



LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



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A Word From Our President

Hello Everyone,

February is over, and boy, am I glad! I love spring with all it brings. I look forward to seeing longer days and maybe a little more warm weather as daylight savings begins. Saint Patrick's day with all of its greenness is just around the corner and more importantly, Easter at the end of the month. It is so nice to see the hint of spring in the daffodils and tulip trees blooming even if a freeze will come along and shorten their beauty. I love spring with all it brings. It fascinates me to watch the earth go through each season and come to life again!

Speaking of coming to life again! I am so sorry that I didn't get a February newsletter out. This past month has been a bit of a nightmare at my house with Bob in the hospital for almost 3 weeks. I do want to take a minute to thank all of you for the cards, calls and prayers. All of you are always very special to me but it's times like this that the closeness of our guild "family" really shines! Thanks again!

Over these next few months we have some really good programs planned. I'm glad to say we are continuing with our normal guild activities and programs even though we have a lot of work to do on the quilt show. I am so happy that everyone seems to be having a good time working on the show plans. We are ahead of the curve ball on planning and at the rate we are going, we should be able to have a lot of the last minute stresses eliminated as we get closer. Of course, it helps that this year it isn't our first show!

I am really excited about our March meeting and the program Becky has planned for us on Modern Quilts. I hope to see some more of you volunteer and put some exciting programs together – we know there is talent out there! We have some really exciting things coming up in the months ahead.

While the weather is nice, begin to enjoy your Spring – go fly a kite, hide Easter eggs, make an Easter bonnet or whatever brings out the inner child in you!

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 14th!

Anita

March Calendar

13th Daylight Savings Begins
14th Guild Meeting
17th Saint Patrick's Day
20th Palm Sunday
22nd Quilt Show Cmte Meeting
25th Good Friday
27th Easter

Welcome to our New Members

SANDRA HOLAWAY
&
TERESA LOTT

**WE ARE SO VERY GLAD TO HAVE YOU
IN OUR GUILD!**

March Birthdays

12th Teresa Lott
13th Judy Huesman
15th Brenda Mayfield
17th Melissa West
17th Sarah Whatley
19th Sharon Lamberth

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



Did you ever wonder how the date is set for Easter since it changes every year? Well, just so you know – It's the first Sunday after the full moon following the spring equinox.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO
ALREADY, REMEMBER TO PAY
YOUR 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

March Program – Our March program, “What the Heck is a Modern Quilt?” will be provided by Becky Everett. Becky will be discussing the guidelines used by the Modern Quilt Guild to determine if a quilt is deemed “Modern” or “Traditional”. She will show a PowerPoint presentation featuring quilts made from the same basic block in “Traditional” and “Modern” designs and will answer whatever questions you may have on modern quilts. Thanks, Becky, for offering to give us this program to clear up any uncertainties we may have on modern quilting techniques!

Monthly Fat Quarter Drawing –

Our 2016 fat quarter theme is “Celebrate the Day”. A crazy or bizarre day will be celebrated each month. Our March celebration will be “Banana Cream Pie Day”, so light yellow print or solid fabric will do!

Congrats to our February winner and new member, Sandra Holaway!

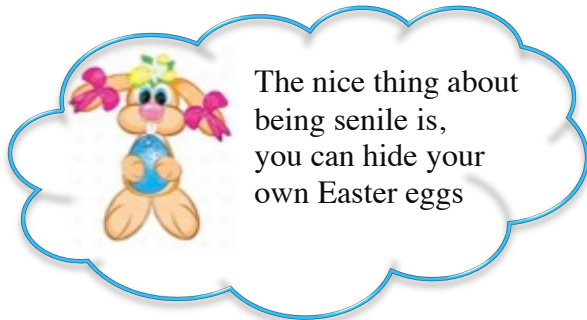
March Refreshments:

Refreshments for the March meeting will be provided by Veronica Epperson, Shannon Howard, Teresa Lott and Valera Johnson.

Thanks to Carolyn Davis, Becky Everett and Tippi Healea for the great desserts last month!

