+ Hospitality

I will be looking for people to bring treats for each meeting of the Braided River Quilts this year, 2014-2015. Please sign up on the sheet that will be at the August meeting. Doors open at 6 pm, treats are available until 6:45 pm and then we'll settle in for the meeting's opening.

Thanks!-Janet Hall







#### Internet

Check our website, for the latest news as well as an electronic copy of this, the one-and-only issue of the newsletter. There is a "members only" secure section of the website established. The ID is \*\*\*\*\* and the password is \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Please keep this information secure. Also available -- the Sew and Tell form - save yourself a few minutes & print it and fill it out ahead of the meeting.

-Kathryn Gribben

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Sign up for show and tell before the meeting – it helps us keep things straight when putting the photos\* online for all to see.

Forms are available for you to print and fill out in advance, or pick one up at the membership table when you sign in.

\*Photographer still needed – let Deb know if you are interested!

It's 'easy peasy'!

## Letter from Your President, Deb

Another beautiful summer is passing quickly and the next 'season' for Braided River is almost upon us. Your board has been working hard to ensure another fabulous year, with a challenge, charitable endeavor, *retreat!*, and of course, lots of programs and workshops for your benefit.

Alas, there remain a few holes in the board however, so please step up and volunteer in order to make the meetings flow more smoothly, with all the fun we've come to expect. As of yet, there is still a need for a **photographer** for our show and tell portion -- duties include taking a photo of the quilt and uploading it to Snapfish 1 believe (although if you've got a better site, go for it), and providing the link to our wonderful webmaster, Kathryn, for publication.

Also vacant is 'door prizes' -- was your name called over the past year or two? Wasn't that fun to get something? One or two people could take this on and make it their own -- have one prize or a dozen per meeting, or have one drawing

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Barb Kenney



# Pillowcase Service Project:

-Tami Maxwell and Alice Cunningham

### 2014-2015 Service Project

I want to thank all the members who donated pillowcases last year. The total count donated to Lutheran Family Services was 127. The team at LFS who receive, process, and distribute the pillowcases to the foster children are so appreciative: "Words cannot express our gratitude for your commitment to helping these children"... and "Gifts like yours help to sustain vital permanency and well-being programs..." We really do make a

difference in the lives of foster children in our community with these very simple pillowcases. YOU LADIES ROCK!!

We will continue with this Service Project for another year. I will be accepting pillowcases at each meeting throughout the 2014-2015 calendar year and, in October, please join us for an early meeting time on the 28th to make pillowcases here at the church. Thank you again for your time, talents, and donations.



From Carol Brandt, NSQG, regarding Threads Across Nebraska registration:

Please let everyone in your guilds know that the quilt registration form is available on the NSQG website at <a href="http://nsqg.org/activities/threads/">http://nsqg.org/activities/threads/</a>. There is a "click here" for the registration form close to the bottom of the page.

This is the 10th Annual event so we're hoping to make it a spectacular show, and would love to have quilts represented from all the guilds.



# + Challenge:

I have thought about this a while and want to have something easy and fun. So-o- here's your challenge — make something using the following parameters:

IA: Size: 144 inches or less in circumference. This could be any shape you desire. OR

IB: Size: about 40 by 60 inches — size of a child's quilt or throw.

I am giving you two choices so you can do either — design a wall hanging for yourself or make a small quilt for Linus project or both.

2. The theme of the quilt must start

with any initial of your name --

# -Char Gustin

most of use have 3 choices. CEG cat, cowgirl, cheese - evergreens, elephants – ghost, giraffe, etc., etc. 3. Some of the colors in the quilt must be from other initials in your name. To find color by alphabet go to www.color-ize.com, so no excuses for not finding a color!!!! I'd like to say major colors in the quilt, but that might not work with your theme. Don't turn this into an expensive project. It's for fun – use your stash as much as possible. Does anyone want a group to work with? We can do that – let's discuss that at the first meeting.

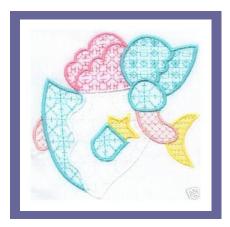
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#### **Angel Quilts:**

--Gretchen Reid and Marie Starbuck

Members of our guild make small quilts to be presented to women who lose their baby either from a miscarriage or other type of death. Often these quilts are used for a memory box. When the quilts are finished they are brought to the meeting and labels are stitched on that say "Budded on Earth to bloom in heaven". The small quilts are brought to the hospital - both Midlands and Bellevue Medical Center - and nurses present them to the patients. Included with the quilt is a card that tells where the quilt comes from and a description of our guild.

These quilts are made with appropriate fabric and designs. Some ladies like to applique, some like to make an angel in the block but the choice is an individual preference.



### President:

per quarter -- whatever you like. Local shops have been generous, and nice donations to the country store have found their way into the gift pile. There's also a budget set aside for some purchases.

The **opportunity quilt** is slowly coming together (that's my on-the-go project this summer - finishing my block!). It will take a number of helpers to display it and sell tickets, but only one or two to coordinate the effort.

