



LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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A Word From Our President

Hi Everyone!

Hope you are enjoying this wonderful cool weather! It seems to have gone straight from summer to late fall in one week. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our November meeting. We will be making presentations to Oxford Senior Center, Second Chance and the Girls Scouts from our proceeds of the Community Project fundraiser at the quilt show. Thanks to Mary Simmons and all of you who worked with her on this project. You did a great job!

As you know, we will be voting on 2015 officers at this month's meeting. If you have any nominations from the floor, please be prepared to make those prior to our election. Remember, the new president will be appointing committee chairpersons soon, so be contemplating what you would like to do this next year. Thanks to each of you for supporting me as your president. I appreciate all you have done throughout the past two years and especially for making our first "Quilts by the Lake" a booming success!

Our Christmas party is close and so far we haven't, to my knowledge, had anyone to volunteer to decorate! Remember our party will be at the Civic Center in the room where we had our quilt show hospitality area. The room has been reserved for December 8th and will be available to start setting up at noon. Another advantage to having our party there is that the Civic Center is open until 9:00 p.m. so we won't have to be as rushed.

If you had someone who is not a guild member who worked as a volunteer setting up the quilt show please invite them to our Christmas party so that we might express our appreciation to them. Just let either me or Anita know who will be attending so that we may plan accordingly for food.

Another item of interest...this next year we will have a national teacher to bring a class to us. Soon, a list of prospective instructors will be presented for you to consider.

See you at the meeting!

Carolyn

November Birthdays

5th Carol Bentley
6th Pam Goff
9th Jo Lipham
22nd Anita Fountain

Take the time to wish our members a very happy birthday!

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

November Calendar

1st All Saints Day
10th Guild Meeting
11th Veteran's Day
20th Sew Day
27th Thanksgiving Day



Thanksgiving Is

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God, our Creator and Provider, whose guidance and care go before us... and whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the changes, to remember that we, too, grow and change from one season of life to another.

Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons, when leaves turn golden in Autumn's wake and apples are crisp in the first chill breezes of fall.

Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

As we see the beauty of Autumn, let us acknowledge the many blessings which are ours. let us think of our families and friends.. and let us give thanks in our hearts.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

VERLENE MILLER
&
MARIANNE STUART

We're so happy that you've joined us!

Sew Days

On our October sew day we had eight members show up! We hope those of you who missed will plan to come in November! Come for the day from 9:00 to 3:30 or whatever time you can!

Thursday, November 20th in Our Regular Meeting Room

November Program – For this month’s program, we had scheduled Joan Orso from Pickleweed’s Quilt Shop in Douglasville, GA to give our program. After speaking with Joan, she asked that we reschedule the program for 2015.

We do, however, have a neat program planned for this month. Carolyn and Anita will be giving a program on a Christmas project that is so simple you’ll want to go home and make one! And just so you can do that, we will be giving each member who is at the meeting a kit to take home and complete! In fact, you may just want to go home and make several!

Last Month’s Program – John and Pam Goff provided our program last month on basket weaving. They were gracious enough to bring the baskets they had made for a “trunk show”. Be sure to thank them for showing us their beautiful baskets and sharing their other talents! They talked briefly to us on the various kinds of straw, reed and wood used as well as other things such as dying, forming and drying the materials and baskets. It was so interesting! Warning! John and Pam -- there were quite a few members who indicated an interest in a class. Thanks to John and Pam for providing our program in October!

October Refreshments:

Refreshments for our October meeting will be provided by Carol Bentley, Sue Gardner, Jannette Lackey and Carole DeGrenier.

Thanks to Shawnee Weigt, Cindy Launhardt and Valera Johnson for our refreshments! Everything was delicious and so full of the taste of fall and cooler weather!

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

Monthly Fat Quarter Drawing –

**There are many things I am thankful for
I can find them near and far
There are many things I am thankful for
Let me tell you what they are**

Our fat quarter theme for the November drawing is fabric to represent what you are thankful for! In celebration of Thanksgiving, bring fabric to represent your thankfulness!

