

LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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A Word From Our President!

Hello everyone!

I hope each of you are enjoying this Spring and had a wonderful Easter season with your family. Remember Mother's Day is right around the corner. Spending some extra time with your mother will mean more to her than any gift you could possibly buy. Do something fun. Talk about old times when you were growing up and get her to tell you some of those old stories you have heard many times but that she loves to tell again and again. Those of you who have lost your mothers could spend time with your siblings in her honor. There's nothing she would love better!

Thanks so much to Julie Wells for heading up our 2014 Opportunity Quilt Committee and to Becky Everett for her beautiful quilting work. The quilt is absolutely gorgeous and a quilt anyone would be thrilled to win. We will start selling tickets right away since we only have four months until we have the drawing at the Quilt Show.

We have lots to do before the quilt show: Some of us have the mystery quilt to finish; some have their "Bridges" challenge to do; we have Mercantile Store "stuff" to make; we need to be gathering together our Flea Market merchandise; AND, last but not least, we need to get our quilts ready to display. Right now the number of quilts we have signed up to be displayed is approximately 100 (remember the 200 quilt challenge Anita and I made at the March meeting!). Get busy, ladies (and John)!

Please remember to contact those members who have missed the past few meetings and let them know we have missed them. Also, getting involved in committees, etc., is a great way to get to know each other better!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the May meeting!

Carolyn

May Calendar

1st May Day
5th Cinco De Mayo
11th Mother's Day
12th Guild Meeting
17th Armed Forces Day
26th Memorial Day

May Birthdays

17th Babbette Harmon

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



*Happy Mother's
Day*

Sew Days — Don't forget our sew days we have scheduled for May through July! Mark your calendar with these scheduled days and plan to join us.

*****Saturday, May 17th Meeting Room*****

Saturday, June 7th Room B

Saturday, June 28th Room B

Saturday, July 19th Room B

The community center will be open at 9:00 a.m. for each of the days. Come then or when you can! We will wrap up the days around 3:00 p.m.

We Welcome Our Newest Member!

Cynthia Launhardt

&

Our Visitor

Nancy Ariel from Oregon

Fall LSQG Retreat — At our May meeting we will be discussing more on a LSQG Retreat for October. Carolyn and Anita visited Woodland Christian Camp in Temple, Georgia about 45 minutes from Oxford. The tentative dates we looked at are October 23rd – 26th. Prior to our meeting be thinking seriously about whether you would likely go. We will have the details worked out and will share the specifics at that time.

May Program – Our program this month will be given by another one of our very own guild members, Jo Lipham!

Are you familiar with the Celtic knot quilt block? If not, then you didn't know that the Celtic knots are perhaps the most notorious and recognizable artwork in Celtic history. They began appearing in history in about 450 AD and the meaning is quite sketchy because there is little written history documented on their purpose. In quilt language, they can be referred to as the mystic knot or the endless knot. We may not know a lot about the history but we can say that the quilt blocks are quite beautiful!

Jo won't be giving us a Celtic knot history lesson but she **will** be giving us a demo on the quilt block and offering just enough information to us for us to decide if we want to add that to our list of quilts to make. Thanks Jo for offering to share with us!

May Refreshments:

Refreshments for our May meeting will be provided by Bernice Zaidel, Babbette Harmon, Melissa West, and Linda Sobers.

Thanks to Terri Andrews, Jane Wilson and Jo Lipham for our all of the refreshments for the April meeting, it was more like a meal!

**** Have YOU signed up for refreshments for this year? If not, please remember to do so! A sign up sheet is available at the each meeting.**

Monthly Fat Quarter Drawing – Freedom of Choice

Our fat quarter theme for the month of May is your freedom of choice!

Pick a theme, color or print, the choice is yours.

Margaret McNaron was tiptoeing through the tulips when she found out she won the pastel batiks at the April meeting! After all, she is a batik lover!

Last Month's Program A **great big thanks** to Bernice Zaidel for a wonderful program on Quilt History and Folklore!

Bernice put so much time into gather information about the history of quilting and the folklore of some of our American quilts. She filled us in on the first quilts made and took us back to Egypt long before our country was ever discovered! We also traveled through Asia and Europe as we learned about the types of quilts, the blocks made and fabrics used. There was so much interesting information given in the presentation! Following the presentation, Bernice split the members into teams and we played Jeopardy on the information we learned (or thought we learned!) Boy, one thing we did learn was just how competitive our members were!

Thanks again, Bernice, for all of the information you provided us! It was a really fun program!

