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President's Message

Quilt Tips

Cushion for Knees

Use a garden kneeling pad when arranging blocks or layering backing, batting, and quilt top on a floor. It's more comfortable for my knees than the hard floor.

Easy Cutting

Before I start a new quilt, transfer the cutting instructions to a dry erase board. As I cut, I erase that size and move on. It's easier than looking at the instructions in the magazine.

English Paper Piecing

Use plastic folders to make patterns for English Paper Piecing. Instead of making piles of patterns out of card stock, you only need to make a few of these and use them over and over again. Trace the pattern, cut it out, and punch a hole in the center. Then fold the fabric over the plastic template, and take a stitch at each corner. To remove the template, insert an orange stick or small dowel into the hole, and pull up until the plastic piece comes loose.

No Husbands Allowed

My friend's husband was helping her pin the layers of her quilt in preparation for quilting. After awhile, she looked over and said, "You haven't gotten very much pinned." His reply was, "I've been spending my time straightening these pins!" Priceless!

Dorothy Barr, President

Life is a journey, not a destination.

CHALLENGE QUILT FOR 2014

Get a head start on your Challenge Quilt for 2014!

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Road to Florida Capital City Quilt Show Reminders

October 22nd - History at High Noon 12:00-12:45 pm

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RD to FL Challenge Morphs into 2014 RD to FL Raffle Block of the Month

The 12 winning ROAD to FLORIDA blocks will be 2014 Blocks of the Month (BOM). Would you like to be a "pattern tester" and make one of the blocks before we post the 2014 instructions on the QU website? You could keep your block and enter it in the BOM contest in 2014. ALL patterns submitted by challenge participants, not just the winners, will be posted on QU's website in December.

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Membership Renewal

Renew your QU Membership for 2014 by the December QU meeting. Dues are \$20/year; \$22/year if you want the directory mailed to you. Dues are payable by cash, check, or paypal (on the QU website). ***Be sure to renew your membership - Don't be left out of the 2014 directory!!***

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Workshops

There are still a few spaces left! Please call or email me if you would like to join us! Anyone outside the guild is welcome also. Please go online for your supply list.

As a side note...the bag with the samples and books has been found.

See you all at the meetings

October 10, 11, 12, 2013 Mark your calendar now!!

Jane Hardy Miller Author of **French Braid Quilts**, will be our guest in October.

Thursday evening's lecture and trunk show is titled,

"What French Braid Quilts Have Taught Me"

Friday October 11: **French Braid Tree Skirt**. Approx 50" diameter

Saturday, October 12: **Baby Braid** small quilt 37" x 44" \$35 + book + supplies

Please see Kris to get on the list. This teacher is well known and I expect to fill both workshops early.

Friday's workshop is almost full.

Books will be required for each day. Jane is OK with 2 people sharing a book. Visit the website...

<http://www.frenchbraidquilts.com/workshops/> for supply lists.

Workshop will need to be paid in full by the September meeting, so we can open it up to non-guild members if there is still room. Only 20 seats available each day.

Workshops: 9am to 4pm Timberlane Church of Christ, bring your lunch or cash for ordering in from Newks or Jimmy Johns.

Kris T Califano Hebert 850-508-7293 krist29@comcast.net

Treat yourself to a workshop! They are a great mini-retreat and a wonderful way to expand your quilting skills!

QU Volunteer Opportunity

Hospitality Committee – We have 4 who have signed up to be a part of this committee, but we need at least 6. With that many committee members, the setup and cleanup responsibilities could be rotated so that each member would only work once every three months. Contact Michele Hackmeyer or find the signup sheet at the Membership sign-in table during the October Meeting.

Last Chance for Directory Photos!

We encourage everyone to have a photo taken for our directory. These photos are not published or posted anywhere else. With a group this big, they really help put a face to a name!

Upcoming Programs

October 10, 11, 12 2013 Jane Hardy Miller: French Braid Quilts

November-Quilting in the Kitchen

It's a theme night so Hospitality will feature some selected recipes from the Guild Cookbook. Never got one? Sign up for a special drawing to win your very own copy. As you enjoy the treats, listen to the ways our kitchens merge with our quilts. We will have a demonstration on how to make a quilted casserole cover. Bring your quilted kitchen items to share: placemats, table runners, appliance covers, casserole covers, etc. Participate in the potholder exchange. Bring your new homemade potholder and sign up for the potholder exchange.

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December—Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange

Misc Events

Dudley Farm Quilt Day

Dudley Farm Historic State Park, Newberry, Florida, is pleased to invite you to participate in the Dudley Farm Quilt Day that will be held October 5, 2013.