Our lucky winner for October was Sidney Smith! She got no tricks and a bunch of treats!

Mystery Quilts –

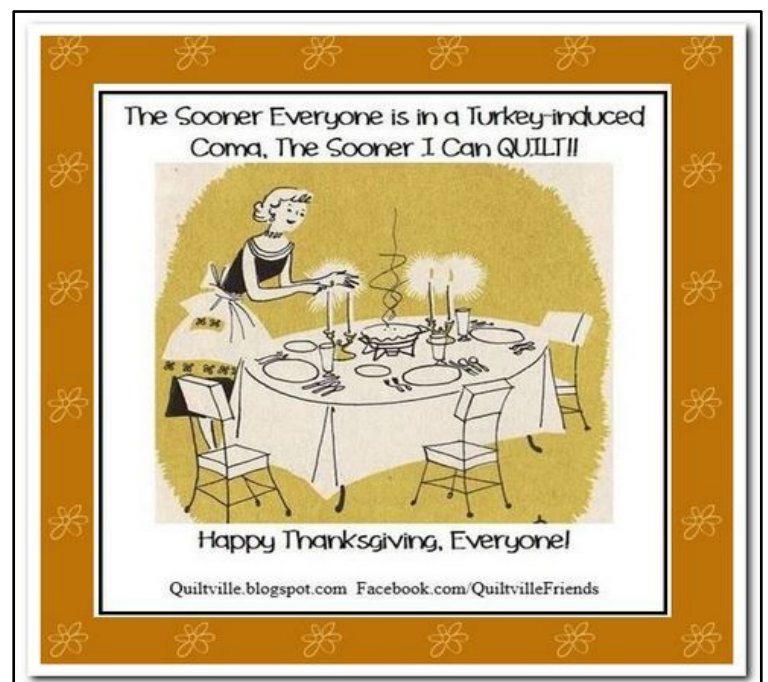
WE NEED EVERYONE TO BRING THEIR MYSTERY QUILT TO THE DECEMBER MEETING/PARTY. WE NEED TO GET A PICTURE OF EVERYONE’S QUILT FOR THE WEBSITE!

Opportunity Quilt Update –

We won’t be reporting any information here until the projects for 2015 are discussed after the first of the year!

QUILT HUMOR

UFO Challenge – In October we gave out copies of the UFO sheets that were turned in for this year’s challenge and asked that they be updated to be sure we had them marked as completed and a ticket entered for each one. Based on the update so far, at least 36 UFO’s have been completed in 2014, which is great considering we had our show! We’re sure the number is higher because some of you in the challenge either weren’t at the meeting or didn’t turn your sheets back in. Be sure you update them this month! We only have November and December show and tell left before the drawing! Also, being considering if we want to continue this challenge for 2015!



2014 Community Service Update –

Our 2014 community service project will be completed at this month's meeting as we have representatives attend from each of the charitable groups we chose to contribute to this year!

The refrigerator will be purchased for the Oxford Senior Center and will be delivered to them next week. We will have the Senior Center director, Anita Collier, at our meeting for us to present the purchase of the refrigerator.

Also, Susan Shipman from Second Chance will be there for us to present a check for our donation to the organization. This will be a great contribution to help incur some of their expenses in 2015.

And, last but not least, we will present a check to the Cottaquilla Council that will in turn go to Troop 20009. The girls worked at the quilt show making and selling doll pins to raise money for their troop as well as working to earn a badge.

Thanks to all of you for your work on this year's community service project. As always, it was a success! Only great members like each of you could make this kind of impact that we have in our community this year.

Thanks again to our Chairperson, Mary Simmons, for all of her efforts and ideas for this committee!

