



# Borderline Quilters

## NEWSLETTER

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### Elected Officers of the BORDERLINE QUILTERS INC, 2011

President:	Debbie Shecton
Day Co-Vice Presidents:	Janice Fife and Marni Brown
Evening Co-Vice Presidents:	Sandra Foley and Bonnie Matthews
Co-Secretaries:	Helene Delosh and Bethany Manchester
Treasurer:	Mary Jane Watson
Nominating Committee:	Sharon Mason, Chairperson Phyllis Acres Deb Darou

#### **CABIN FEVER 2011**

This year's annual Cabin Fever will be held on April 15, 16, and 17th at Dodge Pond. The event is a studio for quilters and the program has room for a few more. The facility opens at 4:00 Friday afternoon and closes at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. With no formal classes, Mardee Cooke who organizes the program, reminds you that one can "just come and sew." For sign-up or further information, contact Mardee at [mcooke41@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mcooke41@twcny.rr.com).

#### **GUILD BUS TRIP FOR SUMMER 2011**

After two years traveling to the Quilt Festival in Vermont, the Guild is planning a shop hop in the Syracuse area in either July or August.

Please send your suggestions for the best time to schedule this event to Dawn Streeter by e-mail at [daledawn@wildblue.net](mailto:daledawn@wildblue.net).

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS CONTINUE**

Jill Thomas will teach a class for a table runner on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 until 3. The class fee is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Sign up at the April meeting.

Patricia Kinoechel, Eleanor Burns sister from Quilt in a Day will be presenting on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 and 7-9 p.m. At the K of C Hall. She will demonstrate and show quilts as well as bring items to sell. Don't miss this outstanding opportunity!

#### ***Stars of my Patriotic Heart*** **2011 QUILT SHOW**

The Ninth Biennial Quilt Show will be on June 11 & 12 at the Cheel Center, Clarkson University campus in Potsdam. The winner of the raffle quilt designed by Marlene Hart will be drawn. Remember the Challenge to be presented at the May meeting. Please volunteer to help make this event a success. For more info check the blog at <http://borderlinequiltersquiltshow2011.blogspot.com/>

#### **QUILT CAMP 2011**

Camp is at Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg on September 16, 17, and 18th. Good times, good friends, good food, and a lot of sewing! Everyone should come. For all camp offers, it is a good price. You don't cook, clean, or wash the dishes and, best of all, we don't have to figure out what to cook or do next. You can relax, have a good time, enjoy your friends and finish a project in the studio or take a class for a new project for yourself or a gift. Learn something new or work on that *UFO*. It's up to you!

Other events include a teacup auction, the *Street of Shops*, and Bingo on Saturday night if you wish. We have fabrics, sewing machines, and long arm quilting machines for sale at the shops. Whether you are there for the weekend or not, come, visit classes and check out the vendors.

The schedule includes twelve-hour classes: Star Gazing by Debbie Baldwin; Wind Farm by Mardee Cooke; Aunties Choice by Audrey Hall; Birthday Cake by Marlene Hart; Studio or Open Workshop. Nine-hour classes: Going Fishing by Cathy Brody; Crazy Star Shuffle by Susan Cazziol; Show Case by Debbie Shecton; Delectable Mountains by Linda Walrath. A six-hour class: String Quartet by Chloe Ann O'Neil and two three-hour classes: Santa Wall Hanging by Susan Cazziol; Harvest Table Runner by Linda Walrath.



BORDERLINE QUILTERS, INC.

**A HISTORY OF THE GUILD**

Compiled by Jan Fife, Mardee Cooke, Audrey Hall and Linda Todd  
2010

In St. Lawrence County, formal quilting classes began in 1982 with Mardee Cooke, as part of her position with Cornell Cooperative Extension. One hundred interested people signed up. Due to the amount of interest, two classes were organized with afternoon and evening sessions. These classes were held monthly on the last Monday of the month. As time passed and the economy changed, it became clear that the connection with Cooperative Extension must take a different direction. The question became: Do we become a *club* or a *guild*? Representatives of guilds from Watertown and the Champlain Valley facilitated discussions on this question. After about a year a vote was taken by the participants and a *guild* won. The difference between the two ideas was that a guild is a legally organized group with a community service component. A club was more loosely organized and did not have these requirements. Consequently, Borderline Quilters began in 1993 with incorporation taking place in 1994 and By-Laws developed soon after. The initial directors were: Jo Ann Zenger, Rena G. Patty, Carmen Patterson, and Deborah Catalano. The purpose of the newly formed guild was: *...to satisfy the interests of the Guild members and to promote interest in quilting for area residents by providing meetings for exchange of ideas, working on quilting projects, educational opportunities through workshops and programs, shows for community and other such activities that further these purposes as designated by the Membership.*

