

Around the Block

2007-2008

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Crazy Quilt

Do you have days when you are discouraged, stressfully, hectic—just plain crazy? Life can be like a Crazy quilt. Do you feel that your pieces are scattered and not making sense? The original patterns were meant to convey beauty & opulence.

Crazy quilts are seemingly haphazard & discordant. Their popularity rose in 1876 after Philadelphia Exposition inspired by Japanese pavilion. Women began showing their needlework skills on velvets, silks & brocades. The quilts were more show pieces than functional pieces.

The one redeeming factor of the crazy quilt is the beautiful needlework that adorns & outlines each piece. Many have a fan design & often jewels & spider webs, woven into elegant brocade, velvet & silk fabrics. By 1884 magazines were proclaiming the effect of this pattern on the women.

A hundred years have passed & we are not much different from our Victorian sisters. We are younger looking, healthier & more fashionable. But inside, our lives are a crazy knot of conflicting responsibilities, duties & dreams.

Crazy quilts are not the enemy. They are a beautiful reminder of what is important and how quickly life can urge us to settle for the urgent rather than the best.

We want our pieces to be orderly. We don't want to be so fragmented that no beauty shines through. We don't want to be so involved that we don't take time to smell the roses. We need to take time to do the hard work of "embroidery" - those extras that make our quilts and our lives beautiful.

This is my last message to our wonderful quilters. I hope you have enjoyed these pieces. I've had fun writing them. Bless you all— keep making our beautiful quilts.

~ Dorothy Barr
President

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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
Thimble Buddies 2nd Fridays, 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.	Wendy Stone

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions
for the next issue is: **November 22nd**

Please submit materials to Selena Foo via email
at nativetxn73@comcast.net

or call me at 668-5727.

Upcoming Programs ...

November ~ Fran Snay

Fran Snay will speak at the next meeting and will have a trunk show of her quilts. Fran comes to us from Texas and teaches all over the US. Her quilts have been ribbon winners in the Texas State Fair, and she has had quilts accepted for display in the International Quilt Show in Houston, Texas. Fran also served on the Teaching Faculty for the 2003 International Festival in Houston. She also teaches quilting for the Burlison Independent School District's Continuing Education Department. Her love for quilting has placed her in major leadership roles in several quilting guilds, from Vice President/Programs to President. Each assignment was eagerly accepted by Fran with the same dedication that she has whenever she undertakes a new quilt design. Her love for quilting, and her desire to share this talent with everyone that she can reflects the highest credit on her and this art. Her quilts have won numerous Blue Ribbon awards over the years, and her quilts have been featured in most of the national quilt magazines over the past four years.

She will teach workshops on November 14th and 15th. They will be \$40 each and will meet at the church from 9AM till 4 PM. The workshop on Friday will be on a variation of the Log Cabin block. On Saturday she will teach a pieced butterfly block. There is still time to sign up, call Penny Blaszczyk at 893-5672.

We will not be having pot luck dinner for our November guest lecture, but all guild members are welcome to bring a snack.

December ~ Annual Holiday

Pot Luck Dinner

December's program is our annual holiday pot luck dinner. Come celebrate our friendships, new and old, share in a potluck frenzy that'll tickle your palate and put a smile on your face, and fellowship in the holiday spirit with those who love our craft! Leave with a gift - from one's stash and heart.

So grab your favorite recipe and cook it up, wrap your gift for exchange (a fat quarter and something personal - i.e. a recipe, a poem, or something small and handmade, etc.)!

It's a special holiday extravaganza that won't be the same without YOU! Don't miss it - we'll have a GRAND TIME!

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2008 Museum Quilt Show News!!

Just a few reminders this month. I will not be at the November meeting, but I have asked our new President, Wendy Stone, to make announcements on the following, just in case someone did not get their newsletter or has not had time to read it yet.

The drawing for the Opportunity Quilt will be on November 9 at 4:00. If you still have ticket stubs that need to be put in the box, be sure they are turned in before the drawing. Also, the bidding will be closed for the Silent Auction at 3:00 PM on November 9 – so if you want something be sure you get to the Museum

Quilt pick-up day is Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 A.M. until 12 noon. This is also the day of our workshop with Fran Snay. If you are attending the workshop, please be sure you make arrangements with someone to pickup your quilt(s). Also, be sure they have your pink copy of the entry form because without it we can't release any quilts.

The ribbons are on the quilts and the WINNERS ARE!!!

