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Bobbin along with Marjorie



*“extending clothing
knowledge and skills”*

Spring is finally here and the cherry blossoms are fading and giving way to green leaves. I've been traveling the past couple of weeks and have experienced this same amazing beauty halfway around the world in Japan! My oldest son is living in Okazaki which gave me the opportunity to go visit. While in Nagoya, we visited the textile village of Arimatsu, known for their specific style of tie dying called Shibori. It was fascinating to watch the ladies demonstrate this creative art of stitching, wrapping, dying, and unwrapping of the cotton fabric. Yes, I couldn't resist, I did make a small purchase that hopefully will find its way into a quilted wall hanging. If not, I can still enjoy pulling it out and looking at it, just like all the other "souvenirs" in my fabric stash!

We are approaching another exciting time for recruiting new members for the class of 2006! From the sounds of it, many of you have already started recruiting and we should have a full class. I will have a booth set up at the upcoming Sewing Expo at General Butler and the state KEHA meeting in Paducah next month. Agents will be distributing recruitment material following their training on May 4th. If anyone would like to borrow the booth display to set up in their area, please let me know.

Plans are underway for a state wide sewing seminar next spring (March 29-31, 2007). We are hoping that many of you will want to participate as both teachers as well as take classes. Another teaching opportunity for some of you is at the Jabez Quilt Seminar. See more information on this further in the newsletter. The "Interfacing" column addresses a question that you all know the answer to, but you will want to share with others interested in our program.

April is National Home Decorating month. Like I need to encourage any of you to sew for your home! But, here's another excuse if you need it. ☺

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INTERFACING

Question: How do I become a Master Volunteer in Clothing Construction?

Answer: If you already have a good understanding and skills for sewing and want to become a Certified Master Clothing Volunteer, contact your local county Extension office and ask for an application. Applications for the Class of 2006 will be available after May 4, 2006. Once application is made at the local level, the county will select qualified candidates to send on to the area screening committee. The area screening committee will review all applications and interview the applicants. Each area may select two candidates to receive basic training per two year rotation period.

Question: Why would I want to become a Master Volunteer in Clothing Construction?

Answer: The benefits of becoming a Master Clothing Volunteer are numerous. Members become a part of a working team that provides a valuable educational service to their community. They acquire additional knowledge and skills related to clothing construction and sewing. Leadership and teaching skills improve. And the greatest reward is networking with other volunteers across the Commonwealth who enjoy sewing.

Jabez Quilt Seminar

(Submitted by Sue Perry, Kentucky Leadership Center)
Interested quilters and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service are sponsoring the 4th Annual Jabez Quilt Seminar to be held at the Kentucky Leadership Center January 24-27, 2007.

The mission of this group is to provide educational experiences for those who dream of learning to quilt and wish to learn new and innovative techniques. We strive to provide many experiences in the area of quilting.

Rita Hardman, Chairman of teacher proposals for the planning committee, wishes to reach both new and experienced teachers in an effort to broaden the range of experiences available to those attending. Classes for all skill levels on *Fabric and Color Selection, Tools of the Trade, Appliqué, Machine Piecing, Hand Piecing, Machine Quilting, Hand Quilting, English Paper Piecing*, and any other topic related to quilting are anticipated. Classes will be offered in half-day, full-day, and two-day workshops.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a teacher submission form. If you are interested in TEACHING at the Jabez Quilt Seminar, January 24-27, 2006, fill out a **separate form for each class** you are submitting and return with a **color photo** to Rita Hardman, 4144 Palomar Blvd, Lexington, KY 40513-1317 **by April 30, 2006**. A complete supply list must be included at this time, along with prices for any patterns or books that are needed for the class. Please state if books or patterns are required or optional.

Teachers are encouraged to submit several classes. This will provide the committee with a good selection for a well rounded program that will appeal to quilters of all interests and skill levels. Feel free to make copies of the form to share with other instructors. The committee provides free meals and a double-occupancy room on the days you teach.

DEADLINES:

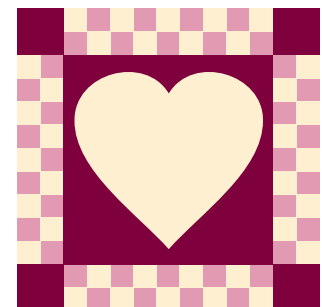
April 30, 2006 – Teacher submission form must be received by Rita Hardman

End of May – Contracts will be mailed to teachers

Before July 1, 2006 – Teachers will be notified

The committee will make the final selection of classes to be offered.

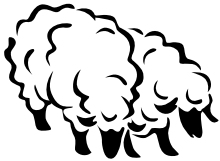
Teachers are asked not to do any vending in their classroom except for items directly related to the class.



Make It Yourself with Wool Contest

Congratulations to Marion Mulligan on her selection as an Honorable Mention in the adult division of the National Make it Yourself with Wool Contest.

