



# On Point With Morningstar

## Next Meeting

**May 13th @ 10 AM, St. Matthias**

Our Program will be Carol from Eden Sewing Center who is bringing a new technique/gizmos, etc.

Penny McDowell introduced Sally McCarthy who gave us a informative history of the Amish in the Southern Tier. She also showed many quilts, rugs, dustpans, leashes for animals, dolls and books made by the Amish, some for sale.

Congratulations to our new officers and chairpeople: Linda Frick, Mary Hagen, Terry Doyle, Terry Kumro, Mary Lou Corelli and Patti Baehre. And a special Thank You to the outgoing ladies for their time and effort on behalf of our guild — Carol Clark, Susan Kruschke, Jane Huber and Barbara Kolniak!

We still need someone to be our Program Chairman. If no one volunteers the programs we have enjoyed in the past at our meetings will be no more.... If you are interested please call Karen O'Connell at 655-9018.

Its time to sign up for Secret Pals and share a wonderful, fun experience. Please have forms (see last page) back to Terri at the May meeting so we can begin in July.

A donation of \$50 will be made in memory of Mary Jurka to her son's organization, an Orphanage in Honduras. She really enjoyed her time with Morningstar Quilt Guild and her huggie was with her to the end.

Mary Hagen won the Ways & Means.

Membership is due before May 15. Dues are now \$25.00 per year. Please complete the form in this newsletter and return it to Carol Clothier with your check.

**April 2009**

## 2009-10 Officers

**President**  
Karen O'Connell - 655-9018  
**Vice President**  
Kathy Jerzewski - 675-0704  
**Secretary**  
Janice Carter—992-9436  
**Treasurer**  
Linda Frick - 674-1044

Happy Mother's Day to everyone!!

...Mother...

Marvelous

Original

Thoughtful

Heaven Sent

Eternal

Ray Of Sunshine



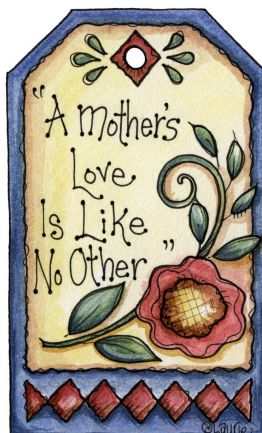
As May arrives, we look forward to warm breezes, bright sunny days, tulips, daffodils and budding trees.

### COMFORT QUILTS—Anne Wasmund

Special thanks to Irene Benenek for sharing Mary Jurka's stash us. Also to Karen Sienk for giving us Barb Hull's huge stash of fabric. For those of you who remember Barb, who now suffers from dementia, I would encourage you to send her a card or note. Her address:

Barbara Hull  
Fr. Baker Manor Rm. 541  
6200 Powers Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127

The thoughtfulness of both Irene and Karen will help many of those in need. Anne



### Hostess for May

Joan Barsalou  
Carol Clark  
Donna Forhec  
Jane Huber  
Leila Kearney  
Sue Kock  
Pat Mazzarella  
Vivian Pikett  
Josephine Smith  
Vickie Jean Wesloek



Home Care Hospice in Batavia is looking for donations of quilts for an auction at their fund raiser. If you have a quilt to donate let Terri Kumro know.

Guild Pins are available for \$4.00

### Hostesses

Mary Walczak 652-3845  
Mary Ann Lohmann 655-9993

If you cannot serve as hostess this month, please find a replacement.

### Note for Guild Picnic in July

Food will be provided by members whose last names begin with L-Y only. Please bring main dish, salad or dessert. Beverages will be brought by the first 5 ladies who volunteer to do so. Please let Mary W. or Maryann L. know if you choose to bring a beverage instead of food.

Also, each member is asked to bring her own place setting. Location will be discussed and included in subsequent newsletter. Thanks!

Hostess Committee

### Hostess for June

Jackie Cholewinski  
Jeri Clark  
Lois Fleck  
Nancy Jozwiak  
Marge Little  
Jean Miller  
Pat Miodonski  
Pat Schuse  
Ellie Wisniewski

Springville Center for the Arts is having an Arc 1 Texture show by the Alternative arts designers of WNY, from April 11 – May 2.



Library- Mary Lou Corelli and Patti Baehre

Education – Marge Friend



Round Robin - Virginia Davey



Huggie Quilts – Nancy Jozwiak  
In Nancy absence Penny McDowell said a quilt was sent to Susan Kruschke. Members volunteered to put bindings on some of the quilts.

