



LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



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*In August, when the days are hot,
I like to find a shady spot,
And hardly move a single bit –
And sit -- And sit --
And sit -- And sit!*

August Calendar

- 9th Guild Meeting
- 9th Sew Day

August Birthday



24th Carolyn Davis

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

2013 Sew Days Friendship Community Center

September 9th (Monday)
October 19th (Saturday)

Times and any other additional information will be announced at the meeting prior to the scheduled sew day for that month.



July Visitors

*Angie Dempsey
Sandra Jean
Angel Rait*

A Word From Our President!

Ladies and John,

Now that August is upon us and children and grandchildren will be back in school, it's time to be thinking about getting down to some serious sewing to get those UFO's and Ugly Fabric Quilts finished. Also, remember that the nominating committee will soon be appointed to fill the 2014 slate of officers and committee chairpersons. If there is a particular position that you are interested in filling, please let me know and I will pass this information on.

Anita is busy planning our cookout for September and we hope all of you will be able to come. Sign-up sheet will be available at the August meeting. Since the cookout will also be our regular meeting, we will share our "creations" made from our ugly fabric.

Get busy selling those tickets for our opportunity quilt! We will need some of you to be at OxfordFest to promote our guild and then draw for the lucky winner!

I know it seems as if our Quilt Show is a long way off, but it will be here before you know it! Our show committee is working hard to get things organized and underway. It will take each of us to make it a success. Get those quilts done, help make some things to sell in the Lick Skillet Mercantile, and gather up those treasures you want to donate to our White Elephant sale, and last, but not least, volunteer to work on a committee! Looking forward to seeing each of you at our August meeting. Don't forget to bring your embellishment stuff for our surprise program!

Carolyn

Embellishments for August Meeting!!! ? ? ? ?

Do you have your embellishments gathered up for this month's meeting! There have been several questions asked about what embellishments to bring. Whatever you have -- medium or large buttons, beads, rickrack, lace, sew on embroidered patches or designs, ribbon, strips of fabric for ruching, you name it! Any embellishments you have in your stash that you have collected or put aside because you "don't know when in the world you are going to use them" may be the perfect items!

August Program: Surprise, surprise, surprise!

One last time, don't forget to bring your embellishments to the meeting! We will have a very short meeting and then move on to our "surprise" program! When you sign in at this meeting, please take a color chip and hang on to it! At the beginning of the program we will explain to you what your chip means! Also, there will be a box or bin available to put you embellishment items in! Again, there is no use in putting your embellishments in a package or putting your name on them because we will be using them as a group. And, by the way, please bring scissors, needles and thread, again this month! We hope to have a large group this month! After all, who doesn't like surprises???

August Refreshments:

The refreshments for the August meeting will be provided by Shannon Howard, Valera Johnson and Pam McGhee.

Thanks to Sue Mitchell, Linda Lackey and Sarah Gunter for last month's delicious refreshments. You did a great job!

****Please check to see if it is time for you to sign up for refreshments !**

August Drawing:

Theme: Harvest *"The goldenrod is yellow
The corn is turning brown
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down"*

The August drawing will be batik fat quarters in beautiful autumn colors.

Congratulations to our July winner, Molly Steenberg! She won a bumper crop of fruit and vegetable fabric!

Thanks to – Carol Bentley for teaching and assisting us on making those cute little crazy girl and scare crow man quilt pins! Carol was so gracious to put together packets with beads and little quilted fabric squares to give to everyone for their pins, not to mention the box of every color of thread imaginable that she brought to use for their hair! Everyone had a great time and each pin had it's own personality (or should we say the personality of the person making it!?!?) Thanks again, Carol for such a fun time!

2013 UFO Challenge Update

The UFO challenge is still going strong! Each month we have completed projects shared with the group! There are only four (4) months left on the challenge so look at where you are on your UFO list. Remember, the more you finish, the more times your name will be in for the drawing in December! We have had 23 completed! Keep bringing those UFOs in! There are still a lot on our lists!

Guild Cookout -- Saturday, September 21st **The vote is in! We're having a cookout!**

At the July meeting, the members voted in favor of a cookout in September instead of our regular Monday night meeting. We will be scheduling a workshop and a short meeting that morning from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a cookout starting around 2:00 p.m.

