DATES TO REMEMBER
February 16-17 Monthly Quilting Retreat at Bourbon Co. Extension Office
Come early, stay late. Bring your lunch or go pick up quick bite
Always an enjoyable experience!
February 27 Nifty Needles Meeting Refreshments 6:30 pm; meeting 7 pm
March 1-4 Pine Mountain Retreat. Teresa Fritz has details if interested.
Many talented ladies from so many different places
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April 9-11 It’s Sew Fine: For Home and Family Sewing Expo, General Butler State Park Carrollton, KY. Deadline for registration March 1.
Catalog of classes taught available at Bourbon County Extension Office.
April 18-21 AQS Quilt Week in Paducah, KY. Wednesday—Friday, 9 am-6 pm Saturday 9 am-4 pm. Schoeder Expo Center, 415 Park Ave. Paducah, KY

February Program is Project Linus
Speaker—Lisa Kepf, Chapter Coordinator
Central KY Project Linus
Project Linus' first mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new handmade blankets and afghans lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Their second mission is to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities for the benefit of children. (Source: Project Linus website)

Additional information may be found at: http://www.projectlinus.org/about/

REMEMBER—Winter Weather Policy:
No School—No Meetings
If Bourbon County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, meetings will automatically be cancelled. If in doubt, please call 859-987-1895

Next Meeting
February 27th
Hostesses: Peggy Mitchell
Debbie Harper
Guild President Sherry Schneider opened the meeting. She requested a prayer for all those who are hurting and struggling, which was led by Mary Pochadzay.

Refreshments and seasonal decorations were provided by Jan Wasson, Alice Turley and Teresa Fritz.

A note received from Gladys Oldson was read, thanking us for the Quilt of Comforts she received.

Eileen Stewart won the door prize.

Treasurer’s report: Mary Pochadzay. The balance as of 12/31/17 was $2,041.18. There is $69.04 in the door prize kitty. Sherry and Mary reviewed the membership dues structure.

Planning for the Guild Quilt Show to be held at First Christian Church has begun. Cheryl Stone attends this church, and will liaise with them. Issues that will need to be addressed include food service, publicity, a handout program describing the quilts exhibited, raffle quilt, check in/check out, remuneration for use of the church, etc. There is room on the pews for about 100 full size quilts, and possibly display space for hanging quilts will be arranged. A September date is preferred, hopefully on the same Saturday as the Pumpkin Festival held at the city park. Cheryl has offered to sleep in the church overnight before the show. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cheryl at: 859-987-4964. Also, please bring a list of quilts you may wish to display at the next Guild meeting.

It was decided that the Guild will make a University of Kentucky theme quilt for the raffle. Sherry and Mary will go to Quilter’s Square to buy fabric for members to use, which will be paid for from the treasury. Mary suggested that we work on creating the quilt at our retreat.

Sherry will be attending the January 31st, meeting of the Bluegrass Chapter of the American Sewing Guild at the Fayette County Extension office. It costs $58.00 dollars to join this Guild, $8 of which is a Fayette County Extension fee. They have a Facebook page with their calendar. Sherry will give us a report at our next meeting.

Project manager Teresa Fritz answered questions about the Pizza Box Challenge, and passed out twelve pizza boxes of fabric. Those participating are to create their block and return the boxes during the February retreat on the 16th and 17th.

The Christmas retreat and party has been rescheduled to December 7th and 8th.

Tina Seevers presented the program about using products bought in stores other than quilt shops. The featured product was a Laser Marker (meant for use on Skil Saws), modified for use on a sewing machine. The laser light illuminates a straight red light on the machine bed leading to the needle, and shows a straight stitching line. Tina learned about this from the “Slice of Pie” quilt blog, and has posted the link on the Nifty Needles Facebook page. Tina purchased her laser light at Harbor Freight, and it is labeled “Laser Marker by Central Machinery, item 93427.” Tina also showed us a hardware store suction handle that can be used on rulers, and door stoppers that can elevate the back edge of the sewing machine to tip it toward the operator.

An excellent “Show and Tell” concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gentry

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**2018 Nifty Needles Refreshment Schedule**

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