

Please remember to pay your dues before the October meeting. Dues are still \$20!

TREASURER for the Guild desperately needed. See page 7 for more details!

Meeting Location:

Alliance Church,
37 Old Stage Rd,
Essex Junction, VT

6:00-7:00:

*Welcome to all

*Adjourn to Sanctuary

7:00-End:

*Getting To Know You

*Business Meeting

*Show and Tell

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Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



SEPTEMBER 2010

Presidential Address

I hope everyone has been having a good summer. For me it has seemed to fly by. We haven't been anywhere on vacation yet, but we do plan to go to Maine for a couple of weeks the end of August. We will be camping with friends for about a week and then staying in the Freeport area for several more days - Adam has to be able to visit L L Bean.

I have been working on a quilt for this year's show - the top is done and I have the fabric for the back. My plan is to get the back pieced before I go on vacation so that I can get it to the machine quilter early in September. I hope that many of you are also working on quilts for this year's show. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting in September.

Rita Bortz

REFLECTIONS on the PAST – HOPE for the FUTURE

As I look forward to a new year for CVQG, I reflect on an outstanding past year guided by Joanne Guilmette, a most capable president. There were many high points during the year including:

a successful quilt show

interesting speakers and workshops

annual mini-workshops were well organized with many members sharing a variety of talents

community quilts broke all records

the Christmas Stocking project brought joy to many

the tea cup auction was run much more efficiently

Although our membership was down a bit, most of the meetings were well attended. The one thing that bothers me is how few people stay for the business meeting. The success of any organization depends upon the involvement and input of its' members. With this in mind, I encourage everyone to plan your evening to include the entire meeting. As they say on Channel 5 – "That's our opinion. What's yours?"

Ruth Whitaker

Community Quilts

Thank you to all our Community Quilt volunteers – we have distributed 276 quilts this past year. This surpasses all totals so far!

Thanks from Ronald McDonald House – “Thank you so much for the beautiful baby quilts. They are gorgeous and will surely make our new moms and dads thrilled when they are told to choose one for their new baby. We see many preemies here, so the quilts are always a big hit!

NEEDS FOR THE COMING YEAR: Community Quilts needs your help! In order to prevent burnout of the organizers we would like to spread the jobs out a bit more. It is getting too large a job for just two volunteers! We have come up with a list of different jobs and would like some help – 1 person for each task would be great!!

Organizer – handles speaking at meetings, keeping computer records (list of volunteers and quilts completed).create labels. Handle January recognition & pins. Create newsletter info.

Orphan Blocks – collects orphan blocks each month. As needed organizes the blocks into kits both larger quilts and the new preemie quilts.

Kits to be quilted – maintains at least three bags of these quilts for each meeting. Quilts from workshops get binding and a label added to them. Organize time to layer more quilts as needed.

Kits for quilt tops – Contact volunteers to cut kits as needed from new fabric supplies. Keep list of kit instructions and bags. Check box for needed kits after meetings.

Workshop Coordinator – organize workshops at least twice a year. Times are reserved thru the VP with guild reservations. Make sure others are bringing backings, batting, supplies, food etc.

Quilt Distribution – go thru quilts twice a year and sort into groups for distribution. Keep records. Contact people to deliver the bags of quilts. This can be done as a group effort and sometimes on-going.

Guild Table – make sure it is setup and a volunteer manning it. Setup monthly drawing and provide gift. Handle or arrange for Monthly take-home of quilts/tops to be sorted into finished quilts, tops, quilts needing binding and labels.

Shirley Fuller safuller50@hotmail.com

Historical Guild Data

I just wanted to let everyone know that over the summer months I have gone through most of the guild historical "stuff" which includes programs, newsletters, dvd's and slides. Many of the slides of the quilt shows we now have converted to dvd's. We will have copies of these in the guild library for those of you who would like to check some out for the fun of it. They are fun to go thru and reminisce. I have purchased large tubs for these to be stored in, and I will keep one of the tubs at my house to keep adding things to over the next few years. I was able to throw out a lot of duplicate data, and then organize the rest. There were a few "books of photo's" that I was not able to identify, and I will bring them to the fall meetings in hopes that some of you will be able to get me some dates or names of events. I know its hard to decide what to do with some of this stuff, but I feel we need to preserve and save this data as best we can. Joanne Guillemette