### April Treasurer Report

Checking account	
Beginning balance	\$943.11
Receipts	+ 27.00
Debits	<u>-243.21</u>
Ending balance	\$726.90
Savings Account	\$3,719.52

## Upcoming Quilt Shows:

Clarence Log Cabin Quilt Guild  
May 15th - 17<sup>th</sup>

Garden of Quilts in Rochester , NY  
June 5-7  
[www.geneseequiltfest.com](http://www.geneseequiltfest.com)



### May

Mary Hagen	5/3
Diane Young	5/16
Jan Walkden	5/18
Elaine McClory	5/20
Joyce Kerl	5/23

### June

Carolyn McNally	6/21
Sue Fowler	6/5
Joyce Chavanne	6/6
JoAnn Tighe	6/10
Lois Fleck	6/17
Barbara Kolniak	6/18



For Sale: 10 foot PenneyWinkle Quilting Frame. Will accommodate a standard or mid-arm sewing machine. New rollers. Instructional video. Support for overhead light installation. Like new. Asking \$600. was originally \$1100. Must sell. Purchaser responsible for delivery. Call Jan Walkden @ 716-656-8608

Workshops – Irene Benbenek  
There are no workshops scheduled for April because the church is booked. If anyone has a request for a workshop let Irene know.

Wanted: Pieces of polar fleece to be made into blankets for the SPCA animals. Anything larger than 4"x4" if useful. Used to help warm animals after surgery and rescue. Call Jan Walkden @ 716-656-8608.

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH - Agnes Gates

April BOM was a 9½ inch block in spring colors. There were 9 blocks made which were won by Joyce Kerl.

It is time for another mystery. This one is 24" x 33". This is a very cute wall hanging, would make a nice gift.

### Fabric requirements:

- 1/2 yard print for outer border
- 18 ( 5" ) squares of assorted prints
- 1/2 yard white on white or solid white for blocks and background
- 1/2 yard of coordinating, solid fabric, for sashing, inner border and binding
- 3/4 yard backing fabric

### Cutting instructions:

Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances.

\* From each of the charm squares cut:

4 ( 2 1/2 " ) A squares.

\*From white solid, cut:

1 ( 5"-wide strip, selvage to selvage). From this strip, cut 2 ( 5" x 16 1/2" rectangles.  
Cut : 3 ( 2 1/2"- wide) strips. From strips, cut 48 ( 2 1/2 " ) A squares.

We will cut outer borders, inner borders, and sashing strips later. In June we will start piecing. Any questions call me or email me.

Agnes





**Sunshine**

**Elaine McClory 652-7681  
emccclory@roadrunner.com**

**A Card was sent to Susan Kruschke**

**If you know of a member going through difficult circumstances; illness or death in the family, please let Elaine know.**

**Ways n' Means**

**Mary Hagen and Terry Doyle**

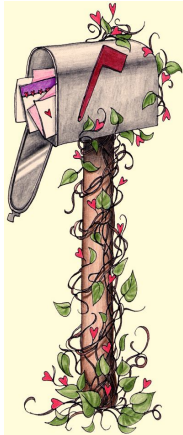
**\$1/5 Chances**

**Quilting**

**Day to Day**

By Ruth Y. Nott

Sometimes simple, sometimes complex,  
Life goes from woof to weave.  
Sometimes scrappy, sometimes precise  
Are the patterns we conceive.  
But when our days pucker and pull  
And all come apart at the seams,  
And we don't quite know what happened,  
And don't know what it all means,  
Just ask the Teacher for His advice  
And quickly you will find  
It's all sorted out in perfect order  
On the tabletop of your mind.  
Your colors will brighten and always hold true  
When they shine in His light from above.  
Your seams will be straight and  
each block will square  
When they're all sewn together with Love!



**N e w s l e t t e r**

**Donna Forhecz  
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652-7369**

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**Newsletter submissions will be due by the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday after the next meeting, May 29,  
2009**

**The minutes of the meeting and a copy of the  
Newsletter will be posted on the Guild Web Site:  
<http://www.morningstarquilt.net>**

**Anyone wishing to begin receiving their newsletter  
by email, please send me a note to my e-mail  
address (above).**

**2009 – 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday Day;** \_\_\_\_\_ **Month** \_\_\_\_\_ **Day** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership is due before May 15, 2009. Membership is \$25.00 per year  
June 2009 to May 2010**

**Make checks payable to: Morningstar Quilt Guild. Give all renewals to  
Carol Clothier, membership chairman, or mail to  
Carol Clothier  
12100 Goodleberg Road  
South Wales, NY 14139**

# Secret Pals Info Sheet 2009

Welcome to a new year of Secret Pals! Let's make this a fun program for both you and your secret pal. Here are some suggestions:

Remember your Secret Pal with thoughtful gifts on her birthday and holidays. Keep the cost at no more than \$10.00/month.

Remember your Secret Pal with something at least every other month. You can bring your gifts/ notes to the monthly meetings, or give to the Terri Kumro to deliver to your Secret Pal if you are unable to attend.

If you do miss one of her special days, give the gift belatedly. Do not add it on to the next gift. Please remember to thank your Secret Pal for gifts received (by guild newsletter, through Terri or at the meeting).