The guild will be providing the hamburger meat and hot dogs as well as all of the paper products for the meal. A food sign-up sheet for the additional food items needed for the cookout will be located on the sign-in table at the August meeting. Your plans to attend will be indicated by signing up to bring one of these items. ***Please*** be sure to sign up so we will know how much meat to purchase and can be mindful of the guild's funds by not spending more than is necessary!

Additionally, your spouses are welcome to attend and we would love for them to come! Please indicate if they will be there, too! If so, they can arrive around 2:00 p.m.

Lick Skillet Lesson - Bobbin Tension

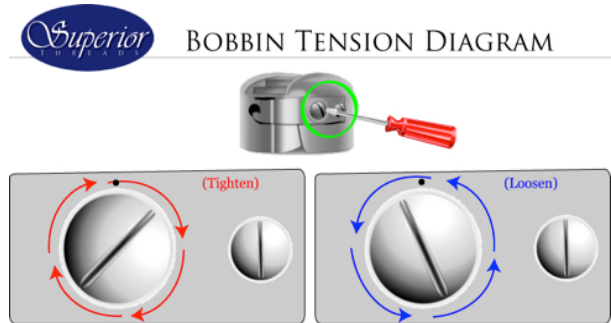
--We often talk about tension setting adjustments on machines and 90% of the time we adjust the top tension to achieve the perfect stitch and only about 10% of the time, the **bobbin tension**. Many have been told to never touch the bobbin tension but it isn't as difficult as we've been led to believe and hopefully here you'll realize it is perfectly safe and easy to adjust the bobbin case. Over time, tensions can change with regular use by working themselves either tighter or looser, even though you haven't physically changed the settings. Thread, lint, and temperature can also affect them. There are three times when adjusting the bobbin tension might be necessary. Two are obvious, but the third is the "I never thought of that before" alternative.

1. When using a very smooth, fine bobbin thread the preset setting may not apply the necessary brakes to stop it when you stop sewing. In this case, the bobbin thread continues to unwind, potentially causing backlash, and upon start up again, the thread **will break**. **Tightening** the tension will fix this.
2. When using a very heavy bobbin thread the preset tension might be too tight for a heavy thread, preventing the bobbin thread from unwinding freely. **Loosening** the bobbin tension will solve this.

(Be sure to turn the tension screw in small increments whether you are tightening or loosening the screw.)

3. **Q:** "There are times when the bobbin adjustment is correct but no matter what I do to the top tension, I still can't get a perfect stitch or the thread breaks. When I loosen the top tension adequately low for a sensitive or heavy thread, I get loops on the back. When I tighten up the top tension to get rid of the looping, the thread breaks."

A: Looping on the back means the top tension is too loose compared to the bobbin tension so the bobbin thread is pulling too much top thread underneath. By tightening the top tension, the loops will stop, but the added tension may cause breakage, especially with sensitive threads. In this case, it might be necessary to loosen both the bobbin tension AND the upper tension. By loosening both the top and bobbin tensions, both sides of the **tug-of war** give in, allowing a good stitch without breaking or looping.



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

Meet Joan Hayden - Joan was born in Kentucky where she was raised on a dairy and tobacco farm. She has been living in Oxford since 1975. Joan worked at Anniston Army Depot for 29 years and retired in 2012. She has three children and six grandsons!

Joan has been a member of our quilt guild for over two years and has served two terms as our guild Secretary. She has been sewing for over 30 years and has been quilting for about 10 of those years. Her interest in quilting came from years of growing up watching both her mother and grandmother quilt.

When Joan isn't quilting she spends her time reading books or working in the yard unless she is being gracious and volunteering her time to help teachers in the classrooms at Oxford Elementary School. Praises go out to Joan for her volunteer work!