History in the making — that's what we are doing at this very moment. Our twentieth year as a guild is rapidly approaching — next year, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> to be exact, marks our vicennial celebration. (Latin *does* come in handy! Thank you, son.) Won't you help document that 19<sup>th</sup> year by stepping in as **Historian**?

Thank you once again, in advance, for your cheerfulness, quiet attention to speakers during the meeting, and for helping return the room to 'before meeting' neatness - pushing in chairs, picking up litter, etc.

Blessings to all who are continuing to "appreciate and enjoy quilting, forming bonds of friendship through participation and sharing the art and craft of quilt making, and to the public education of the historical value of quilting in American Life."\*

Warmly, Deb

\*From the Braided River Quilters By-Laws, now available on our website

### Membership:

Donna Kempkes and Tammy Magill

We have ten new members and thirteen on the waiting list. Be sure and welcome all our new members in August! And when you check in at the first meeting, there's an opportunity to order a Braided River nametag if you haven't already or need a replacement!

Programs
-Susan
Schwalm &
Lynn Bader

8/26/2014 Ice Cream Social & Mixer

9/23/2014 Linda Chaney is the co- author of Contain It! English Paper-Pieced Style Accessories with her daughter Laura Chaney Gerth. The mother-daughter team published their book in 2014 on the construction methods they created. They began collaborating in 2005 when Laura was planning her wedding and wanted to make quilts for her bridesmaids and soon to be inlaws.

- 9/23/2014-Workshop on basic process of constructing containers using machine and hand sewing methods.
- Hours 9-3
- Cost \$25.00
- Supply List on the web site

10/28/2014 Service Project working meeting. Special Meeting hours 4-9 PM. Bring a sandwich, sewing machines, irons and fabric stash and create pillow cases with a new pattern (or the one you are familiar with) for Lutheran Family services.

11/25/2014 Dori Settles is a Fiber and Glass artist who markets her creations under the Funky Dori name. Dori likes to manipulate and experiment with fabric using different techniques that lead to the creation of her projects. Her creations are available at the Smiling Turtle Art Spot and classes are available in the Smiling Turtle workshop.

1/27/2015 Scott Flanagan, pattern designer working at Country Traditions in Fremont brings his trunk show of current and new patterns.

2/24/2015 Jennifer Perkins- NQA Certified Quilt Judge will present "What the Judge Sees" Lecture and trunk show. Jennifer will comment on what a judge looks for in a quilt and why one quilt is selected over another as the winner. She will also let you in on little judging secrets to help your next quilt be a ribbon winner. The lecture will be combined with a trunk show.

3/24/2015 Cut Up and Quilt – CUAQ Therapy presentation and items for sale

3/24/2015 workshop

4/28/2015 Karen Burns, creator and owner of Warped Spinster patterns will present trunk show of her patterns.

4/28/2015 workshop

5/26/2015 End of the year dinner and installation of new officers.

#### General Store:

The Country Store is a place where members can purchase items that other members have donated. The funds go directly to our Braided River Guild organization. These items include gently used books, magazines and notions. Of course fabric and kits are also welcomed. The store will be open starting with the August 2014 meeting and will have items available to purchase at each meeting. You may drop off your gently used quilting items at our "store" at each meeting or by calling and dropping off at our homes (Monica Gerhart, Linda Acquazzino or Shelley Hill). Thank you for all of your help and participation in making this a successful part of the Braided River Quilt Guild.

Monica Gerhart 402-331-9247 Linda Acquazzino- 402-290-8623

Gretchen Reid - 402-592-0726 Shelley Hill - 402-331-5670

#### Retreat:

Carla Himler and Sissy Seyle

Join us for lunch on March 2, 2015 at St. Benedict's Retreat Center and stay and sew until after breakfast on March 5. We expect to have exact pricing at our August meeting and will have forms available for sign up. This year you will pay full retreat price on signing up (and have your checks cashed). You have until our meeting in January for full refund, if necessary. The facilities are wonderful and the food is plentiful. Come, join us and hope for the first signs of Spring!

### + UFO: -- Julie Strnad

Unusually Friendly Obsessive small quilt group invites you to join the fun and meet more quilters. We're an open group, no invitations necessary. If you are a Braided River member, or on our guild waiting list, you can join us each week.

The UFO group meets on Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 330 W Halleck St. in Papillion, same as the guild. We start at 9:30 AM and leave by 3:00 PM. You may come or leave anytime in between as this is not a formal group.

Everyone eats at 11:30 A.M.; bring your own, or make a fast food run and join us at the table. There is a \$2.00 donation for the church each Monday per person.

UFO Group is *cancelled* if there is a funeral service, or Vacation Bible School; also for Labor Day, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Check your email before departing Monday morning — either Julie Strnad (julie2066@cox.net) or Gerry Cordes (ggcordes@cox.net) will send one out to attendees. Please contact one of us if needed. Do not call the church. Thank You.

There is plenty of space for you, your machine and project. We have an ironing board and iron available. We would love to have you.