

Around the Block

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Sit 'n' Stitch Coordinator: Susan Voss

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Log Cabin Block

Log Cabin – doesn't that thought lead you to thinking about home, hearth and, of course, quilting? I've always felt this block was an excellent choice for a beginner because it was basic straight stitching. This block has been around since the 1850's. I did not realize how many variations there were of setting this block till now.

Color is a big contributor to the success if the block setting you choose. While a log cabin is an independent block, when joined with others you are creating an all over pattern that goes beyond one block. The planning process is important, but many great patterns happen from an "oops".

It was fascinating to find small log cabin blocks used to create a picture, such as a cabin in the woods. Green tree blocks and cabin blocks with warm yellow window blocks.

Before choosing to make a log cabin quilt, peruse a few books and enjoy the many variations of this block and what can be achieved with color. You may choose to make templates for cutting the pieces or just use your ruler and rotary cutter. Keep in mind that some templates are made which include the 1/4 inch seam while some do not.

Material choices are many. You can purchase coordinating fabric line or use up your growing pile of scraps. Many of the log cabin quilt patterns can be replicated with a choice of using light fabrics on two sides of the block and dark fabrics on the other two sides of the block.

Consider using this block as a friendship quilt or a photo quilt by enlarging the small square in the center to a larger size where you can have your photo, appliqué or embroidery.

This is a block to have fun with no matter what your quilting skill level is.

Esther Weiner,
President Quilters Unlimited 2010

Reminder: Steering Committee meeting March 25th 7:00 pm



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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 at 878-5866.

Meeting Time	Contact Person
Cover Lovers Tuesday afternoon	Deanne Adams
Second Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Connie Beane
Lafayette Community Last Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Gertrude Shirley
McQuilters Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Ronald McDonald House	Carol Harrison
Big Bend Hospice Quilters Monday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Virginia Lewis
The Quilting Bees, Senior Center Monday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Katrina Jenkins
Havana Sit-n-Stitch 2nd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.	Martha Mitchell
Ladies of Leisure Every other Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Topi Henderson
Crazy Quilters Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Monticello Library	Barbara Sheats
Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety Thursdays 7:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Esther Weiner
Thimble Buddies 2nd Fridays, 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.	Wendy Stone
Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Janice Parker

Newsletter Info

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

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

Upcoming Programs ...

March ~ Singing Quilter

Cathy Miller will be here from Canada to present a very entertaining and educational program of songs, stories, and quilts. More information about her and her CDs with songs about quilting can be found on her website: <http://www.singingquilter.com>.

TMH LITTLE QUILTS

Congratulations to all! We had another banner year for donations of little quilts to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) with a grand total of 275 for 2009 (35 more than in 2008). The babies and their families thank you.

We're off to a good start this year and hope to keep the donations pouring in. Keep in mind that the hospital staff likes to have quilts on hand with holiday themes in addition to those with a baby theme. A spring or Easter design suitable for both purposes would be perfect for this time of year.

These little quilts should be 17" X 25" and there are instructions and several sample designs on the QU website in the Activities and Projects section (click on "Newborn"). You may use any fabric or design you wish as long as it meets the size requirement and is appropriate for babies. They are easy to make, provide a great surface to practice machine quilting and all those decorative stitches you seldom use, and a perfect way to use scraps of fabric and batting.

Little quilts can be delivered to Wendy Stone or Lorna Fisher at any QU meeting. Wendy delivers the quilts to TMH for us every month and her efforts are greatly appreciated. If you have questions or would like to make other arrangements for delivery of your donation, please contact Lorna Fisher.

"From Canvas to Quilt" on Display in Trenton

17 of the 2009 QU Challenge Quilts will be on display at the Suwannee Valley Quilt and Old Time Craft Festival in Trenton, Florida on March 13. The quilts will be featured inside the Old Railroad Depot across from the Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe. The festival is from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information go to suwanneeshops.com.

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2011 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

"CALLING FOR FABRICS"

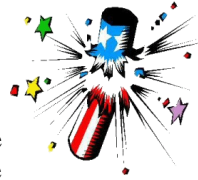
Thank you to those who donated fabrics last month -- we need lots more!

Again, we are asking for batiks in the jewel tones -- purples, blues, teals, aquas, and jade greens, both light and dark tones. No browns, golds or yellows, no metallics. Small to medium scale designs and prints are suitable, as well as the so-called solids. 7" x 16", with the 16" on grain.

