



# Lick Skillet Quilt Guild Newsletter

## February 2015

### February Calendar

2nd...Groundhog Day

9th...Guild Meeting

14th...Valentines Day

16th...Presidents Day

19th...Chinese New Year

### February Birthdays

18th *Mary Juras*

If we've missed your birthday, please email Angie Dempsey at [dempsey@charter.net](mailto:dempsey@charter.net) to update our roster.

**Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is a holiday observed on February 14 each year. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it is not a holiday in most of them.**

Boy how time flies! I can't believe we're already in the second month of 2015! Where in the world does the time go?

Now that we've gotten the January meeting with all of the administrative stuff out of the way, we can really focus on our programs, workshops and other great things we are planning for this year.

Bernice is busy working to put programs together with the help of your input on the survey she asked you to fill out. If you come up with any additional ideas you think you and other members might be interested in, now is the time to let her know!

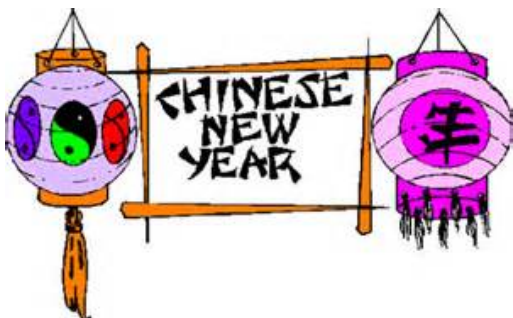
We have planned a Saturday workshop for April 18<sup>th</sup> on 3-D quilting given by Amy Crump from north Alabama. I will have one of Amy's quilts and the information on the workshop at our meeting this month. We will have a sign up sheet for those who want to attend. The cost of the workshop will be \$10.00 to reserve your spot. I hope you will plan to participate.

Last but definitely not least, remember to turn your UFO forms in to Valera so she can keep track of what you have completed! This has been a really successful challenge the last couple of years and has kept us motivated to get projects finished.

I am so excited about our plans for this year and look forward to seeing you this month!

Happy Valentine's – Take the time to hug someone you love and let them know just how special they are!

**Anita**



2015 is the year of the Sheep in the Chinese calendar....

On Chinese New Year, wear red **underwear** for luck and give red envelopes to those you care about.

**February Program**

A guest from Second Chance will come and speak to the guild about their mission and how our 2014 donations help the community.

The program will be a presentation on how to make "Fidget" quilts. These are made for Alzheimer's patients and used for people with ADD or ADHD to keep their hands busy. The presentation will be given to show how to make these quick little "lifesavers" for one of our community service projects for this year.

**Fat Quarter**

**Molly Steenberg won the January fat quarter drawing.**

**February's fat quarter is Purple Blenders or Print.**

**Bring a fat quarter in a baggie with your name on it and take your chance at winning!**

**UFOs.....**

Fill in those UFO forms for 2015 and turn

them in to Valera. You might win a great prize at the December meeting. Your name goes into the hat once for each UFO finished during the year.

Unstarted UFO's are not eligible!

**January Meeting**

The January meeting was all business as we covered the new executive board and some big plans for the year.

Oxford has asked the guild to have a booth in the "Legend of Lick Skillet" and demonstrate crafts that would have been done 100 years ago.

We collected 225 pounds of food for MVP and filled 49 stockings for homeless high school students.

Looking forward to hearing more details about our national teacher Nancy Mahony.

**Atlanta Shop Hop!**

***This year's theme is Sweet 16. March 7-15.***

***We'll do a group trip if there is enough interest.***



## 2014 Mystery Quilt



*Congratulations to all those who finished! And thanks to Sydney, Becky, Molly, Angie, Carolyn, Pat, Melissa, and Bernice for bringing theirs in!*



# January Show and Tell



Molly had a **busy** month.



Molly's pieced back!



Molly's mentioned that Pat Speth has a block of the month online for 2015— <http://www.freequiltpatterns.info/2015-vacation-time-mystery-bom.htm>



Julie showed a moose themed t shirt quilt—



Linda Sobers displays her McKenna Ryan Quilt



Bev showed a great kid quilt— notice the binding!



Mary drew inspiration from a DIY show about a tiled patio.

## Recipe Corner

### Salmon with Red Stuff, a Simmons recipe

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided  
 1 small onion, quartered and sliced  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 2 cans of diced tomatoes  
 1/4 cup sliced drained black olives  
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil  
 1/4 teaspoon salt, divided  
 4 pieces of fresh salmon  
 Black pepper

*Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 4 minutes. Add garlic; cook and stir about 30 seconds. Add tomatoes; cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in olives, basil, 1/8 teaspoon salt and pepper flakes. Cook until hot and most of liquid is evaporated. This is not a "sauce" and should not be overly wet.*

*Meanwhile— sprinkle salmon with remaining salt and a sprinkling of black pepper. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon of oil in another large skillet over medium high heat. Cook salmon, flipping once. It should be cooked through.*

*Serve red stuff over angle hair pasta and top with a piece of salmon.*

### **Chapstick for your thread...**

Keep a tube of lip balm next to the sewing machine. Instead of wetting the thread to thread the needle- put a dab of lip balm on there....

