

LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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"For everything
there is a season,
and a time for
every purpose
under heaven."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1



September Calendar

- 2nd Labor Day
- 8th Grandparent's Day
- 21st Guild Workshop and Picnic
- 22nd Autumn Equinox (First Day of Autumn)

September Birthdays

- 7th Linda Love
- 22nd Ginger McNeal
- 23rd Jackie Crumley
- 24th Bev Schewanick

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



NEW MEMBERS

Angie Dempsey

Barbara Gillespie

Sandra Jean

VISITOR

Dianne Turley

A Word From Our President!

Ladies and John,

As I was looking at my calendar today, I realized that it is time to begin to think about officers for 2014. According to our guild by-laws, at the September executive meeting the president is to appointment a member to head the nominating committee. Then the chairperson is to ask two people to serve on the committee. Help make the nominating committee's job easier by volunteering if you have a special interest in a particular area.

We are making quite a lot of progress on planning for the 2014 Quilt Show. Shawnee, our show chairman, will be making a report at each meeting beginning in October. Having a show will take lots of work and time, but I think it will be well worth the effort.

Don't forget to bring your ugly fabric quilts to the cookout! I can promise you that mine will be the ugliest! Not only did I get REALLY ugly fabric, I have quilted it myself...so you will see some REALLY ugly quilting as well. Also, remember to bring your fat quarters for the drawing and your September Secret Pal gifts.

Looking forward to seeing each of you on September 21st!

Carolyn

2013 Sew Days Friendship Community Center

September 9th (Monday) **CANCELLED**

October 19th (Saturday)

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

We will be postponing the Flea Market we had planned to have the day of the workshop/cookout until the October meeting! We felt that having our meeting, ugly challenge, workshop and cookout was enough for one day! If you have gathered your quilting and sewing items to bring, please hold them until next month!

September Program:

Our program and meeting for September will be Saturday the 21st, which is the day of the picnic. We will have our meeting at 9:30 and then have a program/workshop on leaf pounding following the meeting. If you have never done or even heard of the leaf pounding technique, it is done by pounding pigment out of the leaves onto muslin fabric. We will learn and do the step-by-step procedures, which will include preparing the leaf and fabric and the proper way to pound the leaf to get the design to soak into the fabric. ****Each member needs to bring a flat head hammer and an old bath towel (that is not thick).**** Everything else will be provided. This will be a very informative and fun workshop so we hope you will be there!

September Refreshments:

There will be no refreshments for the month of September as we are having our first ever LSQG picnic! We will have coffee and breakfast pastries at the meeting in the morning. Members who have indicated they are attending the cookout have signed up to bring an item. If you were not at the meeting or did not sign up, please contact Carolyn to do so.

Thanks to Shannon Howard, Valera Johnson and Pam McGhee for the August refreshments! They were delicious!

September Drawing: Halloween



*When witches go riding, and black cats are seen,
the moon laughs and whispers, 'tis near Halloween.*

The September drawing will be fat quarters with the Halloween theme or colors.

Congratulations to the winner of our August drawing, Anita Fountain! She won a big o' bag o' batiks!

Thanks to – all of our guild members for bringing so many embellishments to our meeting and making our “surprise program” in August a success! We had five small bins of embellishments to use and lots of knit and fleece fabric! All of you were such good sports when you found out that our surprise program was going to be working on our community service project, chemo caps and wraps! We had a really good time working on them! Working together and contributing a small amount of our time and some creativity is what makes our projects even more special to those who receive them. Thanks again for being such a great group – our guild has to be, without a doubt, **the best!!!**

Guild Cookout – Don't forget our cookout **Saturday, September 21st!** We will start the day with our monthly guild meeting at 9:30 a.m. and then we will have our leaf pounding workshop. Our cookout will begin around 2:00 p.m.

