

LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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*And he departed
from our sight
that we might
return to our heart,
and there find Him.
For He departed,
and behold,
He is here.*

~St Augustine

April Calendar

- 1st April Fool's Day
- 13th Palm Sunday
- 14th Monthly Meeting
- 15th Tax Deadline
- 18th Good Friday
- 20th Easter
- 22nd Earth Day

April Birthdays

- 1st Sandra Jean
- 2nd Margeret McNarron
- 4th Joan Hayden
- 4th Jannette Lackey
- 15th Bernice Zaidel
- 16th Terri Andrews
- 22nd Peggy McLeod
- 28th Barbara Gillespie

A Word From Our President!

Isn't it wonderful when spring arrives and the Easter season is near? It's a time of love, of family and of peace. A time when we say a quiet thanks for all we have and all that the future holds.

It's also hard to believe it's Newsletter time again! Seems like time just flies by...and speaking of time flying...our first Lick Skillet Quilt Show will be here before we know it. As most of you know, by the time you get this newsletter, we will have had a quilt show committee meeting at the Civic Center and we had several members attend to "see what's happening" as far as plans for the show. We are so glad that all of you are taking interest and hopefully have found or will find a place to volunteer to help.

Although we had only 7 members to go on the Atlanta Shop Shop, it was a very enjoyable event! We had a great time of shopping, eating, fun and laughter. Two of our newest members (Sidney and Bernice) went with us and it was a great opportunity to get to know these ladies! Maybe next year more of you will be able to attend.

Thanks to all of you who had such positive comments about Suzi Parron's program last month on Barn Quilts. I know I really enjoyed her presentation and I'm loving reading her book. As a matter of fact, Anita and I were inspired enough to go on a barn quilt hunt a couple of weeks ago in Georgia!

We are thankful that we have had several new members and visitors in the past few months. Don't forget to make them feel welcome!

Hope to see all of you at the April meeting!

Carolyn



Welcome Back!
Carole DeGrenier

Glad to Have You!
Margie Haynes



Beautiful things -- appeal to the emotions and create a sort of mental state of quiet and spiritual goodness.

We might even liken the quilt to musical composition. It has its high and low color tones, and swelling and diminishing line rhythm, all carrying the eye through a design composition.

-- Rose G Kresinger



April 22nd is Girl Scout Leader Day!

Girl Scout Leader Day began April 22, 1982 with a flag flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C. to honor Girl Scout leaders. It was started to recognize

and honor the thousands of adult volunteers who help make the Girl Scouting program a success by helping young girls grow into outstanding citizens and human beings!

A big thanks goes to our guild member, Mindy Steenberg, for her dedication and commitment to being a Girl Scout

April Program – Our program this month will be given by one of our very own guild members, Bernice Zaidel!

Curious about where quilting originated! When was the first quilt created, by whom, and where? How do quilts get named? There are many things about quilting that are curious and funny. A little bit of history, a little bit of folklore and a lot of fun - let's learn about the history of quilting together. Can you imagine wearing a quilted gown? Share your stories, learn about some interesting facts and terms in the quilting world and learn through games (and winning prizes)!

You won't want to miss this program! It will be interesting to see what you know and what you learn!!!

April Refreshments:

Refreshments for our April meeting will be provided by Terri Andrews, Jane Wilson and Jo Lipham.

Thanks to Pam and John Goff and Carolyn Davis for providing our refreshments with an Italian flair for the March meeting. They were "delizioso!"

**** 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 – Tiptoe Through the Tulips



Oh, tiptoe from the garden
By the garden of the willow tree
And tiptoe through the tulips with me

Our fat quarter theme for the month of April is pastel batik fabric. To enter the drawing, you will need to bring pastel/light color batik fabric!

Carol Bentley was on cloud nine, as she was the winner of our white on white fat quarters last month!

Last Month's Program - What a great program we had at our March meeting from Suzan Paron, author of "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement"!

Suzi's wonderful presentation took us on our photographic journey that began in Ohio where the very first barn quilt trail started and led us throughout the rest of the country as the list of trails grew over the course of the past several years which has now spread into 47 states. During this journey, Suzi shared with us her pictures from the trails, the history behind the quilts and introduced us to the families of those she met along the way. Thanks to Suzi for a great trip!

