

Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

September/October 2011



Website: www.hernandoquiltersguild.com

President's Message



Dear Friends and Fellow Quilters,

I want to begin this message by thanking everyone! I thank you for quickly volunteering and speaking up at meetings with general comments, or interesting questions. Believe it or not, both things are really helpful. Any group is only as good as what the members put into it, and our group is right up there!

I was one of 3 people who attended Meg Smith's $\frac{1}{4}$ inch class and it was great! We are fortunate to have so many members willing to help others by showing them something new, or different. The willingness to help is demonstrated by the list of upcoming classes on page 4 that are being taught by our members. Check them out and you might learn something you have not attempted before. Step out of your box and be surprised at what you can do. Thank you to all those teachers ... I have never had much to teach others because I consider myself still pretty green. However, I have come a distance with the help from the classes I attend.

September is closing in and along with cooler weather, the best part of September is the gradual return of all our snowbirds! It is always a pleasure when you gals finally return...it really is!

Don't forget to work on your challenge a little bit every day, so it will be done in time for the February meeting. Time has a way of sneaking up on us you know! The theme is Flower Power.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on August 25th which also includes a lovely Pot Luck Lunch.

Your Quilting Friend,
Eileen

2011 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Batik
February	Red and White or Hearts
March	Greens
April	Flowers
May	Pastels
June	Animals
July	Red/White/Blue
August	Textures/Tone on Tones
September	Kid's Prints
October	Orange/Black
November	Christmas Theme
December	No Exchange

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AND THE WINNER IS

June 50/50 Jean Simpson
Mystery Ava Rossler
Door Prize Sally Marra
Fat Quarters Denise Jolliffe
Ava Rossler
Edith Mielke

July 50/50 Beverly Boyce
Mystery Bobbie Lemay
Door Prize Carol McCarthy
Fat Quarters Denise Hulett
Betty Grissom

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

June Red/White/Blue Penny Lacy
By: Muriel Johnson

July Cottages Karen Pilon
By: Barb Theriault

NEWSLETTER: Call or send any information, suggestions, correspondence, tips, or sayings dealing with quilting to **Barbara Theriault, 8181 Weatherford Ave., Brooksville, FL 34613**; e-mail: btheriault1@tampabay.rr.com; or call 352-597-8816. Next deadline is **October 1, 2011**. Do not forward messages **NOT** dealing with sewing, crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

Happy Birthday

Sept

Terri Wessling	4
Mani Barry	4
Marilyn Bacon	11
Catherine Ross	12
Joyce Volpe	13
Carol Thibert	21
Esther Feil	22
Sherri Yates	22
Linda Hrab	23
Sally Marra	26
Carol McCarthy	27



October

Darla Matthews	1
Belinda Boncaro	13
Fran Jones	15
Shirley Kerstetter	19
Emily Hamilton	24

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Jun	Jul	Aug	Muriel Johnson	Buckeye Beauty
Jul	Aug	Sep	Ellie Fries	Pumpkin
Aug	Sep	Oct	Donna Weiss	Scrappy Tilted Pumpkin
Sep	Oct	Nov	Ava Rossler	Fanciful Flowers
Nov	Jan '12	Feb '12	Marilyn Ryder	TBA

* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

Guild Meeting Schedule

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed	8/17/11	Blood Bank-Cortez Blvd	9:30am
Guild Meeting	Thurs	8/25/11	Holy Cross Lutheran, Spring Hill Dr.	9:30am
Board Meeting	Wed	9/21/11	Blood Bank-Cortez Blvd	9:30am
Guild Meeting	Thurs	9/22/11	Holy Cross Lutheran, Spring Hill Dr.	9:30am
Board Meeting	Wed	10/19/11	Blood Bank-Cortez Blvd	9:30am
Guild Meeting	Thurs	10/27/11	Holy Cross Lutheran, Spring Hill Dr.	9:30am

FIELD TRIPS

Betty has planned the following trips for **Sept/October**. Please come and join in the fun.

Friday, September 16, 2011

Trip to **Happy Apple Quilts/Crafty Threads**, Race Track Road, Tampa and **Scrap & Sew**, North Pointe Plaza in Lutz. Meet at the Publix at Mariner and County Line Rd. at 9:30am. There will be a Demo and 20% discount on Fabric at Scrap & Sew. There will be a Gift Bag/Demo at Happy Apple.

Friday, October 14, 2011

Trip to Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe, Trenton. Meet at Winn-Dixie Plaza, corner of Rts. 19 & 50 at 9:30am. (Park south of Hardees)

If you have any questions, call Betty Schielein at 352/684-5245.

Let **Shirley Kerstetter**, our **Acting SUNSHINE LADY**, 352-686-9057, know about the needs or illnesses of our members.