Pictured here in her award winning outfit, Marion is a member of the MCV class of 2004. Great job, keep up the outstanding work!



✓ **DOROTHY DO RIGHT** ✓

What is directional stitching?

(Submitted by Mary Averbeck, MCV Steering Committee member and Kenton County 4-H Youth Development Agent)

The goal of most home sewers is to achieve a professional look in their garment construction. One way to achieve this polished look is pay attention to details. One construction guideline involves directional stitching. Directional stitching refers to the practice of stitching in the same direction for like applications, in order to avoid distortion of the fabric. For example, when applying a centered zipper, it's best to stitch each side across the lower edge and then up, rather than down one side, across, and up the other. When joining seams cut on an angle for woven fabrics, look at the cut edge. Notice the direction the fabric threads seem to be pointing. It is recommended that the seam be stitched in the direction the fabric threads are pointing. An example of this is the side seam on a

flared skirt, directional stitching would be from bottom to top. Another example would be a shoulder seam. In this case directional stitching would be from neck to armhole. This is also referred to as "sewing with the grain. Fabrics with a nap should be stitched "with the nap" (the way the pile feels smooth when stroked). If there is any doubt about the best direction to stitch a fabric, do some test-stitching on scraps. Get in the habit of stitching directionally. It will improve the final appearance of your projects.

SPOTLIGHT



Jo Farley

CMV Calloway County, Class of 1998

Jo Farley of Calloway County entered the Master Clothing Volunteer Program in the fall of 1998. She retired in the spring of 1995 after teaching 7th grade math for 24 years at Murray Middle School and gradually filled her time with her love of sewing. With a granddaughter and three grandsons, it wasn't hard to find sewing projects. In the spring of 1997 she was asked to help with 4-H sewing in Calloway County. There, she heard about the MCV program and the training that took place at Jabez, wherever that was. Jabez was a place she had only heard about in the Bible.

Jo has sewed for most of her life. She started as a little girl making doll clothes by hand and then with her mother's treadle sewing machine. While in high school, she took two years of Home Economics which included sewing various garments. She remembered

that she and her best friend, Nancy, made identical dark green gabardine skirts with gold buttons on the pockets. Unfortunately, they picked a pattern and material that were somewhat difficult and she had to go to her mother for help. She was also a member of FHA which included a summer sewing project one year. Jo was encouraged to sew by her mother who made almost all of her and her sister's clothes while they were growing up in Hazel, KY.

Upon graduation from high school she started to college to get a degree to teach home economics. After a year, she dropped out, married her husband, Max, and had two sons and a daughter. Later she went back to school and received an elementary education degree.

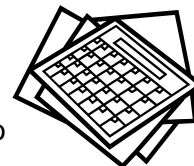
Her first sewing machine was a Singer *Featherweight* which she bought to make her maternity clothes and clothes for her first child. Jo continued to sew for herself and her daughter through the years, graduating to a larger sewing machine. However, after she started teaching, her sewing was limited to summertime and some during the winter if there were days off for snow. Her daughter now has her *Featherweight* and uses it for mending and her granddaughter uses it sometimes to sew little things. The machine Jo uses today has many more stitches and does many more things than that little machine.

Jo says, "I have thoroughly enjoyed the MCV program. I have learned so much and it has really increased my confidence in my sewing

skills and also in helping others learn to sew. The many friendships I have made in this program are just un-measurable, both those here in the Purchase area and those I have met at Jabez."

(Thank you Jo, for your countless hours of service and appreciation of the program)

Reports Due

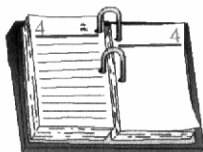


Final reports for the current two year rotation are due to area contact agents by July 15th.

Please include all service since your last report. For certification in the fall, the Class of 2004 must have earned a total of at least 50 service hours (SHE). Those seeking to maintain their certification and active involvement in the program are required to have 50 Master Credit Units (MCU). This will be the last year that this form will be used. New guidelines and report forms will be introduced at the fall 2006 training. Look for a simpler report in the future!

Special Thanks! Kathy Lauer and Coetta Combs are extended a hand of gratitude for helping with workshops at the 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum in February. Kathy assisted with a sewing workshop using the Wild Ginger "Wild Things" to create custom fit slippers. Coetta helped with classes on the Sewing Skill-a-thon, 4-H Fashion Revue, and beginner knitting.

Calendar of Events



April 18-19 Sewing Expo,
General Butler State Resort Park

May 4 Contact Agent Training,
Hardin County Extension Office
9:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

May 9-12 KEHA, Paducah, KY; "Gifts from the Heart," Purchase Area MCVs

May 24-26 Needlework In-Service, KY
Leadership Center

July 14 MCV Steering Committee Meeting
10:30 a.m. (Central time), Butler County
Extension Office

July 15 SHE and MCU reports due to area
contact agents

August 14-16 State Fair Judging

Oct. 10-13 MCV Fall Training, KY Leadership
Center