



LICK SKILLET QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Wishing you a rainbow

For sunlight after showers –

Miles and miles of Irish smiles

For golden happy hours

Shamrocks at your doorway

For luck and laughter too,

And a host of friends that never

ends

Each day your whole life

through!



A Word From Our President!

Can you believe March is already here? Although we have had several “below freezing” nights, little green shoots are peeking out of the ground and daffodils are actually starting to bloom. This assures us of God’s promises of renewal and hope of things to come.

I am so excited about the upcoming two-day adventure to the Greater Atlanta Quilt Shop Hop! Not only am I looking forward to increasing my stash and my UFO list, I am excited about the fellowship and fun we always enjoy when we are together! This promises to be a fun time of shopping, eating and sharing our treasures!

Also, March 16th is the 23rd National Quilting Day. The theme for this year is “Celebrate America!” which features the Nine Patch Stars and Stripes pattern. I have received emails from several shops offering fun programs and great sales. Take the opportunity to look at the website www.nqaquilt.org for some free small project patterns. Some of these may be something you have wanted to try but didn’t care to make a large quilt. I especially like the Point the Way pattern from last year. The pattern is an Ohio Star with a Mariner’s Compass center. Maybe I will get around to doing one someday!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the survey. Anita has compiled the results and the executive committee has developed some really great plans and ideas based on your interest and suggestions! I think you will be as excited about this year as all of us on the board are!

I look forward to our March meeting on the 11th and hope to see each one of you, so plan to come, bring a smile and maybe even a friend who might be interested in joining our guild!

Carolyn

*See the land, her Easter keeping
Rises as her Maker rose.
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices... ~Charles Kingsley*

March Calendar

- 10th Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 11th Monthly meeting
- 11th Sew Day
- 14th/15th Atlanta Shop Hop
- 16th National Quilting Day
- 17th Saint Patrick’s Day
- 31st Easter

AN INVITATION from J.O.Y. Quilt Guild !!!

On Thursday, March 7th from 9:30 to 12:00 at the First Methodist Church of Jacksonville, the J.O.Y. Quilt Guild will have a lecture given by Muriel Pfaff from Little Quilts in Marietta, Georgia. Muriel, dressed as Lucille Ball, will be giving a “Voices of the Past” lecture and showing quilts from that era.

They’ll have a short meeting at 9:30 and the lecture is scheduled to begin around 10:00. Refreshments will be provided following the lecture in the church fellowship hall.

All members of our LSQG have been invited to attend!

March Refreshments

Refreshments for the March meeting will be provided by Molly & Mindy Steenberg and Jinnia Flynn. Thanks to each of you for volunteering.

****Oops!**** Also, thanks to Shawnee Weigt for helping with the refreshments in February! Her name was left off the newsletter!

Don't forget to sign up for refreshments, if you haven't done so!

March Program- Borders, Backing & Binding

The program for our March guild meeting will be demonstrations on putting the finishing touches on your quilts. Joan Hayden, Becky Everett and Jannette Lackey will be presenting techniques on sewing mitered borders, squaring your backing for quilting and sewing on the binding. We hope everyone takes some new and interesting ideas from these quilters. Thanks to each of them for volunteering to give this program!

March Drawing: Grandmother's Apron –

The strings were tied, it was freshly washed,
and maybe even pressed
For Grandma, it was everyday
To choose one when she dressed –

Our theme for the fat quarter drawing for March is 30's reproduction fabric.

Anita Fountain was the winner of the February "Mardi Gras" fat quarters!!

Thanks to John Goff for presenting the Kaleidoscope quilt at the February meeting! John showed the group how to take "ugly" fabric and turn it into beautiful kaleidoscope quilt blocks! He demonstrated in detail how to use mirrors to decide what design you wanted to capture, how to use templates to cut the fabric out and how to sew the block together. Thanks John for showing us such an interesting technique! We look forward to seeing some of these quilts at our show and tell in the months to come!

14th Annual Greater Atlanta Quilt Shop Hop "Quilting...It's Our Passion!"

DON'T FORGET – Our trip to the annual Atlanta Quilt Shop Hop on Thursday, March 14th and Friday, March 15th! This will be your chance to visit 10 quilt shops in the Atlanta area.

If you would like to go, it isn't too late to sign up for the trip and there is still plenty of room in the vans! Rooms are still available in our block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Stone Mountain. The rooms are being held until March 7th. If you would like to go and need someone to room with, we will do our best to work it out.

If you need additional information, please contact Anita or Carolyn with any questions.

As always, this is going to be an exciting trip full of shopping, fun and fellowship!



March Birthdays

15th Brenda Mayfield
17th Sarah Whatley
21st Veronica Epperson
29th Margaret Rose

If your birthday is this month & we haven't acknowledged it, please email Joan Hayden at mjh4452@cablone.net so the roster can be updated

2013 Member Survey

Our feedback from your member surveys has been a success! Of 40+ members in the guild, we have received 22 surveys. We gathered some great information on what members would like to see or do in the guild this next year! The executive board met on February 19th and discussed the results of your surveys and from this, our plan is to give you an action packed year full of ideas and quilting techniques (new, we hope)! We will be sharing these plans and ideas with you soon!

If you haven't turned in your survey, it isn't too late! We are still interested in your input and comments. You can turn it in at the next meeting or you can still return it to Anita by mail or at afount@aol.com.

