



# June 2013

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## MVQ Newsletter

### Minutes Submitted by Jean Thiegles

The Missouri Valley Quilters Meeting was held at the House of Prayer on May 16, 2013. There were 33 members present. The Treasurer reported that the current balance in the checking account is \$2,041.00. Warm Start Program – Ten quilts were given to BECEP. We are down to one quilt. Sleepers or onsies in good condition are needed. Members are encouraged to watch for rummage sales. Mystery Quilt steps 4 and 5 are in the May newsletter. Steps presented to date can be found on the MVQ website. An exhibit of quilts and paintings by Melinda and Sonja will be held at BAGA from June 4<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. A free reception will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 PM. The next meeting on June 20th will feature tips from Martha Downs on getting your quilt ready for the quilter. A new quilt shop, Buffalo Creek Quilt Shop, has opened in Hettinger. It is located at 218 Main St. It is open from Monday through Friday, from 10 to 5. The winners of the name tag drawings were Edie Scherr and Theresa Chase. The program was “Tee Shirt Quilts.” Barb Emery, Barb Wrolstad, and JoLayne Waller gave tips for designing and constructing these types of quilts. Each presented a number of tee shirt quilts that they had completed. A handout with numerous tips was distributed. “Tee Shirt Quilts Made Easy” was one book that was recommended. The web site toocoolteeshirts.com was listed as a source of good ideas. Show and Tell was held. Hostesses were Cindy Sorenson, Jenny Yearous, and Kathy Jaeger.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20th.

### Board Meeting Submitted by Deb Knudson

#### May 29, 2013 Board Meeting

The board meeting of the Missouri Valley Quilters was held at Schlotsky’s Deli on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. Those present were JoLayne Waller, Michelle Ripplinger, Barb Wrolstad and Deb Knudson.

The following issues were discussed:

- The results of the recent survey
- Possible upcoming programs
- The need for a Vice President and Secretary for the coming year as well as possible volunteers
- The annual picnic in August



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If you have any information you would like included in the next newsletter please call or email the editor.

Newsletter deadline is the first Tuesday of the month.

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## June Meeting

*The June meeting will be a presentation by Martha Downs on the preparation of quilts for long arm quilting. As you may know Martha does beautiful machine quilting and she is the new proud owner of a long arm machine. Come with all your questions. Just how important is pressing? Does the backing really need to be square? How much bigger does the backing need to be? Etc, etc.*

## A Great Event

BAGA held a reception showcasing Melinda Snell's quilts and Sonja Taylor's watercolors on Friday, June 7. It was a nice event, very well-attended by Guild members and the public. The quilts and artwork hung side by side, making for a beautiful display. If you were unable to attend the reception the show continues at BAGA through June 28.

## Warm Start

*A partial note from Barb,*

*I just finished putting together 10 layettes, thanks to the many donations received last night at guild. I am now in need of sleepers, onesies and receiving blankets, just in case you see some good sales. Thanks*

### Survey Results

Majority of guild wants to continue with nametag drawing.

Members would like the Chinese Auction to be held every year.

There didn't seem to be enough interest to have a Facebook page.

More members would prefer working on a small project for Girls Night In. Do we have any volunteers to teach a small project?

### June Hostesses

*Sandy Fix, Camille Grothier, Sandi Washek & Doris Smith  
(We're still in need of September hostess)*

