

LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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A Word From Our President!

Ladies and John,

Thanks to all of you who attended the cookout! I enjoyed so much just being with each of you in a "non-hurried" atmosphere. Thanks, too, to Wayne and Bob who cooked for us even though it was raining like crazy! Those of you who weren't able to come missed a real treat and some wonderful fellowship! Anita did a great job of presenting the leaf pounding program. With all the hammering going on, it sounded like Santa's Workshop!

Don't forget that we have the "white elephant" sale at our October meeting. Bring all your "stuff" that you have accumulated such as: gadgets you just thought you had to have; fabric that you liked when you bought it and now you wonder why; patterns; magazines, books; half-finished projects that you know you will never complete; orphan blocks, etc. Please price your items and be prepared to take them back home if they don't find a new home. The leftover items can be saved until our quilt show for the flea market area. The money we make will go into the guild treasury to help with the cost of the show.

Remember that we nominate officers from the floor at this meeting and then vote in November.

Hope to see you at Oxford Fest on October 5th! Our opportunity quilt will be on display and we will draw for it at the close of the day. Also, we will be giving out information on our guild and its history hoping to get some quilters interested in joining our group.

Until next time, Happy Fall and Happy Stitching!

Carolyn

Welcome!

Our Newest Member
Barbara Gillespie

October Calendar

- 12th Quilt Show Cmte Mtg
- 13th Guild Meeting
- 14th Columbus Day
- 16th Boss' Day
- 19th Sweetest Day
- 19th Sew Day
- 31st Halloween



October Birthdays

- 9th Becky Everett
- 10th Jinnia Flynn
- 19th Sue Mitchell
- 22nd Linda Lackey
- 22nd Shawnee Weigt
- 31st Julie Wells

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

Other Interesting October Days

October 9, 1855, Isaac Singer patented his sewing machine. But, the first functional sewing machine was invented in 1830 by Barthelemy Thimonnier. Thimonnier was almost killed by enraged French tailors who burned down his garment factory because they feared unemployment as a result of his new invention.

October 26th, Wear Something Gaudy Day. This is your chance to really stick out in a crowd! Have a little fun on this day and forego fashion and style. This day goes back to the 70's TV comedy "Three's Company". Richard Kline, who played Larry, declared this day!

Quilt Guild Flea Market

Don't forget our flea market this month! Remember, we postponed it from the September meeting! We felt it was too hard on everyone to have it the same day as our meeting, workshop and picnic. SO, for the October meeting bring any of your quilting or sewing items that you are tired of looking at or don't use anymore to sell at our flea market. The money we make will be put into our quilt guild account to help with the expenses of the 2014 quilt show!

2013 Sew Day Friendship Community Center

October 19th (Saturday)

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

October Program: Applique

For the month of October, Anne Barrett from Grove Oak, Alabama will be giving our program for the guild meeting. Anne will be talking to us about hand applique. She will also be showing us her technique and will give everyone the opportunity to do some hands-on hand applique! She also will have some of her quilts at the meeting to show us some of both her hand and machine applique. **She asked that each member please bring a thimble and a sharp pair of scissors. She will provide the needles, thread and fabric!** We hope everyone is able to attend. It will be a great program.

Anne previously lived in Oxford where her business was sewing and alterations. She started quilting as a recreation in 1980 and it has become her life, aside from collecting Singer Featherweight sewing machines. Anne has won dozens of best of show and viewer's choice awards for her beautiful quilts. She most recently won 1st place, viewer's choice and overall ribbons on some of her quilts that were entered in show on the Alabama Quilt Walk. We look forward to seeing her work!

October Refreshments:

The refreshments for our October meeting will be provided by Carolyn Davis, Becky Everett, Joan Hayden and Jeanne Gnau. What will these goblins' brew up?

Thanks to everyone for each item they brought to the cookout! The food great and so was the fellowship!

****We will be starting a sign up list for the refreshments for next year very soon. Please don't forget to sign up so you have the chance to select a time that is best for you!****



October Drawing: Coffee and Tea

*I love coffee, I love tea,
I love the java jive and it loves me
Coffee and tea and the jiving and me
A cup, a cup, a cup, a cup, a cup!*

The October theme is coffee and tea! Please bring fat quarters with a coffee or tea print or creams and browns!

Congratulations to our September winner, Teresa Bonds! Her trick or treat bag was full of Halloween fabric!

