

# Around the Block

2007-2008

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**Sit 'n' Stitch Coordinator:** Susan Voss

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## Star of Bethlehem

It was in the 1830s that women first began piecing together quilts with the Star of Bethlehem pattern. It is of the few pieced patterns to come to us from Europe. Today it is still the most popular pattern to make—one huge, eight pointed, multi-pieced star covering the entire quilt top. Experts say this is one of the most difficult pattern to cut and sew. Hundreds of diamond patches, each having two to four bias sides, must be handled with precision.

The technical and creative skill of American women is confirmed also by the color arrangement of the patches. Although usually composed of many different scrap fabrics, circles of delicate tone on tone fabrics appear to ripple or explode toward the eight points of the design.

Quilters need a deep desire and fortitude to make such a quilt. However, Star of Bethlehem is still popular, and is probably the single most known pattern among non-quilters. The number of completed Star of Bethlehem quilts in our museums is evidence of how many artisans successfully reached the end of that journey. It is for us to wonder how many quests were abandoned half done, as stacks and stacks of diamond patches were strung together by color and neatly laid away in boxes.

At a City hall Quilt Show several years ago was a beautiful Star of Bethlehem. People were drawn to it as were my daughter Carol and her husband Frank. They approached me with admiration and desire in their eyes. Yep! They wanted such a quilt for their king size bed. Guess what—I won the easy to make pattern at a guild meeting—but have absolutely no desire to make the quilt.

~ Dorothy Barr  
President

## Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, bi-weekly or sometimes once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual project. Some groups meet at a specified location and work on a service project. We have several of both of these types of groups in our guild. If you are interested, please call Susan Voss .

Meeting Time	Contact Person
Cover Lovers Tuesday afternoon	Deanne Adams
Second Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Connie Beane
Lafayette Community Last Saturday 2-5 p.m.	Gertrude Shirley
McQuilters Tues. 1-3 Ronald McDonald House	Carol Harrison
Big Bend Hospice Quilters Monday 1-3 p.m.	Virginia Lewis
Cracker Jacks Senior Center Monday 1-4 p.m.	Katrina Jenkins
Saints and Sinners Wednesday 7 p.m.	Cheryl Gratt
Havana Sit-n-Stitch 2nd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.	Martha Mitchell
Ladies of Leisure Every other Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Topi Henderson
Piecers of the Past 1st & 3rd Mondays 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Chary Root
Crazy Quilters Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Monticello Library	Barbara Sheats
Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety Thursday 7-9 p.m.	Esther Weiner

### *Newsletter Info*

**The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: September 27th**

*Please submit materials to Selena Foo via email at [nativetxn73@comcast.net](mailto:nativetxn73@comcast.net) or call me.*



## Upcoming Programs ...

### September - Surprise

Plans have changed for this month's program. So, you have to be there to find out what it will be!

### October ~ Suzanne's Quilt Shop

In Moultrie, Georgia will be presenting the program in October

### November ~ TBA

*Have you hugged your sewing machine today?*

### Membership News

Please welcome the newest members to QU:

Peggy Brown  
Janet Frank  
Barb Ward

Their address information will be included in the October quarterly directory update sheet. The July update sheets are still available at the monthly meetings.

*~ Michele Hackmeyer*

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY! Bring a Delectable Delicacy!**

## 2008 Museum Quilt Show News!!

Thank you everyone for making this show one of, if not the finest, exhibit we've ever had! On Opening Night, I heard many people comment on how beautiful all the quilts are and how much they enjoyed viewing them. The Museum staff had to tell some folks that they were closing in five minutes so everyone could go home! All of you can be very proud of your work and know that you are bringing pleasure to all who come to see our show. My thanks to all of you for making my job as chair of the show such an easy one. All I had to do was ask for entries and you responded in such a wonder manner. I want you to know that I appreciate your help in making this such a successful show. Special thanks to Betty Rinkel for the stellar job she did manning the hostess table by herself Opening Night. Thank you, Betty. My heartfelt thanks to Linda Dozier, Ella Hinson and Maggie Winkler for preparing and serving the punch to our many members and visitors. Also, thanks to Deanna Collins for standing at the exhibition hall door and letting early visitors know when the show was to open. Quite a number of people were so anxious to see our show that they came early.

