

LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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November Calendar

- 1st All Saints Day
- 8th Day Light Savings Ends
- 9th Guild Meeting
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 26th Thanksgiving

November Birthdays

- 5th Carol Moore
- 6th Pam Goff
- 9th Jo Lipham
- 14th Trish Bates
- 22nd Anita Fountain

If we've missed your birthday, please email Angie Dempsey at dempsey@charter.net to update our roster.

A Word From Our President

When I hear someone say November, my first thought that comes to mind is Thanksgiving and how there couldn't be a more wonderful time of year for it to come than in the fall. At that time I think of how a year of our lives come full circle. Our life is a circle of love from God, to God and in between those two points we are to constantly reach out with His love to others.

Although Thanksgiving comes only once a year and is a time when we enjoy wonderful food and good fellowship with family and friends, don't forget to take time to be truly thankful for what we have. Stop and give thanks for all of your blessings! For me there are too many to count but one of them is the friends and fellowship that has been formed with all of you in our guild. I am so grateful to have each one of you in my life. I know at the meetings, I get wrapped up in some many things that I may not have the time to talk to everyone one but I am sincerely thankful for your friendship! I am also thankful for the love for each other and for our community each of you show!

Speaking of our community. Thanks to each of you who were at the meeting for taking stockings home to work on for our community service project. We gave out about 60 stockings to be completed. We will have a more definite number of how many we need and based on that have stockings available for those who were not at the meeting.

As I have said over and over, thanks to each of you for all you do! It really shows and we are definitely familiar to our city and local communities!

I look forward to seeing you on the 9th!

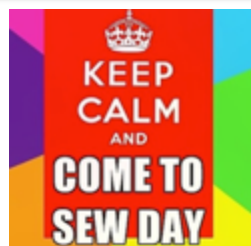
Anita

UFO Challenge – There are only 2 more meetings to show your finished projects and get in the drawing at the Christmas party! We've got a great prize waiting for some luck winner! At that time we will decide if we want to continue the challenge in 2016. All of you folks who are so good at having unfinished objects better get busy!

Sew Days –

We schedule sew days for the remainder of this year and hope you will plan to attend on days you are available. Remember, we need to keep in mind that they let us "use" the rooms at no cost!

The dates will be given to you at this month's meeting!



Membership Booklet At last month's meeting, Anita presented before the group the idea of making a membership book for all members. This booklet will be available only to our members and will have names, address, birthdays, etc. along with a photograph of each member. This will help for each of us to be able to identify who is who and will be especially good for new members.

The guild voted on this and we will begin work on this at the October meeting. We will look at adding a copy of the bylaws and other important information. If you feel any other information needs to be in the book, please let Anita know.

Bring a smile to the meeting! You may as well show up because we'll continue at each meeting til we are done!

November Program – For this month’s meeting our program will be “Quilts 101: Antique and Contemporary Quilts” from a documentary series, “Why Quilts Matter” which has been featured on many PBS channels. This will take us on an information and fun ride through the world of quilts.

Brenda Mayfield will also be providing a short teaching moment to the group on binding. Binding is a very big part of effective quilting and will be good information to everyone!

Monthly Fat Quarter Drawing - The November Fat Quarter theme is “Topaz and Chrysanthemums.” Bring your yellow or gold blenders or prints fat quarters for the drawing and you may just be the winner this month!

Congratulations to our October winner, Pat Horn!

Our October visitors and returning members! We hope they'll come back and join our guild!

Dianne Higgins

Sandra Holloway

Amanda Stewart

November Refreshments:

The refreshments for this month will be provided by Carole DeGrenier, Carol Moore, Sue Gardner, and Margaret McNaron.

October refreshments were provided by the guild as our 2016 Quilt Show Kick Off party!

Also, the guild voted on cutting back on refreshments since we have moved to the Civic Center and don't have the kitchen set up we had previously.

**** Please don't forget to sign up for a turn at providing refreshments! The sign up sheet is available at the sign in table at each meeting.****

Especially during the holiday season, please remember -Janette Lackey is still in the nursing home. If you have a minute, send her a card or note. Her address:

***NHC Rehabilitation
Camille Court
Attn: Irene Janette Lackey,
Rm 419
2300 Coleman Road
Anniston Road 36207***

October's Program – Thanks to Angie Dempsey for providing us a program on the Disappearing Hour Glass Block. The block is a really pretty block. Angie gave a demonstration on all of the steps for the block and provided a handout to members. She also showed a finished quilt of this pattern. Hope to see some of you make a quilt out of the block!