Thanks to – Anita Fountain for putting together our workshop for September on leaf pounding. Seventeen of our members attended and some really beautiful pieces were turned out. Although it is a rather noisy craft, we had a really good time in this workshop. It is probably safe to say that Carolyn Davis and Julie Wells were the noisiest hammerers! Carolyn even broke the board she was using! Anita and Mary Simmons even went out into the rain and got some flower to try the technique on and they were really pretty as well! Some members already have plans for their masterpieces. Molly Steenberg is going to use hers to line the inside of a purse she is making. Mary Simmons talked about possibly a wall hanging. And, of course, our art teacher, Margaret McNaron will come up with something unique! She was even trying to think of something to do with the leave pieces that came off of the fabric after the pounding! This is some photos of our work.



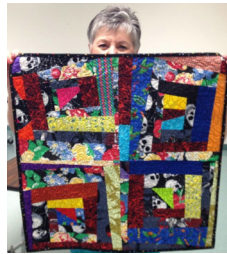
Guild Cookout Our 1st LSQG cookout was a real success! Although it rained like crazy all day, we still had a good turnout and a really fun day! The weather kept only a few away who were planning to come. We had about 30 members and spouses show up to eat and we had a really good chance to visit and get to know some of our members other halves. Those of you who weren't able to make it, we hope you'll make it next time! Thanks to everyone for all of the food brought! And thanks to the guys for cooking the hamburgers and hotdogs and helping to clean up afterwards! Everything was great, as usual!

Ugly Quilt Challenge – This challenge was a chance to get rid of that ugly fabric the quilter would never use and also for the quilter to take less than eye pleasing fabric and add additional fabric to see if the look could be changed or improved. Some worked and others were hopeless! The deadline for completion of the ugly quilts was September. Members who participated in the ugly quilt challenge brought their quilts present to the group at the September meeting. Carolyn Davis, Jinnia Flynn, Anita Fountain, Joan Hayden, Bev Schewanick, Mindy Steenberg, and Molly Steenberg had quilts and the members voted on three categories. The three categories and the winners are shown below along with a photo of all quilts completed in the challenge! This was a fun challenge but even more fun at the meeting when they were presented! Thanks to all who participated!

Prettiest: Joan Hayden
Most Unique: Joan Hayden

Ugliest: Carolyn Davis

All of the Ugly Challenge Participants



SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Mary Simmons'
Paper Pieced Doll Quilt



Bev Schewanick's
UFO Flowers and Owl
Donation Quilt



Julie Wells'
T-Shirt Quilt



Margaret McNaron
UFO Barking Dogs Quilt

Community Service Project Update -- We will be taking all of the chemo caps and wraps that have been completed to the Cancer Care Center in Anniston this month. Our last count prior to the September meeting was approximately 115 caps and 36 wraps. There are a few members that still have wraps and caps they took home to embellish or fabric to complete some that were cut out in our workshop. Please turn those in as soon as you can so that we can wrap up our community service project for this year! As the holidays draw near it will be harder to get them finished plus we want to be sure we get these to the patients before the weather turns cooler. This doesn't mean that no more can be made after we collect these and take them all to the center! You are welcome to make more. Some Christmas caps would be really cute if you are interested in making some! If you do so, please let Mary or Anita know so we will know how many we did this year and can be sure it is kept in our guild historical information! Again, thanks to every member for your time and commitment to this year's project!!! It has been a real success! We will give a final update at toward the end of the year!

QUILTER'S HUMOR



Stich in the Ditch Club

Quilter's Tips

Use your walking foot when sewing flannel to reduce stretching!

Use two of those brown rubber doorstops to wedge underneath the back, bottom of your sewing machine. They give a comfortable tilt for long periods of sewing.



Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Grecian Skillet Ribeyes

1 Tbsp olive oil

1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

2 Tbsp crumbled feta cheese

1-½ tsp garlic powder

1-½ tsp dried basil

1-½ tsp crushed dried oregano

½ tsp salt

¼ tsp pepper

Ribeye steaks

Pour oil in skillet. Pat seasons into steaks. Put steaks in pan and drizzle lemon juice on top. Cook until desired level of doneness and sprinkle feta cheese on top to serve.

Election of the 2014 Executive Board

The election process for the 2014 executive board began at the September meeting. Bev Schewanick, head of the nominating committee, made a suggestion for a nomination to keep the current President, Vice President and Treasurer in their positions for 2014. Joan Hayden, the present Secretary, has served a two-year term and according to the guild bylaws cannot be re-elected for that position. Bev suggested a nomination be made for Julie Wells to be elected for Secretary.

Nominations can be made for the Executive Board positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer through October. At the November meeting elections for these positions will take place. If there is a member that you would like to nominate for one of these positions, please plan to do so at the October meeting. The new officers will begin their one-year term in January. It is very important that you take part in the elections, as this is your guild!