**Remember:** *No newsletter or meeting in July. Our August meeting will be our annual picnic.*

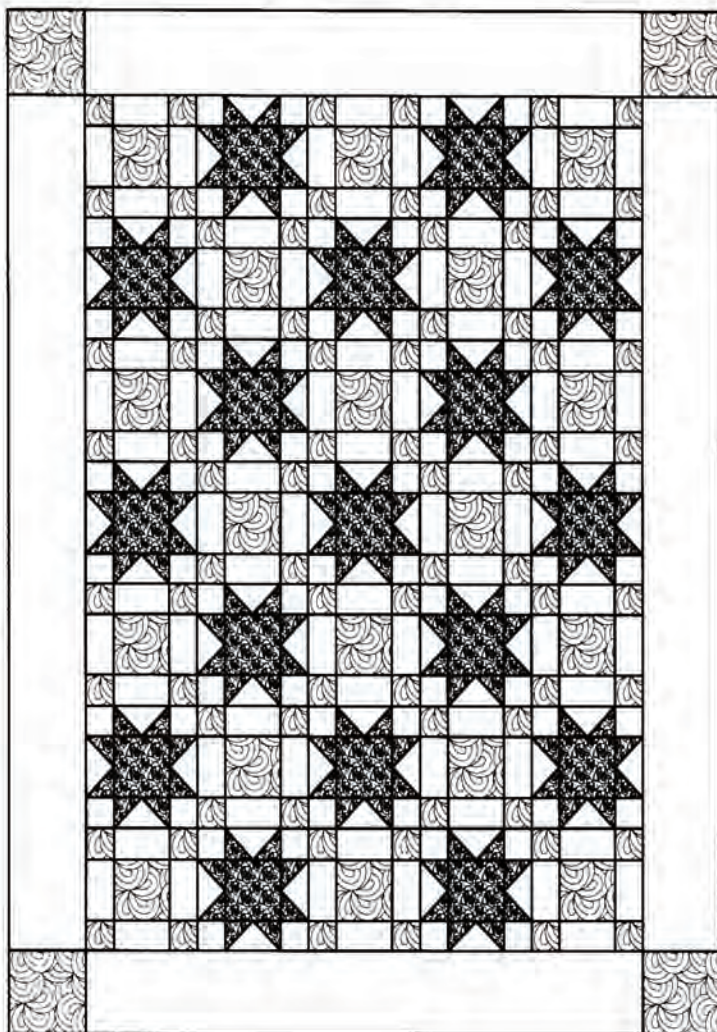
## Still Needed

We are still in need of a couple of great volunteers to step up for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary. The main responsibility of the VP is to fill in for the President when she is unable to be at the meeting and to line up the speaker/programs for the meetings. It really is a collaborative effort with the board members however. The secretary records the guild meeting minutes and the minutes from the board meetings and submits those to the newsletter editor. Any board position offers a chance to meet new people and volunteers are so important to keep our guild running. So please consider sharing your time and talents in one of these positions or just volunteering in one of the many opportunities that present themselves during the year.

## TADA!! MYSTERY REVEALED

## Step 6—A Patchwork Puzzle

## A Judy Hopkins Mystery



Set the blocks together 5 across and 7 down, alternating the Puss in the Corner and the Sawtooth Star blocks as shown.

**BORDERS:** Measure the length and the width of the quilt at the center, from raw edge to raw edge. Make a note of these two measurements.

Cut two of the 5-3/4" x about 55" LIGHT strips to the LENGTHWISE measurement and join them to the sides of the quilt with a 1/4" seam, matching the ends and centers and easing the edges to fit.

Cut the remaining two strips to the original CROSSWISE measurement. Join 5-3/4" MEDIUM squares to each end of these strips. Join these pieces to the top and bottom of the quilt, matching ends, seams and centers, and easing as necessary.

You'll need 3 yards of fabric for backing (crosswise seam).

Bind with straight-grain or bias strips cut from the remaining DARK fabric. For 3/8" wide (finished) double-fold binding, cut 2-1/2" strips.

*Judy Hopkins' Mystery Quilt Singles patterns for individual quilters are available through Feathered Star Productions at [www.MarshallMcCloskey.com](http://www.MarshallMcCloskey.com)*

Here is the mystery revealed. If you are missing anything all the clues can be downloaded off our website. Feb 2013 - Step 1 and cutting instructions, Mar 2013 - Steps 2 & 3 ( repeated again in April), May 2013 - Steps 4 & 5.

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### **June Meeting**

**May 20th, 6:30 pm @ House of Prayer**

**Preparing the Quilt  
For  
Long Arm Quilting**

**Featuring Martha Downs**