We are contacting guilds and quilt related businesses around FL to come as vendors, demonstrators, or guests. This will offer a unique, historic venue to sell and/or demonstrate your crafts, quilting supplies, and quilting equipment. There is no required fee for vendors/demonstrators, however, we suggest you make a donation to the Friends of Dudley Farm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email DudleyFarmQuiltDay@gmail.com. You can also reach us by phone at 352-472-1142 (Sandra), 386-454-4611 (Cindy), or 352-224-8260 (Samantha). Information on Dudley Farm Historic State Park and its events can be found on the following websites: www.floridastateparks.org/dudleyfarm/ or www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org

Call for Fabric for the Leon County Jail Stitch-n-Time

The Guild has been contacted by Officer Donna Guy who runs the quilting program at the Leon County Jail. They would really appreciate any fabric that our members would be willing to donate to this worthy cause. They are in particular need of Christmas fabrics. Bring any extra fabric you'd be willing to donate to the meeting September 12th and I will make sure it gets to Officer Guy. Thanks!

Geni Rains, Philanthropic Chair

New Sit-n-Stitch Group

QU's newest Sit-n-Stitch group "Quilts 'n Books" will have its first meeting in October. We will meet monthly at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Friday of each month, with the exception of December.

Meeting: Friday, October 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread on Thomasville Road (in front of Books-A-Million). Free coffee with purchase for QU members.

Come join the book discussion and bring your hand-quilting to Sit 'n Stitch together.

October's book selection is *Between Heaven and Texas*, by Marie Bostwick. She is a New York Times best-selling author, writing fiction, with a quilt theme.

"Bostwick's latest [published April 2013] is so full of heart, it's amazing it all fits on the pages. Her characters feel genuine, and their wisdom in the face of intense difficulty is profound. A prequel to the Cobbled Court Quilts series, this can stand on its own, satisfying longtime fans and inspiring new ones."

A paperback copy can be found at various booksellers, including Walmart, Target, some Goodwill bookstores, and the Leon County Library. A Kindle edition is also available.

Please contact Joy Vo or Marsha Walper for additional information.



Sit-N-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, biweekly 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 Marsha Walper.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Big Bend Hospice 1:00-3:00 pm Virginia Lewis	Sew for Hope 2nd Tuesday 1:00 - 4:30 pm Cynthia Seyler	Crazy Quilters Monticello Library 1:00 - 4:00 pm Barbara Sheats	Sew Arty 3rd Thursday 11:30am - 1:30pm Kathleen Turner	Thimble Buddies* 2nd Friday 9:30-11:30am Wendy Stone	Sew for Hope 1st Saturday 9:00 am– 3:00 pm Cynthia Seyler
The Quilting Bees Senior Center 1:00 - 4:00 pm	McQuilters Ronald McDonald 1:00 - 3:00 pm Carol Harrison	Pin Pals * 1st & 3rd Wed. 1:00 - 3:00 pm Linda Steans	Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:30 pm Janice Parker Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety * 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 7:00 -9:00 pm Esther Weiner Applique' Addicts NE Branch Library, Thomasville Rd 3rd Thurs. 6:00-8:00 pm Mary C. Scott	"Quilts 'n Books" 4th Friday, exp. Dec. 10:00 am T-ville Rd Panera Bread Joy Vo or Marsha Walper	Second Saturday 9:00-4:00pm Connie Beane Havana Sit 'n Stitch 4th Sat. 1:00 pm Martha Mitchell
Southwood Stitchers 10:00—3:00 pm Southwood Community Center Bring own lunch bag, drink and desserts provided. Nancy O'Rourke					

* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity

Sew Arty (Art Quilts) 3rd Thursday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (bring own lunch 11:30-12:00, meeting starts at noon) Envision Credit Union, 440 North Monroe Street Contact: Kathleen Turner

Dates to Remember

10/10 QU October Meeting - Jane Hardy Miller
10/11 French Braid Workshop - Jane Hardy Miller
10/12 French Fraid Workshop - Jane Hardy Miller
10/22 Quilt Show History at High Noon at Museum of Florida History
10/24 QU Steering Committee Meeting, 7 PM - Old and New
10/25 Newsletter Deadline
11/02 Museum Quilt Show Closes
11/09 Quilt Pick-up, 10 AM
11/14 QU November Meeting

Small/Medium/Long-arm Machine Quilter's group

This group is geared towards:

- "Small-arm quilters" - domestic sewing machines on a frame.
- "Mid-arm quilters" those in the 14" – 16" range, a more industrial machine; for this group, this applies more to the ones on a frame, but can also apply to the growing crop of sit-down mid-arms. And
- "Long-arm quilters" - the big ones that we more characteristically think of, in the 18" to 30" in range, and which sit on a frame.

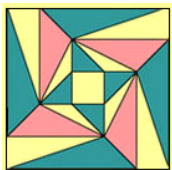
The group is open to both (1) machine and/or frame owners; and (2) those who are interested in acquiring the machine/frames.

The date, time, and location for the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday October 30th, from 7:00 - 8:30pm**, at Penny Blaszczyk's home (see directory for address).

Meetings typically will be at a member's house so we can see their

set - up. As such meeting dates and times will be subject to the hostess' schedule. There also may be road-trips to view equipment, perhaps take classes, have speakers, or as the group sees fit. E-mail reminders of the date/time/location will be sent out in advance. Questions? Contact Karen Skinner (see Directory for her contact information)





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Submit Info for Newsletter

**The deadline for newsletter
submissions is**

the 25th of the month.

**Please submit materials
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