



LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER



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A Word From Our President

Hi Ladies and John!

Well, here we are beginning another month and we're also another month closer to the quilt show! I don't know about you all but I am really excited about the show! Shawnee and the quilt committee have worked diligently to keep things moving in the right direction. I am amazed at how many great things many of you have made to sell at the Mercantile. Also, if you haven't already, you need to begin going through your "stuff" for the Flea Market and get those things priced so that set up in that area will be easy. I have been constantly in touch with our vendors and they are all really supportive! And, we have some wonderful baskets as well as other items for our community project fundraiser.

At this month's meeting, be prepared to sign up for your times to work in the various areas at the show. At the guild meeting before the show date, we will have work schedules printed out for everyone with the times you signed up to help in each area. Even though we will have a lot of work to do I think we will have a good show and a lot of fun!

By now you should have received the quilt form to fill out for each quilt you plan to enter into the show. Remember that a form needs to be filled out for each quilt! Every single one of you should be very proud of what you have done. I for one do not feel that my quilts are anywhere near as good as others but I am anxious to learn exactly what our judge thinks about them and what I can do to improve my quilting skills. We have gotten some good information this year on what judges look for to help us out!

I want to let each of you know how thankful I am for your support as well as your friendship. Quilting has definitely allowed me to make some wonderful friends that I probably never would have had.

See you at our next meeting!

Carolyn



June Calendar

7th Sew Day
9th Guild Meeting
14th Flag Day
15th Father's Day
21st First Day of Summer
17th Armed Forces Day
28th Sew Day Day

June Birthdays

3rd Mary Simmons
22nd Angie Dempsey

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

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a

SUMMER DAY

listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.

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, June 7th Room B *
* Saturday, June 28th Room B *
Saturday, July 19th Room B

Room B is located on the right after you enter the building through the front door of the community center. The community center will be open at 9:00 a.m. each of these days. Come then or when you can! We will wrap up the days around 3:30 p.m. since the center closes at 4:00.

Our visitor at the May meeting was

Bev Perry

If you know her, please tell her we would love to have her in our quilt family!

June Program – For the June meeting, we will not have a program but will be doing work on all of the committees of the quilt show. The committee chairs will be meeting with those who have signed up to work for that committee. Those who have not signed up for a committee will be assigned to work for a committee where needed to help brainstorm, gather information or items needed to make that area a success.

If you are helping in an area from now until the quilt show, it doesn't mean you will be working on that committee or in that area at the quilt show. At this point we are only ensuring that all committees have enough help to ensure that area is ready and successful at the show! We will all be signing up to work in various areas throughout setup and during the show! Remember this is every member's show and we all want it to be a real hit for us!

Please make every effort to be at our meeting this month! We need every "thinker" and set of hands we have!

June Refreshments:

Refreshments for our June meeting will be provided by Angie Dempsey, Brenda Mayfield and Shannon Howard.

Thanks to Babbett Harmon, Linda Sobers, Melissa West and Bernice Zaidel for the wonderful treats at last months meeting. As usual, they were great!

**** 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 –

**Will it go round in circles?
Will it fly high like a bird up in the sky?**

Our fat quarter theme for the month of June is geometrical designs. Will yours be circles, squares, triangles, squiggles, or what?

Melissa West won last month's fat quarters and boy did she get a variety! Congratulations, Melissa!

Last Month's Program – Thanks to Jo Lipham for giving our presentation at the May meeting. For those of you who weren't there, Jo talked about the Gordian Knot and the techniques of that design. She showed the guild her beautiful quilt (shown below) that she did from the class she took. The pattern is done in units instead of blocks. Jo explained how you must use three colors with contrast. Also, she emphasized the importance of labeling everything and keeping it organized and how the book from the class has great instruction and you simply need to follow it. We also discussed a class possibly being offered on this technique if enough members were interested. We will bring this up at a later date since we will have to plan it for after the quilt show!

Thanks again, Jo for giving this program!



2014 Opportunity Quilt–

Our beautiful opportunity quilt is finished and now Shannon has it and is putting the label and hanging sleeve on it! The tickets have been printed and will be given out at this month's meeting. The tickets are \$1.00 each and as stated in our guild by-laws, each member is asked to sell at least 10 tickets on the quilt. **We have only three months to sell tickets before the quilt show.** We will also be selling them during the show and will draw for the winner at the close of the show on the last day. Also, photo cards will be available at the meeting for those of you who want to show a photo of the quilt when you are selling tickets.



