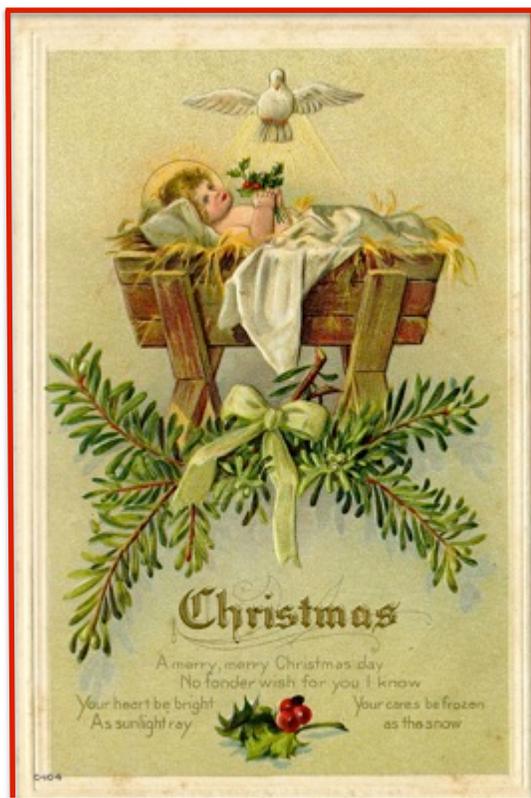


LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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If you look for me at Christmas
You won't need a special star ---
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are
You may not be aware of Me
Amid the celebrations ---
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find Me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.

Love,
Jesus

A Word From Our President!

Hello to my Quilty Friends,

Can you believe it is almost Christmas?!?! Where has this year flown? I had such good intentions about getting so many projects done...BUT, now here it is the end of the year and I can't even remember what most of them are. I know a lot of you have worked very diligently to whittle down your UFO list. It will be exciting to see who has accomplished the most!

Don't forget that the December meeting/Christmas party has been moved to Monday, December 16th. Remember to bring your gift for the exchange and any additional UFO's you've finished since the last meeting. We also will reveal our secret pals and if you wish to participate next year bring your filled out form so that I can get your secret pal's info to you before the January meeting.

Thanks to everyone in the guild who has helped to make this past year an enjoyable one for those of us on the executive committee. Also, thanks for your vote of confidence in re-electing us for the next term. Since Joan has been secretary for two years, she will step down and Julie will take her place. Soon I will be contacting two of you to fill the members-at-large positions on the executive committee. Also, be thinking if there is a committee you would like to serve as a chairperson or a member in. Please let me know if there is an area you would be willing to work.

For those of you who do not have email, there will be copies of the by-laws and the secret pal forms available at our December meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party!

Carolyn

December Birthdays

7th Nancy Hildebrant
12th Sidney Smith
24th Sue Gardner

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

December Calendar

1st Advent Begins
16th Quilt Guild Christmas Party
21st Winter Solstice
25th Christmas Day
31st New Year's Eve



Christmas Party – It's Party Time! – Monday, December 16th

Be sure and mark your calendar for **Monday, the 16th** for our Christmas party! Remember we are moving the party forward a week from our normal second Monday to the third Monday! We are having the meal catered again this year and Anita and Carolyn have graciously volunteered their husbands to serve again! Our menu will be chicken and dressing, green beans, squash casserole and yams. At the November meeting a sign up list was available for members to sign up for salads, desserts and drinks. If you signed up and don't remember what you offered to bring or if you want to see if there is still anything that is needed, please contact Carolyn.

We will be having a gift swap, so if you want to participate, please bring a \$10.00 gift!

Secret pals will be revealed at the meeting. This year, Carolyn wants to do something different! Each person who is a Secret Pal, will try to guess who their secret pal is and why you think it is that person!

December Refreshments:

There is no "refreshment" list for the December meeting since we will be having our Christmas party.

Thanks to Karen Burnham, Shawnee Weigt, Anita Fountain and John and Pam Goff for the refreshments they brought to the November meeting! They were awesome!

****Don't forget to sign up for your turn to have refreshments for a meeting in 2014. A sign up sheet has been started and will be available at the next meeting.**



December Drawing: - A Stocking Full of Dots

The fat quarter drawing will be dots -- big dots, little dots, you pick the dots!

