385 2.5" squares, I can get those cut. What about that new herringbone pattern I wanted to try by Victoria-Findlay-Wolfe, or the Dresden plates reimagined, I've got the ruler.

Maybe I'll make a scrappy one or two, perhaps bring one of my UFOs. Oh look at that Kona turquoise and sage green fabric I just purchased that might be nice for the herringbone.

So excited to be with all of my quilting sistah's that what I make or bring will not be important, but the memories I'll have, the laughs and sharing with all of us together once again.

Yup, looking forward to our retreat.

- Janice

Programming

Retreat 2022 – Theme: “Happy Birthday”

We will be doing ONE exchange at the retreat this year

It's a **BIRTHDAY PARTY!** ... so, everyone will be bringing ONE gift for the exchange

The gift should include the following:

A pretty Gift bag

Birthday card

Fun fat quarter

Notion (used is okay)

Chocolate

A quilt Pattern (New or used)

Recipe with favorite cake or dessert

Also bring a Birthday Hat of your choice, to wear.

We will also be playing “Left, Right, Center” with Fat quarters. We would like you to bring specific colors- **Black & White & Red**- 9 fat quarters for 3 games.



March Meeting. Providing that the library will let us in, will be the “charity workshop: The South Shore VNA is in need of Quilts for Men and Isolate quilts. Shirley has made up several kits if you need a kit.

- Sheryl

Thimbles and Friends upcoming Quilt Show

Reminders for the Quilt show!

Winter Quilt Theme for the quilt show raffle quilt.

Whether it be appliqué or paper pieced, traditional or modern, in any of your winter themed fabrics-red, green, blue, or white (no beige) and either solids or prints. Make a 12 1/2" unfinished block (or two) in your choice of design.

Please bring with you to the retreat.

Because this is a guild project, we hope that we will be able to arrange the blocks at the retreat with the help of the guild. If anyone has any winter fabric they would like to donate to the guild, that would be appreciated.

Diane and Claudia Show Quilt coordinators



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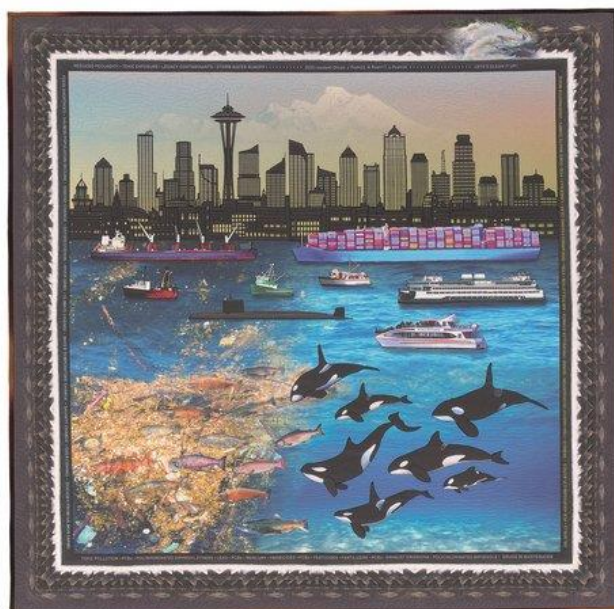
BARB VEDDER: MY LIFE IN QUILTS

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SELECTIONS FROM THE NEQM COLLECTION

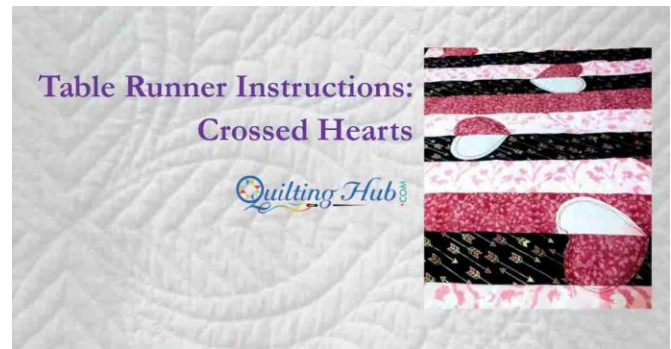
TREE MOTIFS FROM THE 19TH CENTURY TO TODAY

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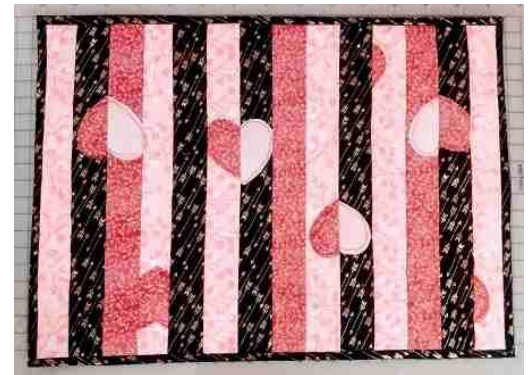
[Table Runner Instructions - Crossed Hearts](#)

Quilting Contessa covers the step by step guide to making a jelly-roll runner called Crossed Hearts.



Materials

- 3 fat quarters
- Heart [template](#) 4" wide or larger
- [Fusible](#) adhesive web
- [Batting](#) and [backing](#) fabric 22" x 30"
- Darning [foot](#) (recommended)



Any heart shape will work for the [applique template](#); cookie [cutter](#), chocolate box, or draw your own. Transfer your heart shape to [fusible](#) web and make 5 [applique](#) hearts in various fabrics.

Orient fat quarters with short side on top/bottom. Working on long 22" side, position contrasting [applique](#) hearts above and below the center, around 6" and 16". Iron in place. Note: If you are not using darning [foot](#) for quilting, go ahead and blanket stitch the [applique](#) edges now.



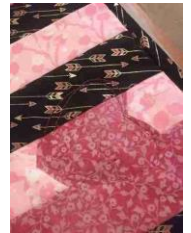
Next, cut FQs into 2.5"x22" strips, cutting heart appliques in half. Remember to leave a generous 1/4" [seam allowance](#) on the outside edge of hearts, even if you need to expand the width of your strips a little. Consider cutting a heart in thirds. Cut some plain strips too. You need 14 strips total.



Scroll strips so hearts align. Set some hearts upside-down. Notice the ends of strips will not align when [quilt top](#) is finished. NOTE: Don't worry if the half hearts don't exactly re-align. This is "random [piecing](#)," and they will look awesome when we redraw them with quilting.



Prepare quilt [sandwich](#). With darning [foot](#), freestyle [applique](#) stitch the hearts. Choose a few hearts to echo quilt. Quilt 2 large random hearts facing in different directions.



Square up quilt to approximately 20" wide. Use the shortest [strip](#) on each side for your guide. Finish with your favorite [binding](#) method.



Sewing Machine Tips

I am the owner of a new (new to me, that is!) of a Husqvarna Designer Epic. Bill at Murray's Fabrics in Orleans recommended <https://sewingmastery.com/> for how-to and informational tutorials and I highly recommend it. The site also offers videos for Bernina and Pfaff machines as well.

Jill Lillie



Viking EPIC 6 Inserting the Bobbin



Viking EPIC 7 Cleaning & Maintenance



Viking EPIC 8 Updating - DO NOT TURN OFF!



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Viking EPIC 10 Inserting the Needle



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*Hi Ho
Hi Ho
It's off to
Retreat I go!*