2010-2011 Officers

President – Rita Bortz
 VP – Andre Emmell
 Secretary – Barbara Carter
 Treasurer – Thea Platt
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Joanne Lattrell
 Membership: Marty Sundby
 Webmaster: Priscilla Roehm
 Librarian – Claire Graham-Smith
 Bus Trips –
 Tea Cup Auction – Ruth will continue organizing food.
 Silent Auction – Marty Sundby
 Charity Quilts – Shirley Fuller & Wendy Thompson
 Quilt Retreat – Sally McIntyre will do Spring and Fall (Teela as backup)
 Stocking Raffle – Ruth Whitaker
 Photographer – Karey Young
 Historian – Joanne Guillmette
 Storage Area – Linda Lees and Claire Graham-Smith
 Raffle Blocks – Anne Standish
 Claire Graham-Smith
 Info Booth – Pam Farnsworth
 Christmas Stockings – Donna Johnson
 Green Mountain Rep – Claire Graham-Smith
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers

Programs at a Glance

Sept. 7: Getting to Know You
*Bring your Big Stitch quilts to show.
 Bring fat quarter for Inspiration
 Fabric Swap*
 Oct. 5-6: Joe Cunningham
 Nov. 2-3: Elaine Quehl
Loc: North Avenue Alliance Church
 Dec. 7: Holiday Party
Loc: St. John Vianney Church
 Jan. 4: Gerald Roy
(1 ½ hours – no Show & Tell)
 Feb. 1: Joanne Lattrell
 Mar. 1: TBD
 Apr. 5-6: Anne Gallo & Sue Raban
 May 3-4: Nancy Prince
 June 7: Potluck Supper & Teacup Auction

Thank You from Joanne Guillmette!

I wanted to thank all of you who donated fabric to my basket this past June. That was very thoughtful of you all, and I so enjoyed washing, sorting, organizing and adding them to my stash. I have found a quilt pattern using assorted batik's, and hope to start it this fall. Summer is flying by and I can't believe we are ready to start a new guild year. Last year was a great year for me, I am glad for new friendships...Thanks again. Joanne

CVQG Programs -2010

Please remember to stop at the Programs table at our meetings to get information about upcoming speakers and workshops. Janet Brunet & Joanne Lattrell (Programs co-chairs)

**September 7 Meeting:
Getting to Know You**

Join us in September for fun, games, and prizes – designed to welcoming new members and getting to know the old timers. We will be grouped with others who live in the same geographic area and will be assigned some fun tasks including an Inspiration Fabric Swap. Bring a fat quarter and go home with a different fat quarter – and have fun in between. The fat quarter should be an inspiration type fabric (no solids please) and something that you think others will want to use. The challenge will be to use your fabric in a quilting project this year.

Show & Tell – bring your summer projects and your Big Stitch quilts. (subject of October workshop)

Forgot to bring a fat quarter? *Sew Many Treasures quilt shop will have some quarters at the meeting for you to purchase. June is putting together a fat quarter special just for us*

Mentors Wanted - Help Welcome New Members This fall we are starting a mentoring program that will help welcome our new members and provide them with the information they need to become familiar with the guild. At registration, each new member, if desired, will be introduced to a mentor from the guild. The mentors will invite the new members to sit with them at meetings and answer questions they may have about the guild. If you would like to become a mentor, please contact Pam Farnsworth (Pamela.farnsworth@gmail.com) or sign up at the Information Table at the meeting.

October 5-6: Joe Cunningham (Joe the Quilter)



Joe Cunningham grew up in Flint, Michigan. He started playing guitar and drums at an early age and began playing music professionally in high school. He made his living from music until he was invited to write the catalogue for a quilt documentation project. To prepare for that he learned how to make quilts, and since 1979 he has been making, writing about, talking and teaching about, and even singing about quilts. Today he lives in San Francisco with his wife and sons, working from his quilt studio in the city and living in the Presidio National Park, the former Army base adjacent to the Golden Gate Bridge.