Also, thanks to Brenda Mayfield for giving us a talk on her lessons learned from our national teacher, Nancy Mahoney's, Feather Star and Gumdrop Quilt classes. Brenda had the following ideas for making some of the steps easier. She recommended using a small iron and watering down your starch. Also, pay close attention on the ends of the melon shape in the Gumdrop pattern because one end is larger and make your circle ¼" smaller so it doesn't come out to the edge of the square where you will be sewing. Brenda did not prefer using invisible thread as taught in the class. These are some really good ideas to keep in mind when finishing your quilt tops!

Anytime any of you have information on errors on patterns, ideas to make a technique easier, or other information you have, please share it with the group. The smallest tidbit of information can save someone hours of work that is unnecessary!

Newsletter Info – Don't forget that any information that needs to be included in our monthly newsletter has to be sent to me by the 20th of each month.

Chairpersons and board members, I need your monthly updates each month as soon after the previous meeting as possible. If no information is received, the members will not be kept informed of that area.

Quilt show chairpersons, remember the newsletter is the best way to keep everyone informed and to keep the amount of time we have to discuss quilt shows plans at our monthly meetings!

Again, I challenge each member to send something to me to put in an upcoming newsletter. These can be quilt tips, articles, recipes, quilt shows or anything else you feel may be useful to everyone. If each member sends one item, it will save me a lot of research time each month! Thanks to those of you who have sent me information!

Anita

October Show & Tell



Molly Steenberg



Brenda Mayfield



Mary Simmons



Angie Fortner



Veronica Epperson



Deb Saska

Round Robiners — A group of our members participated in a Round Robin with a “Spring” theme. Those who participated were Bernice, Molly, Mindy, Jinnia, Melissa, Babbette and Melissa’s daughter, Amanda Stewart. Each one pieced a center block and passed it to the next person for them to add a portion. This continued until each person had added on to each quilt. At the October meeting the quilts were shown and each participants saw their completed quilt top for the first time. This was quite interesting for everyone and here are photos of the quilters and the quilts!



Educational Corner – Part 2 of Tips from the NQA Show in Little Rock to help you get your quilts ready for the show. This information will help make sure your quilt meets the qualifications set by judges. If the tips are confusing, information or videos can be found on the internet to explain in more detail. Next month's information will be tips on Machine Applique.

EDGE FINISHING

- **Most importantly, stitching closing your “quilt sandwich” should be small, close and tight.**

PIPING/BINDING:

- **Width of piping or binding should be consistent in size.**
- **Piping should be evenly filled with cording.**
- **Binding or piping, including corners, should lay flat.**

SCALLOPS:

- **Scallop widths should be smooth and equal in length.**
- **Binding should not be puckered or lumpy at indentation.**
- **Batting should go completely out to edge of quilt to fill binding.**

PRAIRIE POINTS:

- **Points should be same in size and evenly spaced.**
- **Folded edges should meet or overlap consistently.**
- **Points should meet at corners.**

RUFFLES:

- **Stitching which attaches ruffle to quilt should be invisible.**
- **Gathers should be evenly spaced.**



The Bobbins discover that quilt batting is a poor substitute for turkey stuffing.

Quilt to Present to the City of Oxford

--Ideas have begun for the vintage yellow and black Dresden Plate quilt blocks purchased to make a quilt to present to the City of Oxford. So far we have decided that the Dresden plates need to be fused to white fabric and have black sashing. The quilt will be a wall hanging and we still need to decide the size and how many plates to use along with several other things so we can get the piecing done. As soon as we complete the quilt we will be able to pass it on to Sidney Smith and Cindy Launhardt for hand quilting.

Did you know that 1 bale of cotton weighs 500 pounds and can yield 215 pairs of jeans or 690 towels? Also, the cotton plant produces more food for humans and feed for animals than it does fiber!

Quilt Show Update - We had a quilt show committee meeting the end of September and have begun moving forward in several of the areas. It is very important that everyone get signed up for a committee because the earlier each committees start working together, the easier it will be throughout the months prior to the show and things won't sneak up on us!

Some of the main notes from the meeting were:

- Budget for each committee for the show will be due by the January meeting.
- The Hoffman Challenge traveling quilt display has been reserved for our show.
- The quilt show challenge quilt theme has been selected. Our theme will be “Idioms and Catch Phrases.” These will be randomly assigned to those who fill out a form and want to make a quilt for this category. Each participant will be given two idioms and will choose the one they wish to make a quilt in relation to. The rules, size requirements, etc. will be discussed at this month's meeting.
- Quilts entry rules and forms have been drafted and will soon be finalized and available in November at the meeting and on our website.
- Publicity will be kicking in to full action very soon. Be making notes of any areas you know of where additional publicity can be directed, i.e., newspapers, businesses, quilt shops, quilt shows, etc.

