

LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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A Word From Our President!

Hello, Quilters!

I hope all of you survived the snow and cold weather and maybe (since you had to stay inside) got a lot of sewing accomplished! Hopefully, spring is on its way... which brings up the Atlanta Shop Hop. So far we have had nine people sign up for the 2-day trip on the 20th and 21st of March. If any more of you wish to participate in this fun road-trip, you need to let me know as soon as possible. Remember, your deposit of \$25.00 is due at the March 10th meeting. I have reserved two vans, but will need to cancel one if we don't have any more members to sign up.

I am really looking forward to our program this month with Suzi Parron, Author of "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement." This should prove to be a very interesting program that you won't want to miss.

Please read the quilt show update in this newsletter. Plans are moving right along for a great show and we are beginning to have some great vendors to sign up for booths. A lot of effort is being put into publicity as well. **PLEASE** get your list of quilts you plan to have in the show to Shawnee. We also need to know who has vintage quilts they wish to have on display. I would hate for us to have spent so much effort and have a judge but NO quilts for our quilt show! Get moving, ladies (and gentleman)!!

Also, it is time for us to ensure that each member is assigned to a committee for the quilt show. If you haven't done so, we will be assigning you to an area. As you have heard more than once, we need **EVERYONE** to make this a success.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Carolyn

March Calendar

1st Mercantile Sew Day
9th Daylight Savings Time Begins
10th Quilt Show Meeting (3:00pm)
10th Monthly Meeting
15th National Quilting Day
15th-22nd Atlanta Shop Hop
17th Saint Patrick's Day
20th Spring Begins
20th-21st Guild Shop Hop Trip



March Birthdays

7th Melissa West
15th Brenda Mayfield
17th Sarah Whatley
21st Veronica Epperson
22nd Sarah Gunter

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

As quilters, you know, crafting is a great way to relax and have fun! Did you know crafting can reduce stress, build self-esteem and increase physical dexterity? Recent studies have shown that activities from knitting to scrapbooking can actually improve concentration, while enhancing health and mental wellness. No matter what craft you prefer, the emotional benefits are immense. These tips can help you make your crafting experience more enjoyable:

- *Keep materials organized*
- *Craft in a clear, clutter free workspace*
- *The more crafters, the merrier*
- *Craft to the beat of your favorite music*
- *Take a break to get up and stretch*
- *Envision the finished project*
- *Enjoy your self*



Welcome New Members

*Patricia Horn
&
Linda Sobers*

Welcome Back

Jackie Crumley

Welcome Visitor

Courtnee Mason



March Program – Our program this month will be given by Suzi Parron, author of the book, “*Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement*”. Suzi has spent the past year traveling the country speaking to quilt guilds and historical societies, all who have enjoyed learning more about the barn quilt movement. She was recently a featured author at Quilt Week in Paducah and presented a lecture at the National Quilting Association show. Her presentation will be informative and entertaining as she takes us on a stunning photographic journey along the quilt trail beginning with the very first barn quilt. We will hear stories of some of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.

If you are not familiar with barn quilts, they are replicas of cloth quilts, painted on wood and mounted on barns and other buildings for passersby to see. At least six thousand barn quilts in forty-five states celebrate our rich quilting heritage and often pay tribute to individual quilters or to home and heritage. In Alabama, a small quilt trail in Gee’s Bend recognizes the incredible quilting heritage of that community. A new trail is beginning in the Mentone area.

You won’t want to miss this presentation by Suzi. Let’s make every effort to have as many of our members there as possible to make her feel welcome!

March Refreshments:

Our March refreshments will be provided by Pam and John Goff and Sarah Whatley!

Thanks to Bev Schwanick, Peggy McLeod and Julie Wells (Jane Wilson) for our refreshments for our February meeting. Everyone enjoyed them so much! They were delicious!

****Please remember to sign up for your turn to have refreshments for 2014. A sign up sheet is available at the each meeting.**

Monthly Fat Quarter Drawing – A Walk in the Clouds

Contigo voy a pasear en las nubes

With you, I’ll walk in the clouds

Our fat quarter theme for the month of March is “A Walk in the Clouds.” To enter the drawing, you will need to bring white on white fabric. Our fat quarter list is on our website.

Peggy McLeod was our little Valentine who won the pink and red fabric in February! Congratulations, Peggy!

If you missed our February program, “Win, Place or Show, Getting Your Quilt Ready for the Show” given by Joan (pronounced JoAnn) Knight, you really missed a lot of good information on what judges are looking for when they are judging quilts. Joan has judged local and regional shows as well as working in the judging room at the NQA show in Columbus, Ohio and the AQS show in Paducah, Kentucky. She also travels throughout the country teaching classes and serves as a rep for Gammel.