<http://www.joethequilter.com>

A good article by Joe about quilting freehand, including a make it yourself frame:

<http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/4286/quilt-it-freehand>

Joe on youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bi9u72org2E>

Annie Smith's interview with Joe: <http://simplearts.com/blogs/?p=116>

Interview with Alex Anderson (episode 54):

<http://www.alexandersonquilts.com/podcast/index.php?pg=3>

Lecture – October 5– Joe the Quilter

From the beginning, Cunningham has been a student of quilt history, writing scholarly articles, essays and books on the subject. In his studies he ran across the story Joe the Quilter, an Englishman who made quilts in the late 1700's, a story which inspired him to create a one-man musical quilt show called "Joe the Quilter." The show is comprised of songs, stories and original quilts all created to tell the tale of the original Joe the Quilter. In 2001 he added the show to his repertoire of lectures and classes, leading to performances throughout the country.

Workshop – October 6 – The Big Stitch

Time: 8:30-3:00 Cost: \$40

Location: Essex Alliance Church, Old Stage Road, Essex, VT

Tired of the fussiness of hand quilting? Looking for a fun way to make your quilts stand out? This class will introduce you to the needles, threads and patterns for big stitch quilting. Bring either plain fabric or a quilt top sandwiched and in a hoop and have a fun day learning the ins and outs of this quick and easy technique. Joe will provide lots of patterns and information.



For traditional and art quilters alike!

November 2-3: Elaine Quehl



Elaine Quehl is an award-winning Canadian quilt artist and teacher who specializes in colorful and intricately stitched pieced and appliquéd art quilts. Her quilts are recognizable for their depth and contrast, exuberant color and abundant texture. Her work has been juried into numerous shows and exhibits at the national and international level. Elaine is in great demand as a teacher, and travels across the country delivering workshops and lectures to colleges, summer art programs, guilds, conferences and shops. She is recognized for her expertise in free-motion machine quilting, fabric dyeing, and many innovative techniques for creating original quilts.

Elaine's work can be seen in many publications including the book *500 Art Quilts and Quilters Newsletter* (February 2010 and July 2007). <http://www.equarelle.ca/>

Lecture (November 2) Retrospective

A combination trunk and PowerPoint show that traces her journey as a quilter. Be sure to check out the quilts on her website; you won't want to miss seeing them up close.

Workshops (November 3)

In order to offer the opportunity for our working members to take one of Elaine's workshops we are offering two 3-hour companion workshops that can be taken either separately or together. Both workshops will be held on Wednesday, November 3 at the United Church of Colchester, 900 Main St., Colchester. Cost is \$25 for one workshop or \$45 for both workshops.

Workshop 1: Free Form Curves (1-4pm)

Cut curves free-hand using a rotary cutter and mat, and see how easy it is to sew them together for a truly original design. No measuring required. Looks a lot more complicated than it is! In this class you will produce a sample (approximately 16" x 20") that can be used as a background for an original small quilt. Suggested companion class is "Liberated Applique" (below).



Workshop 2: Liberated Appliqué (6-9pm)

Liberated appliqué is a convenient technique for "painting" a picture with fabric. This method allows you to focus on creative design without being overly concerned about perfect technique. You will be cutting the pieces of your flower and your leaves free-hand with scissors, laying out the pieces until you are happy with your design, and then glue-basting them lightly into place. You will then sandwich the quilt and free-motion stitch your flowers and leaves in place. I use this technique when I have a lot of pieces to overlap and don't want the stiffness of multiple layers of fusible web. It also allows me the creative freedom to totally focus on "painting" the flower without having to worry about the technical aspect of adhering fusible to whatever part of fabric I want to use. You can create a fantasy flower from your imagination, or use pictures of flowers as inspiration. This class works well with "Free Form Curves" (above).



Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild – Fall Workshop Registration

Name _____ Check #s _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

- Wed, Oct. 6 (8.30-3pm) Joe Cunningham The Big Stitch \$40
- Wed, Nov 3 (1-4pm) Elaine Quehl Free Form Curves \$25
- Wed, Nov 3 (6-9pm) Elaine Quehl Liberated Appliqué \$25
- Sign up for both Quehl workshops listed above and pay only \$45

Payment is required at time of sign-up. Please write separate checks for each class and make payable to CVQG. Sign up at the meeting or mail to:
 Joanne Lattrell, 181 Meaker Road, South Duxbury, VT 05660

Workshop Cancellation Policy: A refund will be given only if a) the paid student cancels one month or more before the workshop or b) the slot this person has paid for can be filled from the waiting list or c) the workshop is canceled.

Workshop policy for non-members: Members have priority for all workshops. However, we encourage interested non-members to put their names on the non-member waiting list at any time. If a workshop is not filled by the end of the meeting prior to the teacher's lecture, non-members who are on the waiting list will be invited to enroll.