Remember, 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 was available at the August meeting. Many of the members did not have a chance to sign up before they left and have signed up by calling or emailing Carolyn. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so by contacting her. We need as accurate a count as possible to ensure we purchase the right amount of meat and also so that we know what food items no one has committed to bring.

Don't forget, spouses are invited to attend the cookout and we look forward to having them there! Again, if you haven't signed up, please do so and be sure to let Carolyn know if your spouse will be there, too!

Ugly Quilt Challenge Participants –

DON'T FORGET YOUR UGLY QUILTS HAVE TO BE FINISHED AND READY TO SHOW AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21ST !!!

We will be voting on the hopeless, the miracle and the most unique!

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

Meet Shannon Howard – Shannon was born in Grants, New Mexico and moved to Las Cruces in 1973 when she married. Later she lived in Germany. In 2001, she and her family decided they needed a “culture shock” and moved to Jacksonville. She later went through a divorce, started college (trying to decide what she wanted to be when she grew up), sold her home and started a new life! In 2007, Shannon remarried, started a business and lost her son in a car crash. Shannon has enjoyed the good times and endured the bad with the love and support of a wonderful church family. Finally, Shannon was able to complete college in 2008 and taught Family and Consumer Sciences (most of us know as Home Economics) at Pleasant Valley High School for three years. She also worked and taught classes at Sew What quilt shop with Becky Everett for three years. During this time, Shannon thinks she probably bought enough fabric to last her for a lifetime! When she isn’t sewing, cleaning or going somewhere, she spends most of her time as a grandmother, watching her grand kids while her daughter works. The latest adventure for Shannon has been the recent purchase of a long arm quilting machine, so now she is in the quilting business!

Shannon began sewing in junior high school. She started quilting in Germany where she took a hand piecing class. When Shannon moved to Alabama, she took additional classes at the Rose Cottage at the Old Mill in Oxford.

Shannon’s Favorites: Color : Plum,
Foods: Dips, chocolate almond candy (Ritter Sport), and Mexican food.
Season: Fall
Music: Sad songs, oldies and Christian
Hobby: Travel and her grand kids
Vacation preferences: The rain and mountains over sun and the beach.



Educational Corner

Basic Pressing

- When pressing sewn strips of fabric or quilt blocks, do not slide the iron, but instead lift the iron up and move to the next area to be pressed and put the iron back down on the fabric. Sliding the iron can cause the fabric to become distorted especially when pressing seams cut on the bias. When pressing a seam, first press the seam together. This will help to eliminate any slight puckering that may have occurred while sewing the seam. Then place the seam so that the side to which the seam allowance will be pressed is on the top. Next, carefully press the seam allowance to the side from the right side of the fabric. By pressing seam allowances from the front, the quilter eliminates the possibility of pressing a fold or pleat in the seam.

To Steam or Not to Steam

Many quilters feel that using steam while pressing quilt blocks can lead to more distortion. Other quilters like the nice sharp finish steam gives. The beginning quilter should try pressing both with and without steam to decide which method she/he prefers. **Note:** when pressing blocks, which are being pieced on paper, the quilter should use a dry iron so as to not distort the paper.

When to Finger Press

When finger-pressing fabric, the quilter should use the tips of their fingers to press the fabric instead of the iron. Many quilters want to finger press a seam open before pressing it with the iron to make the task easier. Or they may choose to finger press a delicate or napped fabric that may be damaged if pressed with an iron.



Community Service Project Update -- Prior to our last meeting 25 chemo caps and 20 wraps were completed and had been taken to the Cancer Care Center. At the August meeting our program we had a workshop where we worked in an effort to complete our community service project. Each member was randomly placed in one of four groups to work on the caps and wraps. The groups were machine operators, cutters, finishers and embellishers. At the end of the meeting we had completed and embellished 61 knit caps and 33 fleece wraps. Additionally, since the August meeting, 29 caps and 3 wraps have been completed. If the calculations are correct, to date, we have finished 115 caps and 36 wraps. Although we have not set a specific goal, we wanted to make as many as possible. Several members have indicated that they have purchased additional fabric to make caps and wraps at home. As you finish them and turn them in, please let Mary or Anita know so that we can keep a total. If you have finished any since the last meeting, please bring them to the September meeting on the 21st. Those we collect will be added with the remainder of the caps and wraps and taken to the Cancer center for distribution to patients. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to this year's project!!!