BEST OF SHOW – **Bella Celtica**, by Linda O'Sullivan

Bed Quilt

Blue Ribbon – **North Carolina Lily**, by Jean Brenner
Red Ribbon – **Eye of the Beholder**, by Kathy Singletary
Yellow Ribbon – **Scott and Holly's Wedding Quilt**,
by Linda Lindquist

Group Quilt

Blue Ribbon – **Pine Burr Quintet**, by Marsha Walper
Red Ribbon – **Checkmate**, by Linda O'Sullivan
Yellow Ribbon – **Round Robin**, by Linda Lindquist

Lap Quilt

Blue Ribbon – **Butterflies Crossing the Gulf of Mexico at Night**,
by Sue Skornia
Red Ribbon – **Alaina's Frogs**, by Selena Foo
Yellow Ribbon – **Keith's Quilt**,
by the McQuilters of the Ronald McDonald House

Crib Quilt

Blue Ribbon – **Italian Bunnies**, by Marge Norman
Red Ribbon – **Luci's First Quilt**, by Susan Voss
Yellow Ribbon – **Grammy's Sunshine**,
by Lillian Anthamatten

Wall Hanging

Blue Ribbon – **Bella Celtica**, by Linda O'Sullivan
Red Ribbon – **A Fowl Menagerie**, by Willie Bell Bell
Yellow Ribbon – **Passionate Desires**, by Jean Brenner

Miniature Quilt

Blue Ribbon – **Wash Day**, by Rita Balda
Red Ribbon – **Pink and Brown Beauty**,
by Virginia Snyder
Yellow Ribbon – **2008 Opportunity Quilt Sample**,
by Esther Weiner

~ Marilyn Kelley
Museum Quilt Show Chairperson

Philanthropic Opportunity

Deborah Merritt, a nurse with the Kid's Korner at Tallahassee Memorial along with the Chaplain's Program has requested small or lap sized quilts for the pediatric population. The quilts will be given to terminally ill children during the final months of their care. The quilts can be any size desired and can be made for any age from 1 to 18, boy or girl. Deborah will be coming to our January meeting to talk about the need and use of the quilts. It would be wonderful if we could present her with some quilts

2009 Challenge Rules

The 2009 Challenge Rules are now available and can be purchased for \$5 at the October QU meeting. The challenge theme this year is "From Canvas to Quilt". Your finished challenge quilt will be due at the July or August 2009 meeting.

If you plan to pay your 2009 dues at the October meeting, just add \$5 to your dues check and pick up your challenge rules at the same time. I will not be at the October meeting but Morrisce Dockett will be there with the rules.

~ Ardell McGavin

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Membership News

Welcome to our new and returning members!

Loretta Hodge
BJ Allen
Sharon Christiansen
Peggy Conklin
Lascella Ingram
Cheri Jenkins
Selma Sappenfield
Mackenzie Steen
Loui Tope

Membership Renewal and 2009 Dues

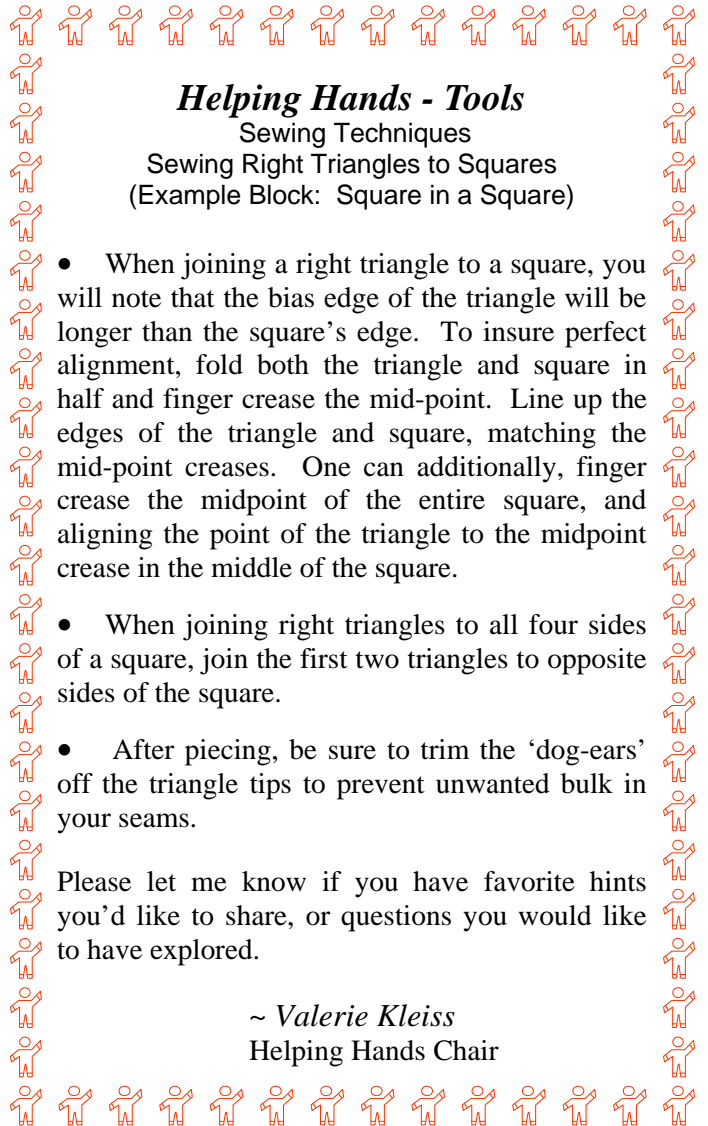
We will be accepting 2009 dues at the November and December meetings. Dues are \$20. If you would like to have the Annual Membership Directory mailed to you, please pay \$22. The directories and new membership cards will be available for in-person pick up beginning in January which means you must pay your dues by the December meeting or send by mail by the end of December to be included in the directory.