We'll be collecting fabrics until mid March, then my committee and I will be making up kits. Those who wish to participate in the making of the blocks will be able to receive the kit(s) in a couple months at the guild meeting.

If you're not able to make the March guild meeting and have fabrics to donate, give me a call (893-2931), we'll make connection! Thanks!

*Linda Dozier, Chairman
Linda O'Sullivan, Co-Chair*



City Hall Quilt Show "By Hand XVI" July 14-Sept 1, 2010

QU will showcase "Quilts of Valor" at the City Hall show. Many terrific quilts have been made for our troops and we would like to showcase some at City Hall. Please submit an entry form & 2 pictures of your "Valor" quilt just like any other entry.

We will also show items from our Youth quilters if space is available this year. If your young quilter would like to submit a quilt, please also put your name and their relationship to you on the form.

The entry form and guidelines are available on the Web and copies will be available at the March & April meetings on a front table. QU has some awesome quilters, we look forward to a terrific entry from you.

- May 13 - Entry form & 2 pictures due
- June 10 - Item with hanger & screw eyes due
- July 14 - Hang quilts & show opens
- July 23 - Reception 6-7:30pm at City Hall
- Sept 1 - Show closes & pick up quilts 10-11am

Miriam Baldwin & Dawn Griffin

Quilt Shop Trip Questionnaire

Thanks to everyone who participated in the questionnaire last month. The first choice was Front Porch Quilts in Ozark. Unfortunately, I will need to cancel the plans for this trip. On March 8, I will be having surgery with approximately 4 weeks recovery and after that I will be undergoing further treatment. So I will not be able to continue with this trip.

The Jacksonville quilt show trip is still on and I will be taking reservations at the May meeting.

Marilyn Kelley, Trip Coordinator

2010 Challenge Quilt Rules

The 2010 Challenge Rules are now available and can be purchased for \$5 at the November QU meeting. The show theme this year is "Garden Party".

Your finished challenge quilt will be due at the July or August 2010 meeting.

*~ Wendy Stone
2010 Challenge Quilt Chair*

Door Prizes

We had 75 members sign in at the Door Prize table for February 11, 2010 meeting. We collected \$2.00 from members who forgot to wear a handmade name badge.

The Grand Prize Winner was Lisa McCall who received the Beautiful Gift donated by Southern Comfort Sit 'n Stitch. More winners were:

Cheri Jenkins, Ardell McGavin, Vickie Hooks, Gail Renna, Diane Higginbotham and Judy Brundyge.

Next month the Grand Prize will be donated by Frayed Edges. We are looking forward to that surprise. Most of the prizes we have are things one of us would like to own. So, if you can think of something you would like or we should have for a prize, LET US KNOW. Don't want our prizes to get stale. New ideas welcome.

Happy Stitching!

*~ Gail Chase & Barbara Alhbrandt,
Door Prize Chairpersons*

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2010 Museum Quilt Show

Mark your calendars, the dates are set for this year's quilt show. Opening night is Thursday, October 28. Show ends January 23, 2011.

This is a long stretch and we will need lots of volunteers to help with the volunteer table.

Two new blue ribbons are being added this year. They are "Best Hand Quilting" and "Best Machine Quilting". All quilts submitted will be eligible for these ribbons, which will be decided on by popular vote.

We are looking into having a judge give constructive comments on our quilts. This will be strictly optional for each quilt owner. Please, do NOT let this prevent you from entering a quilt in the show. The judging will take place before the exhibit is hung. The judge will only see the quilts which the owners have asked for comments on.

Looking forward to another great quilt show.

Jean Brenner
2010 Museum Quilt Show Chair

Lanark Village Wandering Star Quilt Guild Bi-Annual Quilt Show

March 27, 2010
9:00am - 3:30pm

Chillas Hall
Lanark Village, Florida
(4 miles east of Carrabelle on Highway 98)
Look for the highway signs

BOUTIQUE DOOR PRIZES
VENDORS VIEWERS CHOICE
BALLOTING

Raffle Quilt Tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5
Drawing at 3:30pm

Food Vendor and Yard Sales outside
Call 850-697-2329 or 850-697-8872

New Books in the QU Library

We are making room for new books on the library shelves and have books for sale at \$5.00 and \$1.00. The sales allowed us to buy the following new books.