Congratulations to Shawnee Weigt, winner of November's Christmas fat quarter drawing! Shawnee must have been good this year because Santa's bag was quite full!

Food for thought -- A line is a dot that went for a walk!

Thanks to – Shawnee Weigt, Jannette Lackey and Anita Fountain for doing the November program which was a round robin with holiday and gift idea demonstrations. Each one of these members showed the group a project they were working on for the holidays. Shawnee showed us how to make her little kitchen scrubbies. Jannette showed us her snowman ornaments made from Styrofoam balls, socks and light bulbs. Anita demonstrated her no-sew quilted ornaments made from fabric squares pinned onto Styrofoam balls and finished with ribbon.

Thanks again, to everyone who gave a program or demonstration this past year! We have a lot of talent in our guild and hope to see demonstrations from other members this next year!

UFOs -- This has been a successful year for this project! Forty-one (41) UFOs have been brought to show and tell and member's names entered for a drawing. Those of you that haven't brought any that are on your list, it isn't too late! The drawing will be held at the Christmas Party. ***You can still bring UFOs in December and get your name entered! Other than UFOs, we will not be having Show and Tell for December.***

The question for 2014 is, "Do you want to be in another UFO project this next year?" Some of our members have expressed a desire to continue because it has inspired and motivated them to get projects finished. Also, some of the new members were interested since they joined late in the year and did not get in on the challenge.

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

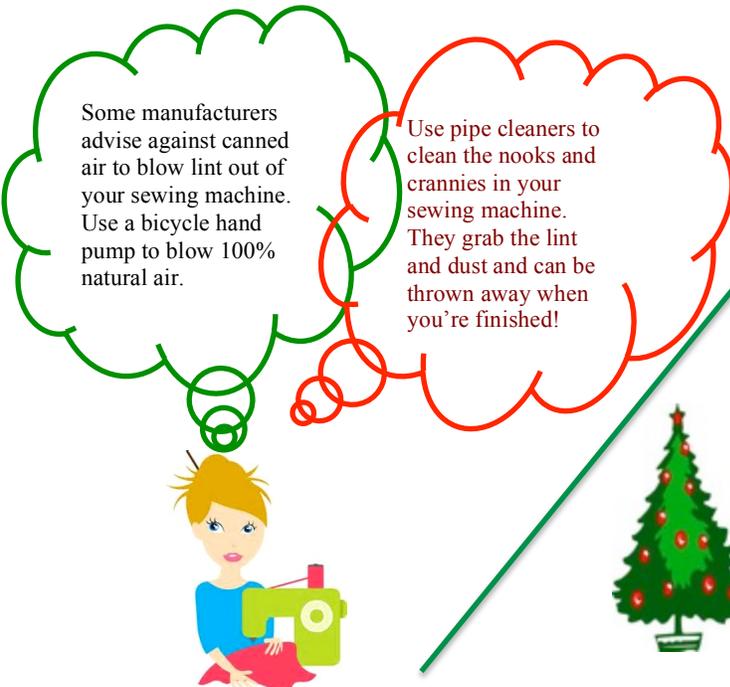
Meet Linda Love -- Linda was born and lived in Kentucky as a child, later moving to Piedmont where she met her husband, Larry. After she and Larry married, they lived in Oxford until 1969 and moved to Saks, where they live now. They have a son and a daughter, who have blessed them with 3 grandchildren, Mason, 18, Kate, 13 and Davis, 9. Linda worked as Executive Secretary to the President of Jacksonville State University until she retired in 2006. Linda spends much of her time volunteering at her church and also with the American Cancer Association. Her favorite past times other than quilting are camping and attending her children’s and grandchildren’s sports events and activities.

Linda began sewing as a teenager but did not begin quilting until she retired in 2006. Her grandmother quilted and she enjoyed spending time with her watching her quilt. After Linda retired, her husband’s Aunt Carolyn encouraged her to begin quilting and shared many ideas and techniques with her. Obviously, you know where her quilting story goes from there! Linda visited our guild after she read an announcement in the newspaper that we met on Monday evenings. She attended a meeting and said she didn’t know enough about quilting to even ask a question but she felt welcomed, so she came to the next meeting and joined. She said that she has learned so much from the quilters at Lick Skillet and appreciates their willingness to share. Linda’s favorite quilting technique has been the Block of the Month quilt because of the many new blocks and techniques she wouldn’t have tried if she had not participated.