2013 UFO Challenge Update

Okay you UFOers! We have October and November to get any UFOs finished that we have on our lists! There will be a ticket in the drawing for each UFO completed. We officially had 30 completed after our September meeting! There are still a lot of unfinished ones on our lists! You have a good chance of winning a really good prize if you get yours turned in! This has turned out to be a good motivator for some of our members. Joan Hayden has completed all of her UFOs! Yay, Joan!

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

Meet Teresa Bonds – Teresa was born and raised in Anniston where she lives with her husband, Tom and one Labrador retriever, “Belle”. They attend First Baptist Church of DeArmanville where she is the Children’s Director and Tom has been pastor for the past four years. She has one daughter, a teacher at Jacksonville High School, whose husband is pastor at Greenbrier Road Baptist Church. She also has one stepson, a sport video coordinator at a community college in Mississippi. Best of all, Teresa is MeMe to two precious grandchildren, seven year old Savannah Grace and four year old Ross Kristopher!

When Teresa was asked how long she had been sewing, she replied, “Sewing, is that what I do? I’m such an amateur!” On quilting she said if watching counts it would be all of her life watching her grandmother, mother and mother-in-law, all hand quilters! Teresa wasn’t able to make the last meeting, so we hope to see her ugly quilt this month and she says, “boy is it ugly!” As a new quilter she gets a little break! She began quilting simply from a desire to learn and, with the help of fellow members Molly and Jinnia. Her favorite quilting technique? After she tries out a bunch, ask her and maybe she’ll know. We are glad to have Teresa in our guild and know that any member will help her learn any technique and idea so she too, will have a UFO list!

Teresa’s Favorites: Color : Orange
 Food: Anything spicy
 Season: Fall
 Holiday: Christmas
 Music: Southern gospel and praise
 Books: Women’s fiction (Christian/western/prairie/historical)
 Movie and TV: Oklahoma and any western
 Actor/Actress: Tom Selleck
 Hobby and Past Times: Scrapbooking, reading and now quilting, of course
 Favorite Place to Visit: Home – She gets to spend very little time there!
 If She Could Travel to One Place – Alaska

One word that describes Teresa is “happy” and her best attribute her smile. Her favorite thing to do for others is giving. When asked for a quote she lives by, she gave Proverbs 29:18, “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” Teresa gives a big thanks to the ladies and John for being such a sweet group and welcoming her “as she is.”

2014 Lick Skillet “Quilts By the Lake” Quilt Show Update –

A monthly update for our 1st Lick Skillet Quilt Show to be held September 11-13, 2014 at the Oxford Civic Center will be given at this month’s meeting. A meeting has tentatively been scheduled for October 12th for the chairperson of all the quilt show committees. Shawnee will notify each person of the definite date, place and time. She will give an official show update at this month’s meeting!

Not to step on John’s toes, but, Carolyn and Anita have been working on trying to get the best prices on the materials for the pipe and drape to hang quilts on and for vendor booths. Although the guild voted and passed a budget of \$3,000 for these components and curtains, we are making every effort to keep this cost as low as possible. Anita spoke with companies who manufacture these frames and got prices to purchase them if the city would do so. Upon completing the cost estimate, a copy was sent to the Oxford City Council prior to their 2014 budget meeting for them to discuss purchasing it. Carolyn attended the council meeting in the event any questions were raised. We are continuing to work on this possibility and hope that it will happen. If so, this \$3,000 dollars out of our budget will be able to be used elsewhere for the show.

Also, it was suggested at the September meeting that as members select and begin making the items they are giving to sell at the quilt show mercantile, we put a picture of the item on the Lick Skillet Quilt Guild Facebook page. This will be a good way for the members to see what others have chosen and will prevent us from having a large number of an item left after the show that did not sell. It was also suggested that any items that do not sell at the quilt show be for sale at Oxford Fest.

It was decided that as members make items for the mercantile, they bring them in to the meeting and we can get pictures and also go ahead and price those items. This will ensure that if more than one member makes an item they are priced equally and will also make it easier when setting up the show if they are already priced.

Educational Corner – Embellishments – When You Don't Want Plain Fabric Anymore!

Whether a traditional or an art quilter, you just sometimes get a hankering for something different to enhance your quilting. Specialty threads, fusibles, beads, paints, stamps, found objects, hand-dyed fabrics, and new fibers are appearing on today's quilts.

Specialty threads create or accent designs on a quilt. You can add to a design by "painting" the surface of the quilt top with different threads, which come in variegated colors, weights, and materials, from silks to metallics. Extremely realistic pictures and portraits are created using the threads to accent the fabric base.