Her presentation was so informative and touching that there has already been mention made by several of our members that they would like to place a quilt on their barn, their shop or seen quilt painted on other places in our local area. Remember if you are traveling south of Montgomery there is a small quilt trail in Gee's Bend that recognizes the incredible quilting heritage of that community. Also in your travels north of Fort Payne, a new a trail is beginning in the Mentone area.

2014 Mystery Quilt- Members who are participating in the mystery quilt should have completed parts 1, 2, and 3 as of the April meeting. Part 4 will be available at the meeting and will also be posted on the webpage the day of the meeting. We will have a member who is participating in the mystery quilt show what your quilt should look like at the end of part 3.

Again, you still have time to join in on the fun and make this quilt, too! We hope to see all of these quilts on display at the show!

Sew Days – You did it! We had such a good turnout the past two sew days that we have scheduled more for this year! Please try to attend when you can so that the effort made by the community center to keep the room available for us was worth it! Mark your calendar with these days that are scheduled are:

Saturday, May 17th Meeting Room
Saturday, June 7th Room B
Saturday, June 28th Room B
Saturday, July 19th Room B

The 2014 Greater Atlanta Shop Hop was a blast! It could have only been more fun if every one of our members would have been able to make the trip! There were seven members who bit the bullet and made the trip (at their own risk, lol!) We were able to make it to seven of the shops on the hop and visited three that were not on the list. The trip included many miles, lots of travel, plenty of eating and bucoos of fabric bought! Those of us who had never been on the shop hop did the most damage (you know who you are!)

We will be awaiting the 2015 hop and hope that many of you will be able to make the trip next year!

ATTENTION PLEASE! WE ARE LOOKING AT PLANNING A RETREAT FOR OCTOBER.....

At our Christmas party in December, a form was given out asking members what things they would be interested in participating in during 2014. One of the things we asked about was who was interested in attending a retreat. Of the forms turned in we had about 20 members that checked "yes" on attending a retreat. There were some members who weren't at the meeting and we have also had some new members join since the first of 2014.

We will address this again at the April meeting to see who is interested in a retreat in October. This would be a good stress relief after the quilt show in September. You need to be thinking seriously about if you would be interested.

We have looked at the Woodland Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Temple, Georgia. This retreat center is approximately 50 miles east of Oxford near the Carrollton/Villa Rica area. This is a great location for those who would like to come, but are unable to stay overnight. There are two areas that would best suit our quilting needs. These areas require a minimum of 16 or 25 persons depending on the facility. For us to reserve this facility, we would be required to pay a deposit and sign a contract. Woodland has a 3-month cancellation/change policy for Retreats. **We will discuss this more at our meeting!**

2014 Opportunity Quilt Update

Our opportunity quilt is in Becky's possession for quilting! Soon we will have it back and as soon as the binding and label is on, we will start selling tickets. Also, we will print cards again for those of you who would like to show what the quilt looks like when you are selling tickets as well as placing the photo on the website. Remember the more tickets we sell, the more we will bring in for our community service projects and quilt show costs! We will sell chances up to and during the quilt show. The drawing will be held at the end of the show.

If you have a quilting technique or a particular quilt pattern that you would like to share with the guild as one of our programs, please let Anita know! We would love to see it and after all, we are here to learn from each other!

Save left over binding from each quilt and join them together until you have enough to bind another quilt. This will enhance the scrappiness of a scrappy quilt!

Keep toe separators from your pedicures and use them to carry bobbins to workshops. The separators will also keep your bobbins from rewinding.



**QUILTER'S
TIPS**

Community Service Update-- As all of you know, our primary community service project for this year will be accomplished at our quilt show. A display of baskets donated by vendors, local businesses, etc. will be displayed with tickets available to purchase for chances to win. You can even donate a basket and it doesn't have to be quilting related! Proceeds will go to charity. If you are interested in donating, please let Mary or Molly know.

If any of you make any of the drain covers that were shown at the January meeting you can bring them in and we will see at Molly gets them to the cancer center. The "Pretty Pockets" are for patients who go home with surgical drains. We decided at the January meeting that we would let this be a project for anyone who wanted to do this aside from the quilt show community service project. A copy of the patterns will be available at the meeting and on the website.

