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President's Message

Quilt Tips

A New Perspective

To get the perspective of distance on a quilt plan, view it through a door peephole insert from the hardware store. This inexpensive gadget can help you "read" how fabrics will look from a distance.

A Washing Caution

Avoid using fabric softener in the washer or dryer when you prewash fabrics that you later intend to fuse. Fusible web will not adhere properly to fabrics treated with fabric softener.

Appliqué Storage

A great way to store small pieces cut for appliqué is on layers of flannel-backed vinyl. Cut a vinyl tablecloth in pieces the right size for a pizza box or other storage container. Place appliques on the flannel side of the squares and stack them up.

Appliqué Accident

If you have accidentally fused an appliqué in the wrong place, use a fabric softener dryer sheet as a pressing cloth to loosen the web so you can remove the appliqué to reposition it.

Avoid the Fuzz

When changing thread on your sewing machine, cut the thread at the spool, and pull the thread out toward the needle. This will avoid fuzzing up the tension disks and will actually "floss" the tension mechanism at the same time.

Clean and Heal

Use a dry, nylon kitchen scrubby to clean your cutting mat. It will clean away all the lint and threads and help heal the mat as well.

Dorothy Barr, President

*Life is not measured by the breaths we take,
But by the moments that take our breath away.*

State of Florida Viva 500

Our "Road to Florida" Challenge is being Published

Back in January, after I went home from our lessons on creating original quilt blocks, there was an ad on TV about the State of Florida Viva 500 to celebrate the discovery of Florida by Ponce De Leon the Spanish Explorer. So, as I was doodling possible block designs, I was thinking that our 2013 Challenge to design an original Road to Florida Block was worthy of being published in a national quilting publication.

I contacted Gyleen Fitzgerald (the quilt teacher and author who came to our guild a few years ago to teach at our retreat) to ask who she recommended I contact with my idea. She put me in touch with Barbara Polston, an editor for The Quilting Quarterly of the National Quilting Association. She immediately said she liked the idea and would be interested in publishing our story. After a lot of emails with questions and answers, Barbara assigned us a staff writer and offered an additional \$50 prize to the first place winner.

Our guild's story and the photo with instructions will be published. At this point in our correspondence, I do not know how much room we will be given in the magazine. So I can not say if 2nd and 3rd will be included. Hopefully, at a minimum, there will be a group photo of the other winners.

I hope our Challenge quilters are as excited as Martha Tilden and I are over our guild being in a national quilting publication.

Good Luck to All

Esther Weiner, Past President 2010

Guild Volunteer Opportunities Still Available

Hospitality Committee Chairperson

While there needs to be an appointed chairperson, this should be a team or committee effort. There is a Guild Hospitality book that provides instructions, suggestions and such, but the manner in which this responsibility is done is up to the team. This role does require that someone be at the meeting before 6:30 PM and someone (else) stay till the end. The basic duties are to come up with some way to have members bring snacks (birthday month, signup, etc.) maintain supplies and put out prior to meetings along with drinks, ice, etc. While some monitoring of the snack area during the social half-hour is needed, I don't think it is absolutely necessary for committee members to be constantly present in the kitchen. But, that just my opinion.

Door Prizes

This is another opportunity for a team of 2 or maybe 3 people. There is a book for this committee and a budget, so it does not rely entirely on donated items. At least one person should be at every meeting.

If you (and a few friends) are interested in either of these roles, please let me know.

Michele Hackmeyer, 2014 President-Elect

Get Ready for Your Close-up!

Photos for our directory will be taken beginning in August. Someone will be waiting outside the door to snap your photo as you enter. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please let me know. I have a camera and clipboard.

Michele Hackmeyer

Workshops

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!

Lost and need your help! Workshop tote.

Lost during the June QU meeting is the bag of samples and books for French Braid Quilt Workshop.

They are in a black foldable laundry bag or a white canvas tote bag.

If you have seen them please let me know ASAP.

Thank You

Kris T Califano Hebert [850-508-7293](tel:850-508-7293) krist29@comcast.net

ALSO: Those of you who are on the list for the workshop, please let me know who you are again, as the list is also in the lost tote.

You can email me your phone # and email address... krist29@comcast.net

Upcoming Programs

August-Challenge Quilt Reveal

It's time for the big reveal! View the 2013 Challenge Quilts and vote for your favorite.

September-Cats & Quilts

Cats love their quilts and quilters love their cats. We often see this animal from the domestic to the wild featured in quilts. The cat lovers among us will surely amuse and amaze with their cat "tales" and our special "cat walk" show & tell. Come ready to share a funny story about your cat and a quilt or strut your stuff on the cat walk with your favorite cat quilt, block, bag or garment. You may even wish to wrap yourself in your favorite feline fabric that you have not yet been able to cut. Don't forget about our less fortunate kitties that have a better chance at adoption with a cute quilt in their cage. Bring your kitty quilts for donation (Please see the specifications on the website). It is a theme night so check out the animal quilt books on the library table and sample the cat whiskers, fur balls and catnip dip in the kitchen.