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Chef Frank Stitt's Spoonbread

3 cups water
Kosher salt
½ cup heavy cream
½ cup buttermilk
1 stick unsalted butter
1 cup self-rising cornmeal or add ½ tsp each: baking powder, baking soda and salt to plain cornmeal
¼ cup finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
Hot sauce to taste
3 large eggs, beaten
White pepper

Preheat oven to 375. Butter a 9-inch gratin dish. Bring the water to a boil in a medium heavy saucepan adding a good pinch of salt. Meanwhile, in a small pan, combine cream, buttermilk and butter and bring to a gentle simmer. When water is boiling, add cornmeal, whisking constantly and returning to a simmer. Simmer for 2-3 minutes, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon, until just thickened, then add cheese and hot sauce. Stir in cream mixture and simmer for 2 minutes more. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Stir in eggs, vigorously mixing well. Add white pepper to taste. Pour into prepared dish and bake until golden and set, 20 to 25 minutes.

*You've been good,
So, you're invited to our*



**2014 Lick Skillet Quilt Guild
Christmas Party**

**December 8th
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Oxford Civic Center

We will be deciding at the November meeting on our meal and other party plans. We also need

Upcoming Shows and Events

November

7-8 Visions of Thread and Fabric Quilt Show
Covington County Quilters' Guild
Hwy 55 S By-Pass
Andalusia, AL
Contact: ccquiltguild@gmail.com

14-15 2014 Biennial Quilts and Tea Festival
"Childhood Revisited"
Davenport, FL
Sponsored by the Quilts and Tea Committee &
Davenport Historical Society
Contact: quiltsandtea@msm.com or call
863-258-7800

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

Those of you who were not at the October meeting when the quilt show financial report was discussed and are interested can see Becky for a copy.



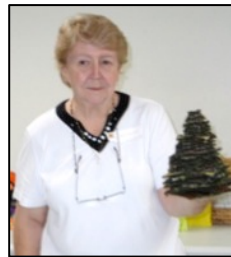
OCTOBER SHOW AND TELL



Congratulations to Mary Simmons! Mary won the Viewer's Choice Award for the most votes on her quilt, "Rumplequiltskin" at our quilt show.



Also, congratulations to Jo Lipham for her "Thimbleberries" and Ginger McNeal for her "Oh Holy Night" quilts! Their quilts tied with the most votes for the Guild's Choice.



Brenda Mayfield's Charm Pack Christmas Tree



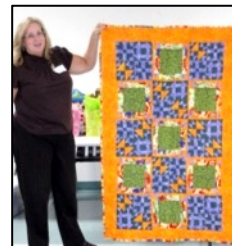
Brenda Mayfield's Miniature Table Runner



Brenda Mayfield's Pastel Square's Quilt



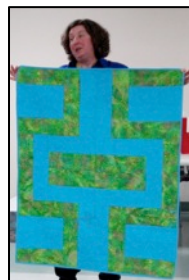
Cindy Launhardt's Nine Patch Quilt



Jinnia Flynn's Purple & Orange Mystery Quilt



Mary Simmons' Crazy Quilt



Mary Simmons' Tetris Quilt



Mary Simmons' Flying Geese Quilt



Pam Goff's Magic Stax Sugarloaf Quilt from Debbie Kratovil Class

QUILTER'S TIP



If your monofilament thread is labeled "polyamide," that is not polyester, but the chemical name for nylon. Don't be fooled!

Quilt Guild Executive Committee -

Don't forget that we vote for the 2015 guild executive committee this month! Our nominating committee chairman is Carol Bentley and committee members are Angie Dempsey and Sue Gardner. The floor is open for any nominations before a vote is taken and officers are elected. In December the new board will be instated. It is important that each member is present to vote for your board!

Quilt Show Critique - Thanks to Bernice Zaidel for conducting a quilt show critique to get information from members on the pros and cons of our show. Bernice got A LOT of feedback from you and we are in the process of compiling it to get the information back to you. This will be a great help in deciding what changes, deletions and additions we need to make for the next show! We've got the hardest one behind us! The 2016 show will definitely be easier since we have set a precedence now!

