

Quilt Talk

2008 NTQG Meetings

Feb 23 - Mar 22 - Apr 26 - May 24 - Jun 28 - Jul 26 - Aug 23 - Sept 27 - Oct 25

Nov 8 - Dec (No Mtg.)

Fernwood Park Fieldhouse - Every Fourth Saturday (2nd Sat. in November only)

10438 South Wallace, Chicago, IL

Dear Members:

It's time to start thinking "*Quilt Show.*" The Quilt Show is 9 months away, and as we get closer to our date, the months will go by fast. Here's an update on what's happening so far:

- I have met with Marquette Park, and am waiting for a response from them. I hope to have an answer by the next quilt show meeting, which is **February 9, 2008 at 9:15 a.m.**
- As chair, I've challenged the guild to create a quilt based on our theme, "*Quilting in the City.*" You will find a copy of the guidelines in the Newsletter. If you have any questions, please call or email me.
- Sandra Randolph provided us with a sample of an African Mask block and paper copies of African Masks. If you did not get a copy, you can download them at: www.scissorcraft.com/pics/masks

This is all I have to report at this time. Please come out to the meeting on **February 9, 9:15 am, Fernwood Park**. Remember it takes the support and help of all our members to put on a great show. If you haven't signed up for a committee, please do so. Here is a list of committee chairs:

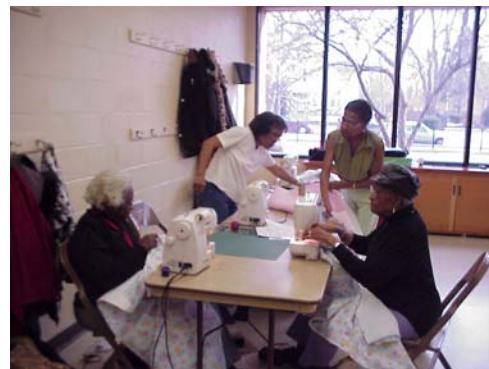
- Bernice Benson, Admissions/Hospitality
- Neva Rodez, Boutique
- Cynthia Varnado, Community Service
- Joyce Trice, Food/Refreshments
- Adrienne Bryant-Roberts, Publicity & Awards/Viewers Choice
- Jean Cobbs, Quilt Registration
- Verna Gordon, Badges
- Lettie Sabbs, Raffle Baskets
- Shirley Gray, Raffle Tickets
- Gwen McGee, Setup/Takedown/Staging (Everyone will need to pitch in and help with this committee.)
- Ora Frierson, Wearable Art
- Von Crume & Patricia Moorehead, Dolls
- Mary Gomberg, Silent Auction

Thank you for all your help and support.

Elanda Shannon
Quilt Show Chair

COMMUNITY NEWS: CYNTHIA VARNADO
MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SEW-A-THON SCHEDULE FOR 2008
APRIL 12, 2008 - JULY 12, 2008 - NOVEMBER 8, 2008

The Sew-a-thon held on January 12, 2008 was a great success. There as an unprecedented turn out and we are looking to bring you all back for the next one. Sewing machines were humming, needles were flying and scissors working at blazing speeds.



This is one of the quilts created by Gloria Scott in reproduction fabrics and instruction for layout provided by the producers of the *Gee's Bend Play*. Wonderful Job Gloria!!!



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR OWN
"TRISH WILLIAMS"
ABC Bank (Phantom Gallery) – Now thru February 29, 2008

Hello all!

Marcus Fabrics (formerly Marcus Brothers) offers free leftover fabric to guilds that make quilts and crafts for charitable organizations. At this time, we have an ample amount available (probably due to post-holiday organizing of the sample area.) However, due to the rising cost of shipping, we are only able to send fabric to locations east of Chicago without charging a shipping fee. To receive a shipment outside of this area, please contact me for more information.