Presidents of the Guild have been as follows:

1993-1995	Jo Ann Zenger
1996,1997	Rena Patty (deceased)
1998	Jackie Hayes
1999,2000	Audrey Hall
2001	Sharon Mason
2002,2003	Janice Sexton
2004	Christine Bradshaw
2005	Darlene Flight
2006,2007	Lisa LaRock
2008-Date	Debbie Shecton

Monthly meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month. There are afternoon and evening sessions with two joint evening meetings in May and October. Monthly agenda items may include celebration of birthdays for the month, show and tell time, a program of quilt learning, and refreshments. At various times, including 2010, workshops and/or other activities have been planned for Saturdays. These classes for craft items and quilt projects are generally taught by Guild members, but the talents of non-members are also used.

Three major events have been sponsored by Borderline Quilters, Inc.: Quilt Camp, Quilt Show, and Cabin Fever. All are still held today.

Quilt Camp began in 1990 under the sponsorship of Cooperative Extension at 4-H Camp Overlook in Mountain View. The Guild took over in 1994 and has moved to Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg by way of SUNY Potsdam and the Star Lake Campus. This weekend event is held each fall with classes on various quilting subjects.

The Quilt Show happens bi-annually on a weekend in June at Cheel Arena of Clarkson University in Potsdam. Shows began in 1995. Now shows have a theme and members show quilts of all shapes, colors and styles. There is no judging, but viewers are encouraged to vote on their favorite. Viewer Choice awards are presented in various categories. The event also includes demonstrations on quilting techniques, displays of antique quilts and a wide variety of vendors.

Cabin Fever, an annual mid-winter/early-spring weekend, started in 1998 at the Star Lake Campus of SUNY Potsdam and then moved to Dodge Pond. During the weekend, participants take classes of their choice or work on their own projects in a studio setting.

Community Service is an integral part of who we are as a Guild and what we do by sharing of our skills to serve others so that the quality of their lives might be enhanced. Project examples include: seasonal placemats for the homebound who receive Meals on Wheels, Christmas stocking ornaments for Seniors, lap quilts for nursing homes, pillowcases for all ages as part of the Million Pillowcases National Project, group quilts to be used for fund raising—e.g., Renewal House, Potsdam Humane Society, Quilts for Kids given to St. Lawrence County agencies dealing with kids who are in need of a little comfort and attention, Quilts of Valor for Military personnel assigned to Fort Drum.

Quilting has for decades provided opportunities for the gathering of people to learn and work on quilting projects, to exchange ideas and to develop relationships with each other and the community. Borderline Quilters welcomes you into our Guild.

<p><b>HELP WANTED:</b></p> <p>The Potsdam Museum is cataloging its Quilt Collection with work sessions on Tuesdays. For more information, call or e-mail Marni Brown.</p> <hr/> <p><b>PHOTOS NEEDED</b> for the Community Service display at the Quilt Show. Please send your photos showing your community service projects to Mary Rutley at <a href="mailto:mgrutley@hughes.net">mgrutley@hughes.net</a>.</p> <p><b>Please verify the accuracy of our mailing list!</b> Check the membership list at the end of this newsletter for your name, address, and e-mail address. Report changes to Mary Jane Watson or Mary Rutley at <a href="mailto:mgrutley@hughes.net">mgrutley@hughes.net</a>. Don't miss out on announcements.</p>	<p><b>Did you forget to pay your dues?</b></p> <p>Don't miss out on the lower prices for Special Events, bus trips, and Quilt Camp.</p> <p>Check the membership list attached to this newsletter for your name. Mail checks to Borderline Quilters, Inc. to Treasurer Mary Jane Watson at PO Box 387, South Colton, NY 13687.</p> <p><b>DONATE TO THE QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE!</b></p> <p>Items for sale at the Boutique are being accepted by Mary Snell and Kathy Casey. Thanks.</p>
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**BORDERLINE QUILTERS, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2010**

Present: Debbie Shecton, Mary Jane Watson, Debbie Hendershot, Helen Hollinger, Jan Fife, Debbie Baldwin, Beth Manchester

Jan Fife called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at McCarthy's Restaurant.

The financial report was given by M.J. Watson. There was a profit of \$1,095 from quilt camp. The report was accepted by those present.

A discussion followed on whether a brochure should be made for the quilt show. All agreed to it.

There will be one bus trip scheduled for the coming year and put in the budget. Discussion was held about it possibly being a wine, chocolate and fabric shop tour. Many agreed this sounded interesting.

