

BADLANDS GUILD NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2011

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY

Susan Melgaard

From what little I have heard it sounds like everyone had a great time at the Sleepover. Good. I was sorry to have to miss it this year. Gene and I got back home from our winter vacation on February 13th. It was a tough job getting home too. That was the day we had all those high winds in ND. I can tell you for a fact that they started close to 2 miles inside the southern border of ND and continued all the way to Minot. Big rigs were having a tough time staying in one lane. It was also warmer in ND than it was in Albuquerque, NM and Amarillo, TX. While driving through Amarillo we watched people step in deep snow banks and then shake their tennis shoe to get the cold snow out of it. That area isn't used to much snow and they sure can't handle it when it comes. Even heard some places had closed the schools for up to 8/9 days because of a few inches of snow. One of the major natural gas suppliers was unable to supply heating gas to the homes and many water hookups froze for city people. When you think of what so many of you girls went through not too long ago this seems kind of wimpy. Guess you just have to remember we are used to dealing with Mother Nature at her worst. California was great though. Couple of days in the high 50's and everything else was 60's and 70's. This was a laid back vacation. We didn't try to see too many things. Took Gene to Universal Studios to ride the roller coasters and see the entertainment. We all went to Santa Barbara by train for a day. That was fun. It was my first real train ride. I have done narrow gage up mountains but nothing like a

normal train. Enjoyed walking around the town and shopping but as usual I didn't take a hat with me. I mean, Jeeze give me a break! It's the middle of winter. How hot can the sun be? I found out before we boarded the train to come back. Started sweating really big time while everyone else was wearing coats, here I was with sweat running off my head. I hallucinated for the entire 2 ½ hour ride home. All I could think about was fruit and fruit juices. Would you believe it never dawned on me what had happened? Fence posts and I have a whole lot in common sometimes. Another interesting event was the day Gene and I took off with our trusty GPS for the Road 2 California Quilt Show. GPS said it would be a one hour trip. The evening before while we were having supper with our daughter, Katie, she said it would be more like two hours. Okay, we gave ourselves more time 'cause Katie should know, after all, she lives there. We started out the next day at 8 am. We arrived at 11 am. I swear the GPS took us the long way, plus through a couple of alleys and someone's rocking chair and quilt. I had talked to Eleanor Burns and Sharon Craig who remembered Norma Lee and gave me a big hug to give to N.L. Sharon Craig is really a nice lady. We left the show, plugged our pal GPS in and started for home. |Figured this time we knew it was going to take 3 hours. Well, at 7pm our buddy had us finally on a Freeway. The only trouble was she had us going north up to San Bernardino instead of due west to Redondo Beach.

MINUTES OF THE BADLANDS QUILTERS GUILD MEETING IN MEDORA, JANUARY 15TH, 2011

Got off the Freeway and reprogrammed her once again. Suffice to say we got home at 11pm. After that trip, I didn't trust her at all. I managed to learn to drive without her help and we didn't turn her on again until we had to leave CA. Once we reached the proper freeway for home she was shut off and put away. It feels good to be back. Just wish when I look out the window it was not so white.

Now, for a word about the next guild meeting. We will meet during the Minot Quilt Festival. That will be March 19th at noon. It will be in our usual place, which is the bar at the Grand International Inn. We again will take orders for boxed lunches or if you are taking classes at the Festival and have a lunch ticket for Saturday the meal from the dining room will be delivered to you. Please let me know if you plan to attend and what you will be doing about the meal. You can send me a message on the Badlands message site or contact me personally. I will have to know your plans by Thursday, March 17th. Hope many of you will be coming up for our show. The lineup of classes is pretty darn good again this year. If you haven't received a catalog let me know or go on line to our web site. www.minotquilters.com
The classes and lectures are filling very well so if you think you would want to take something, don't wait to send your registration. One more plug for the Festival from me. Please ladies if you have a quilt to enter we would love to have it. I will collect quilts for you if you want me to care them.

See you at the March meeting.

Janet McCabe, secretary, will be gone for our meeting In March and will need someone to take the minutes and pass around a sheet for those in attendance to sign. Be thinking if you can do this for her.

The Badlands Guild met Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Americalnn in Medora, ND, following our lunch at the sleepover. There were 16 members present: Vice-President Carol Kummer, Connie Bracken, Peggy, Virginia Elliot, Jan Blair, Nancy Jensen, Kathy Jaeger, Cindy Sorenson, Sharon Sorenson, Jenny Yearous, Diane Rogness, Connie Krinke, Michele Burian, Kris Tawbson, Denise Mortenson and Laura Haikkila.

Vice-President, Carol Kummer called the meeting to order. Cindy moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter with Vickie seconding. Virginia and Jody volunteered to audit the retreat books.

The treasurer's report presented is as follows: Current balance as of 1-15-2011 is \$7043.43 The retreat balance is \$8414.79.

