

LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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January Calendar

1st New Year's Day
13th Quilt Show Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
13th Monthly Meeting
21st Martin Luther King Day
25th Visit Your Local Quilt Shop Day

January Birthdays

2nd Valera Johnson
9th Mindy Steenberg
10th Teresa Bonds
15th Karen Burnham
18th John Goff
23rd Jeanne Gnau

If we have missed your birthday, please email Sarah at sadiewhat@gmail.com to update the roster.



VISIT YOUR LOCAL QUILT SHOP DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014

A Word From Our President!

Happy New Year!

Here we are at the dawn of a new year already! I pray that each of you will be blessed with peace and good health during the coming days.

It's time for change of officers; however, the only new officer we will have is Julie Wells, who will be secretary for 2014. Thanks to Joan Hayden for serving two years as secretary. Valera Johnson and Sidney Smith have agreed to serve our guild on the Executive Board as members-at-large. Angie Dempsey will be our new Membership Chairman and Teresa Bonds will be our Hospitality chair. All other committees will remain the same since this will be the year of the Quilt Show!

Don't forget that January is the month we pay our 2014 dues. Some of us "senior" members will get a break in price just because we have been fortunate to reach old age! (Myself included!)

Speaking of senior...does anyone know where the guild's printer is?

Anita is working very hard on the programs for this year. Any input you can provide will be welcomed and appreciated.

By this time, most of you should have received your secret pal information. There were a few last minute entries so I had to do some shuffling around. The ones of you who have not received your secret pal should get it very soon.

Wayne and I will be in Santa Fe, New Mexico, when you have the January meeting. I hate to miss the first meeting of the new year. but SOMEONE has to go on our 30th anniversary trip with my husband! I look forward to seeing all of you in February!

Carolyn

Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

January

22-26 Tybee Time Retreat 2014
Ocean Plaza Resort
1401 Strand Ave
Tybee Island, GA
www.colonialquilts.us

* Check with the sponsor prior to the event in case there have been changes or cancellation

**Email any quilts shows or events you would like to see posted in our newsletter to Anita at alfount@yahoo.com

At the sound of the tolling midnight bell

A brand new year did begin

Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast,

To the promise it ushered in.

May your battles be few, your pleasure many,

Your wishes and dreams fulfilled.

May your confidence stand in the face of loss

And give you the strength to rebuild.

May peace of heart fill all your days

May serenity grace your soul.

May tranquil moments bless your life

And keep your spirit whole. unknown



January Program

Our January program will be provided by Brenda Mayfield. She will be giving us ideas and information on hanging sleeves and label requirements for quilts that are going to be submitted for judging in quilt shows. As most of you know, Brenda has entered quite a number of her quilts into shows and has been successful to say the least! Won't she come in handy when we all have questions for our quilts we are planning to enter in our very first quilt show?

January Refreshments:

The refreshments for our January meeting will be provided by Jinnia Flynn, Molly and Mindy Steenberg and Teresa Bonds.

****Don't forget to sign up for your turn to have refreshments for 2014. A sign up sheet has been started and will be available at the each meeting.**

Monthly Fat Quarter Drawing

This year's fat quarter drawings for each month will be related to a song title. If you were not at the December meeting or forgot to get your copy of the list for this year, we will have them available again this month!



January Drawing: - Remember When?

Our drawing for January is "Remember When?" Bring in fat quarters that are either reproduction or civil war themed fabric for the drawing!

Congratulations to Linda Love, our winner of the December "Stocking Full of Dots!" drawing!

2013 UFO Challenge Wow! This challenge resulted in a lot of finished projects over the past year! Members who participated listed a total of 134 UFOs and at the end of the year (actually in 10 months) 46 had been completed! That is 1/3 of the projects completed! Good Job!

At the December meeting we recognized the member finishing the most UFOs, which was Molly Steenberg who finished seven. Also, the member finishing the oldest listed UFO, which was Margaret McNaron who finished a quilt she started in 2003! The challenge drawing was held and Molly Steenberg's name was drawn. Molly won a rolling canvas wagon, which worked out well for her since she had to haul all the decorations from the party to her car! Congratulations to Margaret and Molly!

Based on interest in continuing the challenge for 2014, we will be giving those who want to participate a form to fill out and turn in for this next year. Remember, if you participate, you aren't required to finish the projects you list; you are just being inspired! The only requirement is that the project has to be started which means it has to be at a minimum already cut, not just bought!