A motion was made by Jan Fife and seconded by Debbie Hendershot for guild classes in 2011 to be held as follows: The teacher will collect the money and it will be her decision to hold the class based on the number of people who sign up for it. Participants are to prepay the instructor. If the course is cancelled, the money will be refunded. If someone who had prepaid does not show up for the class, there would be no refund. All agreed.

A motion was made by Beth Manchester and seconded by Deb Hendershot that the treasurer is to buy \$500 more "forever" stamps to cover 2 to 3 years of mailings.

Mary Jane informed the group that the guild is up to date on nonprofit status with all reports filed with New York State.

The financial statement was given by Mary Jane. Helen Hollinger moved and Jan Fife seconded that this report with a proposed budget be accepted. All agreed.

Discussion suggested that the meetings move from the Library to the Knights of Columbus Hall. The K of C is requesting \$100 plus a quilt that they can raffle. A motion was made by Debbie Shecton and seconded by Debbie Hendershot that we make this change starting January 1, 2011. This was agreed to.

A questionnaire is to be handed out and hopefully the guild will have better info on what the members would like during the coming year. This includes whether we should have a block of the month, a mystery quilt, or round robin. Any other suggestions are welcome

It was agreed that the Guild will continue donation of books to the Colton Library.

Debbie Shecton reported she would set up a new website for the Guild.

Jan Fife presented a folder with a new member packet. This includes the history of the Guild, our By-laws, names of shop vendors and long-arm quilters, a quilt camp brochure, the latest newsletter, and a list of elected officers. This packet will be given to each new member and those who have recently joined. A decision was made to put the history in the newsletter since many members are not aware of the history. There will be 25 copies made to give to the latest new members. This motion, by Helen Hollinger and seconded by Debbie Hendershot, passed.

Kathy Casey reported on the upcoming quilt show. Raffle tickets are available. A book of 6 tickets costs \$5.

Everyone is encouraged to take some to sell. Also, a discussion followed if it would be possible to have a banner to advertise the show. Pepsi company in Ogdensburg makes these banners. This was tabled for now.

Discussion followed regarding Mardee Cooke reserving a weekend for Cabin Fever for this next year and all agreed especially for a UFO weekend.

Debbie Baldwin reviewed upcoming events: Mardee Cooke's class on November 13 from 9 to 3 p.m. is a star table runner. The cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members.

A vacancy for the historian position is available. Anyone interested should contact the nominating committee.

The new service projects proposed for 2011 are the raffle quilt for K of C and another quilt for Kathy Casey's and Mary Snell's brother who stores our quilt racks for us.

The next business meeting is scheduled for February 26 at 10 a.m. at McCarthy's Restaurant.

A motion was made by Debbie Shecton and seconded by Debbie Baldwin to close the meeting. Accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Manchester, co-Secretary

**BORDERLINE QUILTERS, INC.**  
**BUSINESS MEETING AND DINNER**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2010**

The meeting, held at Thatcher Hall Dining Room, SUNY Potsdam, was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Debbie Shecton.

Minutes of the May 2010 meeting included with the lat newsletter were approved on a motion made by Patti Blickwedehl, seconded by Gail Schaberg. Ayes All.

Officers' Reports: Vice President Jan Fife reported that the Block of the Month *Independence Quilt* patters were handed out and hopefully some will be finished for the Quilt Show. The *Friendly Animal* quilt was completed and raffle tickets are available. The following demos were scheduled: June by Bonnie Matthews; July was open; August was a trunk show by Peg Oppenheimer; September was dyeing fabric by Sue and Les Haas. Motion made by Patti Francis to accept the report, seconded by Marti Clark. Ayes All.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Jane Watson reported that \$1,200 in dues was collected with approximately 125 members. At Dodge Pond \$2,200 was collected and after expenses, \$350 was cleared. There is approximately \$7,000 in the bank. The written report will be made part of the minutes. Motion made by Helen Hollinger, seconded by Beth Manchester. Ayes All. The 2011 budget report was accepted on motion made by Sharon Mason, seconded by Sue Loope. Ayes All.

2011 Quilt Show: Kathy Casey reported that the raffle tickets are being given, that 430 coasters were made, and one vendor, Kathy Brody has signed up. The rules for the challenge quilt *Stars of My Patriotic Heart* were distributed at the last meeting. Does anyone have any different ideas for publicity? Kathy would like to hear from them. Kathy requested that you start saving items for the boutique. You can google the Borderline website for information. She also requests any ideas for the 2014 raffle quilt.

Quilt Camp: Sandra Foley reported that there were 87 campers and teachers. Classes were filled with 8 and up in each. Camp went well, with good comments. Approximately \$2,000 was cleared. The quilters requested to bring bingo back and that will be done next September. As no one has stepped up to do camp next year, Sandra Foley and Bonnie Matthews will do so.