Carolyn will provide additional information at the meeting!

Community Service Projects Update

Our projects for this year are going great thanks to great members! Here is the latest information on each one!

1. Our Food Drive to support the Center for Concern – The final total of food turned in for the food drive was over 350 pounds. Thanks to everyone a lot of meals will be available for those in need.
2. The fidget quilt project has been a real success as well! We completed 106 quilts and Sharon delivered them to Village Jacksonville Memory Center, Calhoun County Schools, Oxford City Schools and Golden Living.
3. The Christmas stockings that Sharon had cut out and packaged with instructions were passed out to members at the October meeting. As requested by everyone after last year's stocking project, they were made larger for this year. We will take a count at this month's meeting to see how many have been completed and how many we still need. Bernice reported that the charity program through her employer, Homeland Security, committed to provide a \$50 gift card for each stocking! This is an incredible donation and we need to send a thank you to them for their generosity.



Don't forget about me!

If you will be available for a couple of evenings in January, volunteers are needed to help the girl scouts learn to sew. We'll be making little flannel blankets to go to Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) babies. Please come!

MINDY

Upcoming Shows and Events

November

Nov 12 - Dec 11, 2015

Quilt Challenge Exhibit
presented by

Shoals Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts
217 E Tuscaloosa St, Florence, AL
35630

(256) 760-6379

www.florenceal.org

www.facebook.com/Shoalspiecemakers

*Got any show info? Email it to Anita at

Honorary LSQG Member

Belinda Carol Burgess

LSQG voted to make Belinda an honorary member. Upon Belinda's unexpected death, her family donated all of her quilting fabric and notions to our guild to help support our community service mission. Although we never knew her, she has been a vital part of our guild. Thanks to her Belinda and her family, we have made a more significant in the community than we ever imagined. We have honored Belinda on our LSQG website as well!

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Navajo Corn Muffins - provided by Vicky Morrison

½ cup yellow cornmeal
½ cup blue cornmeal
1 cup flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
½ cups raisins
½ cup dark brown sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons oil
1(15 to 16 ounce can) cream-style corn

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all dry ingredients. Beat egg; add oil and corn. Add to dry ingredients. Stir in raisins. Grease muffin tins and fill ¾ full. Bake for 15-20 minutes. Makes 12-16 muffins.

Lick Skillet Quilt Guild

Our Mission: To promote an appreciation of the art of quilting, to share knowledge about quilts and quilting, and to perform community service projects.

The Guild is a non-profit organization open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting. Monthly meetings are 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Oxford Civic Center, 401 McCullars Lane, Oxford, Alabama 36203. Guests are welcome. Annual dues are \$25, renewable in October of each year.

Address/phone/email changes, contact: Angie Dempsey, 256-362-0035

Find us online at www.lickskilletquiltguild.com or www.facebook.com/#!/groups/455735277826951 or Lickskilletquiltguild.blogspot.com

Contributions to the Newsletter is welcome. Articles/ads/guild info due no later than the third Monday of each month and must be submitted with name and phone number of the author. Articles must be submitted in text files or hard copy by email to Anita Fountain at alfount@yahoo.com.

2016 Quilt Show Committee Chairs

Quilt Show Chairman	Carolyn Davis
Publicity	Anita Fountain
Vendors	Becky Everett
Advertising	Sue Gardner
Quilt Receiving	Angie Fortner
Judging	Valera Johnson
Layout/Setup	John & Pam Goff
Programs	Anita Fountain
Bed Turning/Appraisals	Bernice Zaidel
Community Service	Sharon Lamberth
Admissions	Karen Burnham
Hospitality	Jinnia Flynn
Opportunity Quilt	John Goff
White Glove	Tippi Healea
Treasurer	Carole DeGrenier
Photography	Angie Dempsey

Important Message:

If the Oxford Civic Center is closed for inclement weather, the Guild will not have its scheduled meeting or sew day for that day. If a meeting or sew day is rescheduled for another day, you will be notified by phone or email! Your safety is very important to us!

2015 Executive Board

President	Anita Fountain
Vice-President	Bernice Zaidel
Secretary	Valera Johnson
Treasurer	Carole DeGrenier
Member at Large	Jinnia Flynn