STOCKING RAFFLE: Once again we will have a raffle each month to raise money for the annual Christmas Stocking Project. As I indicated at the June meeting, I will coordinate the raffle but requested that members take the responsibility for providing items. I am happy to note that two people quickly volunteered to help out. Colette Kaiser will have an interesting "harvest" assortment including an apple fabric table runner which I created. October's basket is being provided by Joanne Guilmette and will include a table runner that she has made. Look for Colette in the lobby at the September meeting. Tickets as usual are \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.

Ruth Whitaker

Winter Retreat Chairperson Needed: It has been suggested that the guild hold a winter retreat at the Strong House Inn in Vergennes next year. This would be in addition to our retreats at Camp Abenaki - for those members who would like a similar experience but with more comfortable accommodations. We can't make this happen without a chairperson. If you are interested please contact Janet Brunet (programs@cvqgvt.org.)

VENDORS NEEDED! We are once again inviting shopkeepers and area individuals to vend at our monthly meetings. Due to our limited space, we need to limit the number of vendors to one at each meeting so please contact us soon to reserve your spot. We hope that we will help fulfill everyone's needs at the meetings with shopping variety and fun interactions, and getting to know our area businesses and supporting our neighbors. We ask that, as a vendor, you might donate a small gift for our raffle, but there are no other fees, just your willingness to join us for a couple of hours. If you are interested in vending, please contact Janet Brunet.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

AGENDA ITEMS: If you want to be on the agenda, you must email me ahead of time. I want to keep our business meetings as short as possible. Long announcements should be sent to Esther to be put in the newsletter (newsletter@cvqgvt.org). Thanks for your help on this.

Board Meetings: Will be on Thursday in the week following the Guild meeting - Thursday, September 16, Thursday, October 14, and Tuesday, November 9 (an exception), no meeting in December unless necessary. All are welcome to attend. Meetings will be held at Yankee Pride at 6:00 p.m

Treasurer desperately needed!!!!

Thea Platt is leaving for 3 months starting October 3rd.

Requirements:

Some accounting necessary.

Familiar with Quikbooks or willing to learn..

Board members willing to help.

Please call Thea Platt immediately. 985-3074

CVQG Library

Please consider 'adopting' a book crate for the year. You would be responsible for taking the crate home each month and returning it the following month. I hope to get 15 people. Help is available for getting them to and from your car. Just ask Noah or Claire. Please contact me or see me at Sept meeting. Happy Reading! Thanks. Claire Graham-Smith 660-8903 or email claire@burlingtontelecom.net

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild Minutes....June 1, 2010

Submitted by Barbara Carter, Secretary

President Joanne Guilmette welcomed everyone to the meeting which followed a delicious pot luck supper. The minutes of the May meeting were adopted as printed on a motion by Jane Banks and Nichole Chalander. The budget for 2010/2011 was approved as printed on motion of Diane Forey and Nichole Chalander.

Two by law changes were approved. The wording regarding honorary members of the board was changed to conform to present practices. Ruth Whitaker moved and Marty Sundby seconded the motion. The bylaw concerning the financial records of the guild changed the wording from the word audit, auditor, to provide an overview of the books by a member of the guild. This motion was made by Audrey Moore and seconded by Nancy Orcutt. (See the May newsletter for complete wording.)

Committee Reports....

Community Quilts....Shirley Fuller announced a record 276 quilts were made and distributed this year.

Bus Trips...Ruth Whitaker reminded members of the August bus trip.

Stocking Raffle....Ruth announced she would be looking for volunteers to supply items for the stocking raffle each month.

Historical....Joanne Guilmette is in the process of reviewing the archival material and redoing them with archival safe materials.

Show....Kea Kuhlmeier reminded people to sign up to sell tickets at the fair for the raffle quilt. Sue Rivers announced there are several positions still needing to be filled for the Show. The next Show committee meeting will be June 15th at Yankee Pride.

Nominating....Rita Bortz read the nominating committee report....

President...Rita Bortz. Vice President...Andre Emmell. Secretary...Barbara Carter, Treasurer...Thea Platt, Program co chairs,...Janet Brunet, and Joanne Lattrell. The adoption of the slate of officers was made by motion of Ann Standish and Jane Banks, and approved.