Your help is still needed for our show. We need everyone to check your calendars and find at least four hours you can sit at the hostess table. In October, we have 28 shifts that have only one person working and 21 shifts with no one signed up – yet. If you sign up to work with someone you don't know, you may make a new friend. Our quilts that are hanging in the Museum need some of us watching over them while there are visitors in the Museum. We need to ensure that people are giving them the respect they deserve. Also, the tickets we sell for the Opportunity Quilt help bring teachers to us, help buy books for our library, help pay the rent for our meeting place and help with all the other expenses we have as a guild. We need to have at least two people at the hostess table encouraging visitors to buy these tickets. I know everyone is busy with children, church, jobs – just life, but please check to see if you have some time you can give to our Guild and the quilt show.

Melissa Gross and Chary Root are at each meeting to sign up volunteers and they will be happy to have you call them and volunteer. Please make their phones ring! Check your membership directory for their phone numbers.

Again, thank your for all your hard work.

~ Marilyn Kelley  
Museum Quilt Show Chairperson

## New Door Prize Coordinators

Hello from Gail Chase and Barbara Ahlbrandt, your new Door Prize Coordinators. As many of you know our door prizes have been around awhile, and have lost their sparkle. So... we will be giving them all away. Anyone wearing a name badge will be eligible to choose anything on the table at the September meeting and will be eligible for our GRAND PRIZE DRAWING. Starting in October, we will have all NEW PRIZES and a GRAND PRIZE.

PLEASE, wear your name badge. We will be asking for a **.25 cent donation** from anyone **NOT** wearing a name badge. This will be the foundation for our acquiring new prizes.

Ideas for future events from the door prize coordinators include:

A Name Tag fashion show & mini work shops to make a name badge.

Asking assorted area shops and each Sit & Stitch group for once a year

“GRAND PRIZE” Basket donation for each month.

Anyone who has an idea to help with this endeavor to help our Guild membership get to know each other, please contact one of us.

*Gail Chase and Barbara Ahlbrandt*

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## Roommates Needed

I need 1 or 2 roommates in Houston during Quilt Market and Festival. Those dates are Oct. 24 through Nov. 1. Please contact Vickie Irvin at 970-471-9561 or [vlirvin@aol.com](mailto:vlirvin@aol.com).

## City Hall Show

Last chance to see the 2008 City Hall Show!!! The show, which is open during working hours Monday through Friday, ends September 11, 2008. Exhibitors, please pick up your quilts on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-11AM at City Hall. Call Barbara Hoagland if you anticipate any problems picking up your quilts.

## Attention: Steering Committee Members

Please have 2 copies of your duties and events for this year at the September guild meeting. Include your ideas for what works and any thoughts on how to get the job done. I thank each of you for the fine job you have done. I would like your reports in my hands at this meeting. Thank you.

~ Dorothy Barr  
President

## Helping Hands

Chain piecing is a great time and thread saver. It is used when sewing multiple pieces that are similar, in an assembly-line process.

- When chain piecing, stabilize your initial stitches by using a double thickness of a small scrap to start your 'chain'.
- If you have a needle-down feature on your machine, use it to make your chain piecing with less effort.
- When chain piecing triangles, or pieces with points, use a long pin or stiletto to hold the tips, in order to prevent them from being pulled into the needle hole of the machine.
- To save time when clipping your chained triangles, clip them apart so that you are also including the dog-eared portion. This will decrease stretching the unit, when pressing.

Please let me know if you have favorite hints you'd like to share, or questions you would like to have explored.

~ Valerie Kleiss  
Helping Hands Chair

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## September 11th QU Meeting

- Completed September Raffle Blocks
- Library Books
- Hand made Name Badge

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### *Dates to Remember*

September 11	Guild Meeting, 6:30pm
September 25	Steering Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
September 27	Jacksonville Bus Trip
September 27	Newsletter Deadline
October 9	Guild Meeting 6:30pm
October 25	Newsletter Deadline

Meetings are held at Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Road.  
 The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

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