- Linda’s Favorites: Color : Blue
- Food: Chicken and Green Beans
- Season(s): Fall and Spring
- Holiday: Thanksgiving and anytime she can spend with her family
- Music: Southern Gospel
- Books: Karen Kingsbury
- Movie: American President TV: Jeopardy
- Hobby and Past Times: Reading and crocheting
- Favorite Place to Visit: San Destin, Florida
- If She Could Travel to One Place: Alaska

One word that describes Linda is “content” and her best attribute her smile. Those of you who really know Linda will say that she couldn’t have more appropriately described herself! When asked what she likes to do for others, she said, “Be an encourager” and her words to live by are “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” We’re glad you are in our quilting family!

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A Quilter’s Poetry

14,287 Pieces of Fabric

Behind the painted picket gate
There lived a quilter known as Kate

She had one son, a boy named John;
One daughter, who she doted on.

She had one husband and one house
One pup, one cat, one little mouse....

And 14,287 pieces of fabric



Educational Corner – The Traditional Pieced Quilt

Traditional pieced quilts have a long history. Women heading west in covered wagons pieced bits of cloth from used garments together with Yankee thrift to create their bedcovers. Quilting bees helped families by finishing quilts and creating a sense of community in an often time barren new land. Whenever there were bits of fabric, thrifty men and women created pieced quilts.

The patterns of quilts themselves tell a long history. Traditional piecing used such popular patterns as log cabin, nine-patch, drunkard's path, and Irish chain. There have been many variations of log cabin patterns, all starting with a simple square for the center. History (and myth) has it that a certain colored center square meant a safe house in use during the Underground Railroad. Alternating light and dark fabrics around the center square, a piece at a time, created wonderful patterns. A red square in the center could represent the hearth of the home, the light side the sunny side of the house, and the dark side the shady part of the house. Simple to stitch, easy to carry and work on in spare moments, pieced blocks became the foundation of quilting.

Friendship quilts, another type of piecing, are as popular today as in the past, as a way of saying thank you to loved ones. These were precious memories for women who moved away from family and friends. Traditional pieced blocks would have a plain space for a signature or message from a friend or loved one. Women would gather to create these "going away" quilts, bringing the warmth of friendship into every stitch.

Crazy quilts evolved from the 1876 Exposition and moved creativity into new areas by sewing asymmetrical pieces of fabric together in what seemed a very haphazard manner. Yet these quilts were well planned and executed, a great way for women to show off needlework skills, and they were more decoration than useful items. Made from silks, velvets, and brocades, the key was the stitching: herringbone, chain, and featherstitches, used in embroidery, made their way into decorative quilting.

Always thrifty, women began using feed sacks in piecing, primarily in the late 1920s. When synthetics began to appear, the price of cotton dropped, and manufacturers began using cotton to package their products, rather than barrels. Labels designed to fit on the round barrel tops were imprinted on cotton bags and women would use bleach to get these labels off. Eventually, companies designed patterns for their feed sacks, hoping to encourage women to buy their product simply for the feed sack pattern.

Charm quilts, another type of piecing, have gone through several uses, from thrifty to showing off a huge variety of fabrics. Nowadays, with the development of the "quilter's stash," charm quilts are pieced using as many different fabrics as possible, again working traditional patterns using light, medium, and dark values of cloth.

The key to piecing has always been working with small pieces, which slowly becomes part of a larger design. Quilters can look at heirlooms passed down through the family and identify dresses, baby clothes, and other garments with a personal history. Many quilters begin with their children's clothes they don't want to throw away. When Isaac Singer arrived with his machine, women were able to piece quicker and accomplish more. Although today we most often machine piece, many quilters piece by hand for the enjoyment of careful stitching and creativity worked into each stitch. Whether your choice is machine piecing and enjoying the mechanics of being able to create an heirloom or practical quilt quickly or piecing by hand, you are still carrying on a tradition.

Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

December

- 14 Wetumpka Christmas on the Coosa
Downtown Wetumpka on the Banks of the Coosa River
Wetumpka, Alabama
www.cityofwetumpka.com

* Check with the sponsor prior to the event in case there have been changes or cancellations

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

2014 Executive Board Elections

Elections were held at the November meeting for the 2014 Executive Board. Motions were made and the guild voted to reinstate the members presently serving as President, Vice-President and Treasurer. According to guild bylaws, we were required to elect a new Secretary, as Joan Hayden had served in that position for the two-year limit.