Rita presented Joanne with a basket of batik fat quarters in recognition and thanks for her year as president.

Show and tell was held, followed by an extremely well organized and presented Tea Cup auction

Milk and Honey Quilters' Guild of Middlebury Vermont announces an expanded, two day quilt show this fall.

We are a small guild and very excited about this giant step to share our passion for quilting with the Middlebury community and our quilting friends from all over the Northeast.

The quilt show will feature awarding winning fabric artist **Judith Reilly** and, an exhibit from one of the travelling **2010 Hoffman Challenge** trunks. These exhibits are only **just** beginning their journey around the country, and we believe this will be the first time 2010 Hoffman Challenge quilts will be on display in New England!

Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey

October 23, 2010 10-5

October 24, 2010 10-3

Middlebury Union High School

Route 7 Middlebury, Vermont

Featuring

2010 Hoffman Challenge Tour Collection

Fabric Artist Judith Reilly

100 quilts on display

Vendors, raffle quilt, raffle baskets, consignment area

Refreshments available

Admission \$5.00

PS...Show your guild membership card for \$1 off your admission cost!

www.milkandhoneyquilters.com milkandhoneyquilters@yahoo.com

Quilt Show 2010 - *Homage to Grandmother – New Quilts from Old Favorites*

Our show is coming up fast now – deadline for entries -**October 5** – get your entries in! See our website for entry information.

The ribbons are done; the judges and vendors are ready to go; now we need YOUR help! Pick up your raffle tickets to sell (to yourself or others) at either the September or October meeting. Calling all volunteers! **See Teela at the September meeting.** All times and jobs are available; sign up early and often. Many hands make light work! Thank you in advance to all who help.

We need someone(s) to do short-term publicity, and also to put the show catalog or brochure together. Paid newspaper ads will go in the Free Press, the Saint Albans Messenger, and Seven Days shortly before the show. Please call or email me if you are interested in either of these jobs. Many people have expressed an interest in having a catalog again this year, and we need someone to sell ads to pay for the printing. Ad pricing: \$100 full page, \$50 half page, \$25 business card size .

Sue Rivers (863-5042) or email harleysue98@myfairpoint.net

October Raffle Block – Applique Autumn Maple Leaf

Due: Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Inspiration: Marya Lowe offered a pieced maple leaf about 5 years ago as the October raffle block. I recall it was a very popular pattern. It is time to offer another autumn leaf, and I have decided to offer an applique pattern, to engage many of you who love applique, and to challenge myself because it is the most difficult technique for me. The pattern comes straight from EQ7.