Our Guild Christmas Party – was a wonderful and festive event!

Thanks to Teresa Bonds, Molly Steenberg and Jinnia Flynn for the wonderful decorations they provided for the Christmas party! Everything was beautiful and we appreciate all of your hard work! Also, thanks to everyone who volunteered and brought desserts, salads (and yes, John, your cranberry orange relish) and drinks to go with our catered meal! The dirty Santa game was fun as usual, the UFO Challenge prize was drawn and secret pals were revealed! We had a great time and ALOT of laughs! It was a real addition to the holiday season! We enjoyed having Bernice Zaidel's husband, Frank, Mary Simmons' husband, Brian and Pam Goff's sister, Jennifer Schmoldt with us! We had a large crowd and we missed those of you who were not able to attend! We look forward to seeing you again in the new year! Thanks again to Carolyn and Anita's husbands, Wayne and Bob for working hard to serve us and for cleaning up!



QUILTER'S TIPS

Quilters with problems bending over can buy a telescopic magnet at the auto store to keep next to your machine. When you drop a pin or needle, just slide it out to pick up your item without bending!

If you crack or break one of your expensive rulers, don't throw it out! Take it to a glass company to have it cut down. If it's a large one, you can get two rulers out of the old one!



Quilt Humor



News Flash - We have found a new quilt shop! Pickleweeds Quilt Shop in Douglasville, GA opened in September 2013! It's a nice shop with really nice folks! You'll want to go there!

Member Highlight! ***Each month a guild member is highlighted in the newsletter so we can get to know our members better.*

Meet Becky Everett -- Becky was born in Ohio. Her family moved to Oxford when she was 13 where she lived until 2011, when she and her husband, Mike, moved to Cropwell, with their cat and three dogs. They have three children, Patrick, Abby and Charlie and a precious granddaughter, Emily!

Becky's craftiness began in Ohio at about six years old where a neighbor taught her how to embroider a lazy daisy stitch. She says she can still remember the smell of her house and having grilled cheese and tomato soup for lunch with Jackie Kennedy on a black and white television. Those of you who know Becky, knows she is always reminiscing! She learned to sew when she was about 14, making skirts and easy garments. Becky was introduced to quilting, in 2001 by her sister-in-law and boy did she ever catch on! She loves all steps of quilting (except cutting) but her favorite is quilting it! Other than quilting, she loves handwork, knitting and crocheting.

Most of you know Becky owned SewWHAT quilt shop in Oxford from 2007 to 2010. Becky is reminiscing again -- "One day I was looking back and recalling those days, thinking of when we closed and asking all those crazy questions... What if I had done something this way or that way? Maybe if I had done x, y and z.. My husband sensed the feeling of hurt and loss and told me: 'If all you got out of this were these new friends it was all worth it'. He's absolutely right. In those three years I found my very best friend in this world and many, many more ladies that I can honestly say I love. And even more that I am privileged to simply call 'friend'."

- A few of Becky's Favorite Things:
- Colors: Orange and green
 - Food: Does there have to be a favorite? Just no coconut!
 - Season: Fall Holiday: Thanksgiving
 - Music: Kid Rock Books: Sandra Dallas novels
 - Movie: Dancing with Wolves
 - Hobby and Past Times: Crochet and knitting
 - Favorite Place to Visit or Be: Home
 - If I Could Travel to One Place: Ireland

Becky couldn't give a word to describe her or her best attribute. Most who know her would probably say she could be described as "caring" and her best attribute is her kind heart. Becky most enjoys doing things for others that is a total surprise! That's our Becky! Her most recent favorite quote is, "I myself am entirely made of flaws, stitched together with good intentions."



Mixing Fabrics -- As we all know, etiquette rules have changed over the years! Well, so have the musts and must-nots of quilting!

For example, there was a time when **cotton or wool batting was required** for a quilt. Of course, that changed over time. In addition to the old cotton and wool standbys, there are other battings to consider, including natural bamboo and polyester. It was also true that quilters were never to mix fabric fibers, except of course in a crazy quilt. Cotton pieces were bound with other cotton ones and any polyester quilt pieces got patched with more polyester pieces. These days, more and more quilters are combining the two.

Despite tradition, there's nothing wrong with mixing fabric as long as the quilter is using fabrics of similar weight. Today's polyester is not the same stuff that dressed the disco age in leisure suits. There are lightweight polyesters that feel like silk. Some feel like suede. Others are strangely similar to cotton.