Educational Corner – Making Templates for Applique

Most Applique designs are shown as full-size drawings for the completed designs. The drawings show dotted lines to indicate where one piece overlaps another. Other marks indicate placement of embroidery stitches for decorative purposes such as eyes, lips, flowers, etc.

For hand Applique, trace each template onto the right side of the fabric with template right side up. Cut around shape, adding a 1/8" - 1/4" seam allowance.

Before the actual Applique process begins, cut the background block and prepare it for stitching. Most Applique designs are centered on the block. To find the center of the background square, fold it in half and in half again; crease with your fingers. Now unfold and fold diagonally and crease; repeat for other corners referring to **Figure 1**

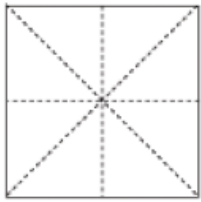


Figure 1

Fold background to mark centers as shown.

Centerline creases help position the design. If centering the Applique design is important, an X has been placed on each drawing to mark the center of the design. Match the X with the creased center of the background block when placing pieces.

If you have a full-size drawing of the design, as is given with most Applique designs, it might help you to draw on the background block to help with placement. Transfer the design to a large piece of tracing paper. Place the paper on top of the design; use masking tape to hold in place. Trace design onto paper.

If you don't have a light box, tape the pattern on a window; center the background block on top and tape in place. Trace the design onto the background block with a water-erasable marker or chalk pencil. This drawing will mark exactly where the fabric pieces should be placed on the background block of your pattern.

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

Meet Carol Bentley! Carol was born and raised in the Eulaton area and attended school at Wellborn where she was a cheerleader. (If you ever hear someone in the guild say, "Ready, OK", it's Carol!) She has lived in Calhoun County most of her life and now lives in Jacksonville with her little dog, Phoebe and her cat, Goldie. She has two daughters, Jennifer and Wendy, and four grandchildren, Josh - 23, Tyler - 17, Ava Caroline - 7 and Kate - 4. When Carol isn't sewing, those granddaughters keep her quite busy! Carol worked in the banking business for 15 years and at Jacksonville State University for 10 years as secretary to the Dean of College Arts and Sciences until she retired.

Carol has been sewing since she was 12 years old when her mother sewed for people and she helped. Home Economics in high school also played a part in teaching her to sew. She has been quilting since the 80's and her prefers scrappy quilts. Of all of her hobbies, she loves to paint the most and has some beautiful paintings to show it! Carol spends a lot of her time monogramming T-shirts and children's clothing. Her daughter, Jennifer, keeps her customer base quite extensive! Carol and her sister, Sue Gardner, have been in our guild for several years. She is presently our chairman of the nominating committee.

Carol's Favorite Things are:

- Food – Chocolate
- Color – Orange
- Season – Fall
- Holiday – Christmas
- Books – Mystery and Historical Novels
- Movie – Shenandoah
- TV Programs – All the CIS shows, Revenge and Dancing with the Stars
- Music – Country and 50's
- Place to Vacation – the Beach
- One place she would love to go - Scotland

When Carol was asked for her favorite quote, she said it is, "The invisible now is the magnificent doorway of whatever comes next. With the help of her sister, Sue, the word that came to mind to describe Carol was "caring" and that, she definitely is. She enjoys doing things for other people and spending time with family and close friends. If you don't know Carol Bentley, take the time to do so! She is a special person!

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!

Classified Ads

Do you have any quilting related items for sale? If you would like them to be listed here, please send to Anita at alfount@yahoo.com. The listing must be submitted in short classified ad format and received by the 25th of the month.

2014 Executive Board

President	Carolyn Davis
Vice-President	Anita Fountain
Secretary	Julie Wells
Treasurer	Becky Everett
Members at Large	Sidney Smith
	Valera Johnson

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

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Committees/Chairperson

Hospitality	Teresa Bonds
Membership	Angie Dempsey
Community Service	Mary Simmons
Opportunity Quilt	Julie Wells
Publicity/Historian	Molly Steenberg
Quilt Show	Shawnee Weigt