Her presentation started at the planning and idea stage of a quilt through the judging. She also had several quilts that she showed that were winning quilts as well as quilts that did not do well in shows, sharing with us the judges issues and remarks that were made as to what prevented them from winning. Additionally, Joan gave some good information to the guild that we will be able to use for our quilt show this year. A handout was provided with a lot of the information she covered. If you were there and would like a copy, get with Anita.



***Don’t forget to check out
our new website at***

www.lickskilletquiltguild

Sew Days

Our sew day on February 19th was to work on items to sell at the Quilt Show Mercantile. Thanks to Carol Bentley for bring so many projects to work on! Also, thanks to Sue Gardner, Sidney Smith, Angie Dempsey, Jo Lipham and Anita Fountain for taking the time to come and sew! The sew day scheduled to work on mercantile projects is March 1st at 9:00 a.m. **Our turnout that day will determine if we schedule anymore days.** Carolyn will be addressing that at this month’s meeting!



FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL



Bev Schwanick's Ironing Board Wall Hanging



Jo Lipham's John Deere Baby Quilt



Brenda Mayfield's Heart to Heart Block of Month



Becky Everett's Quilt for Rebecca



Sandra Jean's Baby Quilt



Becky Everett's Star Bright Quilt



Pam Goff's RV Quilt



Courtnee Mason's Denim Purse and Doll Quilt

Courtnee Mason visited us last month. Courtnee is 9 years old and got a sewing machine for Christmas. It was a real joy to have her at our meeting and see someone so young interested in sewing and quilting!

To secure hand stitching and prevent creating bulk in your quilt, stop stitching with about 4 inches of thread left and tie a two loop knot, trim the excess and leave a tail about 3/8" long.

Wear a leather thimble on the index finger of the hand you use to iron your fabric with. The leather will protect your finger while you get the seam allowance lined up and keep your finger from being burned by the steam from the iron.

QUILTER'S TIPS

Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Amish Coconut Dream Cake

1 pkg white cake mix
1 12oz pkg flaked or grated coconut, divided
1 cup unsalted butter, softened
2 cups confectioner's sugar
1 6oz pkg white baking bars, melted

Mix cake mix according to package. Mix 2 cups coconut into batter and bake according to package directions for 2 (9-inch) round layers; let cool completely. In large bowl with an electric beater on medium speed, beat butter, confectioner's sugar and melted white baking bars until fluffy and doubled in size. Add remaining coconut and mix until thoroughly combined. Place one cake layer upside down on a serving platter and frost top. Place second layer on top of first layer and frost top and sides. Cover loosely and chill at least 2 hours before serving.

2014 Opportunity Quilt Update

Our opportunity quilt is completely pieced and has been given to Becky for quilting! As soon as we get the quilt back from her and the binding and label are sewn on Julie Wells will show it to the guild. We will put photos of the quilt on the website and will also have postcards made for those of you who would like to show what the quilt looks like as you sell tickets. We will sell tickets up to and during the quilt show. The drawing will take place the last day of the show. Thanks again to everyone who provided their time to work on this beautiful quilt.

Mystery Quilt

Hopefully those of you who are participating have purchased your fabric and completed parts 1 and 2. If not, you still have time. This is a very easy mystery quilt project but we think you are going to love it! We didn't show part 1 at the February meeting because we were entirely out of time but we will have parts 1 and 2 shown this month. If you haven't gotten either Parts 1 or 2, we will have copies of both parts as well as part 3 which will be given out this month. Parts 1 and 2 are currently on the website and part 3 will be available after the meeting. Again, if you stay on schedule, it should be ready in time to enter into our show and can be listed as one of your UFO projects! Remember, it's not too late to join in on the mystery!

2014 UFO Challenge We've had some of you turn in your UFO form but if you haven't, don't forget to do so! We would love for everyone to take part in this since most of you bring Show and Tell items anyway! Remember that each time you show a finished project at a meeting, you get to place a ticket in the jar for a drawing held in December. Last year's drawing was for a collapsible cart that is really handy for travelling or hauling your quilting stuff!

So that those of you who are new and aren't aware of this challenge, we have a form that is available to fill out with projects you have started and would like to see finished this year. For each time you show a item on your list, you get to enter your name for a prize that will be given away the end of the year. The more you finished, the more 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.