If you are interested in making more caps or wraps and need a pattern, see Mary or Anita.

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

Plans are coming along for our 1st Lick Skillet Quilt Show to be held September 11-13, 2014 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 only by members of our guild. As we have emphasized from the very beginning, this is YOUR show and we need the help of every member for a successful show.

Quilt show chairperson, Shawnee Weigt, has been working hard to form some of the committees and the chairpersons for some of the committees have been filled. Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered for a committee! 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!

On August 29th, Shawnee, Anita and Carolyn met with Deb Henderson, Cleo Ward and Terri Garrett of the Cotton Patch Quilters' Guild. Their guild was formed in 1985 and their first quilt show was in 1995, which indicates the wealth of knowledge they have to offer! Deb and Cleo are quilt show chairmen and Terri is chairman of the hanging committee. We gathered some very useful information, ideas and do's and don'ts that will be a tremendous help in planning and holding a successful show.

Beginning in October, Shawnee will be giving monthly updates on the show planning, timelines, quilt show meetings, etc. to keep us informed as to where we are and where we still have to go! Shawnee's plan is to have the chairpersons assigned for each committee by the October guild meeting! An amendment to the guild bylaws will be written to cover all aspects of the show.

Additionally, the planning committee voted to have a judged category for a Challenge Quilt for the show. The topic will be "Bridges" and the challenge is to create a quilt that reflects some aspect of bridges – perhaps a picture, your imagination, your past, a saying or a metaphor, the choice is yours! This makes each quilt different, creative and can be interpreted in a variety of ways. A challenge can take you to a new height of creativity! We hope each of you have an entry in this challenge!

If you have any ideas you have and would like to share, let Shawnee know! Also, remember, if you have an area where you would like to work, don't forget to let Shawnee know before that committee is filled up!

2014 Quilt Show Opportunity Quilt

The end of August quilt committee members, Julie Wells, Bev Schewanick, Shawnee Weigt, Carolyn Davis and Anita Fountain made a trip to the Scarlet Thread in Jonesboro, GA to select fabric for our 2014 opportunity quilt which will be presented at our 2014 Quilts By the Lake Quilt Show.

Batik fabrics in autumn colors (shown below) were selected and purchased for the “Star Medallion” quilt pattern by Pat Speth. Julie Wells, our opportunity quilt committee chairperson will give an update at the October meeting on a timeline for piecing, quilting and finishing the quilt and will update the guild on the status throughout the constructing of the quilt.

Again, thanks to the committee for all of your work!



Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Super Fig Cobbler



5 c. fresh figs, cut into halves

2 tps lemon juice

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar

3 Tbsp flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cinnamon

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp nutmeg

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. water

1 Tbsp margarine

1 c. flour

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt

$\frac{1}{3}$ c. shortening

$\frac{1}{4}$ c. shredded Cheddar cheese

2 Tbsp cold water

Arrange figs evenly in lightly greased 6x10 inch baking dish. Spring with lemon juice. Mix sugar, 3 Tbsp flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water in a bowl. Pour evenly over figs and dot with margarine. Combine 1 cup flour and salt in large bowl. Cut in shortening until crumbly. Stir in Cheddar cheese and sprinkle with cold water. Stir with a fork until moistened; shape into a ball. Roll $\frac{1}{8}$ in thick on lightly floured surface. Cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10-inch strips and arrange in lattice fashion over figs, trimming ends. Bake at 350 for 40-45 min or until hot and bubbly. Yield: 6 servings

QUILTER'S HUMOR

Yes, I'm still sewing!
If you're expecting
dinner, you just
need to go back to
the jungle!