Technology has made these advancements possible, which means we quilters have another consideration to make: to combine fibers or not to combine fibers?

Really, it's a matter of personal choice. If you have a polyester fabric in your stash that would look great in a quilt top that you had planned on using only cottons, give it a try. Some quilters have a hard time working with polyester since they are accustomed to using cottons. Make a block and see how you like it. If not, don't proceed. If you don't have a problem, go ahead and include your polyester. It's as simple as that.

The important thing about mixing fabric fibers is to **keep the pieces approximately the same weight** because as the fabrics brush or rub against each other, they will begin to wear. Heavier fabrics will wear out thinner ones. Sometimes, a heavier fabric sewn to a lighter weight one will pull against the thread, too. This will make your fabrics tear and pull apart at the seams.

The real problem with mixing cottons and polyesters in a quilt top will arise in the quilting method you choose and whether or not you are already comfortable with quilting on polyester. If this is new to you, it may take a little time to adapt. If you try and have problems, try tying your quilt rather than quilting in the ditch. Free motion quilting brings about different challenges, but if you take it slow you should be able to maneuver the project just fine. Also, if you are planning to have your quilt top professionally quilted, you may want to check to make sure they will work on a piece with polyesters.

What do you do about threads when you combine fabric fibers? Avoid changing back and forth by just using the thread that fits the majority of your fabric. If your quilt top is predominantly cotton, but you have infused a few of your favorite polyester pieces, use cotton thread. This advice is good for both piecing and quilting.

It's important to realize that just because mixing fabric fibers has become more accepted in the quilting world does not mean that judges will consider the same line of thinking in a contest event. **Before entering any quilting contest or show, be aware of the guidelines.** Follow the rules so you don't get disqualified. Some contests may have a division for mixed textiles or a creative division in which your project may qualify.

Sometimes it's fun to break the "rules" and try new things in our quilting. If you've been itching to throw in some polyester into your cottons, give it a whirl. You never know - you may just develop a new look that will inspire you to create many more!

This article was adapted from an article written by Penny Halgren, courtesy of <http://www.How-To-Quilt.com/>

2014 Opportunity Quilt Update -

No update on our Opportunity Quilt but Julie Wells will give us one at this month's meeting! If you haven't offered to help on the quilt and are willing to, please let Julie know! Plans are to get the quilt top finished and quilted as soon as possible since the quilt show work is ahead of us! Thanks for your work if you've helped so far and thanks in advanced if you're planning to!!!

Challenges, Projects, and Trips, Oh My!

If you remember, in the December newsletter you were asked to think about which programs, challenges and events you may be interested in the guild doing in 2014. A sheet was given out at the Christmas party for members present to fill out asking about your interest in sew days, continuing the UFO challenge, mystery quilt or block of the month projects, the Atlanta Shop Hop and attending a retreat. **Well, we have begun making plans!** These are what we are currently working on based on results from the sheets and/or votes by members at the December meeting!

H Sew Days – Enough interest was shown from the members to plan Sew Days again this year! Carolyn will schedule days for the beginning of the year and if enough members participate, she will schedule days for the remainder of the year. Remember when this room is scheduled by the guild to use for free, it isn't available for others to rent!

H UFO Challenge – A vote was taken by show of hands and it was indicated that the majority of members want to continue the challenge again in 2014! Forms will be available for those interested.

H Block of the Month and Mystery Quilt projects – There was a great deal of interest in both of these projects with the mystery quilt project having the most votes! We have decided that a mystery quilt project would be a better choice since our last project was a block of the month.

H Shop Hop – Over 20 members showed an interest in attending the 2014 Greater Atlanta Shop Hop scheduled for March! We will be working on the options for the trip and get this to you as soon as possible since it is just around the corner.

H Guild Quilt Retreat – There was also quite a bit of interest in a quilt retreat for this year. We will be discussing this more at upcoming meetings!

Thanks everyone for your input! By asking for information on your desires and interests, it makes it easier for us to plan the year with all of our members in mind! It is especially important since our quilt show is this year! We want to ensure that everyone enjoys the guild meetings, programs, etc. while we are hard working to make the show a success! Thanks again!