Fusibles come in many brands for different purposes. With wash-away stabilizers you create a design in thread, dissolve the backing and then attach your creation to your quilt top. Some fusibles are designed to permanently hold fabric in place while you quilt over it while some have a thin layer to reposition a piece of fabric until you are satisfied and then sew it down. Always carefully check manufacturer's directions, as application can vary. Test pieces are critical to see if you can sew through the fabric the way you want for your design.

Beads of all sizes, shapes and colors are popular, from seed beads to bangles. Also, small crystals, rhinestones, small gems and hand crafted glass. Some quilters use a few beads to accent a design while others bead extensively along geometric borders. The amount and kind of beading depends on your design; you determine what will enhance your quilt. Don't bead just for the sake of adding beads. Let your quilting and overall design tell you what you need. Watch for needle size and specialty thread to attach beads. For quilts that receive a lot of wear, be cautious about durability.

Paint might not seem like something to use on a quilt, but paint sticks, colored pencils, and dye paints can add interesting effects. Colored pencils or paint sticks enhance shadowing in a design. Dyes can be used to create your own fabrics before you even cut out a design. Fabric paints allow you to add children's handprints to a family quilt. Fabric crayons can let you create special memory squares for a family event. Again, read manufacturer's instructions, and test-drive first on small scraps of fabric.

Stamps aren't just for scrapbooks or cards anymore. With fabric paints, stamps can be used all over a quilt top to enhance motifs, like stamping shells onto a "watery" quilt top. Whether it be cotton, silk, or even velvet, stamps add design elements and texture. Stamp a basic design, then use specialty threads to add color or fabric paint to enhance the design.

Found objects are exactly that - things hanging around that suddenly have a new purpose. It may be something like an odd shaped piece of scrap metal that would enhance your quilt theme or you found on a walk or from grandma's button collection. Or petals off some silk flowers that will add a three-dimensional effect to a design.

Hand-dyes, batiks, and marbled fabrics - with subtle to wild backgrounds. These are not necessarily commercially produced; you will be dealing with individual artists who create these fabrics.

New fibers are coming on the market yearly. Yarns that are reminiscent of ocean waves and bird feathers can add wonderful texture and dimension to a quilt top. Also, silk ribbon is popular, especially for crazy quilting.

Whatever you want on your quilt can add appeal. If you can't find something, chances are it will be produced before you know it.

LSQG News Update !!

If you remember, Carolyn and Becky's quilt, "Thoroughly 30's" was juried in and displayed at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XX in Oaks, PA. There were many beautiful quilts in the show and it was an real honor to have been chose to be in a group of quilts at this level. The judges stated it was a charming quilts with a fabulous selection of 30s fabric. The quilting on the two outer borders was especially effective! Again, Congratulations Carolyn and Becky!

Also, another one of our members, Brenda Mayfield, entered a quilt in the Gadsden Museum of Art Annual Quilt Show, Stitching Across Alabama – 2013 quilt show this past month and won 2ND PLACE in the Combination (Pieced and Appliqued) Category! Congratulations, Brenda!

Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

October

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

- 3-15 Georgia National Fair Quilt Show
Georgia National Fairgrounds
401 Larry Walker Pkwy
Perry, GAeorgia

- 5 OxfordFest
Main Street
Oxford, Alabama

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

- 11-12 17th Annual Common Threads Quilt Show
Mount Olive Ministries
3533 Harrison Pike
Cleveland, Tennessee

- 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

2013 Opportunity Quilt Update

As of the September meeting, the guild has sold 915 opportunity quilt tickets. There are 278 tickets still outstanding. We will be selling tickets Saturday, October 5th at Oxford Fest and the quilt will be given away at the end of the day. If you have tickets that have not been sold, please contact Carolyn and arrange to get them to her prior to that day.

The following members have signed up to work in the Lick Skillet Quilt Guild booth to sell chances on the quilt:

- 7:00 - 10:00 Shawnee Weigt and Shannon Howard
- 10:00 - 12:00 Joan Hayden and Jeanne Gnau
- 12:00 - 2:00 Julie Wells and Sarah Whatley
- 2:00 - 4:00 Carolyn Davis and Anita Fountain

If anything comes up to prevent you from being able to work at the booth during your allotted time, please contact Carolyn as soon as possible. Any of you not signed up who would like to come to the booth and help, please feel free to do so.

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!



Quilter's Vocabulary:

FABRIHOLIC: A non-word. No one can have too much fabric. If it were a real condition, not only would it be in the dictionary, there would be medical studies and government programs available. I'm not in denial, because you cannot deny a condition that does not exist!

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