Ad Hoc Committees: Debbie Baldwin reported that the October classes with Peg Oppenheimer are filled. On November 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall Mardee Cooke will hold a star table runner class. January will be a free scrap class.  
Newsletter: Mary Rutley stated that she and Mary Jane Watson will continue to do the newsletter. For other announcements, members will be notified by e-mail with mailings to those that don't have e-mail. Motion made by Dawn Streeter, seconded by Ellen Hotis, to accept the ad hoc committee's reports.

Nominations: Sandra Harris presented the committee's nominations for Election of Officers for 2011:

President	Debbie Shecton
Day Co-Chairs	Jan Fife and Marni Brown
Evening Co-Chairs	Sandra Foley and Bonnie Matthews
Co-Secretaries	Helen Delosh and Beth Manchester
Treasurer	Mary Jane Watson
Nominating Committee	Sharon Mason (Chair), Phyllis Acres, Deb Darou

Motion made by Chris Rexford and seconded by Patti Blickwedehl to accept the nominations for 2011.

Motion made by Mary Rutley, and seconded by Judy Rexford, instructed the secretary cast one vote for the slate of officers. The Secretary did so. Ayes were all to accept the officers for 2011.

Motion made by Sandra Foley, seconded by Gail Schaberg to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helene Delosh

**BORDERLINE QUILTERS, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**February 26, 2011**

The meeting at McCarthy's Restaurant was called to order at 10:12 a.m. with the following members present: Debbie Shecton, Mary Jane Watson, Beth Manchester, Mary Snell, Kathy Casey, Debbie Baldwin, Mary Rutley and Helene Delosh

Minutes of the October 2, 2010 meeting were accepted on motion made by Kathy Casey, seconded by Mary Snell.

Financial Statement: Financial report including the end of year 2010 report was given by Mary Jane Watson. Motion to accept and make the report part of the minutes made by Beth Manchester, seconded by Mary Snell.

Magazine Subscriptions: The decision was made to continue the quilting magazine subscriptions for the Canton Library for one more year on motion made by Jan Fife, seconded by Mary Jane Watson.

Guild Website Update: With the website outdated, someone is needed who has the time to take care of it since it was felt that it was work keeping it going. Kathy Casey requested the task of finding someone to do it. Kathy was given permission with all in agreement.

History: It was suggested that a brochure of the history of the Guild be available at the Quilt show. Kathy Casey will take care of it.

Community Service: The Vice Presidents were asked to request names and list those who have done independent community service since the last Quilt show for information to be included at the Quilt Show display.

Special Events and Classes: Debbie Baldwin stated the following classes: March-Mardee Cooke; April – table runner with Jill Thomas; May 5, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with Pat Kinoechel (Eleanor Burns' sister). It was discussed and decided to try to get Peg Oppenheimer back in the fall as her classes last fall were filled with a waiting list.

Guild Classes: Jan Fife questioned the reason for 2010 classes losing approximately \$300-\$400. She was informed there was not enough enrollment to cover cost of instructors and that the policy has been changed to each participant paying the local instructors.

Pillow Cases: Debbie Shecton reported that 30 cases have been taken to Hospice; 30 to Renewal House. Sandy Foley is making some and will take them to Colton and Pierrepont Rescue Squads. Linda Todd has the balance and some may still be in the cupboard.

Community Service: The K of C quilt blocks are in progress.

Cabin Fever: to be held April 15-17<sup>th</sup>.

Quilt Show: Bookmarks and flyers have been printed and are available. Raffle tickets are being distributed. The Raffle Quilt was displayed at the Colton Quilt Show and will be displayed at Misty Hollow part of the month of March for National Quilting Week. Cathy Brody is contacting vendors for the show. We need ideas for demonstrations and members to do them. Mary Snell will accept boutique items at any time, the earlier the better so they can get marked. There will be a community service display and also will have an appliqué category. There is a quilt show blog on the internet for information. Show publicity will be in the *Country Register* with motion made by Jan Fife, seconded by Mary Jane Watson. Ayes All. With the snack bar being moved to the new Student Union, Debbie Baldwin suggested to have a board display of restaurants with directions. Food carts were also discussed but wondered if Clarkson would allow them. Debbie Baldwin will take care of the matter. Rosettes have been made by Chloe Ann O'Neil and it was decided to use them for the Viewers Choice.

Vermont Quilt Show: Bus trip is still on.

Quilt Camp: A meeting to pick the quilt classes will be held Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the K of C Hall 6-8 p.m.

The next meeting will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at a location to be decided.

Respectfully submitted,

Helene Delosh, Secretary