Our Opportunity Quilt is Finished!!

Becky did a wonderful job (as usual) custom quilting the opportunity quilt and Julie sewed the binding on. Now it is completed!

We will be "unveiling" this work of art at this month's meeting! Tickets will be ready to give out to members so everyone can begin selling them. We are asking that each member sell a minimum of ten (10) tickets. Also, postcards will be available for those who want a photo to show when selling your tickets.

We only have four (4) months to sell tickets before the drawing, which will take place at the quilt show. So, get out there and sell, sell, sell!

2014 UFO Challenge Don't forget to turn in your UFO form if you haven't done so and you plan to participate this year! Eighteen (18) forms have been turned in so far. There are still some who have indicated that they haven't turned theirs in and need to do so. If you are participating in the mystery quilt and the bridge challenge, don't forget to put them on your form! We would love for everyone to take part in this since most of you bring Show and Tell items anyway!

If you are a new member and aren't aware of the UFO challenge don't hesitate to ask for a form! Remember that each time you show a finished project at show and tell, you get to place a ticket in the jar for a drawing held in December. Remember, this is a challenge to inspire, not require you to finish your projects! Again, the form is available on the website!

Community Service Update—

As we have mentioned at our meetings and in previous newsletters, our primary community service project for this year will be accomplished at our quilt show. A number of assorted baskets donated by vendors, local businesses, etc. will be displayed and tickets available to purchase for chances to win. If you are interested, you can donate a basket yourself and it doesn't have to be quilting related! Proceeds will go to a charity chosen by you, the members. Take some time to think about what charity you would like to see the proceeds to go. We will ask for the names of those charities at this month's meeting and will take a vote to decide which one(s) we will donate to.

Also, if any "pretty pocket" drain covers are being made, please bring them in so as you make them so we can get them to Molly to take to the cancer center for patients who go home with surgical drains. Remember, we decided at the January meeting that we would let this be a project for anyone who wanted to do this aside from the quilt show community service project. Copies of the patterns will be available at the meeting and on the website.

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner***Creamy Fried Confetti Corn***

***8 bacon slices, chopped
4 cups fresh sweet corn kernels (about 8 ears)
1 medium white onion, chopped
1/3 cup chopped red bell pepper
1/3 cup chopped green bell pepper
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, cubed
½ cup half-and-half
1 tsp sugar
1 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper***

Cook chopped bacon in large skillet until crisp; remove bacon and drain on paper towels, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Set bacon aside. Saute corn, onion and bell peppers in hot drippings in skillet over medium-high heat 6 minutes or until tender. Add cream cheese and half-and-half, stirring until cream cheese melts. Stir in sugar, salt and pepper. Top with reserved bacon.

Quilt Show Update from Shawnee – Happy May, everyone! I would like to thank all those who were able to come to our last meeting. It was very productive. I encourage everyone to try and join us at our next meeting (and each meeting until the show!), as all are play and important role in the quilt show and we need the additional input.

Plans continue to progress nicely for our first "Quilts by the Lake" Quilt Show. We are making significant headway on advertising, vendors, work schedules and awards specifically, which are the most significant at this point. **But**, we need your help in these and all other areas.

The Civic center is being very helpful and we are very thankful for their support and assistance. They have gotten the pipe and drape that was ordered for our booths. This facility and new equipment is going to make our show a first class act!

We need to be thinking about Community Service recipients that we feel would be deserving of our contribution. I hope Mary Simmons will talk on this at the meeting and answer any questions and specifics you may have. The choice for the charity is the guild's decision so your vote counts!

I will be calling everyone soon to do a check on quilt entries and sizes so John can begin to think about our layout. Remember, we need a guestimate on your sizes, etc. This is a preliminary list for layout purposes! If you haven't turned in your form, please email one to me at shwnyweigt@gmail.com.

The next quilt show meeting will be scheduled soon and everyone will be getting an email letting you know of time and place. It is only 4 short months until our show so if you haven't signed up for a committee we will be assigning folks where we will know we have all areas covered.

Also, remember we will be having a sew day on May 17th and it will be a good time to work on any projects you have for the mercantile.

I am thankful for your continued help and support and know we are all looking forward to seeing our beautiful work on display and to encourage others in the art of quilting.