In either case, if your guild can make good use of a box of fabric for your community projects, please send an email to lshepard@marcusfabrics.com <mailto:lshepard@marcusfabrics.com> and include the following information:

- * contact name & email address
- * guild name
- * name of the organization you are quilting/sewing for
- * the type(s) of items you are making
- * street address
- * daytime phone

As always, requests will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and "when it's gone, it's gone", at least until the next opportunity ;). We appreciate your understanding and look forward to helping you with your charitable works.

By the way, also please feel free to complete our quilt guild survey to list your group on the Guild Connection page.

http://www.marcusfabrics.com/features/guild_connection/index.html
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Please be sure that you REPLY to lshepard@marcusfabrics.com <mailto:lshepard@marcusfabrics.com> , not to my regular address! Thanks.

Keep stitchin' lisa shepard stewart www.CulturedExpressions.com <<http://www.CulturedExpressions.com>>

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Retrieved from our Yahoo Group Site, sent by Erma Johnson

WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN FREAK ACCIDENT

A local woman, Sandy Selvedge, recently lost her life in a freak home accident. She was crushed to death under a mountain of fabric when she opened the closet door. She appeared to be getting ready to make a quilt, as the book "Quilt Top In An Hour" was found nearby.

A delivery man, ironically, delivering a package of fabric, discovered the body. No one else was injured in the accident. Her cat was found nearby, shaken, but unharmed. Why any one person had so much fabric in a closet remains a mystery.

The family asks that all memorials be directed to Fabric-aholics.

~Anonymous

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**March 8, 2008 - Quilting African American Women's History: Our Challenges, Creativity, and Champions Exhibition Opening 4-7 p.m.** The National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center (P. O. Box 578, 1350 Brush Row Road, Wilberforce, OH 45384) will feature 90 artistic quilts that will be on display through October 2008. This is a great way to celebrate Women's History Month. Admission: \$4/adult, \$1.50/child 6-12, FREE/OHS member. 937.376.2603 or 800.998.7737

## MEMBER MEETING PLACE

### Verna L. Gordon

Our own Verna Gordon, chair of the Membership Committee joined the guild, "Evelyn said I joined in 1999" she informed me, "when the guild had less than one hundred members." She was introduced to NTQG by Evelyn Williams because says Verna "It was something I always wanted to do and just didn't know how to do it." Verna's chair of NTQG Membership Committee has been "every since I joined," quipped Verna during our telephone interview, and during her tenure, Verna has been instrumental in revising the membership applications and is responsible for the NTQG Membership Directory and dues collection. Verna also creates the name cards every year for the quilts exhibited in our semi-annual quilt shows. Last quilt show Verna was on the Take Down Committee making sure everyone's quilt was returned to him or her in a timely manner. Every fourth Saturday morning as members show up for our meeting, Verna has in place her sign in sheet which is used to award *badge wearing members* with delightful, quilt related door prizes which is one of the highlights of the meeting. Everyone loves a prize! Ah yes, I too have been disappointed in myself for not wearing my badge when my number was called. Shoot! I forgot that badge again! I'm going to remember that thing next month. I could have used that gift!



(Verna on the left in white top, this is not her quilt)

## NTQG SALUTE TO MEMBERS "GONE HOME" 2007

### Phyllis Martin 11-16-07



We lost our beloved member Phyllis Martin in 2007 and it left an empty space in our guild. Phyllis was a tireless guild member and prolific quilt maker that was Chair of the 2004 Quilt Show with Ora Frierson. Ora and the family of Phyllis Martin would like to say "Thanks for the loving turnout of guild members during the family's loss."



The Dancing Thimbles of Riverdale

Quilting Bee was founded by Ora Frierson, and Phyllis Martin who also gave the group its name. Phyllis was a dominant force in obtaining guild members quilts for display at the Annual African American Arts Festival on the south side of Chicago promoting our community guild, quilting, and quilt art while selling raffle tickets to support the guild for at least the last four years.

**Hilda Miller – January 30, 2007** – Joined in 2006 on her own, and talking to Margaret Robinson found out that they both were teachers at one time at Terrell Elementary school.

**Dietta Carter – October 18, 2007**