QUILT HUMOR

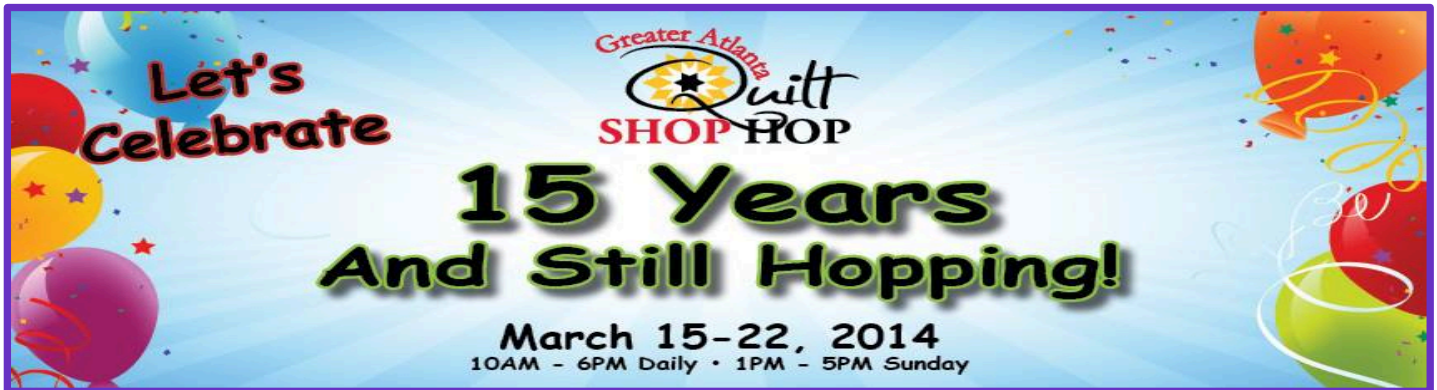


Community Service Update-- As all of you know, our primary community service project for this year will be accomplished at our quilt show. A display of baskets donated by vendors, local businesses, etc. will be displayed with tickets available to purchase for chances to win. You can even donate a basket 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.

Website Updates: By now most of you should have seen the new Lick Skillet Quilt Guild website. If not, it is at www.lickskilletquiltguild.com. A member area is set up and will have member information, forms, handouts, etc. available for you to get copies of items given out at meeting you may have missed. If any items are not available on line that you may need, please email Anita at alfount@yahoo.com. Everything is not on the website yet, as it is a "work in progress".





Don't forget the Atlanta Shop Hop is this month! Those interested in going this year will need to let Carolyn or Anita know so we will know whether we'll need one or two vans. Also, remember to make your room reservations. We will be going Thursday and Friday, March 20th – 21st. A block of rooms is being held at the Hampton Inn Roswell/Alpharetta under the "Lick Skillet Quilt Guild". The block of rooms will be held until March 6th and then reservations will be made based on availability.

We will meet Thursday morning in Oxford and return on Friday evening. Remember day light savings time will have started so it won't seem so late. We'll stop each day for lunch and stay overnight Thursday. The hotel will have a free hot breakfast for Friday morning before we head out.

A flyer with the information on the cost, accommodations, etc. was handed out at the meeting and was also emailed to everyone. We will need a commitment from you and your payment by the March meeting so we can make final arrangements on the transportation. If you've never been on the shop hop before, you have been missing a really fun trip!

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

Meet Ginger McNeal! Ginger is our long distance member. She was born in Monroe, LA where she has lived all of her life and she and her husband, Horace, still lives! Ginger is retired from sales manager position at Polycore where she worked as sales manager (even though she still works at times for those on vacation, if it doesn't interfere with her quilting!) Ginger has two sons and one grandson, Zach, the apple of her eye. He is the only thing that rates above her quilting! Ginger spends much of her time teaching quilting classes at a local quilt shop, traveling to quilt shows and vacationing with her friends and cousins. She is also an active member of the North Louisiana Quilter's Guild and works with ladies outreach at her church, Bayou Oaks Baptist Church.

Ginger's passion for sewing and quilting was instilled in her at an early age when she began making doll clothes at her grandmother's house using her scraps while she pieced quilts on her treadle sewing machine which Ginger inherited. The rhythm and motion of that machine mesmerized Ginger. Her grandmother's quilt frame hung from the ceiling in the living room, and they spent many hours playing under the frame. After a lot of begging, her grandmother let Ginger put a few stitches in one of her quilts. The stitches were so long that your toe could get hung in them, but rather than take them out, she saved the stitches and those stitches are still in that quilt! Ginger continued to sew and she won ribbons for clothes she made and entered in fairs and future homemaker's contests of quilting. Ginger's interest other than sewing is scrapbooking.

Other Favorites of Ginger's: Color : Purple
 Food: Mexican Food
 Flower: Lilies
 Season: Summer
 Holiday: Christmas
 Movie: Christmas Vacation
 TV Show: Big Bang Theory
 If She Could Travel to One Place – Hawaii

Ginger chose "energetic" to describe herself and she is a firm believer that, "You can do anything you set your mind to." Those who really know Ginger would agree that she adequately described herself! Ginger, we hope to see you at a meeting soon!

Quilt Show Update from Shawnee -- Thanks to the quilt show committee for all of their work! The show is coming together and we look forward to seeing our quilts on display for our community and further committing to encourage others in the art of quilt making! The word for this month is PROGRESS as we are beginning to get things worked out and finalized.