**Please have forms back to Terri at the May meeting so we can begin in July. Or mail to 975 Olean Rd. East Aurora, NY 14052**

**HAVE FUN AND A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!**

Fill out the following information about you:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BIRTHDAY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAVORITE COLORS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FABRIC COLORS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAVORITE KINDS OF FABRIC (prints, solids, etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAVORITE QUILT BLOCK PATTERNS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER HOBBIES (as if there are any!):** \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU LIKE TEAS?** \_\_\_\_\_ **COFFEES?** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHOCOLATE?** \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU WEAR JEWELRY?** \_\_\_\_\_ **PIERCED EARS?** \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU LIKE KNICK KNACKS?** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT DO YOU COLLECT (BESIDES FABRIC...haha)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOAPS, CREMES, ETC. (What kinds)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAVORITE HOLIDAY?** \_\_\_\_\_ **DECORATE FOR ALL HOLIDAYS?** \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU LIKE TO READ & WHAT?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFO YOU'D LIKE YOUR SECRET PAL TO KNOW:**

\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FROM EACH CATEGORY OR ADD YOUR OWN

**I ENJOY:** crafts, sewing, playing cards, board games, video games, IPOD, entertaining, gardening, cooking, baking

**I LIKE:** cookbooks, stationery, candles, soap, flowers, live plants, silk plants

## **CARING FOR YOUR QUILTS**

Proper care of quilts is an important part of a quilts history. Some quilts are created as the quilt, heirlooms, some just for fun. A few simple steps can lengthen the life and beauty of your creations.

**A Few Words About Antique Quilts** - If a quilt is more than 50 years old, it is considered an antique and should be handled with great care. Only the airing, vacuuming and storage instructions are recommended for antique quilts. We do not recommend laundering an antique!

Before Washing a Quilt...Washing a quilt should be a last resort. Often a quilt just needs a good airing and or maybe some quick spot cleaning rather than a full body wash. Read the following information completely before washing a quilt. There may be a gentler way to clean the quilt.

**AIRING QUILTS** - A quilt may just need a good airing with maybe a little spot cleaning here and there.

**Airing Indoors** - If you have a spare bed, lay the quilt out on the bed to air out.

**Airing Outdoors** - #1 rule: No direct sunlight! Place a 100% cotton sheet on the ground. Place the quilt on the sheet and allow to air out. Move the sheet and quilt as necessary to keep direct sunlight from hitting the quilt. A clothesline can be used if the quilt is small and it is not a bright sunny day.

**VACUUMING** - This is the most non-invasive form of cleaning a quilt. Lay the quilt on a cotton sheet. Place the quilt on top of the sheet. Place a piece of nylon/fiberglass screening, (edges covered with twill tape) on top of the quilt. Using a hand attachment and lowest suction setting vacuum the quilt. If you do not have access to screening place an old piece of pantyhose over the vacuum attachment and vacuum the quilt.

**SPOT CLEANING** (a form of wet cleaning) - If you did not make the quilt and are uncertain as to the quality of the fabrics, it is recommended you test each fabric for colorfastness before wet cleaning. Dip a cotton swab in water and rub on an inconspicuous area (if possible) of the quilt. If any of the dye comes off onto the swab do not wet clean. If the fabric passes the water test move on to testing for cleaning solvent stability. Dip a swab in the solvent you will be using to spot clean (Orvus soap works best; Quilt Wash is not recommended for spot cleaning). Test a dry section of the fabric. Again, if dye comes off onto the swab do not wet clean. If the fabrics pass the test. Spot clean away!

**LAUNDERING** (a form of wet cleaning) - Test the fabric for color fastness before washing (see Spot Cleaning). Never use a top loading washing machine. The agitation produced can pull at the fibers in the quilt and damage it. Front loading machines do not agitate so they are best for this purpose. Be sure the machine you will be using can handle the quilt, when wet. If not, you may need to go to a laundromat. Be sure to run a cycle through the machine in case the person before you used bleach or harsh detergent.

**DRYING** - Dry using the outdoor airing technique described above. If placing small quilts on a clothesline be sure to cover the line with a cotton sheet first.

### **STORING QUILTS**

**AIR** - Store in dark areas with good air circulation. Never store quilts in damp places. If storing on shelves make sure they are painted/finished to avoid damage from the wood.

**CLOTH BAGS** - Again, good air circulation is necessary. Cloth bags made from 100% cotton work best. This will also protect the quilt from any bare wood including cedar in chests.

**QUILT FOLDING** - Place acid-free tissue paper between quilt layers. Scrunch tissue paper and place at the folds to avoid pancake creases. Refold stored quilts approx. every 6 months so any stress on fibers is relieved and redistributed.

### **Law clarification is good news for quilters - By Maggie Gale House, Houston Chronicle**

**Feb. 9, 2009**

**SAFE SEWING AHEAD:** Quilters' and crafters' donations to children will not be affected by the law, which goes into effect today. Quilters and crafters can breathe easier today knowing that a new law will not affect their donations to children. For months, artisans have worried that the new law would make it illegal to donate quilts and other items to kids before testing all the fabric and thread for lead and other substances.

Recent clarification from the Consumer Product Safety Commission says that the law, directed at products for kids 12 and younger, would not fine or penalize anyone for distributing:

\$ Items made of natural materials such as wood, cotton or wool that rarely, if ever, contain lead.

\$ Dyed or undyed textiles (not including leather or vinyl) and nonmetallic thread used in children's apparel and other products, such as baby blankets.