Shawnee

Quilter's Educational Corner – The Buying Behavior of “Dedicated Quilters”

Most of us probably never knew that our “hobby” is big business. We know that in the past several years there has been a spurt of growth in the number of quilters. Every few years *Quilting in America* conducts surveys to measure the amount of time and money quilters spend on their hobby. It is time for another survey but the information from the survey conducted three years ago is quite interesting, in fact it is pretty astounding! There are 21.3 million U.S. quilters over the age of 18. The industry defines “dedicated quilters” as those that spend more than \$600 per year on quilting supplies, represent 6.2% of all U.S. quilters and account for 69% of all quilt related spending. They will buy 157.5 million yards of fabric. In 2010, all U.S. quilters spent \$3.58 billion with \$2.48 billion of that being by “dedicated quilters”. The following information highlights the buying behaviors of “dedicated quilters”.

QUILTING “STUFF”

- ❖ The majority (83%) have a room dedicated to sewing/quilting activities
- ❖ On average, he/she has \$7,504 of quilting tools & supplies and owns \$3,727 worth of fabric

SEWING MACHINES

- ❖ He/she owns an average of 2.7 sewing machines
- ❖ 26% own more than 4 machines
- ❖ In a 12 month period, 19% purchased a new machine spending \$2,579 on the machine

FABRIC

- ❖ In a 12 month period, he/she purchased an average of 94.3 yards of fabric at a cost of \$892.20 (\$9.46 average price per yard)
- ❖ Favorite fabric patterns: Small-scale florals (68%), Tone-on-tone neutrals (60%), Batiks (66%), Holiday prints (60%)
- ❖ Color schemes most often purchased: Jewel Tones (56%), Bright colors (51%), Earth Tones (51%), Neutrals (47%), Pastels (42%)

THREAD

- ❖ In a 12 month period, he/she spent an average of \$138.70 on thread
- ❖ On average, owns \$508.80 worth of thread and has a collection of 154.8 spools of thread (\$3.29 average price per spool)
- ❖ Color Schemes most often purchased: Neutrals (75%), Earth Tones (47%), White (47%), Black (40%), Jewel Tones (33%)

BOOKS

- ❖ Bought an average of 4.4 quilting books in 12 months with an average price of \$21.00 per book
- ❖ Favorite places to buy books: Quilt shops (49%), Fabric stores (31%), Online (29%), Mail Order (27%)

MAGAZINES

- ❖ Subscribe to or read an average of 4.5 quilting magazines
- ❖ Spend an average of 5.3 hours reading quilting magazines each month
- ❖ Primary reasons offered for reading quilting magazines, Learn new tips/techniques, Get quilt-making inspiration, Learn about new products

INTERNET

- ❖ Majority (91%) own a personal computer
- ❖ 73% regularly access the Internet
- ❖ Average 2 hours per week on quilting websites
- ❖ 43% go online 2 or more times a day
- ❖ 63% visited quilting specific sites
- ❖ 29% belong to Facebook
- ❖ Primary reasons for visiting quilting websites: Get free quilt patterns, Learn about quilting products, Shop for quilting supplies, Get quilt-making inspiration, Search for fabrics

Finally, the average quilter starts over 17 projects each year. No wonder we have so many UFOs and can't get any quilting done, we are too busy getting ready to quilt!

QUILTER'S TIPS

Keep a toilet brush in your sewing area to remove stray threads from carpet before vacuuming. This will prevent your brushes on your vacuum from locking up.

If you don't like the idea of storing a toilet brush in your sewing area, buy a small paint roller and slip a bristly hair roller over it to pick up thread and such!



Mystery Quilt

Okay, mystery quilters! We're now ready for Part 5 of our mystery quilt. This is the final part of the directions. It will be posted on the website and copies will also be available at this month's meeting. Hopefully you're well on your way to completion!

*** If you haven't already, you may run into one **small** error on last month's Part 4, Unit 4B—Corner Triangles. Thankfully it's the outside corners and at most will only require you to remove them and replace with larger triangles! The directions below are on the original instructions for Part 4.

Unit 4B - Corner Triangles

Step 2: Cut (1) 10." strip from the light fabric.

Cut (2) 10" squares.

Cut each square in half diagonally. Save these (4) triangles for Part 4.

If, as you followed these instructions, the outside corners were flush with the rest of the quilt with no seam allowance on the corners for adding your border, you will want to cut two squares at 11" to make you four new corner triangles! ***

Sorry for the error!

We hope all of you participating are enjoying making this quilt. It is an easy quilt and is a really pretty finished product and we feel you will be very pleased with yours.