Thanks again to each of you for your great thoughts and ideas!



REMINDER !!

2013 National Teacher

Our national teacher for this year, Debby Kratovil of Quilts by Design in Fairfax, Virginia, will be here to teach in June. Debby's newest book, "Paper Piecing Perfect Points" is available to see on her website www.quilterbydesign.com. Be sure to look at all of the quilts she offers in her classes and choose the two choices you would like to see taught.

Please email your choices to Carolyn at mkookoo@cableone.net so that the classes can be determined prior to the April meeting when signup begins. Remember, there is a limit of 25 seats available for each class!

Don't forget to mark on your calendars that the classes will be Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th and will be held at the Oxford Civic Center. Carolyn will be providing more detailed information at our March meeting.

2013 UFO Challenge Update

At the January meeting, the members voted that they would like to do a UFO challenge this year in an effort to get as many of unfinished objects completed so others could be started!

To refresh your memory, the UFOs had to be unfinished as of the January meeting and could not include an untouched stack of fabric!

At the February meeting we had 18 UFO lists turned in from members and we even had a couple of members who brought in projects they had finished since the January meeting that were listed on their project list!!

It isn't too late to turn in your form to participate! So, if you haven't done so and would still like to participate, please bring your list to the March meeting or you can still mail or email it!

For each UFO listed on your form that is completed and shown at a show and tell, you will be given a ticket to enter a drawing for prizes, which will be held at the end of the year.



Ugly Fabric Swap Challenge – It's FUN and UGLY and will bring the quilt police to tears!!!

At the February meeting we discussed doing an "UGLY" Fabric Swap challenge. This is one area of interest that was popular in the surveys that we received! Sooo, here goes!!

Those who want to participate will bring in 2 yards of ugly fabric (minimum of 4 different fabrics), for example:

- Horrendously ugly
- High contrast, hard to use
- Really busy
- Boring, boring, boring
- Past its sell date (How long have you had it?)
- Stuff you just plain don't like
- Leftover novel fabric

It will be put in a brown paper bag (which will be provided). You can bring your fabric to any meeting between now and May. The May meeting is the cutoff to participate, at which time we will number the bags and each participant will draw for their ugly quilt fabric.

Choose any pattern you want to make your quilt but you must use 90% of the ugly fabric you received in your bag. You are allowed to add enough of your own fabric to make the quilt measure 40" square! You will have from May to September to complete your quilt. The quilts will be brought to the September meeting and who knows what we'll have in store then!

Get ready, get set, now, go play!!!!

February Show and Tell Snapshots

**These are photos of some of the quilts shown at the February meeting. Often not all of the quilts are photographed because they are sometimes displayed too quickly!! Be sure your quilts get "their pictures taken" because they are all special!



2013 Sew Days – Friendship Community Center

- March 11th (Monday)
- April 13th (Saturday)
- May 13th (Monday)
- July 10th (Wednesday)
- September 9th (Monday)
- October 19th (Saturday)

Times and any additional information will be announced at the meeting prior to the scheduled sew day for that month.



NOTE: 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!

Quilter's Tips

If you accidentally fuse an applique in the wrong place, use a fabric softener dryer sheet as a pressing cloth to loosen the web to remove the applique to reposition it.

Lay quilt blocks on pieces of construction paper to help decide what colors to use for borders.



Lick Skillet Recipe Corner

Italian Garden Frittata

6 egg whites

4 eggs

½ cup grated Romano cheese, divided

1 Tbsp minced fresh sage

½ tsp salt

¼ tsp pepper

1 small zucchini, sliced

2 green onions, sliced

1 tsp olive oil

2 plum tomatoes, thinly sliced

In a large bowl, whisk egg whites, eggs, ¼ cup Romano cheese, sage, salt and pepper; set aside. In a 10-inch ovenproof skillet coated with cooking spray, sauté zucchini and onions in oil for 2 minutes. Add egg mixture; cover and cook for 4-6 minutes or until eggs are nearly set. Uncover, top with tomato slices and remaining cheese. Broil 3-4 inches from the heat for 2-3 minutes or until eggs are completely set. Let stand for 5 minutes. Cut into wedges. Yield 4 servings.

Executive Board

President	Carolyn Davis
Vice-President	Anita Fountain
Secretary	Joan Hayden
Treasurer	Becky Everett
Members at Large	Peggy McLeod
	Deb Saska



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

Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

March

- 7-9 Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO
Gwinnett Center
Duluth, GA
www.sewingexpo.com
- 9-17 "My Favorite Things" Quilt Show
Bullock Hall Quilt Guild
Roswell, GA
www.bhqg.org
- 12-16 Quiltfest of Pigeon Forge
Smokey Mountain Convention Center
Pigeon Forge, TN
- 22-23 Festival of Alabama Fiber Arts
Old Alabama Town
Montgomery, AL
- 22-24 33rd Annual Smokey Mountain Quilters
of East Tennessee
Maryville, TN
- 29-30 Geraldine Quilt Makers 28th Annual Quilt Show
"A Tribute to Nettie Crow"
Homemaker's Building, Old Mill Road,
Geraldine, AL
dcahl.com/geraldine_1.htm

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 6 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.

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Find us online at 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. All contributions must be accompanied by the name and phone number of the author. To submit an article, send an email message to Anita Fountain at afount@aol.com. Text files or hard copy are accepted.