*A bed without A Quilt is
Like a Sky without Stars!*

GUILD NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ **POT LUCK – AUGUST MEETING** We will have a Pot Luck at the August meeting and because of the heat we are experiencing, everyone is encouraged to bring cold food such as salads, sandwiches, etc.
- ❖ **WEBSITE -** We have a new webmaster and our new website is up and running. The web address is still the same (www.hernandoquiltersguild.com) If you have any questions on the website please see Barb Theriault. It looks really nice and easy to follow. Our Raffle Quilt picture and info will be added as soon as we get more info on the tickets.
- ❖ **2012 CHALLENGE:** *Karen Pilon, as Best of Show winner for this year's challenge will be in charge of the 2012 challenge. She has announced that it will be "Flower Power." She passed out a flyer with details at the March meeting and via e-mail where applicable. Call Karen Pilon with any questions.. Home: 734-454-4934 or Cell: 734-635-1560*
- ❖ **DONATIONS CHURCH FOOD BANK**– Thank you everyone for your continued generosity in bringing in your donations to the meetings of the canned goods and monetary donations as well. The church is very appreciative of our generosity. We had the privilege of having Mr. Vic Behrman from the Outreach Food Pantry speak to us at our last meeting about how important our donations are to the families who are in need in the community. He gave a demonstration of the various items that are given to the families and it was astounding to learn that 296 families in our community have to take advantage of the food handout, whereas last year there were only 95 families affected. Thank you everyone for all your generosity. We could all see and feel the effect our offerings have on the community. Keep up the good work!
- ❖ **BOUTIQUE TABLE QUILT SHOW**– We are continuing to collect items for the Boutique Table for the Quilt Show taking place on November 12th, 2011. Anything you want to make would be appreciated. If Ellie Fries is not available please give your items to Betty Schielein or Joyce Elliffe. Keep those items coming.
- ❖ **RAFFLE BASKET QUILT SHOW**– If anyone has new items they do not want, please donate to the raffle basket for the quilt show. These items can be given to Ellie Fries or Betty Johnson. The raffle basket will be shown at the Boutique table at the quilt show and raffled off at the close of the show.
- ❖ **RAFFLE QUILT FOR QUILT SHOW**– The raffle quilt is finished and tickets will be printed and available as soon as we are cleared with all the raffle rules with the State of Florida.
- ❖ **YARD SALE TABLE** *Our next Yard Sale Table will be sometime in the fall. More info to follow.* You can donate items such as quilt books, scrap fabric, patterns, sewing/quilting items, etc. Something you no longer want or need could be just the right item for one of your fellow members. The proceeds from this table will help build our treasury for future speakers, quilt show expenses, etc. See Ellie Fries for more info.
- ❖ **HANDWORK/REDWORK GROUP** will continue to meet and stitch after the monthly meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Don't forget your lunch. If you would like to learn Red Work there are several ladies that would be glad to share their knowledge.
- ❖ **QUILTING TECHNIQUES CLASSES**– The Board got together and voted to have the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Southern Pines designated for teaching quilting techniques. They will be looking for members willing to give some time to teach a technique. Thank you to those who have already signed up to teach. Please consider lending your time and talent.
- ❖ **QUILTING ARTS GROUP**– Will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 14th under the direction of Ellie Fries. It will be held at Southern Pines Condo.
- ❖ **EMBROIDERY GROUP**– will be meeting at Southern Pines Condo on Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00am. Future Embroidery Group sessions are every other month with another one on November 15th. Any changes will be announced.
- ❖ **NEW RECIPE CORNER IN NEWSLETTER**– A new segment to our newsletter. The desire has been expressed to have a favorite recipe printed from a member to share with the guild. Please either give to me, Barb Theriault, or e-mail me (btheriault1@tampabay.rr.com) your favorite recipe for future publishing in the Newsletters. I will publish only one or two per newsletter depending on space available.



Calendar of Events

Guild Classes/Events

Sept 13th (Tues. 10:00am) Techniques w/Fusible Applique and Machine Blanket Stitch – By Barb Theriault Meet at Southern Pines Condo 10:00am. See sign-up sheet at August meeting and supply list.

Sept 14th (Wed. 10:00am) Quilting Arts Group w/Ellie Fries Meet at Southern Pines Condo 10:00am. Bring Lunch.

Sept 20th (Tues. 10:00am) Machine Embroidery Group w/Sharon Allard & Donna Weiss. Meet at Southern Pines Condo 10:00am. Bring Lunch.

Sept 22nd (Thurs. 9:30am) General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Spring Hill Drive.

October 11th (Tues. 10:00am) Quilting Arts Group w/Ellie Fries Meet at Southern Pines Condo 10:00am. Bring Lunch.