Upcoming Shows and Events

May

- 2-3 Stitch, Share & Show Quilt Show
White County Fairgrounds, Ag Bldg
Sparta, TN 38583
Contact phone: 931-788-0434
- 8-10 Quilting Across North Georgia Shop Hop
"Quilt Through the Decades"
www.quiltingacrossnorthgeorgia.com
- 23-25 Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee
Cooper Athletic Center
Maryville College
502 East Lamar Parkway
Maryville, TN
www.smokymtnquilters.com
- 30-31 Biennial Quilt Show
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Tuscaloosa, AL
www.waqq.com

June

- 5-7 Alabama Quilts! Quilt Symposium of Alabama
Bumpus Middle School
6055 Fleming/Flemming Pkwy
Hoover, AL
www.alabamaquilts.com

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

Quilt Humor – This is an ad from a real-life newspaper, which appeared four days in a row - the last three hopelessly trying to correct the first day's mistake.

MONDAY: For sale: R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 948-0707 after 7 P.M. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

TUESDAY Notice: We regret having erred In R.D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read "One sewing machine for sale cheap. Phone 948-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly, who lives with him after 7 P.M."

WEDNESDAY Notice: R.D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in the classified ad yesterday. The ad stands correct as follows: "For sale - R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 948-0707 after 7 P.M. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him."

THURSDAY Notice: I, R.D. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. I smashed it. Don't call 948-0707 as I have had the phone disconnected. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper but she quit!

APRIL SHOW AND TELL



Shawnee Weigt's
Dr. Seuss Lap Quilt



Julie Well's Hawaiian
Wall Hanging



Julie Well's
Purse



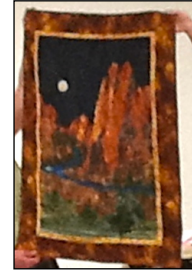
Carolyn Davis'
Baby Quilt



Molly Steenberg's
Army Quilt



Visitor Nancy Ariel's
Floral Wall Hanging



Nancy's Ariel's
Canyon Wall Hanging

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

Meet Carolyn Davis! Most everyone knows Carolyn! She is a charter member of the guild who, along with a couple of other members, decided the Oxford area needed a quilt guild so local quilters could get together and learn from each other! From there we have grown to where we are today. She is presently our president and also has served as vice-president. Carolyn was born in Winnfield, Louisiana where she lived until she was three. She and her parents moved to Birmingham and then to Oxford when Carolyn was eight. She and her husband, Wayne, now live where she spent most of her childhood years. Carolyn has three daughters, three granddaughters, and a dog named Patches, whom she loves most of all! She is a member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Oxford where she is active in numerous church activities from ladies prayer groups to mission trips.

Carolyn took after her mother in that she never liked sewing "at all" until her cousin (fellow guild member, Ginger) got her started quilting. In fact, for years when she spent time with Ginger she couldn't understand why in the world she wanted to sew! Since she's taken up the craft, Carolyn has become quite the quilter. She is also a member of the North Louisiana Quilter's Guild where she has placed quilts in their shows. She's had a wall quilt juried in the Philadelphia Mancusco Quilt Show and also entered a wall quilt in the Peach Festival in Louisiana, where she won Viewer's Choice. Carolyn's other interests are to travel, read and cook.

- Carolyn's Favorite Things:
- Color : Red
 - Food: Fried Chicken
 - Flower: Gardenia
 - Season: Fall
 - Holiday: Thanksgiving
 - Movie: Not Mine to Give
 - Actor: Clint Eastwood
 - Music: Cowboy and Country
 - Books: Inspirational
 - If She Could Travel to One Place – Italy

Carolyn felt that the words "tender-hearted" most described her self. If you know her well, you would have to agree! A quote she strongly believes in is, "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Thanks, Carolyn, for being a great leader.

“YOUR ANGEL”

A baby asked God, "They tell me you're sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

"Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

"You will simply call her, 'Mom.'"

- Unknown

2014 Executive Board

President	Carolyn Davis
Vice-President	Anita Fountain
Secretary	Julie Wells
Treasurer	Becky Everett
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	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! 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

2014 Quilt Show Chairpersons

Show Chairperson	Shawnee Weigt
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Flea Market	Sue Gardner
Setup and Takedown	John Goff
Mercantile	Carol Bentley
Hostess/White Glove	Shannon Howard
Treasurer	Becky Everett

If you have any thoughts or ideas on our quilt show please don't hesitate to bring them up with the chairperson for that area. Also, if you have not requested a committee or area to work during the show, please do so! We need everyone's help!

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.

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