You may combine your dues with other payments to the Guild, such as 2009 Challenge Quilt Rules or a workshop fee. Just be sure to note all the things the check covers.

Directory Photo Time Again! We will be taking photos of everyone to update our files for the 2009 Directory, so be ready for your close up! My apologies to those who were ready last month, I just didn't get things all together.

Don't have a computer or access to the Internet to get the newsletter? Let me know and I'll put you on the mailing list. There is no extra charge for receiving the newsletter via US Postal delivery.

~ Michele Hackmeyer



Helping Hands - Tools

Sewing Techniques
Sewing Right Triangles to Squares
(Example Block: Square in a Square)

- When joining a right triangle to a square, you will note that the bias edge of the triangle will be longer than the square's edge. To insure perfect alignment, fold both the triangle and square in half and finger crease the mid-point. Line up the edges of the triangle and square, matching the mid-point creases. One can additionally, finger crease the midpoint of the entire square, and aligning the point of the triangle to the midpoint crease in the middle of the square.
- When joining right triangles to all four sides of a square, join the first two triangles to opposite sides of the square.
- After piecing, be sure to trim the 'dog-ears' off the triangle tips to prevent unwanted bulk in your seams.

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

QUILT SHOW

Just wanted to pass along the praises to all the deserving.

While working at the quilt show a few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of meeting the lady who was in charge of this year's Jacksonville Quiltfest. She had come to see our show! We discussed many things regarding the show(s), but in the end, with great sincerity, she wanted to let me know that we had a really, really good show ourselves right here in Tallahassee.

Taking into consideration who she is, her recent position for the Jacksonville show, her involvement with several guilds, the number of quilts she has seen through the years, I took this to be a great compliment. I beamed and thanked her graciously.

So, I just wanted to pass the praises on to all participants, volunteers, the committee members in charge of our show. Be proud, ladies, you deserve it!

~Linda Dozier

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News from the Sunshine State Quilters Association

Submitted by Caroline Collins, Tallahassee area representative (for August newsletter)

Following are a couple of ideas for your quilt tourism plans in the upcoming winter months. And if you aren't traveling, take a virtual trip by checking out the photos of raffle quilts on the SSQA web site and consider obtaining some tickets for your chance to win.

QUILT SHOW - Punta Gorda-, Feb. 27 & 28, 2009

A photo of the raffle quilt offered by the Peace River Quilters Guild can be admired here:

<http://www.ssqa.org/images/raffle/0902prqg.htm>

See other opportunity quilts here: <http://www.ssqa.org/raffle.htm>

QUILT SHOW - Fort Lauderdale - March 13 - 15, 2009

Coral Springs Quilters, East Sunrise Quilt Guild and 3 other Broward Quilt Guilds present the Broward Quilt Expo. War Memorial Auditorium, Fort Lauderdale.

See their flyer: www.ssqa.org/0903bqe.pdf

Info on SSQA grants: <http://www.ssqa.org/grants.htm>

More quilting events around Florida: <http://www.ssqa.org/event.htm>

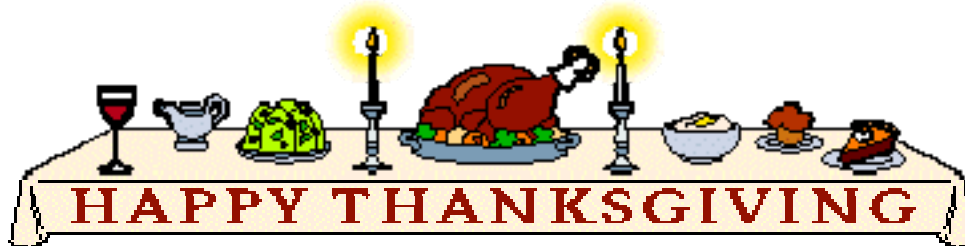
Quilt shows: <http://www.ssqa.org/qltshows.htm>

Member guild websites: <http://www.ssqa.org/flguilds.htm>

Member merchant page: <http://www.ssqa.org/merchant.htm>

Have you checked out the SSQA Guestbook lately? <http://www.ssqa.org/guestbook.htm>

If you don't have internet access, see your print copy of the April QU newsletter for more event dates from November 2008-January 2009 to help you plan your quilt-related travels in the cooler months ahead



Newsletter Deadline

This month's newsletter deadline is a week earlier than usual. Please make sure all newsletter submissions are in no later than November 22nd. Information received after November 22nd will be in the December newsletter.



Don't forget to make your Block of the Month!

Contact Jessica Duke (Block Raffle Coordinator) if you have any questions about the quilt or the blocks.

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November 13th QUILT Meeting

- 2009 Membership Dues
- Completed November Raffle Blocks
- Library Books
- Hand made Name Badge

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Dates to Remember

November 9	Silent Auction bidding closes, 3:00pm
November 9	Opportunity Quilt Drawing at museum, 4:00pm
November 13	Guild Meeting, 6:30pm
November 15	Quilt Pick Up at the Museum, 10:00am—12:00pm
November 22	Newsletter Deadline
December 11	Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner & Gift Exchange, 6:30pm

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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