**** If you haven’t signed up for your turn to furnish refreshments for this year, please do so. The refreshment sign up sheet is available at the sign in table at each meeting.****

Last Month’s Program – Carole DeGrenier provided our February program. She gave a mini workshop on how to make Microwave Bowl hot pads to protect from burns when removing bowls from the microwave. She explained how the bowls were made and provided directions as well as providing dos and don’ts for making these bowls. Two big things to remember are to use 100% cotton thread and you can’t use batting such as Insul-Bright between the layers or any other project for microwave use! Machines were set up at the meeting for those who were interested in trying their hand at making a bowl! Also, thanks to Carole for showing us how to make port pillows for breast cancer patients. This is a great project for those small pieces of fabric you have left from your sewing projects. Thanks, Carole for volunteering for the February program!



The nice thing about being senile is, you can hide your own Easter eggs

Secret Pal

If you turned in a form to take part in this year’s Secret Pal, you should have received the name of the person drawn for you. If did not get your name or if you have any questions, get with Carolyn.

IDIOMS CHALLENGE – You still have plenty of time to take part in the “Idioms” challenge for the quilt show. This is a member’s challenge exclusively for our guild members. It is a fun way to think and create outside the box. Examples of idioms are, “raining cats and dogs” or “hanging your head”. If you haven’t signed up to participate, we hope you will. It is a fun challenge and is a small size plus you use your own ideas, fabric, and embellishments. When you sign up, you will be given 2 idioms and can choose to use either one for your project. Please join us!

UFO Challenge – If you want to participate in the 2016 UFO challenge this year don’t forget to get a copy of the form from Valera if you don’t already have one. It’s a good way to push yourself to try and get some of those projects done while entering for a chance to win a great prize at the end of the year! The more you finish, the more chances you have to win!

Sew Days –

We will be scheduling a couple of sew days for the soon. We will see if there are enough members participating to justify booking more. These sew days will be to work on individual projects and UFOs.

Opportunity Quilt Update –

Shannon Howard has finished the quilting, machine sewn the binding and got the sleeve ready. Carole DeGrenier has committed to finishing the binding and sleeve and making a label. Thanks to everyone for your help!

The tickets have arrived and we will be giving them out at this month’s meeting. This year the tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The tickets are in stapled in 6 ticket sets. This change was made based on feedback from ticket sales and people who bought tickets during the 2014 quilt show. We have purchased 2,000 tickets to sell. Please plan to get your tickets at this month’s meeting!

**FEBRUARY
SHOW &
TELL**



All of these beautiful quilts and pillows shown to us at the February meeting were made by:

- Teresa Lott
- Cindy Launhardt
- Pat Horn
- Valera Johnson
- Jinnia Flynn
- Tippi Healea



off the mark by Mark Parisi www.offthemark.com


GUILD MEMBERSHIP BOOK

We've gotten behind on our membership booklet! We need to get all of the member photos finished so we can get booklets for everyone. We will plan to take some time at the March meeting to get this back on track.



Quilt Show Update – Wow! Only 6-1/2 months until show time! We had a show committee meeting Feb 23rd and are really making headway. Thanks to those who have already committed to work in certain areas of the show! It is so exciting knowing that all of you are getting ready too! Here are some of the things from the meeting:

- Vendors – We now have 12 vendors who have registered to attend the show! At this point, Becky will have to look at the layout to see if we will have room for additional vendors.
- Hospitality – Jinnia has really been on the ball getting the menu and a budget for the food the day of set-up, the reception on Thursday night and the meals during the show on Friday and Saturday. She is working on a signup sheet for members to signup to donate a few of the food items.
- Hospitality – Brenda Mayfield and Jackie Fink are our new co-chairs for this area. Wrist bands have been decided upon, admission fee is set for \$5.00 and children 10 & under will be free.
- Judging – The contract for the judge is being put together to get finalized. Judging will be conducted the first part of the week of the show this time.
- Quilt Receiving – Angie Fortner is working on the process for receiving the quilts and holding them until the day of judging.
- Layout – Becky is working on the show layout. This year the layout will change dramatically since we are having a bed turning, quilt appraisals and the Hoffman Challenge. Also the vendors and quilts in separate locations of the Civic Center.
- Bed Turning/Appraisals – Bernice is working the setup and an antique headboard has been loaned for the bed turning. The contract with Alma Moates is finalized.
- Community Service – Sharon has started a list of those who are willing to donate a basket or items for baskets to be put together. This will give us baskets other than those donated by vendors and local merchants.
- Photography – Angie Dempsey is our photographer again! She is working on the possibility of us having CDs of the quilt show available for purchase.
- Publicity – Anita has the write up ready for the websites that have quilt shows listed. She will be getting postcards printed as soon as the opportunity quilt can be photographed for all of the publicity items.