Thanks to all that have turned in their potential quilt submission forms. If you haven't, please email me a list of your quilts to shwnyweigt@gmail.com. Remember, it is a potential list to help in planning the layout based on the approximate number of quilts we are going to display. Nothing is written in stone until you submit your form before the show.

Thanks to those who came to the Merchantile Sew day on the 19th. We appreciate all you're making and encourage you to come and work with us on Saturday, March 1st. The handcrafted items will be sold in our quilt show Merchantile. Look through your stuff and see what you would like to make and give to the guild to sell. Remember, the guild agreed that each member would submit at least 5 items for sale, but the more the better. People are always looking for little handcrafted things to give as gifts.

We can begin to bring small items for the Flea Market to the meetings, but the majority of items should be brought to the Civic Center on the set up day. We will establish a time for drop off of these items, as time gets closer.

We are still looking for vendors so if you know anyone that might be interested, send the information to Carolyn as soon as possible to ensure that they get a spot.

We are finalizing our program set up and are encouraging all members to sell ads to help defray the cost of the printing these programs. The cost of the ads will be: \$100 for 4x5 1/2, \$50 for 3x4 1/2, and \$25 for 2x2 3/4.

While you're surfing the web, look for our show postings and thank Anita for all her hard work on Publicity and our web site. We are our best advertisers and encouragers. Get out there and talk it up! Materials will be available soon for us to pass out.

Calling all NQA and ACS members...I need to know who you are so we can decide which organization to join to help us with the liability insurance needed for the show. We need five NQA or ACS members for us to be an NQA or ACS guild.

Thanks to all who worked on the Opportunity Quilt. It is beautiful and will be an awesome example of the art of quilting.

Remember this show will only be as good as we make it as a TEAM. That will require all of us to do our part and then some. I thank you in advance for all your help. Thanks again for all your help and support.

Shawnee

Do I Want to Prewash My Fabric? Yes, unless you like the look of dark stains on light fabric! Prewashing is necessary to get sizing and lose dye out of your fabric before putting it into a quilt. As quilters, we can always stand to learn a few quilting tips and these on prewashing your fabric and how to save time ironing after it's been cleaned are as important as any.

1. **Presoak fabrics in a small bin or bathtub** - Some fabrics will bleed more than others so it's smart to check the color fastness of your fabrics. Soak the fabric in water for 30 minutes and see if the colors bleed. If they bleed badly, treat the fabric with a color fixative such as Retayne. Be sure to use according to the directions on the bottle.
2. **Machine wash like colors with like colors** - After presoaking and checking for color fastness, machine-wash your fabrics with like colors. Pink will definitely not mix with navy blue!
3. **Don't wait until the last minute** - Wash your fabric when you first bring it home, don't wait until you're 5 minutes from cutting out your new quilt.
4. **Untwist and Clip** - After washing, lay the fabric out on a counter and clip away all the threads. Snap the fabric once or twice to shake most of the wrinkles out.
5. **Dry, but not too Dry** - Dry fabric on a medium setting and set it so that the fabrics will come out slightly damp. If you dry the fabrics all the way, you will dry the wrinkles firmly into the fabric.
6. **Iron Immediately** - Take your fabric out of the dryer promptly and iron it immediately. Don't leave them in your dryer for several days while the wrinkles crease into shape!
7. **Starch is Your Friend** - Make ironing easier and more effective by starching your fabrics. This not only gets ALL the wrinkles out of your fabrics quickly, it also makes cutting and piecing your quilts much easier too!

Taking these few steps before you begin your quilting projects that have dark or bright colors that are likely to run will prevent you from a big disappointment when your quilt is washed after you have completed it or a big embarrassment when the recipient of your quilt tells you they washed it and the colors faded!

Upcoming Shows and Events

March

- 1-2 Fountain City Quilt Guild Show
Doster Center
424 South Northington Street
Prattville, AL
Contact phone: 205-280-6239
- 8-16 The Great American Cover-Up
Bulloch Hall
180 Bulloch Avenue
Roswell, GA
bhqgshow@gmail.com
- 13-15 Sewing & Quilt Expo
Gwinnett Center
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway
Duluth, GA
www.sewingexpo.com
- 15-22 15th Annual Atlanta Quilt Shop Hop
Shops Through Atlanta Area
www.atlantaquiltshophop.com
- 28-29 27th Annual Quilt Show
Geraldine Homemakers Building
152 Old Mill Road
Geraldine, AL 35974
www.dcahcl.com/geraldine_1.htm

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

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 Quilt Show Chairpersons

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| 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!

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

Find us online at www.lickskilletquiltguild.com or www.facebook.com/#!/groups/455735277826951 or Lickskilletquiltguild.blogspot.com

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 Executive Board

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



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Committees/Chairperson

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