Size: 7 ½ by 7 ½ inches unfinished

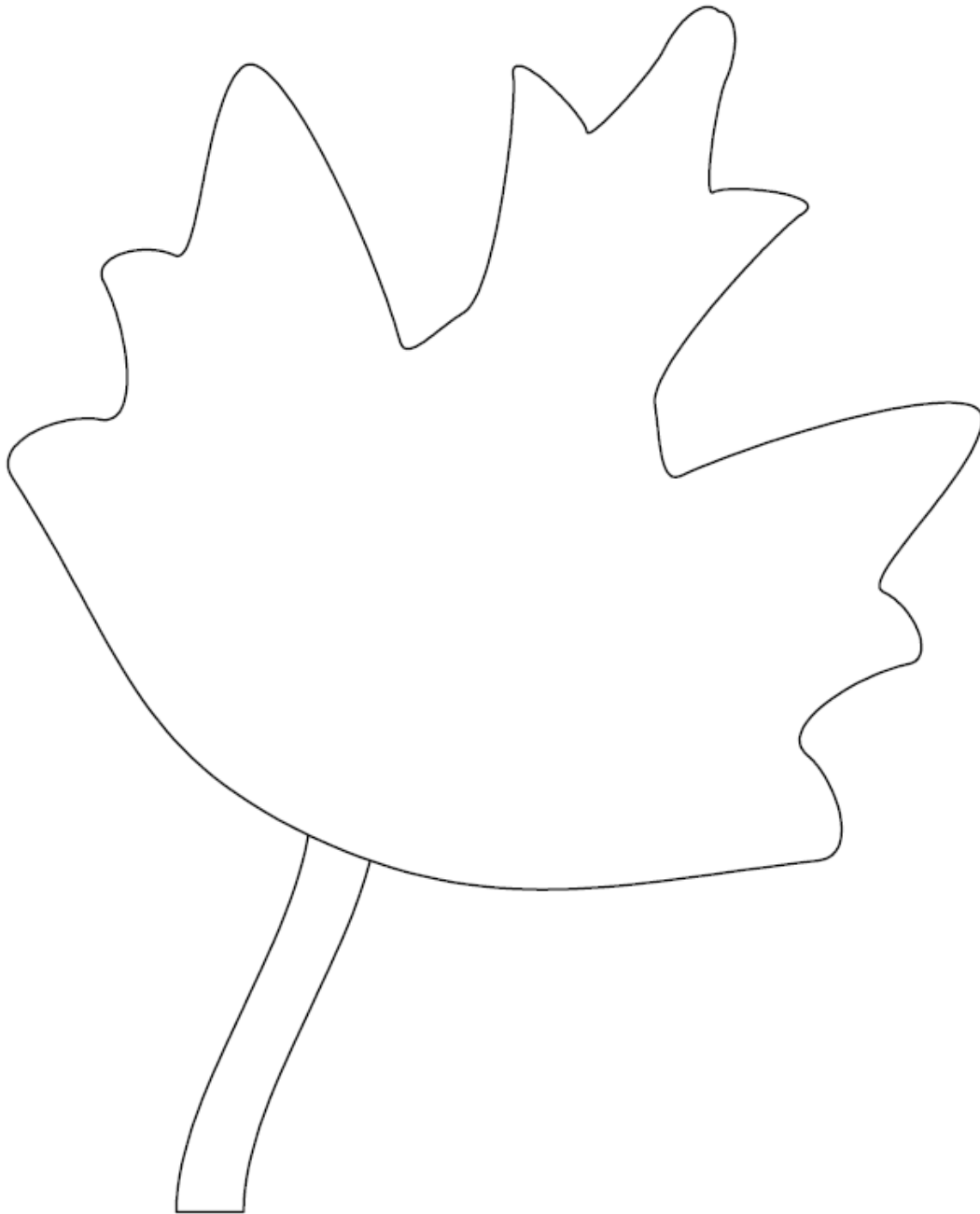
Colors: Any batik fabric in autumn tones, for both the back ground, and the motif. I made the back ground lighter than the motif, but it doesn't need to be that way. Simply choose two luscious batiks of good contrast that complement each other for your block. Apply enough spray starch to the fabrics to make them almost as stiff as paper.

Cutting Directions: Print out the PDF pattern of the maple leaf and stem. (When you get to the print page, look under the "page scaling" menu and click "none" to get the right size) Add seam allowance if you are doing the needle turn applique technique. Trace the pattern onto the motif fabric and cut out. Do the same for the stem using a dark batik of your choice, making sure you add a little extra to tuck under the bottom edge of the leaf.

Sewing Directions: Arrange the leaf and stem on a piece of back ground fabric 7 ½ by 7 ½ inches, tucking one end of the stem under the bottom edge of the leaf. Place it wherever is appealing to you. The motif fits best if you point the stem toward a corner. Centering it is not important, as long as there is a least ¼ inch seam allowance beyond the edge to the motif. This will give the blocks a more "organic" look. Sew the block to the back ground using your favorite applique technique. I dug out my notes from Susan Nichols' class in April, and did my best to follow her fusing and machine applique instructions. It was fun and quite fast.

Questions? Call or email me. I'm around. Anne Standish - 644-5031 or atstan@pwshift.com

PATTERN FOR AUTUMN MAPLE LEAF APPLIQUE BLOCK





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September Sales

- Sat. Sept. 4:** 20% off green fabric
- Sat. Sept. 11:** 20% off one notion
- Sat. Sept. 18:** 20% off red fabric
- Sat. Sept. 25:** 20% off one book/pattern

Mystery Quilt Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 18 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your quilt/quilt top for photos and show & tell!

Our class schedule will be released in Sept. – look for it on the Web, or at the shop!

Fall 2010 Mystery Quilt Info

Dates: Oct. 2, 16, 30; Nov. 13; Dec. 4, 11

Cost: \$10 (no fabric provided by YP)

Starts with Jelly Roll, Bali Pops, etc.

*You will need to provide an e-mail address at signup so we can contact you quickly in case of inclement weather.

Yankee Pride will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day.

Stop in for a look at all our new flannels, charm packs, and layer cakes!