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President's Message

Hello fellow quilters!

I hope you all are enjoying the fabulous fall season. October is my favorite month and a great month for quilting. Of course, I think every month is a great month for quilting!

Thanks to all who donated pillowcases and quilts at the September guild meeting. We are getting closer to the goal of 500 pillowcases for our wounded service men and women. Keep up the good work!

Save the Date:

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 7 PM

Timberlane Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

Happy Quilting,

Edie Frasier, President

P.S. Steering Committee members please bring your notebooks to the October Guild Meeting.

New Sit N Stitch Opportunity

Joy Vo is interested in and suggested that members form a ConKerr cancer sit'n'stich group that would meet periodically- four to six times a year- for the express purpose of sewing pillowcases for children with cancer.

Call Joy at (850) 510-0040. A few advocates could make a big difference in children's lives.

Workshop News

We still have spaces available for workshops with Bonnie Hunter. Please give serious thought to taking one or both of Bonnie's classes. All you need are some fabric scraps, your basic sewing tools, the desire to expand your quilting experience and, from what I hear, a sense of humor. I will be taking registration at the October guild meeting and you may also call me at [850/556-3662](tel:8505563662) to register. Just remember, your place is not guaranteed until you have paid for the class(es).

Crumb Piecing is on Friday, November 9 and Cathedral Stars on Saturday, November 10. You may visit Bonnie's website at quiltville.com to see and print detailed info and the supply lists for these classes. Each class is \$45.00, from 9:00 - 4:00 and both will be held at the church where we meet. You may bring a lunch and we will order in for those who can't or don't want to bring a lunch. Hope you can join us for the fun!

~Marilyn Kelley, Workshop Chairperson

Pillow Case Update

The number of pillowcases turned in at the September guild meeting was 121. That brings our total, so far to 188. There are 107 for veterans and 81 for ConKerr Cancer Children. Again, Sew Therapy Sit'n'Stitch wowed with 27 cases. Their total in two months is 57. Great job!

Nineteen cutout, but needing to be sewn, cases were distributed to members who will return them completed in October. These are not yet in our total count.

Keep on sewing - 500 is an attainable number if we work together and everyone does a part by making a case or two or three or more. Roberta Granville

October Guild Program

October QU program will be a Longarm discussion. Do you send your quilts to a longarmer for quilting? Have you ever wondered what they expect from you? How do you communicate with the longarmer as to your expectations of them? What's the difference between hand guided and computer driven longarm quilting? How do they determine their charges? We'll try to answer these and more of your questions for longarmer quilters. Join us, ask a question, learn a little about your longarm quilters. See you at the October meeting. Barbara Wiggins

LaFayette Park Gathering

Quilting class at Lafayette Park last Saturday in October from 2 - 5 pm: We'll be having a Jelly Roll Race. Beginner, novice or advanced quilter you'll have fun as we have a race to see who can complete their Jelly Roll quilt top first. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies, PLUS a fabric Jelly Roll. No need to even take it out of the wrapper as you'll get all the directions as we begin The Race. See you there! Barbara Wiggins

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
Sew for Hope (3rd Monday) 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cynthia Seyler	Sew for Hope (2nd Tuesday) 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cynthia Seyler	Sew for Hope (4th Wednesday) 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cynthia Seyler	Sew Arty 3rd Thursday 11:30am—?	Thimble Buddies* 2nd Fridays 9:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Wendy Stone	Sew for Hope (1st Saturday) 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cynthia Seyler
Big Bend Hopsice Quilters 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 Virginia Lewis	McQuilters Ronald McDonald 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Carol Harrison	Crazy Quilters Monticello Library 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Barbara Sheats	Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd, & 4th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Janice Parker		Second Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 Connie Beane
The Quilting Bees Senior Center 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.		Pin Pals * 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 1:00pm –3:00pm Linda Stearns	Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety * 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Esther Weiner		Havana Sit 'n Stitch 4th Saturday 1:00 p.m. Martha Mitchell
* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity.					Layfayette Com-Last Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Gertrude Shirley

Newsletter Publisher Needed

Are you looking for new ways to become involved in the guild? A position has opened up for the Newsletter Publisher and you may be the perfect person!

If you are comfortable with Microsoft Publisher or similar software program we ask that you contact Julie Love at qutlhnews@gmail.com to learn more about the responsibilities of the position. (Guild supplies Microsoft Publisher to the member.)