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Hearty Italian Sausage Soup

1 pound Italian sausage, sliced

1 onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp olive oil

2 cans (14.5 oz) reduced sodium chicken broth

1 soup can water

1 can (15 oz) cannellini beans, rinsed

1 can (14.5 oz) stewed tomatoes, undrained

1 cup rotini pasta, uncooked

1-1/2 cups baby spinach leaves

½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Cook sausage, onions and garlic in oil in large saucepan for 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Add broth, water, beans and tomatoes. Bring to boil. Stir in pasta, cook 8 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat. Stir in spinach, cover. Let stand for 5 minutes. Top with cheese and serve with crackers.

DECEMBER (UFO) SHOW AND TELL



Anita Fountain's
Christmas Tablecloth



Carolyn Davis'
30's Applique Quilt



Julie Wells'
White Chocolate Quilt



Julie Wells'
T-shirt Quilt



Jo Lipham's
Oopsie Daisy Quilt

Quilt Show Update

Can you believe we are in 2014 and it is less than 9 months until our quilt show? Boy, is there a lot of work to do?!? **We are having a quilt show meeting on January 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., prior to our guild meeting.**

Have you decided which quilts you plan to enter in the show? Shawnee will give an update on timelines at this month's meeting! Forms will be available to be filled out on the number of quilts you plan to enter, "bridge" challenge participation and any Vintage quilts you have to be displayed.

Shawnee will discuss the bridge challenge so that everyone is clear. She will be assigning member to committees so that each committee has the necessary number of workers and can begin working in their areas. These are just a few of the areas she will be discussing with the guild. She will discuss other show items and answer any questions as they arise by members!



Mystery Quilt

We will begin a mystery quilt this month! As mentioned in the survey last month it will not be a stressful, difficult project. But, at the same time, it is a beautiful quilt!

This project has only five parts! The first part will be given out this month to those who want to participate. At the next four monthly meetings, another part will be given out and the past month's part presented until the mystery is complete! This will be something that if you stay on track can be completed in to time be a quilt show entry.

If you have any questions, get in contact with Anita Fountain. We hope you will plan to take part in the mystery!

Ode to My Wife the Quilter

She learned to quilt on Monday
Her stitches were very fine
She forgot to thaw out dinner
So we went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures on Tuesday
She says they are a must
They really were quite lovely
But she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday it was a sampler
She says the stippling's fun
What hi-lights! What shadows!
But the laundry wasn't done.

Her patches were on Thursday
Green, yellow, blue and red I
Guess she really was engrossed
She never made the bed.

It was wall hangings on Friday
In colours she adores
It never bothered her at all
The crumbs on all the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday
My week is now complete
My wife can quilt the hours away
The house will still be neat.

Well it's already Sunday
And I'm about to wilt
I cursed, I raved, I ranted,
The MAID has learned to QUILT!

*Author Unknown
Submitted by Becky Everett*



2014 Community Service Project

Since our quilt show is this year, we feel it will be too much for us to try to have a community service project that takes up the time like we have spent in the last couple of years when we made lap quilts and chemo caps and wraps. We have decided that a good idea for the project would be to have a display of items at a Community Service area in the quilt show where attendees can purchase tickets for chances to win. The proceeds from this will go to a charity that has been voted upon by the members of the guild.

These prizes will be donated baskets by vendors, quilt shops and local businesses. Members who are interested can put together a basket to donate to be given away. These do not have to be quilting/sewing related baskets.

Mary Simmons has volunteered to be the Community Service Committee chairperson again this year and will be working on this. She will be looking for members to volunteer to work with her prior to and at the quilt show!

THANKS Mary for volunteering for this chairperson job again this year!

Did You Know?

Making Quilts was uncommon in America in the late 18th century and early years of the nineteenth. Most women were busy spinning, weaving and sewing in order to clothe their family. Commercial blankets or woven coverlets were a more economical bedcovering for most people. Only the wealthy had the leisure time for making Quilts.

Obviously quilts were not made of left over scraps or worn clothing as a humble bedcovering during this period. Instead they were decorative items that displayed the fine needlework of the maker.

2014 Executive Board

President	Carolyn Davis
Vice-President	Anita Fountain
Secretary	Julie Wells
Treasurer	Becky Everett
Members at Large	Sidney Smith Valera Johnson



If the Friendship Community 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! Our member's safety is very important to us!

2014 Committees/Chairperson

Hospitality	Teresa Bonds
Membership	Angie Dempsey
Community Service	Mary Simmons
Opportunity Quilt	Julie Wells
Publicity and Historian	Molly Steenberg
Quilt Show	Shawnee Weigt