Here is your 2014 Executive Board:	President	Carolyn Davis
	Vice President	Anita Fountain
	Secretary	Julie Wells
	Treasurer	Becky Everett

The 2014 members at large and committee chairpersons for each committee will be announced upon selection.

Thanks to the 2013 Executive Board for your commitment and dedication to the guild this past year!

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Orange Slice Cake

<i>1 pound chopped dates</i>	<i>1 cup (2 sticks) margarine, softened</i>
<i>1 pound orange slice candy, cut into small pieces</i>	<i>4 eggs</i>
<i>1 (3-ounce) can flaked coconut</i>	<i>1 tsp baking soda</i>
<i>2 cups chopped pecans</i>	<i>½ cup buttermilk</i>
<i>3 ½ cups flour</i>	<i>2 cups confectioners' sugar</i>
<i>2 cups sugar</i>	<i>1 cup fresh orange juice</i>

Mix dates, orange candy, coconut, pecans and flour in a bowl. Beat sugar and margarine in a mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir baking soda into buttermilk. Add to creamed mixture and blend well. Stir in the date mixture. Spoon the mixture into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 275 for 2 ½ to 3 hours or until the cake tests done. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove onto a serving plate. Combine confectioners' sugar and orange juice in a bowl and blend well. Drizzle over cake. Yield: 16 servings.



Decisions, Decisions, Decisions ...

Between now and the Christmas party, please think about the following programs, challenges and events for the upcoming year.

Are you interested any of the following:

- Sew Days (Are you committed to attend on the days our meeting room is reserved)
- Continuing the UFO Challenge
- Block of the Month or Mystery Quilt (A low stress, small project!)
- Attending the Atlanta Shop Hop
- Attending a Retreat

This is only to get an idea of what we can plan for 2014 that will be full of fun, fellowship and fabric! We hope to have things planned that will be enjoyable and do not require a lot of effort since we are also having a quilt show and we still gotta have fun sometime!!!



NOVEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Mindy Steenberg's
Camo Quilt



Becky Everett's UFO
ABC Wall Hanging



Shannon Howard's
Star Quilt



Shannon Howard's
Christmas Quilt



Becky Everett's UFO
Daisy Quilt



Shannon Howard's
Map Quilt



Shawnee Weigt's
UFO Lap Quilt



Brenda Mayfield's
Blue Ribbon Heart
And Flower Quilt



Brenda Mayfield's
Red Ribbon Starry Starry
Night Quilt



Julie Well's
UFO GA Bulldog Quilt



Bev Shewanick's
UFO Christmas Placemats



Anita Fountain's
Sugarloaf Quilt



Molly Steenberg's
Baby Quilt



2014 Opportunity Quilt Update

Our 2014 Opportunity Quilt is really coming along. Several of the members who were at the Goff's in October working on the quilt completed the sections or blocks they were given to work on. The committee was hoping to have the quilt top ready to quilt by the end of December. However, since we are in the middle of the holidays, it is going to be difficult to get a group together to work on the remaining blocks. In the January meeting we will get an update from Julie on what is left to do and the plans for completion.

Quilt Show Update

We have already begun having vendors sign up for booths and send in their payments, so, this is officially really going to be a quilt show! Remember when January arrives, we will be only 9 months away from the show and we have ALOT of work to do! Also, if you haven't committed to work on a committee for the show, you need to do so very soon so that we will know where help is needed.

An early reminder to all committee chairpersons that our next quilt show meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., prior to our guild meeting. Please mark your calendars so you won't forget!

Everyone, be thinking really hard about what quilts you anticipate putting in the show. Shawnee will have a short form to be filled out about the number of quilts you plan to enter, participation in the "bridges" challenge quilt and if you are offering any Vintage quilts to be displayed. She will discuss the challenge quilt so that everyone is clear on ideas related to bridges at the January meeting as well.

Christmas in Bethlehem. The ancient dream: a cold, clear night made brilliant by a glorious star, the smell of incense, shepherds and wise men falling to their knees in adoration of the sweet baby, the incarnation of perfect love.

--- *Lucinda Franks*

2013 Executive Board

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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!

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