- Favorite Food: Any food except liver and onions and green peppers
- Favorite Books: Mystery
- Favorite Music: 60's and 70's on the Oldies Channel
- One word you feel describes you: OCD

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Honey Bun Cake

1 (2-layer) yellow cake mix
 1 c. buttermilk
 ¾ c. vegetable oil
 ½ c. sugar
 4 eggs
 ¾ c. packed brown sugar
 4 tsp cinnamon
 ½ c. chopped nuts
 ¼ c. raisins or chopped dates
 2 c. confectioners' sugar
 2 Tbsp milk
 1 tsp vanilla extract

Combine cake mix, buttermilk, oil, sugar and eggs in mixer bowl. Beat for 2 minutes. Spoon batter into greased 9x13 inch cake pan. Combine brown sugar and cinnamon in a bowl and mix well. Stir in nuts and raisins. Sprinkle over prepared layer and swirl with a knife. Bake at 350 degrees until cake tests done. Combine confectioners' sugar, milk and vanilla in bowl and mix well. Spread over hot cake. Yield: 15 servings.

Quilt Trivia:

English Paper Piecing



dates back as far as the 1770's, with the oldest quilt of its kind made in the U.S. dating back to about 1807 - 1813. In this piecing method, individual pieces of paper are cut in matching sizes and shapes of the quilt pieces and the fabric is hand basted over paper templates.

During Pioneer days, "paper" quilting became very popular because paper was scarce in early America and women often saved letters, newspaper clippings and catalog pages to create patterns. In many cases, paper templates were not removed from the quilt, the paper serving a dual purpose of both pattern and insulator. But these paper templates are also important pieces of history. Papers found in old quilts have preserved first-hand glimpses into pioneer life!

Vocabulary Word

Proquiltinating:

working on quilts
 when you should be
 doing laundry, or dishes,
 or picking kids up from school.

Ugly Quilt Challenge – All of you ugly quilt challengers better get busy! If you haven't finished your ugly fabric quilt, you better get moving! There is only one month left before they have to be ready to show! In September we will have a "fashion" show. Once again, the quilt size is 30x40 maximum and must contain at least 50% of the ugly fabric you received!

If you need backing fabric and don't want to purchase any, this is your last chance to ask Anita to give you some muslin. You can have a cut for your backing. Email or call her if you want any for your quilt!

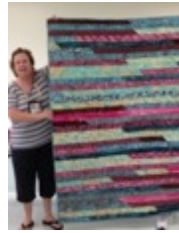


Community Service Project Update

-- As mentioned in the July newsletter, 25 chemo caps and 20 wraps have been completed and taken to the Cancer Care Center. At the July meeting we discussed completing at least 50 caps and wraps as our guild community service project. We also mentioned that if each member could make at least one cap and one wrap we could easily reach a number of 75 each. Although we have not set a specific goal, we would like to make as many as possible. If anyone has a cap or wrap that they have been working on at home, please bring it to this month's meeting.

Last month, Anita gave out copies of the chemo cap pattern from the Hancock Fabric site that Mary Simmons mentioned was an easier cap to make. Also, copies were provided of the fleece wrap. If anyone has made a cap or wrap from these patterns since the July meeting, please bring it to this month's meeting. If you were not at the meeting and need a pattern, see Anita for a copy. Also, the chemo cap pattern is on the Lick Skillet Facebook page.

July Show and Tell



Shannon Howard's 1600 Inch Quilt



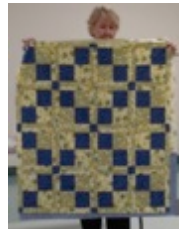
Brenda Mayfield's Christmas Quilt



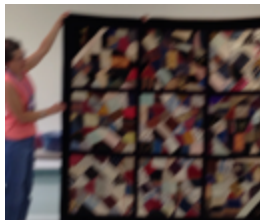
Linda Love's Sugarloaf Quilt - Debby Kratovil Class



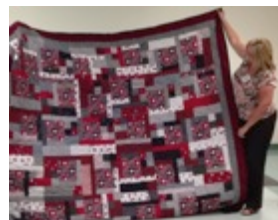
Jo Lipham's Raw Edge Leaf Applique Wall Hanging Debby Kratovil Cls



Brenda Mayfield's Baby Quilt



Pam Goff's Heirloom Crazy Quilt



Jinnia Flynn's UFO Turning 30 Quilt



Molly Steenberg's UFO Heart Applique Quilt



Molly Steenberg's UFO Stars & Stripes Log Cabin Quilt

**These are photos of quilts and projects shown at the June meeting. There are times when some of the projects aren't photographed because they are displayed too quickly! Be sure yours "get" their pictures taken" because they are all special!