Road to Florida Challenge

Hope ROAD TO FLORIDA ideas are popping into your heads for the new 2013 Challenge! We had a great response at the September QU meeting. Many more entries are needed! Rules will be available at each meeting for an entry fee of \$5.00 which goes for prize money for the 12 winners. We will provide help at meetings and our January program will focus on creating original designs easily on paper or computer as well as writing instructions. Here's one idea for getting started....draw several 12 inch squares on freezer paper.....draw lines within a square to create 2 squares across and 2 down ("4 patch"). On another, draw 3 across and 3 down ("9 patch"). On another, draw 4 across and 4 down ("16 patch") and so on.... Fill in grids with your idea and see what size grid works best for your pieced or paper pieced block. For applique, just draw your idea into a 12 inch square (it can be "on point"). You can resize your block to any size you like for making your challenge quilt.

The Challenge rules contain a HELP list of books in our own QU library as well as websites. Here are a couple of websites that may help. www.quilterscache.com has examples of traditional blocks, original blocks and instructions. Scroll down to "where do you want to go today?" click on the arrows, then click on "Quilt Blocks Galore" or "Lesson 7_Drafting" etc. You can modify a block and create a new one. (i,e. Road to California block is a modification of Jacob's Ladder block.) Google "quilt blocks" for more ideas. The website www.quilt.com/HowTo/Drafting.html may be helpful. Scroll down to the section on creating your own blocks. If you have Electric Quilt software, play around with quilt block design or try draw software that comes with most computers. Please contact me anytime with questions. I'll be glad to mail or email the Challenge rules. Martha Tilden 386-8930 or gator1984@comcast.net.

Dates to Remember

10/11 QU October Meeting

10/25 QU Steering Committee Meeting

10/27 Last Saturday Sit-n-Stitch, Lafayette Park Community Center

11/4 Museum Show closing, 4PM

11/8 QU November Meeting – Bonnie Hunter, Scrap User's System

11/9 & 10 Bonnie Hunter Workshops

11/10 Museum Show Quilt Pickup, 10AM – 12 Noon

12/13 QU December Meeting – Annual Christmas Party

Quilts of Valor Update

Three Quilts of Valor were shown at the September meeting. Sue Skornia's is ready to ship and Shirley Holder donated two quilts she made for our service personnel. Thanks to both. If anyone else is working on Q of V, please let me know so they can all be mailed together.

~ Roberta

Up for Adoption

There were many orphan blocks donated several months ago and more recently. Some blocks have been incorporated into neonatal and/or cat cage quilts. Some are destined to become donation or fundraiser quilts and others may morph into silent auction items. However there are many more orphans that need to be adopted and made into something more than what they are.

The orphans will be at the October meeting awaiting adoption by a person or sit'n'stich group that can see beyond color, cut, and pattern to the potential which exists. Are you that person or group? Look, select, and sew to make something out of little or nothing. There are plenty of blocks to adopt so no one need be left out.

Favorite Quilt Block

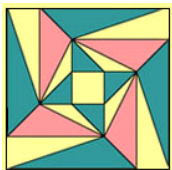
Since there are thousands of quilt patterns, it is no wonder that we have a problem at times of putting a name to a block. According to Jinny Beyer's book, *The Quilter's Album of Patchwork Patterns*, she has identified over 4 thousand block designs. Her book also provides the tools and "how to" you need to alter sizes to make a block to your own specifications.

With all these possibilities, and a big dose of curiosity, what is your personal favorite block design? Please provide your answer on the form provided and return to Roberta Granville by the December meeting.

The favorite block poll should provide us with some interesting insight as to member's preferences.

Member name: _____ Favorite block design: _____

Why is this block your favorite? _____



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Submit Info for Newsletter

**The deadline for newsletter
submissions is**

October 26, 2012

**Please submit materials via
email at
qutlhnews@gmail.com**

FAQs about the Guild Newsletter

1. What is the monthly deadline to submit articles for the newsletter?
 - The 26th at 5pm of each month is the deadline.
2. What is the publish date of each newsletter?
 - We have the articles published on the website by the 5th of each month. The newsletter is printed and mailed by the 6th of each month. Oftentimes it is sooner...these are our the latest possible dates each month.
3. Who do I tell if my address has changed?
 - If your mailing address has changed you must notify Geni Rains, membership chair.
4. Who do I submit articles to?
 - Email your articles to qutlhnews@gmail.com.
5. Do you edit or change articles submitted?
 - No. We do not edit the articles at all. You must send them exactly as you wish them to appear. At times, though, we must alter spacing to fit the newsletter format.