Kathy said she is working on a national teacher for the 2012 fall retreat.

Applications for local teachers will be sent out for the fall retreat the end of January by Vickie.

The retreat committee will announce the final decision on opening the trunk show of the fall retreat to non retreat attendees.

Vickie moved to leave a tip for the cleaning crew at the sleepover with Kris seconding.

Under new business Vickie brought up checking into using the Roughrider Hotel next years' sleepover as they have a large room in which all of the attendees could sew in together.

The price of the room would be at the \$79.00 price range.

The next meeting will be held at the Minot Quilt Festival on March 19th.

Meeting Adjourned.

Our meeting closed with Show and Tell by Kris, Peggy, Kathy, Jenny, Diane, Nancy and Vickie.

BADLANDS QUILTERS GUILD

GENERAL ACCOUNT

TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 15, 2011

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| Bank Balance 11/21/2010 | | \$7362.85** |
| Plus Deposits | \$ 80.59 | |
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| Less Transfer to the Retreat Account | \$400.00 | |
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| Current Balance 1/15/2011 | | <u>\$7043.44</u> |
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**NOTE: I noticed when working on the treasurers report for January 2011 I had made a typo on the November 2010 Treasurers Report. I have corrected it for this report.

The Current Balance 11/21/2010 read \$6362.85 it should have read \$7362.85

Norma Lee Miller, Treasurer

BADLANDS QUILTERS GUILD

RETREAT ACCOUNT

TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 15, 2011

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Bank Balance 11/20/2010 | | \$ 8730.49 |
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| Plus Transfer from General Account | \$400.00 | |
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| Less Checks Issued | \$715.70 | |
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| Current Balance 1/15/2011 | | <u>\$ 8414.79</u> |
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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS

March Badlands Meeting

Our March meeting will be at the Grand Int. Inn on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at noon in the Bar. I will be taking reservations for anyone wishing to order a box lunch \$10 or give me your meal ticket and I will see that your meal is delivered to the meeting for you. See you there!

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Trunk Show & Gallery Talk

Featuring Cheryl Wittmayer of Sew-Be-It

Friday, April 15, 2011 at 7 pm
James Memorial Art Center
621 1st Ave. W., Williston, North Dakota
Free and open to the publi

Classes

Curves, Curves, Curves

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Slice and Dice
Sunday, April 17, 2011

Contact
Kim Madsen, P.O. Box 2071, Williston, ND
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UPCOMING MEETINGS 3RD SATURDAY THE MONTH

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|-----------|------------------|
| March | Minot (Festival) |
| May | Bismarck |
| July | Glendive, MT |
| September | Watford City |

Ricky Tim's Kool Kaleidoscope Class

Kathy Johnson will be teaching
Friday evening, May 20th &
Saturday, May 21st
Watford City, ND Civic Center
Contact
kathyk@ruggedwest.com
buckaroo@ruggedwest.com

Minot Prairie Quilt Guild 18th Annual Prairie Quilt Festival

"Catch the Quilting Bug"

March 18, 19 and 20, 2011
Grand International

Featuring National Teachers:

Sally Schneider and "[Gathering Friends](#)"
Kathryn Squibb or Deborah Jacobs
For further information or to request a Festival
catalog www.minotquilters.com

National Quilting Event - Saturday, March 12, 2011

Heritage Center – Bismarck, ND

Classes Offered:

- **Morning classes, 9:30 – 12:30 pm**
 - Jelly Roll Quilt - Michelle Ripplinger**
 - Abby's Treasure Box – Denise Mortenson**
- **Afternoon classes, 1:30 – 4:30 pm**
 - Easter Table Runner – Alice Coats-Schott**
 - Springtime Makes Me Happy Quilt – Laura Foxall**
- **Evening class – 6:30 – 8:30 pm (two classes for the price of one)**
 - Mug Caddy - Jenny Yearous**
 - Casserole Tote – Sharon Kalmbach**

Doors to the Heritage Center will open at 9:00; there will be no early admittance. A continental breakfast of rolls, juice and coffee will be served from 9:00 – 9:30 in the upper mezzanine.

- **Free Quilt Show** – in the hallway of the main floor at the Heritage Center. The quilts will be displayed throughout the weekend; please pass the word to family and friends.
- **Open Sewing all-day** – you are welcome to work on your own projects or finish a class project. There will be plenty of experienced Quilters around so if you are having problems with a pattern, technique or don't know how to proceed with a project, bring it along for lots of free advice.
- **Pillowcase Challenge Open Sew** – Jean Wolf & Alice Johns have offered to mentor anyone who wishes to participate in the Million Pillowcase Challenge. Fabric has been purchased for the pillowcases, so now we just need sewers.
- **Class Registration** – started on Feb 7th, forms can be printed from the website and submitted.
<http://www.ndcapitalquilters.com/>