If an area isn't mentioned it doesn't mean there isn't any work going on in that area! We had some committee chairs that weren't able to attend the meeting and they are working just as hard! We'll keep you updated on all areas as they progress. And, just so you know, we've got our  's on each of you for a spot or two to work!!!!

CAROLYN

A great big thanks from Mindy and her Girl Scouts to those of you who were able and willing to come out and help the girls learn sewing skills. These girls will be sending their little blankets to Birmingham for babies in the NICU.

Once again, you have made a big difference in the lives of others!



March 9th – 13th, 2016

The shops are open from 9:30 am-6 pm on Wednesday-Saturday and 1-5p on Sunday or their regular hours if they are open earlier or later. Visit www.atlantaquiltshophop.com for more info and the list of shops

Murphy's Laws for Quilters

- In a mail order shipment, the item you need most will be backordered.
- You will find the perfect fabric for your quilt only after the manufacturer has discontinued it.

Upcoming Shows and Events

March

10-12 Original Sewing and Quilt Expo
Infinite Energy Forum
(formerly Gwinnett Center)
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway
Duluth, GA 30097
www.infiniteenergycenter.com

4-13 Great American Cover-up
Bullock Hall Quilt Guild
Bullock Hall, 180 Bulloch Ave
Roswell, GA
bhqgshow@gmail.com

18-19 The Art & Legacy of Quilts
Vineville United Methodist Church
2045 Vineville Ave
Macon, GA
The Heart of Georgia Quilt Guild

April

15-16 Pensacola Quilters Guild 2016 Biennial Show
Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds
The Expo Hall
6655 W. Mobile Hwy
Pensacola, FL
www.pensacolaquiltersguild.org

15-19 A Mountain Quiltfest
LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge
2986 Teaster Lane
Pigeon Forge, TN
www.mountainquiltfest.com

If you won
a door prize at
the Christmas party and weren't
at the February meeting, bring
your paper you were given
when your name was drawn to
get your prize.

Community Service

Since our quilt show is this year, our service project will be to raise funds for a monetary award to our charities chosen by the guild. As we did in 2014, this will be the proceeds from the gift baskets at the quilt show. I will need donated items for these baskets. Several members have generously planned to donate a complete basket. The vendors have also been asked to donate items. At the March meeting, we will vote on the organizations to receive the money raised by the baskets. We will have the Chinese auction again where we will sell tickets at the quilt show to be dropped in the bucket in front of the basket you want to win. If you missed the February meeting and would like to add a charity on the list, please email it to sharon.lamberth19@gmail.com.

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Nutter Butter – Banana Pudding Trifle

3 cups milk
3 large eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
5 medium-size ripe bananas
1 (1-lb.) package peanut butter sandwich cookies (Nabisco Nutter Butter)
2 cups sweetened whipped cream
Garnishes: cookies, dried banana chips, fresh mint sprigs

1. Whisk together first 4 ingredients in a large saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, whisking constantly, 15 to 20 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla until butter is melted.
2. Fill a large bowl with ice. Place saucepan in ice, and let stand, stirring occasionally, 30 minutes or until mixture is thoroughly chilled.
3. Meanwhile, cut bananas into 1/4-inch slices. Break cookies into thirds.
4. Spoon half of pudding mixture into a 3-qt. bowl. Top with bananas and cookies. Spoon remaining pudding mixture over bananas and cookies. Top with sweetened whipped cream. Cover and chill 2 to 24 hours. Garnish, if desired.

