



LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



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December 2014

A Word From Our President

Ladies and John,

Well here we are in December and my last month as guild president! I appreciate the support each of you have given me and the guild during the past two years. We have certainly been busy! I know you will be just as supportive to Anita and the new officers in the coming year! Remember, committee chair positions still have to be filled...so, please be willing to serve!

I am looking forward to our Christmas party, which will be held at the Oxford Civic Center at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 8th. For those who participated, we will reveal who each of our Secret Pals were and give out forms to those who want to participate next year. Just fill them out and turn them in that night or get them in the mail to me as soon as possible so we can distribute new secret pals prior to the January 2015 meeting! Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food items and also if you make a stocking, please bring it filled to go to our kids for our Christmas donations! Each attendee should bring (both men and women) a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange if you wish to participate.

Along with the UFO drawing, we will be giving out some great door prizes for both men and women! I know how excited everyone is at the prospect of winning!

Looking forward to a fun time with ya'll at the party!

Carolyn

*Come to our Christmas Party
and bring your Spouse!
Also, any volunteers who helped
with the quilt show are invited!**

*December 8th
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

*Oxford Civic Center
In our Quilt Show Hospitality Room*

Dinner will be catered

**Join us in the gift exchange -- ladies bring a \$10
ladies gift and men bring a \$10 men's gift!**

***If you plan to bring someone to the Christmas
Party, please let Carolyn or Anita know so we will
have a head count for the caterer.**

Center for Concern Food Drive

**Please plan to bring a couple of non-perishable food items
to the Christmas Party to go to the Center of Concern!**

**We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate the holiday
season with food and fellowship and would like to use
this same time to gather food for those who aren't as
fortunate as us!**

**Brenda Mayfield will be taking our collection to them and
will let us know just how many pounds of food we
collected!**

December Calendar

8th Guild Christmas Party
21st Winter Solstice
24th Christmas Eve
25th Christmas Day

December Birthdays

12th Sidney Smith
24th Sue Gardner
30th Pat Horn

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

Our November visitors:

Trish Bates & Sandra Hollaway



December Program – No program – We’re having a Christmas Party instead! Stay tuned for 2015 when we will start a new year of programs and who knows what else!

Last Month’s Program –

In November, Carolyn and Anita gave a short program (or maybe entertained more than anything!) on how to make a simple stocking in a very few minutes. This stocking has only two quick sewing steps and it is finished. A stocking kit with a pattern, inner and outer fabric and batting was given to everyone at the meeting. After the demonstration was complete, everyone agreed to make a stocking and bring it to the Christmas party filled with items for a boy or a girl, ages 12 to 16. These stockings will be given to Molly Steenberg to take the Board of Education for homeless students in Calhoun County.

December Refreshments:

Remember, It’s our Christmas party, so, no refreshments but we do have a menu:

*Ham
Chicken & Dressing
Green Beans
Candied Yams
Creamed Corn
Rolls
Cranberry Sauce
&
Assorted Desserts*

Thanks to Carol Bentley, Sue Gardner, Jannette Lackey and Carole DeGrenier for the spread last month! It was great and we were grateful!

**** Please don’t forget to sign up for refreshments for next year! The sign up sheet is available at the sign in table at each meeting.****

UFO Challenge – Don’t forget that you have this month’s meeting to bring any UFO’s that haven’t been shown to enter a chance for the prize we will be giving!

At last month’s meeting, the guild voted to continue the UFO challenge for 2015. Start thinking about what projects you want to put on your list. We will continue to have entries for a drawing the end of next year.

This is your heads up for next year, so get busy!!!!!!

Monthly Fat Quarter Drawing –

*Santa baby, just slip a Sable under the tree for me;
Been an awful good girl, Santa baby,
So hurry down the chimney tonight.*

Bring any Christmas or holiday theme fat quarters for this month’s drawing! The more the merrier!

Our November winner was Marguerite Bright! Don’t she’s “thankful” she was in on the drawing!!



Opportunity Quilt Update –

We won’t be reporting any information here until the projects for 2015 are discussed after the first of the year!

Sew Days –

We will take a vote on whether we are going to continue sew days for 2015. Dates have been scheduled for weekdays and Saturdays to accommodate whichever was best for members. Often, other groups are prevented from using the rooms we have reserved and if there isn’t enough interest, we may need to rethink sew days!

Mystery Quilts –

DON’T FORGET TO BRING THOSE MYSTERY QUILT TO THE DECEMBER MEETING/PARTY. WE NEED TO GET A PICTURE OF EVERYONE’S QUILT FOR THE WEBSITE!

QUILT HUMOR



It could be worse...at least you're not married to a scrapbooker!

NOVEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Pat Horn's 2014 Mystery Quilt



Deb Saska's Table Runner from Debbie Kratoval's Class



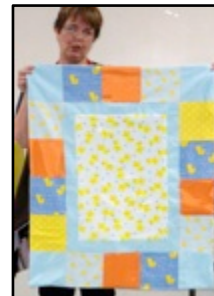
Pat Horn's Crocheted Quilt



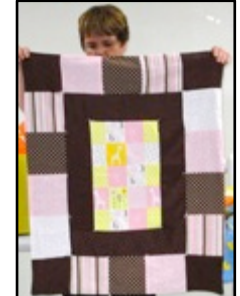
Teri Andrews' School Glue Batik Quilt



Angie Dempsey's Baby Quilt



Molly Steenberg's Baby Quilt



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QUILTER'S TIP

Always cut your bindings the same width and you're your leftovers! You can join them together until you have enough to bind another quilt. Use on a scrappy quilt to enhance the scrappiness of the finished project!



To remove the skunk smell in new plastic cutting mats, washing it with a citrus based dishwashing soap and water, then let air dry in direct sunlight. Or, let sit flat in a tub with a vinegar/water solution or spray with Febreze.

A CRAZY QUILT

*They do not make them anymore,
For quilts are cheaper at the store
Than woman's labor, though a wife,
Men think the cheapest thing in life.
But now and then a quilt is spread
Upon a quaint old walnut bed,
A crazy quilt of those old days
That I am old enough to praise.*

*Some women sewed these points and squares
Into a pattern like life's cares.
Here is a velvet that was strong,
The poplin that she wore so long,
A fragment from her daughter's dress,
Like her, a vanished loveliness;
Old patches of such things as these,
Old garments and old memories.*

*And what is life: A crazy quilt;
Sorrow and joy, grace and guilt,
With here and there a square of blue
For some old happiness we knew;
And so the hand of time will take
The fragments of our lives and make,
Out of life's remnants, as they fall
A thing of beauty, after all.*



Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Deep-Dish Cream Cheese and Fudge Pie

12 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 ½ cups sugar, divided
4 large eggs, divided
6 Tbsp butter, melted
1/3 cup unsweetened natural cocoa powder
½ (15-ounce pkg) refrigerated piecrust (1 sheet)

Preheat oven to 300. In a bowl, combine cream cheese with ¾ cup sugar. Beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Add 1 egg and beat well. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine melted butter, remaining ¾ cups sugar, cocoa and remaining 3 eggs. Set aside.

On a lightly floured surface, roll piecrust into a 12-inch circle. Place piecrust in a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate; fold edges under and crimp.

Pour chocolate mixture into prepared piecrust. Pour cream cheese mixture on top of chocolate mixture. Swirl gently with a knife to combine.

Bake for 1 ½ hours. Turn off oven and allow pie to cool in over for 1 hour. Serve warm.

Quilt Guild Executive Committee –

In November we voted for the 2015 Executive Committee. Our board for next year will be:

President	Anita Fountain
Vice President	Bernice Zaidel
Secretary	Valera Johnson
Treasurer	Carole DeGrenier

We also want to thank the outgoing 2014 board members for all of the hard work they put into the success of our guild last year! Say a thank you to:

President	Carolyn Davis
Secretary	Julie Wells
Treasurer	Becky Everett

2014 Community Service Update –

Our 2014 community service project is complete!

The refrigerator was purchased from Lowe's for about \$500 and delivered to the Oxford Senior Center. Anita Collier wasn't able to attend last month but they were very happy to have such a wonderful donation made to them.

Carolyn delivered a check from the guild for \$500 to Susan Shipman, Director of Second Chance. Susan was sick and could not make our November meeting. She could not express how surprised and appreciative she was for our contribution and said this would go a long way to help the center.

And, last but not least, we presented a \$50 check to Molly Steenberg to carry to Girl Scout Troop 20009. These girls worked at the quilt show making and selling doll pins to raise money for their troop as well as working to earn badges. It was great to see such a young group of girls with such an interest in our quilts. The girls raised \$36 at the show and the guild rounded the amount to \$50.

Thanks to each of you for work and help to see this project through!

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

Meet Jo Lipham! Jo was born and raised in Alexandria and moved all the way to Oxford when she married Jerry where they have been ever since. Jo is retired from the Anniston Army Depot and now spends lots of her time with her wonderful grandchildren, Connor, 14; Cheyenne, 8; Riley, 5; and, Faith, 5. Faith is a precious little girl adopted from China in April of 2013. They are now in the process of getting another grandchild from China named Hayden who is 10. We hope you don't have to wait too soon to see Hayden!

Jo has been sewing forever. Her sister says that learning to sew was a requirement if you lived in their mother's house. Jo is one of three girls and her mother made all of their clothes. The first thing Jo learned about sewing was cutting out fabric while her mother sewed. Also, while she was growing up, she would help her grandmother quilt but she says she probably watched and asked questions more than anything else. Jo now has her grandmother's treadle machine and hopes to piece a quilt using it some day. She already has the fabric and pattern to do just that! Jo thinks maybe it should be on her UFO list for 2020! She isn't sure which quilting technique is her favorite because there are several she still wants to try.