2013 UFO Challenge Update

After this month's meeting, there are only two months left to turn in UFOs for the drawing in December! Where are you on your list? Remember, the more you finish, the more times your name is entered! We now have had 28 completed! Keep 'em coming! There are still a lot to be finished on our lists!

**LSQG News Flash!!!
Have you heard the news?**

Two of our very talented members, Carolyn Davis and Becky Everett submitted a quilt to the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XX in Oaks, PA. Carolyn pieced the quilt and it was quilted by Becky.

And guess what? **THE QUILT WAS JURIED IN** and will be on display at the show in September!

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK! We can't wait to hear the results!

Quilter's Tips

Use left over soap pieces rather than marking pens to mark fabric. The mark disappears the first time the quilt is washed. It is also excellent for marking solid colors so you can be sure you are using the right side of the fabric.

Take a ruler and permanent marker to draw a line on your ironing board for pressing borders, strips, etc. Line them up when pressing and you'll have no curves in your strips.



Quilt Pattern Timeline

Have you ever just looked at a quilt and wondered what era the pattern for the blocks was from? Just to give you an idea, this timeline gives you a small snapshot of quilting's journey through time.

Mariner's Compass	1726
Stars	1775
Four Patch	1800
Nine Patch	1808
Irish Chain	1814
Grandmother's Flower Garden	1817
Feathered Star	1830
Lone Star	1830
Pieced Houses	1840
Ocean Shores	1844
Basket Quilt	1850
Log Cabin	1869
Ocean Waves	1875
Pieced Trees	1875
Fans	1885
Bow Tie	1898
Wedding Ring	1920



August Chemo Caps and Wraps Workshop Photos





August Show and Tell



Julie Wells' UFO
Minky Quilt



Bev Schewanick's
Sewing Kit for Quilt Show



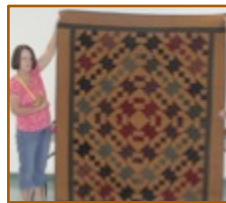
Angie Dempsey's
Mermaid Quilt



Brenda Mayfield's Community
Service project – sleeping mats
made from plastic grocery bags



Joan Hayden's UFO
Mystery Quilt



Joan Hayden's
Northern Lights Quilt
From Pat Speth Class



Bernice Zaidel's UFO
Grandmother's Flower
Garden Quilt

Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

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

19-21 Georgia Quilt Show
Cobb Galleria Centre
Two Galleria Parkway
Atlanta, GA
www.cobbgalleria.com

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

October

3-5 2nd Annual Corn Maze Quilt Shop Event
Atlanta Area

5 OxfordFest
Main Street
Oxford, Alabama

10-12 Birmingham Sewing and Quilt Expo
3660 Grandview Pkwy
Birmingham, Alabama
www.cahabagrand.com

11-13 Fanfare 2013 Quilt Show
Sponsored by Heritage Quilters of Huntsville
Von Braun Center, 700 Monroe St SW
Huntsville, Alabama
www.hsvquilters.org

12 Follow the Quilt Trail
Upper East Tennessee
Johnson City, Tennessee
www.arcd.org/quilttrail

25-26 QuiltFest 2013
Sponsored by Misty Mountain Quilter's Guild
Union County High School Gym
Industrial Blvd
Blairsville, Georgia

Election of the 2014 Executive Board

It is time for the election process to begin for the 2014 board. The process begins with selection of the Nominating Committee. Thanks goes to **Bev Schewanick** who volunteered to serve as the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Bev will be forming the committee by soliciting two additional volunteers to serve with her.

The committee will begin soliciting volunteers in September and October to run for the Executive Board positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider if there is a position you would like to hold or there is someone you feel would be good in a particular position.

The elections will be held in November and the new officers begin their one-year term in January. Your help will continue to ensure that our Guild will continue to thrive and grow!



Executive Board

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

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



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!