Educational Corner – Applique – Using Fusibles and Stabilizers - If you started out sewing clothes, then you are familiar with interfacings to stiffen particular parts of garments. Quilters now have newer versions of interfacings, called fusibles, that have revolutionized quilting by allowing us more freedom to create designs, reposition and layer designs, and stabilize and adhere embroidery.

You have huge options with stabilizers. Do you want to thread paint, using only thread to create a wispy, original design that you can attach to your quilt? Do you want to stabilize an edge for an unusual treatment? Do you want to protect a delicate fabric from stretching as you embellish it? Stabilizers are temporary, permanent, heat activated, and tear-away, giving you all these possibilities. Permanent ones provide stretch resistance and stay with the fabric through laundering. Temporary ones are easy to tear away and prevent distortion of stitches. Wash-away stabilizers are easy to remove when you don't want anything to show on top, bottom, or through layers. Some will even disintegrate with heat, perfect when distortion would occur by wetting or tearing.

Fusibles allow you to place both large and small pieces temporarily on background fabric until you can sew them in place. You can add a fusible to the back of appliqué pieces and then iron them permanently in place on your backing fabric, or hold them temporarily. You can check various brands and determine which is best for your project.

Some fusible interfacings are too heavy for appliqué, either by machine or hand. They are permanent and thick, making it very difficult to get needles (machine or hand) through to anchor into place. Heavy fusibles will clog your needle, causing thread breakage. Light-weight interfacings may be a better choice. Keep in mind the options in fusibles include those developed just for quilting, so you have more choices. The wrong fusible can lead to thread breakage and problems with tension on your machine.

Fusibles with a sticky back have a couple of advantages. You can trace your appliqué pieces right on to the fusible web and cut out fairly intricate designs. You can use this for large pieces of fabrics, as well as thick fabrics like Ultrasuede. Perhaps most important, you can move your appliqué pieces around very easily, so you can design as you go.

A double stick fusible allows you to stick the entire appliqué piece in place. You can pin pieces to the design wall to check placement without worrying about gravity. You also can put your project aside and pieces won't move, which is great for transporting a project or taking a break.

With fusibles, your iron is critical, as is reading the directions for your particular fusible. If your fusible peels off, then you have not used enough heat. Read about your setting, and experiment with some sample pieces. A teflon plate on your iron (or added to an old one) helps with the potentially sticky mess caused by using fusibles.

Landscape quilts are an example of an innovative approach to appliqué using fusibles. Choose fabrics representative of a particular scene. You can iron a fusible to the backs of your fabrics, cut out bushes and other features, pin and then iron onto the background permanently. You could also use a temporary fusible to allow you to create a complete scene, with repositioning at any time. When you are done, then iron the completed scene, melting the fusible to permanence.

The creative options, available in appliqué through the use of fusibles, is incredible. You can create just about anything and stretch your own ideas even further with any of these new products.

Classified Ads

Do you have something you would like to sell? Ads for the newsletter must be submitted in a short ad format by the 25th of the month to Anita at alfount@yahoo.com for the following month's! Also, let Anita know if the item sells or if you want the ad removed.

If the Oxford Civic 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!

2016 Executive Board

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

2016 Quilt Show Chairpersons

Show Chair	Carolyn Davis
Publicity	Anita Fountain
Vendors	Becky Everett
Layout	Becky Everett
Setup/Breakdown	Angie Fortner
Quilt Receiving	Angie Fortner
Judging	Valera Johnson
Awards	Margaret McNaron
Community Service	Sharon Lamberth
Opportunity Quilt	Ginger McNeal
Hospitality	Jinnia Flynn
Admissions	Brenda Mayfield/Jackie Fink
Programs	Anita Fountain
Advertising	Sue Gardner
White Glove	Tippi Healea
Photography	Angie Dempsey
Treasurer	Carole DeGrenier/Molly Steenberg

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 Oxford Civic Center, 401 McCullars Lane, Oxford, Alabama 36203. Guests are welcome. Annual dues are \$25, renewable in October of each year.

Address/phone/email changes, contact: Angie Dempsey, 256-362-0035

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

*Anyone who finds the Easter egg hidden in the newsletter and brings it to the guild meeting will get a prize!