- **Quilts for Display** – please consider showing your projects. Additional Quilt Show Entry forms can also be printed from the website. Projects need to be taken to the Heritage Center by the end of business day on Thurs, March 10th and picked up on Monday, March 14th. ----- If you will not be able to drop off on Thurs, you are welcome to bring your quilts to the March 4th meeting and one of the committee members will check in your quilts at the Heritage Center for you, form must be filed out.
- **Bags for Display** – we will be setting up a table displaying the variety of quilted bags, purses, totes and small treasure boxes we've made over the past several years. This display will be held in the lobby area by the registration table. Your items can be brought in on Thurs, March 10th or on Sat. morning, March 12th. Please fill out the form and attach the label to your bag.
- **Potluck** – bring a dish (and serving utensils) to share with other for lunch, plates & dinnerware will be furnished. Leftovers will be served for the evening meal.
- **Committee Members:**
 - Jenny Yearous – 255-6942
 - Gigi Leintz – 224-1259
 - Gwen Zingg – 426-5467
 - Sharon Kalmbach – 222-1769
 - Patty Steinert – 250-0754
 - Diane Rasmuson – 221-2792

FRIXON PENS FOR MARKING QUILTS.

Ladies, I contacted Pilot Pens regarding the FriXon model pen that Sharon Schamber was trying out at our Retreat. Please read my message to Pilot and their response to me. This is information I think we can trust and possibly we should tell anyone who might want to use one of these pens on their quilt. I never knew there was such a thing as thermo-sensitive ink. Another product we need to read the fine print on. Just like going to the super market and checking ingredients. Ugh!

Dear Ms Houser,

At a quilting retreat we were told that the FriXon pens worked very well for drawing a design on the fabric and then erasing it after the quilting was done. Now, this week we are hearing that someone did this, (it worked well), then took the quilt outdoors in a cold climate and the ink reappeared. This needs to be addressed.

Thank you,
Susan Melgaard

Thank you for contacting us regarding your experience with our Frixion Erasable Gel pen. We regret the inconvenience you have encountered. The packaging actually does state that it's a thermo-sensitive ink. However, your comments will be shared with our Marketing and Quality Control department.

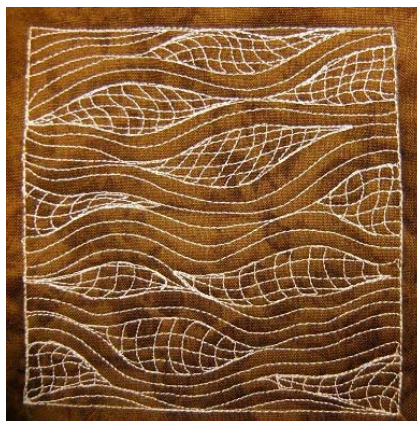
The thermal characteristic of the ink which allows it to be removed by friction (heat) also allows it to react to changes in temperature. When exposed to temperatures below 14 degrees F the ink will reappear. As the Frixion is an erasable pen, we strongly advise that it not be used where the writing needs to be of a permanent nature such as for checks documents, and test taking.

Once again, we appreciate your taking the time to share your experience and observations as your comments assist us in our efforts to provide writing instruments of the highest quality.
HollyHouser
Consumer Advisor

Leah Day has a website with free motion quilting designs. Her website address is:
www.FreeMotionQuilt.com or
www.FreeMotionQuilting.blogspot.com where you can find more designs.

Here is the link to her blog
<http://freemotionquilting.blogspot.com/>

Below are a few of her designs.



PAT SLOAN'S 12 UFO BUSTER TIPS

Tip 4 "Let's Make a Deal"

So how **DO** you "Make a Deal" with yourself to **BUST** some UFOs???

- What motivates you?
- What would you like to have as a reward for working on a project that might be a bit 'tough'?
- Now take a photo of those rewards (book to read, candy to buy, a NEW project to start)

Your assignment

- Make a list (yes I LOVE lists) of **THREE** rewards
- Go work on a UFO, then **REWARD YOURSELF!**

Tip 5 "Search and Rescue" is VERY important

Ask yourself these questions

- When was the last time you actually **SAW** the top of your cutting table
- Is your ironing board piled **HIGH** with ~~crap that needs put away~~.. .. treasures you purchased?
- Do you **HAVE** your newly selected 3 to 10 UFOs in a spot where you can actually **GET** to them?
- Where are your Scissors, rotary cutter, favorite Ruler, needles and thread (pick one ..or all!)
- Can you just **SIT DOWN** and sew at **ANY** time?
- Do you have a project 'at the ready'..and what is it in? No it does not count if it is in a box under the bed in other room

Don't waste precious time

- hauling out the sewing machine
- looking for your rotary cutter
- clearing off the ironing board
- hunting for your hand work so you can take it with you

Your assignment

- Identify **THREE organization** things that make it **HARD** for you to get to work
- **Now FIX THEM (yes clear off that ironing board and KEEP it clear!)**
- Reward yourself when that is done

Let's GO SEW!

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