Thanks again to everyone who worked on our quilt and thanks to Shannon for offer to complete this last step!

Community Service Update –

Our community service project, which is a quilt show event is coming together! The number of baskets from vendors and guild members are growing. Tickets will be sold for chances to win the baskets with proceeds going to a charity.

At the May meeting we asked members to recommend charities for the proceeds collected from this event. We requested that we have two charities with at least one being in the Oxford area since the city of Oxford has been so gracious to our guild and upcoming show. The Oxford Adult Center is in need of a refrigerator and the guild voted to make this our first charity. Three additional charity recipients were nominated for the second charity and the decision will be made by ballot vote at the June meeting. These are 2nd Chance, Alabama Baptist Children's Home's Friendship House in Oxford and a needs-based scholarship.

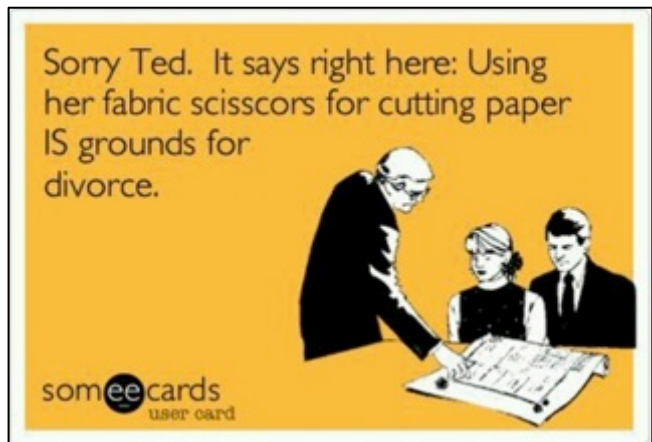
Also, don't forget the "Pretty Pocket" drain cover project. Any made will be given to Molly to take to the cancer center for patients going home with surgical drains. Directions are available on the guild website.

UFO Challenge --

We have about 20 UFO forms turned in at the present time for this challenge. Don't forget to bring your projects in as you finish them so you can be in the drawing. Remember, that also includes the challenge and the mystery quilt if you are doing either one.

If you haven't turned yours in this month will be the last chance to do so. Some of you mentioned that you still haven't turned yours in. Don't wait any longer if you want in the drawing at the end of the year. If you are a new member and aren't aware of the UFO Challenge, ask for a form! The form is available on the website!

QUILT HUMOR



Mystery Quilt– Part 5, which was the final part of the mystery was given out at the May meeting! Hopefully, some of you have finished yours!

If not, don't forget that you may run into an error on Part 4, Unit 4B, the outer corner triangles. Some had this problem while others did not. If your are too small to give you a seam allowance for your border, all you need to do is recut your two squares but make them 11" so that will be big enough.

It will be so exciting to see everyone's mystery quilts completed! Be sure to bring them in at the **July** meeting. This will give everyone enough time to get them finished! Anita's is shown here so that you can see what yours should look like!



Fall LSQG Retreat – At our May meeting we discussed the information for having a retreat in October. We had to have 25 members who wanting to attend. There were only about 10 members who indicated they wanted to attend a retreat. The space was being held until after the May meeting in the event we wanted to reserve the facility. So, **WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A RETREAT THIS YEAR!!!!**

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

Meet Sue Gardner! Sue grew up in the Eulaton area of Anniston and now lives in Alexandria where she has lived for 40 years! She worked many years with her husband, Steve, until he retired and then worked at Jacksonville State University as a secretary until she retired in 2012. Sue and Steve, who passed away in 2013, have two children, Jeff and Angie. She is also blessed to have three grandchildren, Robin who is 10, Emily who is 9 and Gracie who is 5 to keep her occupied and smiling! She has a Yorkie named Penny to keep her busy! Sue is very active in her church, Good News Assembly in Alexandria.