QUILT HUMOR



Upcoming Shows and Events

April

Now-May 4th

Our Quilted Past, Alabama Feed sack Quilts
Heritage Hall Museum
200 South Street East
Talladega, AL
Contact: hhmuse@bellsouth.net

11-12 Pensacola Quilts 2014 Quilt Show
Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds, Expo Hall
6655 Mobile Hwy
Pensacola, FL 32526
www.pensacolaquiltersguild.org

May

2-3 Stitch, Share & Show Quilt Show
White County Fairgrounds, Agriculture Bldg
Sparta, TN 38583
Contact phone: 931-788-0434

8-10 Quilting Across North Georgia Shop Hop
"Quilt Through the Decades"
www.quiltingacrossnorthgeorgia.com

23-25 Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee
Cooper Athletic Center
Maryville College
502 East Lamar Parkway
Maryville, TN
www.smokytnquilters.com

30-31 Biennial Quilt Show
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Tuscaloosa, AL
www.waqg.com

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



Jo Lipham's
Butterfly Window



Jo Lipham's
Sugar Loaf Quilt



Bev Schewanick's
Christmas Calendar



Shawnee Weigt's
Grandbaby's Quilt

**MARCH
SHOW
& TELL**



Shawnee Weigt's
Cat in the Hat Throw



Peggy McLeod's
Playhouse Mat



Brenda Mayfield's
Civil War Quilt



Bev Schewanick's
Carrot Table Runner



Bev Schewanick's
Noah's Ark Quilt



Shawnee Weigt's
Grandbaby's Quilt #2

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Scalloped Asparagus

**2-3 pounds of fresh asparagus, or
18 to 20 oz pkg frozen asparagus**
6 Tbsp butter or margarine
¾ cup soft bread crumbs
¼ cup all-purpose flour
½ tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper, or to taste
2 cups milk
½ tsp Worcestershire sauce
¾ c grated mild Cheddar cheese
2 oz drained pimiento, ¼ cup chopped

Wash asparagus, remove woody part of stalks and cut into 2-1/2-inch pieces. Cook in boiling salt water until just tender. Drain and place in a shallow baking dish or casserole. Melt butter in saucepan. Mix 2 Tbsp of the butter with the soft bread crumbs; set aside for topping casserole later. Blend flour, salt and pepper into remaining butter in saucepan. Continue cooking and stirring over low heat. Gradually add milk, stirring until thickened. Add Worcestershire sauce, pimiento and cheese; stir until cheese is melted. Pour sauce over asparagus in casserole dish; top with buttered crumbs. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

Member Highlight! ***Each month we highlight a guild member in our newsletter so we can get to know them better.*

Meet Julie Wells! She was born and raised in Windermere, FL, where she was living when she met her husband, Gene, while he was stationed with the Navy in Orlando. After they married, she moved with him to other duty stations such as Hawaii and Charleston. When Gene retired they moved from Kingsland, GA to Anniston where they have lived for nearly 10 years. They have three sons, David, who has passed away, Matthew, attending the University of Montevallo and Steven, a junior at White Plains High School, and two dogs, Bear and Chewy. Over the past 6 years, she has been a volunteer at Sav-A-Life.

Julie's mother got her started sewing when she was about seven or eight years old and later introduced her to quilting. She made her first quilt while she was in high school. Julie stopped sewing for a number of years and began again after Steven was born. She has been sewing more since moving to Alabama. Julie loves quilting and especially enjoyed our Pat Speth class and has since liked working with small pieces. She is currently working on a queen size quilt, all 2-inch pieces! Next on Julie's list of quilting projects is to make a civil war quilt. She likes Moda, Timeless Treasures and batik fabric in any color except pink! Julie is a very active member of our guild serving as vice-president and currently is our secretary.

Julie's Favorites:

- Color: Red
- Food: Seafood
- Flower: Daylilies
- Season: Fall and Spring
- Holiday: Christmas
- Books: Mystery
- Music: Country
- Movie: The Notebook TV: Big Bang Theory
- Oh, If I Could Travel to One Place – Australia

Other than quilting and sewing, Julie also enjoys reading, gardening, antique shopping and spending time with family. She has a pet peeve, which is people not picking up after themselves! When she was asked for one word to describe herself, Julie said, "survivor" and her best attribute, "adaptable". We couldn't have described her better ourselves.

2014 UFO Challenge We now have 13 members participating in the UFO challenge! If you are still interested in taking part for a chance to get some projects finished and a chance to win a prize at the end of the year, now is the time! We are already seeing some quilts, at show and tell, that are on UFO lists. If you plan to get quilt project you've had started for some time finished this year, why not take part in the challenge? What have you got to lose? Remember, your mystery quilt can be listed!