## Upcoming Shows and Events

### **Feb. 5 - 7, 2015**

United Methodist Women Quilt Show  
 Robertsdale United Methodist,  
 22220 Hwy. 59, Robertsdale,  
[www.robertsdaleumc.com](http://www.robertsdaleumc.com)

### **Feb. 10 - March 10, 2015**

Pioneer Museum of Alabama Quilt Show  
 Pioneer Museum of Alabama,  
 248 U.S. Hwy. 231 N,  
 Troy, 36081  
[www.pioneer-museum.org](http://www.pioneer-museum.org)

### **March 6-8, 2015**

A Journey in Quilts  
 Presented by Cotton Patch Quilters  
 Oconee County Civics Center  
 Watkinsville, GA 30677  
[www.cpquilters.org/show](http://www.cpquilters.org/show)

### **March 6-15, 2015**

33rd Great American Cover-up Quilt Show  
 "Celebrations"  
 presented by the Bulloch Hall Quilt Guild  
 Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Ave  
 Roswell, GA  
[www.bhqg.org](http://www.bhqg.org)

### **March 12-15, 2015**

Original Sewing and Quilt Festival  
 Gwinnett Center  
 6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy  
 Duluth, GA  
[www.sewingexp.com/AtlantaGA.aspx](http://www.sewingexp.com/AtlantaGA.aspx)

## **Member Highlight!**

**Shawnee Weigt is originally from Colorado where her father was a principal of the school she went to. She grew up around horses and was involved in 4H. She and her husband spent time in the navy and have been in the Anniston area for 16 years. She has been a nurse for 40 years. She has one daughter and one granddaughter who are the apples of her eye.**

**Shawnee's mom taught her to sew at a young age, but she hated sewing. She took a hand quilting and hand piecing class in 1982. She started making small throws in 1997. She got more involved in quilting over time, joining the Golden Spring Stitch and a Prayer Quilters.**

**Her favorite quilting techniques are English paper piecing and applique.**

**Shawnee loves the color purple, and loves to smile. She loves to make other people smile. She loves animals. She has been a knitter since she was 8. She was a scrapbooker before it was cool to scrapbook.**

**Shawnee believes in the power of positive thinking. Her role model was her dad's mother who lived this attitude.**



### The Origin of Quilting Bees

Quilting has origins in the Middle East and Europe, but quilting bees did not take off until the 19th century. Quilting bees became, not just a chance for women to create quilts, but were an important social event. Sometimes women and their families came from miles away just to attend.

Today's quilters try to convince their husbands that shop hops are the natural evolution of this folk tradition. It is our duty to continue the quilting bee tradition in its modern form and see it continue to evolve in the 21st century!

### **Educational Corner—Listening to your fabric!**

My husband is a woodworker and I tease him when he goes to make a bowl and comes home with a plate. “The wood did not want to be a bowl.” I figure that listening to wood must be a sign of insanity, but truth is—I listen to my fabric. I hope you do too. It is called auditioning.

Early in the stages of planning a quilt, it is good to stop and audition fabrics. Even if you plan to use someone else’s fabric choices, take the time to listen to the fabrics up front and make sure that you agree with their choices. So, how do you listen to fabric?

1. Color. I think that color is probably first on every list about auditioning fabrics.
  - ⇒ Is the color right for your project? Baby gifts, quilts for men, themed projects, etc can all have specific color families that work or don’t work.
  - ⇒ Do the various colors play well together? If you haven’t invested in a color wheel, think about it. The best I have is a second hand color wheel that I got off of ebay. The Quilters Color Wheel covers all of the normal things, but has more shades of colors families shown and makes it easier for me to pick what really goes together.
2. Print and pattern. If you are using prints, take the time to look at them. Sometimes the prints can limit the use of a fabric—or they can suggest new ideas that you would not have thought of.
3. Scale. Craftsy has an article on choosing fabrics and I like the wording: “Florals and geometrics can play off one another and create excitement and movement within the quilt top— whereas using similar print, pattern, and scale will lead to a more subtle and harmonious look.” Excitement and Harmony are both viable goals. Choose the fabrics accordingly.

Sometimes the easy way out is to go with a single fabric collection. Even this is not foolproof. I made a quilt for my daughter using a single collection. She swears to this day that I switched out some of the fabrics because she just doesn’t think that the pale blue from the collection works. Truth is, I did not switch it out, but wish I had. She is right. It doesn’t work. Name brand collection or not, I should have questioned the fabric choice.

- Audition the size and shape of the pieces you will use— cut a hole in a piece of paper so that you can reposition it and get a sense for whether a 2x2 square (or triangle or whatever) will really work on that fabric.
- Take photos of the fabrics together. This can be helpful. Zoom out and in to see if they really work.

Just as not every voice works for every song, not every fabric works with every pattern. Are you looking for high notes or deep bass? Harmony or just a pinch of dissonance? Bright tones or somber notes? Listen and the fabric will tell you what it wants to be. Eeesh..... I sound as crazy as my husband.

**Mary**

**Newsletter Info**

***This month's newsletter was obviously done by an amateur and it is important that you bear with me as I catch on. I don't promise to ever be as good as Anita at this, but I will try.....***

**Mary**

Carol Williams-Moore is going to lead the effort to turn yellow and black Dresden plate blocks into a quilt to present to the City of Oxford at the next Quilt Show.

**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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**2015 Executive Board**

President	Anita Fountain
Vice President	Bernice Zaidel
Secretary	Valera Johnson
Treasurer	Carole DeGrenier
Members at Large	Sidney Smith
	Valera Johnson

***Studies show that people who start projects finish more projects than people who do not start projects.....***

**January Refreshments:**

Thanks to Pam and John Goff for refreshments in January.

February refreshments will be provided by:  
Anita, Becky, Carolyn, and Sandra Jean

**\*\* 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.\*\***

**Important Message:**

***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!***

***Did you know that black cats are considered lucky in Japan?***