Sue began sewing the summer before she entered 10th grade. She was to begin taking Home Economics when school was to start back in the fall and she wanted to get a jumpstart on her sewing skills. Her mother helped her cut out and make a dress that summer and has been sewing ever since. As for quilting, Sue started piecing her first quilt shortly after she got married in 1961. Her mother helped her get started with that also, but it took her 12 years to complete! (Sounds familiar to all of us!) When her children were younger Sue would piece a quilt every winter, but gradually got away from it over the years. When she was invited to join Lick Skillet Quilt Guild, she thought it would be a great way to renew her interest in quilting, and it has done just that. Sue's favorite quilts are pieced-scrappy and her least favorite quilts are art quilts. Other than sewing, Sue enjoys reading and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Sue's Favorite Things:

- Color : All of the colors of Fall
- Foods: Fried Chicken with peach cobbler
- Flowers: Roses and hydrangeas
- Season: Spring
- Holiday: Thanksgiving
- TV Show: The Waltons Movie: Gone with the Wind
- Actor: Ben Affleck Actress: Sandra Bullock
- Music: Southern Gospel and Country
- Books: Christian Fiction such as Karen Kingsbury and Beverly Lewis books
- Place to Go: Gatlinburg
- If She Pick One Place to Travel – The Amish Country in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

When asked what word describes her, Sue, said "particular" and her best attribute is organization. When asked what she likes to do for others, she said she is a helper and likes to especially help those in need. If you don't know Sue, take the time to do so because she is a special person!

Upcoming Shows and Events

June

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

21 Cedar Creek FCE Quilt Show 2014
Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church
3401 Cedar Creek Road
Greenville, TN

July

24-26 QuiltFest 2014
Boones Creek Christian Church
305 Christian Church Road
Gray, TN 37615
www.tennesseequilts.com/quiltfest

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

QUILTER'S TIP

Ever have seams to press between each step on a block and a regular ironing board isn't ideal? Take a wooden fold up TV dinner table, put a layer of cardboard on top, put a towel on it then an old piece of fabric. To hold it together put elastic around each end and you have a small ironing board next to your machine!



What job have
YOU signed up
to do at the quilt
show?



MAY SHOW AND TELL



Mary Simmons' UFO
Crazy Frog Quilt



Pat Horn's
Flower Apron



Linda Sobers'
Fall Wall Hanging



Pat Horn's
Butterfly Apron



Babbette Harmon's
Sailboat Baby Quilt



Brenda Mayfield's
Folk Art Flowers Quilt



Linda Sobers'
Memory Quilt



Pat Horn's
Bag Storage Bag



Jo Lipham's UFO
Wall Hanging



Linda Sobers'
Mimi's Garden Quilt



Quilt Show Update – from Shawnee

The prep for our first quilt show continues to progress nicely. We are nearing a full compliment of vendors and publicity is well under way. Quilt show committee chairs will have sign up sheet to help with setup of their areas and works schedules for quilt show days. We would like to thank everyone for your excitement and continued commitment to this exciting event.

We will also be ordering our guild tee shirts after this month's meeting. The member cost of the shirts will be \$5. A sample of each of the sizes available will be at the meeting for you to choose your correct size.

The quilt entry form is on line and an example will be at the next meeting for clarification and questions. We need these forms as soon as possible to allow John (setup) and Karen (programs) time to do their work and continued planning. Remember, we must have a form for each quilt you enter.

Please be talking to businesses that might be willing to put ads in our program. The cost will be: \$100 for a 4"x5-1/2" ad, \$50 for a 3"x4-1/4" ad, and \$25 for a business card size ad, 2"x2-3/4" ad.

We are still looking for gift baskets and door prizes.

Educational Corner – Quality Fabric – Deal or No Deal?

Why do quilt shops charge more for their quilting fabrics? Don't they know you can buy it from a discount store for less? Sure they do. But they also know that "bargain" fabrics are not always a deal. Discount stores and quilt shops buy their fabric from the same manufacturers. But that doesn't mean they're buying the same quality. That's because fabric mills produce different grades of fabric for different end users. For example, if you're sewing an outfit for a rough-and-tumble toddler, you'll probably use an inexpensive fabric. But, if you want to sew a quilt, you're more likely to choose a higher-quality fabric.