2013 Opportunity Quilt

As we reported in the July newsletter, the first 1,000 tickets that were printed on the 2013 opportunity quilt have all been issued to members and over 650 have actually been sold. Five hundred (500) additional tickets were printed and some of those issued. Remember, if you haven't gotten your minimum of ten (10) tickets, please plan to do so at the meeting. Every ticket sale counts and proceeds will help us cover the costs of our community service projects as well as the costs of fabric and quilting for the opportunity quilt for our 2014 quilt show! We still have photo cards available if you want to show the quilt when selling your tickets.

Remember the drawing for the quilt will be held at the end of the day at OxfordFest on October 5, 2013. Tickets will be sold at the festival up until time for the drawing. We will need members to volunteer to work during the day to sell tickets.

2014 Opportunity Quilt

The opportunity quilt committee, chaired by Julie Wells, spent a great deal of time working to select a quilt pattern for the 2014 opportunity quilt. The choices were narrowed down to four (4) different quilt patterns and those choices were passed out at the July meeting for the members to vote. The votes were tallied and the Star Medallion (shown below) created by our 2012 National Teacher, Pat Speth was selected. The next step by the committee will to choose the fabric for the quilt.

Good job opportunity quilt committee!!!!



Quilter's Tips

If your ruler has the tendency to slip while you are cutting your fabric, glue a small piece of sand paper to the back to prevent slippage.

When traveling and you can't have scissors, use a tooth floss container to cut your thread.



Mark Your Calendars Now!

**2014
15th Anniversary
Greater Atlanta
Shop Hop**

March 15th through 22nd



Corn Maze

At the July meeting, we announced that a Corn Maze Quilt Shop _____ is going to be held on Saturday, October 5th in the Atlanta area. It is only a one day event. There are five (5) quilt shops in the event, only two (2) of which participate in the annual Atlanta Shop Hop.

Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

August

2-3 Quilts in the Boro 2013
Sponsored by The Quilting Bees
221 E College Street
Murfreesboro, TN

15-17 Georgia Quilt Council SEWFEST
Retreat and Convention
Charlie Elliot Wildlife Preserve
543 Elliot Trail
Mansfield, GA
www.georgiaquiltcouncil.org

September

6-7 The Down South Quilt Show
Sponsored by Busy Needles Quilt Guild
McDonough Presbyterian Church
427 McGarity Road
McDonough, GA

6-8 Greater Jackson Quilt Celebration
Sponsored by 5 Local Quilt Guilds
950 Rice Road
Ridgeland, MS

Email any quilt shows/events you would like posted in the newsletter to Anita at alfount@yahoo.com.

2014 Lick Skillet "Quilts By the Lake" Quilt Show Update –

September 11-13, 2014 is the date for our first ever Lick Skillet Quilt Show which will be held at the Oxford Civic Center. Set up will be the 11th and the show will run the 12th and 13th. This will be a judged show for quilts submitted by members of our guild. There will be additional categories in the show that will be exhibits and not judged such as heirloom quilts.

Shawnee Weigt, our quilt show chairperson, has scheduled a committee meeting for August 9th prior to our guild meeting with the chairpersons for each committee. Shawnee will give an update at the guild meeting. If you haven't volunteered, please be sure to do so. We need every member working on a committee for this to be a success! Again, this is YOUR show and we know you want to be proud of the hard work we will be putting into the show!

Executive Board

President	Carolyn Davis
Vice-President	Anita Fountain
Secretary	Joan Hayden
Treasurer	Becky Everett
Members at Large	Peggy McLeod Deb Saska



*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!*

Committees/Chairperson

Hospitality	Karen Burnham
Membership	Sarah Whatley
Community Service	Mary Simmons
Opportunity Quilt	Julie Wells
Publicity and Historian	Molly Steenberg
Quilt Show	Shawnee Weigt