We now have two books that Maureen O'Doogan mentioned in her program at the guild meeting last May:

The Quilted Garden, by Jane Sassaman

The Visual Dance, by Joen Wolfram

Other new books to look for at the QU library table are:

101 Log Cabin Blocks, by Linda Causee

Appliqué Outside the Lines with Piece O'Cake Designs,

by Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins

Appliqué Quilt Revival: Updated Patterns from the 30s, by Nancy Mahoney

Free Motion Quilting Made Easy,
by Eva A. Larkin

Machine Appliqué for the Terrified Quilter,
by Sharon Pederson

Machine Freehand Patterns, by Nan Moore

Machine Quilting Solutions,
by Christine Maraccini

Quilting Makes the Quilt, by Lee Cleland

Victorian Patterns and Designs in Full Color
(Dover Pictorial Archive)

You can now visit the QU Library online and reserve a book. The books are listed in alphabetical order and by category. After your request is received, a return email will be sent to let you know if the book is in the library or has been checked out. If it is in the library, it will be held for you to pick up at the next meeting.

Please send in book titles you would like the QU library to purchase. You can use the reserve link on the Library web page and the email will go directly to the QU librarian.

If you have extra books at home that you would like to donate, we will be glad to add them to the QU Library.

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News from the Sunshine State Quilters Association

Submitted by Caroline Collins, Tallahassee Area Rep,
with information provided by Pat Tribbey, Webmaster SSQA



Time is running out!

Your group has until March 31 to apply for part of the \$5000 available to support **Quilt**

Discovery Days. Learn more at <http://www.ssqa.org/grants.htm>

If you have been involved in any quilt documentation projects and have access to the records, please contact Nan at quiltmoore@aol to be sure they are included in the Florida Quilt Project <http://www.ssqa.org/flqproject.htm>

Online "Quilt Index"

There will be a great deal of information coming soon about how you can be involved in this. Meanwhile, check out where the quilt information will end up: <http://www.quiltindex.org>

Besides having 50,000 quilts in a "digital museum", the Quilt Index also has lesson plans to help you bring quilting and quilt history to schools...or maybe even to your guild! You won't even begin to understand what this is all about until you see it for yourself!

New Featured Raffle Quilt policy

ALL member guild raffle quilts get a website listing with picture and details on the "Win A Quilt" page. <http://www.ssqa.org/raffle.htm> The sooner the info is received, the longer it stays online.

For the Featured Raffle Quilt story <http://www.ssqa.org/raffle-sl.htm>, quilts will be shown in the order they are received. There were too many raffle dates close together to feature all the quilts right before their drawing dates....it was a good idea, but didn't work out to be fair.

Quilting Professionals...heads up!

The next issue of the newsletter will put the spotlight on SSQA members who provide services...teachers, appraisers, judges, those who quilt for others, etc. You have up to 50 words to share with everyone what you do (and why they should hire you!).

Deadline is around the beginning of April (TBA).

Merchants (shops & vendors) will have the spotlight in the July issue.

SSQA Members:

Do you have your directory?

Membership directories were mailed last week....you should have yours by now, along with your SSQA membership card. If you have not received it, contact Sherry Verell at bizzieblondie@aol.com

A HUGE thanks to Sherry for getting the booklet out!

Memberships are accepted throughout the year, with corrections and updates published in the newsletter. Please check your copy to see that your listing is correct. Merchants & guilds: please be sure your membership is current so we can keep your listings online.

Tickets are going fast!

There are a limited number of tickets still available for the SSQA meeting with "Tea, Quilts & Creativity" on **Saturday, March 20**. For details: <http://www.ssqa.org/nextmeet.htm>

If you would like to spend the day in Daytona with your quilting friends, we want to hear from you NOW. Contact Art at toomanyquilts@gmail.com or 321-356-6373.

Check often to see what's new at SSQA.org.

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March 11th QU Meeting

Don't Forget Your:

- \$\$\$ for Challenge Rules
- Library Books
- Hand made Name Badge
- Fabric for 2011 Opportunity Quilt

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Dates to Remember

March 11	Guild Meeting, 7:00pm
March 13	Jennie Zipperer Workshop, 9:00am - 3:00pm
March 25	Steering Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
March 27	Newsletter Deadline
April 8	Guild Meeting, 7:00pm

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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