Seeing Double

Sometimes discount fabric looks identical to quilt shop fabric. Both fabrics have the same print, and both come from the same manufacturer. But the discount fabric sells for less. What's going on here? To get a better understanding, let's find out how discount stores operate. Common Practices of Discount Stores:

They Print Name-Brand Designs on Low-Quality Fabric

In the textile world, they call this "downprinting." This also occurs in the fashion industry where companies produce "knockoffs" of the latest designs. By printing a name-brand design on low-quality fabric, the discount stores can offer the quilt fabric for less.

They Order Quality Fabric, but Scrimp on the Print

In this case, the manufacturer applies less-than-desirable dyes or prints to quality fabric. To make matters worse, they don't seal the dyes in the fabric. That means the dyes are going to bleed in the wash. Fabrics containing cheap dyes and inferior printing might not meet the manufacturers' standards. But if a discount store orders them this way, the manufacturer complies.

They Buy Quality Quilting Fabric in Bulk

Discount stores often buy hundreds of bolts of fabric at one time. Manufacturers reward them by offering handsome discounts on the "per yard" cost. Because discount stores pay less, they can transfer the savings to their customers. This gives them the advantage over quilt shops, because most quilt shops can't afford to buy in large bulk. That means they pay more for their quilting fabric. **BOTTOM LINE:** If you find a deal at a discount store, take advantage of it. But only if you're buying quality fabric.

They Buy "First-Run" Fabrics

Fabric mills always test new designs for imperfections like color distortions or irregular pattern placements. You can bet they're not going to use their best fabric for this "first run." "No, they're going to print the design on low-quality fabric called "griege goods" (pronounced "gray"). Griège goods refers to fabric taken off the loom in its natural state. "Natural" means the fabric contains no dyes or chemicals. This makes a perfect canvas for testing new prints. After the design passes inspection, the mill sells the fabric to a "converter" or broker. Then the converter sells it to discount and chain stores. These quilt fabrics typically show up on clearance or discount tables as flat folds or on a bolt. Unsuspecting consumers think they're getting a bargain on name-brand fabrics. But in reality, they're buying cheap fabric full of irregularities.

An Easy Way to Buy Quilting Fabric

If you want an easy way to buy quality fabrics, visit a quilt store. These shops cater to quilters, and they specialize in quality quilting fabrics with high thread counts. Sure, you'll pay more. But at least you'll know it's top-of-the-line fabric. I buy most of my fabric this way, because there's no guesswork involved. If you're a fabric hound like me, you'll also shop at chain stores. There's nothing wrong with this. You just have to know how to recognize quality when you see it. That's another subject, and one I address in my article entitled, "[How to Choose Quality Quilting Fabric.](#)"

Honor your time and talents. Always buy quality quilting fabrics.

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About the Author

Creator and publisher of <http://sewaquilt.com>, Gloria shares 16 years of quilting experience with new quilters. On her website, she teaches beginners how to make their first quilt. Gloria hopes to keep this fun and creative tradition alive.

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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!

Classified Ads

For Sale: Bernina 820 with Bernina Chest of Drawers and Cabinet. Includes Bernina accessories with all extra feet, 2 binder feet, etc. included. \$4000.00.

For Sale: Gammill Vision includes 12-foot table, extension plate for ruler work, applique and stitch in the ditch guides, all accessories that came with the machine when new. Red Snappers, Zippered Leaders, etc. \$7500. Doesn't include delivery and Setup.

For Sale: Gammill Statler Computer Guided Quilting Machine Version 5.0. 12-foot table. Larger Computer Monitor added to machine. All accessories that came with the machine when new are included. Red Snappers, Zippered Leaders (1 used and 1 new set). Many extras. 29000.00

For information on the above items, call Joany Orsi at 770-597-8630 or you can see the Gammill machines at her shop, Pickleweeds Quilt Shop in Douglasville, GA. Images of the Bernina and cabinet are on the Pickleweedsquiltshop.com blog

For Sale: Wood grain laminate folding cutting table, folds to 12" deep by 36" wide by 36" high. Fully extended is measures 36"x84". \$35.00. Call Carol Bentley at 256-435-0991.

This is a new part of our newsletter. If you have any quilting related items for sale and would like them to be listed here, please send to Anita at alfount@yahoo.com Listing must be in short classified ad format and received by the 25th of the month.

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.

Address changes contact: Angie Dempsey, 256-362-0035

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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!