Jo's Favorites:

Food – Raw foods, Yogurt and anything cooked by someone else

Color – Cool colors

Season – Fall

Holiday – Christmas

Music – Easy listening instrumental

Place to Vacation – The mountains

One place she would love to go – Any mountain where she can take her sewing machine and find a quilt show nearby

Jo couldn't come up with anything to describe herself, but her son-in-law always says "awesome". He is really working on brownie points or to get to the top of the Christmas list! Her daughter says Jo's best attribute is organization. Jo says her daughter obviously doesn't know her very well!

Jo's quote to live by - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." There is no doubt that is exactly how Jo lives her life! If you don't know Jo, get to know her and you'll feel the same way about her very quickly!

Thank you Jo for sharing with us and being a part of our quilting family!

Classified Ads

For Sale: Cutting table - 19"x40" w/1 drawer, extends to 72"x40", \$10. Call Cindy Launhardt at 256-770-9817

For Sale: Early 1900's Singer Treadle sewing machine, if interested, call Carol Bentley at 256-435-0991.

Do you have any quilting related items for sale? If you would like them to be listed here, please send to Anita at alfount@yahoo.com. The listing must be submitted in short classified ad format and received by the 25th of the month.

Upcoming Shows and Events

December - None

January

8-10 World Quilt Show – Florida VI
Palm Beach County Convention Center
650 Okeechobee Blvd
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
www.quiltfest.com

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

Educational Corner –Coloring a Quilt with Crayons - by Kris Driessen

Break out that box of crayons and make a colored quilt block to use in a quilt, as an applique for a T-shirt, or even a pillowcase. It's easy.

These directions are for using regular crayons on 100% cotton. If you want to color on synthetic or synthetic blend fabrics, you will need to use [Fabric Crayons](#). Fabric crayons are ideal for transferring colorful designs permanently to all your craft and home sewing projects when using synthetic and synthetic blend fabrics.

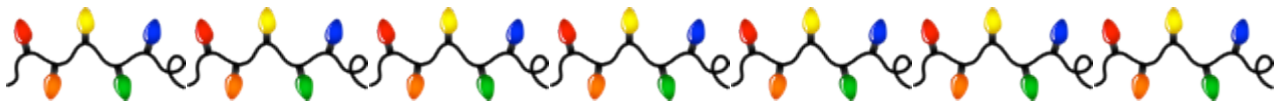
Start by prewashing your 100% cotton fabric without using a fabric softener or dryer sheet. Then iron it to a stabilizer like freezer paper. Using a light box, trace your design on to the fabric using a [fine Pigma pen](#). If you don't have a light box, try a glass-topped coffee table with a lamp underneath. You could also tape your paper design to a window during daylight, then tape your fabric to be outlined over that. Coloring books are a good place to find open designs with clearly defined lines.

Now color your pattern, pressing down firmly on the crayon. The darker the better. (You can also use melted crayons if you are the adventurous sort.) For a great stained glass look, you could scan a motif into your computer, then print it on fabric adhered to freezer paper. Color the design, then trace over the lines with a [black pigma pen](#). You will get rid of the excess wax in the next step.

Protect your ironing board with a couple of sheets of newspaper or paper towels. Put the colored fabric face up and cover it with a paper towel. Press with iron set on wool or medium. As you press, you will see the paper towel start to absorb the excess wax. It may or may not have color.

Change the paper towel and press until there is no longer any wax. If you don't think it's dark enough after pressing it, you can go over it again with crayons and then press again. When you are finished, let it cool a bit and peel off the freezer paper. You might want to turn the fabric over repeat the process with the back side of your crayoned design up.

Let your fabric cool before you use it. You can do a wash of clear textile medium or transparent textile paint (like Seta color) over the crayons to make it more permanent, but it probably won't be necessary unless you plan to wash your quilt often. If you do need to wash, use cold water on the gentle cycle and line dry.



Newsletter Info -- As most everyone knows, I was willing to take the president's position for 2015 and to continue to keep up the webpage if someone would take over our newsletter. Mary Simmons has been gracious enough to volunteer for this.

Putting the newsletter out on a monthly basis has been a pleasure but it is a very time consuming task. Since Mary is willing to do this and also has a full time job, I ask each committee chairperson for this next year to please provide her with information to help make this easier for her. Also, you have any information you run across or can provide such as quilt tips, articles, recipes, quilt shows or any other things you feel may be good for her to use, please send it to her.

Again, be sure to thank Mary for accepting this job!

Anita

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Members at Large	Sidney Smith Valera Johnson

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 Friendship Community Center, 2930 Friendship Road, Oxford, Alabama 36203. Guests are welcome. Annual dues are \$25, renewable in January of each year.

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

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! Your safety is very important to us!

2014 Committees/Chairperson

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

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