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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Misc Events

Silk Painters International (SPIN) Mini-Festival and workshops August 7-11 at LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts in Tallahassee. Silk painting, demos, classes, art and fashion shows. For more info go to LeMoyne Website, www.lemoyne.org

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

Jacksonville Quilt Show Bus Trip 2013

Put September 28 on your calendar for the bus trip to Jacksonville for the big quilt show. The trip is \$27.00 which includes the price of admission to the show. Enjoy the trip over, view the show, shop the vendor, and relax on the way back sharing your day with everyone. Please get with me during the guild meeting to make payment for your seat. We are not making a list. Your name goes on the list only when you make your \$27.00 payment.

Give me a call with any questions.
Linda Brooks

2013 ROAD TO FLORIDA CHALLENGE "REVEAL" AND SELECTION OF WINNERS - August 8

INFO FOR VOTERS

All QU members: Come to the August 8 meeting ready to vote for your 12 favorite challenge quilts. Ballots will have numbered lines 1 through 12. All of the quilts will have numbers 1 through 26. Place the number of the quilt you think is THE BEST on line 1....SECOND best on line 2....THIRD best on line 3. Then pick 9 more, in no particular order, as HONORABLE MENTIONS. Votes will be counted and winners announced.

INFO FOR CHALLENGE QUILT MAKERS

1. Bring your finished ROAD TO FLORIDA quilts to the Aug. 8 meeting by 6pm for hanging and signing photo release forms for THE QUILTING QUARTERLY article.

2. Bring instructions for 12" block or email to gator1984@comcast.net

3. Pin a 3" x 5" paper to front of quilt with the quilt title and a brief description of your design process and thinking for voters to read. DO NOT include your name on front of quilt (your name should be on a label on back of quilt, however)

4. Be prepared to briefly describe your quilt after voting is completed.

5. Take your quilt home after the meeting and turn it in at the Museum of Florida History, 10am to noon, August 24. Be sure that your quilt has a label and 4" hanging sleeve on back of quilt.

6. If you can't be at the meeting, please ask a fellow quilter, friend or family member to bring your quilt for you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !

Martha Tilden, 2013 Challenge Chair

Items for Silent Auction Deadline is August 8th

Thank you to all who have donated items for the Silent Auction. I have 22 in hand so far, and 9 more promised. We usually aim for around 40, so I hope to receive an additional 10 which were not on my list, at the August meeting. We have some very attractive options this year, so I think we will do well.

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 1-3 pm Virginia Lewis	Sew for Hope 2nd Tuesday 1-4:30 pm Cynthia Seyler	Crazy Quilters Monticello Library 1 - 4 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 9:30 am-1pm Cynthia Seyler
The Quilting Bees Senior Center 1-4 pm	McQuilters Ronald McDonald 1 - 3 pm Carol Harrison	Pin Pals * 1st & 3rd Wed. 1-3 pm Linda Steans	Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:30 pm Janice Parker Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety * 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 7-9 pm Esther Weiner Applique' Addicts NE Branch Library, Thomasville Rd 3rd Thurs. 6-8 pm Mary C. Scott		Second Saturday 9:00-4:00pm Connie Beane Havana Sit 'n Stitch 4th Sat. 1 pm Martha Mitchell

* 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

8/08 QU August Meeting – Challenge Quilt Presentation and voting
 8/22 Steering Committee Meeting, 7 PM
 8/24 Drop-off Quilts for Museum Show
 8/25 Newsletter article submission deadline
 9/10 Capital City Quilt Show Opening Reception
 9/12 QU September Meeting

Congratulations to the newest Quilters Unlimited Sit-n-Stitch!

SouthWood Stitchers

1st & 3rd Monday, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (bring own lunch, drinks provided)

SouthWood Community Center. Open to new members Contact: Nancy O'Rourke

There are possibilities for two other new Sit-n-Stitch groups. Please contact Marsha Walper if you are interested.

1. There are some quilters who would like to start a new Sit-n-Stitch that will meet during the day, possibly every other Friday morning. The details of when and how often to meet can be discussed by those interested in joining this group.
2. There is also a group that would like to combine stitching with reading books about quilting, either fiction or nonfiction. Those interested in starting this group will decide the details of choosing books and naming this new type of group. Some meetings may be for mainly stitching with designated meetings for both discussing a book and stitching. The times and location of the meetings can be decided by those interested in joining the group.

"Appliqué Addicts"

The next meeting of "Appliqué Addicts" will be held on an alternative night to the normal third Thursday of the month, due to scheduling issues at our meeting location. It will be held on Thursday *August 29th*. The September meeting will be on its regular date, of September 19th.

Location: Northeast Branch Library / Bruce J. Host Center, 5513 Thomasville Road, just north of Kerry Forest Parkway across from Wal-Mart. We meet in the Library Conference Room.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Questions? Contact Mary Catherine Scott (see Directory for her contact information)

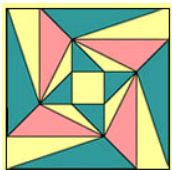
Small/Medium/Long-arm Machine Quilter's group

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 July 31st*, from 7:00-8:30pm, at Linda Brooks 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. It is likely that the August meeting will be on a Saturday, for this reason. There also may be road-trips to view equipment, perhaps take classes, 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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