For those of you who are new members, the challenge goes like this – you fill out a form and turn it in with your unfinished projects that have been started and you would like to get completed. As you finish your projects, bring them in to show and tell and each one completed gets you a ticket for the drawing for a prize at the Christmas party! The more you finish, the more your chances to win. You aren't required to finish the projects you list; you are just inspired! The only requirement is that the project has to be started which means it has to be at a minimum already cut, not just bought! If you do not have a form, you can get one at the meeting or off the website in the Member Area.

What Do I Want My Quilt Label To Tell? Your quilt is finally finished. The last seam is pressed, your last stitch made and the last thread clipped. Now you can relax, right? Yes, only if the label is on! A label tells generations to come a story about your quilt—the Who, What, When, Where and Why. It is also identification in the event it gets lost or stolen and can even increase the appraised value.

If you are planning to enter it in a show, you should, at a minimum put your name, address and phone number on the label. If you want the quilt to go to a particular person, put their name on it with a nice inscription. Some suggestions are:

1. Why was the quilt made? What is the story behind the colors, blocks, etc.? Was any special event occurring at the time the quilt was made?
2. When and where was the quilt made?
3. What is the name of the pattern or what inspired your original design.
4. You may want to include care instructions.

When making your label, it can be --

1. A simple signature on the back or as elaborate as a two page story.
2. If you don't have time to make a fancy label, just sign and date the back of the quilt with an acid free pen.
3. Embroider your name and date on the front as part of the design.
4. Consider buying labels already made.
5. Make your own. They don't have to be muslin and don't even have to be square!
6. Use a leftover block or cut out shapes from the fabric used.
7. Put a photo on it!
8. Use a clipart source or create a graphic, but remember to mirror image the design! You can use a typewriter but remember to heat set the design when you are done.
9. Consider tucking leftover fabric or a block behind the label in case the quilt ever needs repairs.

The choice is yours on which method you want to use. Just don't skip this step in completing your quilt. After all, you want to preserve your place in history so that those in future generations will be able to tell your story to others!

Quilt Show Update -- We had a great turn out at our quilt show meeting on March 24th! Thanks to all who were able to come. We are making progress and things are really coming together. These are the major points from the meeting:

- We are asking you all to hold your Flea Market items until the morning of set up and to begin to package your items in plastic bags. Remember these items are not regular flea market things; they can only be quilting, sewing and other craft items, books and magazines that are in good shape. We do not have the room or the members to run a normal flea market with what-nots, household items, etc.
- We have our judge in place for the show and the ribbons have been started.
- Publicity is moving along and we are beginning to have inquiries about the show on our website. We ordered 5,000 postcards and they have arrived. Work is in progress to have 2,000 rack cards printed and placed in the eight (8) welcome centers coming into the state.
- A number of vendors have committed to have booths at the show. We have also had some of the vendors who are unable to attend offer to send door prizes for us to give away. Reminder: If you know of any that we may not have thought of, let Carolyn know and get in information to her.
- We have raised the number of quilts each member can enter to six (6) counting the challenge quilt. This doesn't include the vintage quilts. For our first show, we have waived the five (5) year limit on quilts that can be entered. (Don't forget that 200 quilt challenge made by Anita and Carolyn at the March meeting!)

We will continue to keep you informed as meetings occur and we encourage everyone to attend these meetings when you can! You may have an idea that the committee hasn't considered or thought of that could be very useful in the success of our show!

Also, PLEASE, turn in your list of quilts you plan to put in the show so that we will be able to get our layout drawn up! This has to be done long before the quilts are turned in!

Thanks to everyone for your efforts!

Shawnee

2014 Executive Board

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

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!

2014 Committees/Chairperson

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

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, 256-835-4855

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Contributions to Newsletter are welcome. Articles and ads are due no later than the third Monday of each month. Contributions must be accompanied by name and phone number of the author. To submit an article, send an email message to Anita Fountain at alfount@yahoo.com. Text files or hard copy are accepted.

2014 Quilt Show Chairpersons

Show Chairperson	Shawnee Weigt
Publicity	Anita Fountain
Programs	Karen Burnham
Vendors & Judging	Carolyn Davis
Hospitality	Bev Schewanick
Opportunity Quilt/Admission	Julie Wells
Quilt Receiving	Joan Hayden
Flea Market	Sue Gardner
Setup and Takedown	John Goff
Mercantile	Carol Bentley
Hostess/White Glove	Shannon Howard
Treasurer	Becky Everett

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!