October 12th (Wed. 10:00am) Paper Piecing Class w/Emily Hamilton Meet at Southern Pines Condo 10:00am.

October 27th (Thurs 9:30am) General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church – **Trunk Show by Crafty Threads/Happy Apple Quilts**

November 8th (Tues. 10:00am) Quilted Place Mats w/Linda Blades. Meet at Southern Pine Condo 10:00am.

November 9th (Wed. 10:00am) Quilting Arts Group w/Ellie Fries Meet at Southern Pines Condo 10:00am. Bring Lunch.

November 15th (Tues. 10:00am) Machine Embroidery Group w/Sharon Allard & Donna Weiss. Meet at Southern Pines Condo 10:00am. Bring Lunch.

November 17th (Thurs. 9:30am) General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church – **Trunk Show w/Betty Johnson – Round Robin.**

Quilt Shows, Retreats, Etc.

Sept 8 – 11th, 2011 – Thursday 10:00am – Sunday 4:00pm Fun-Fast-n-Fearless Quilt Retreat, Lake Yale, FL
Hosted by: BeSewCreative Quilting Retreats:

This 4 day / 3 night retreat features 3 workshops, single or private accommodations (no bunk beds), 10 meals, games, door prizes, as well as plenty of open sew, shopping, and girlfriend time. These three workshops will show you how to FEARLESSLY make these quilts with FUN & FAST techniques.

Double Wedding Ring with Connie, owner of A Quilters Dream, Leesburg <http://www.aquiltersdream.biz>

Lil Twister with Barbara, owner of Crafty Threads, Oldsmar <http://www.craftythreads.com>

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For more information see <http://www.BeSewCreative.com>, email: Rhonda Baker Cissy33@BeSewCreative.com, or

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Sept 16 – 19th, 2011 – St. Augustine, Florida QUILT RETREAT w/Glenda Irvine

For more info e-mail: (talacam@aol.com) Just Sew Quilts

Sept 22-24th, 2011 Quilt Fest Of Jacksonville – Presents “The Sky's The Limit

Prime Osborne Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Downtown Jacksonville. Thursday and Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm and Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm. Judged Quilt Show, Vendor Mall, Admission daily \$8.00 and Multi-day pass \$15.00.



Show and Tell



Barb Theriault is showing her quilt "Rosewood Cottage" which took 7 years to complete due to it's status as a UFO more than once through the years, giving way to other responsibilities and other quilts along the way. Finally finished and proud of it!



Gene Chambers is showing a beautiful Butterfly Log Cabin Quilt. Wonderful combo of piecing and applique. Really nice job Gene!



Carol Aldridge is showing a very colorful quilt with cat faces all around! Cute! Most quilters are cat lovers and we do them proud!



Alma Martin has been having fun with Stripy Quilts lately showing an all season and a Christmas one. Good job Alma!



Sonja Kleist - made this beautiful shades of lavender quilt as a wedding gift. Nice Job Sonja

Show and Tell - continued



Marie Hauer loves her large quilts. What a beautiful Chinese Lantern Quilt! Nice Marie!



Pauline Galloway has been busy making this colorful what looks like "Hanky Panky" Quilt. Nice colors Pauline!



Bonnie Staveski showing some of her retreat projects recently completed. Those fall colors appeal to this writer every time! Nice job Bonnie!



Carol McCarthy followed in Bonnie S's footsteps, but chose her own brighter colors. Nice job Carol.



Betty Johnson showing her beautiful Chinese Quilt. Wow! What Colors!



Mariann Ingle is showing projects she completed through classes - Sachiko, X-mas Stockings and her quilting arts group - Happy Halloween! What fun and nice job Mariann!



Shirley Kerstetter has shown us her enormous talent again with a beautiful original border design, handmade Red work Quilt! Stunning! I have a sudden craving for a "Candy Cane."

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Happy Birthday

100 Years Young!

Catherine Ross, one of our charter members came to our 2007 Christmas Luncheon accompanied by her family when she was 96 and stated at the time that she would no longer be able to attend meetings for health reasons, but invited us all to attend her 100th birthday.



I received a call from her family and they would like us to attend a cake & coffee reception in honor of her 100th birthday on Saturday, September 10th from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the Quality Inn & Suites on Rt. 19 in New Port Richey. Call 727-848-2667 for further information.

2011 Raffle Quilt – The Story

When Mary Sweeney ordered the quilt, "The Queen and Her Court," she received a package every month for 1 year with a part of the quilt, directions and fabric. She started making the blocks, but due to illness, it was put aside. After her death, her husband allowed our guild to sell her sewing items, which included all the packages of "The Queen and Her Court," to our members and donate the proceeds of the sale to Hospice.

We decided that this kit was perfect for our raffle quilt and hence, the work began!

Listed are the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to bring this project to completion.

- THE BLOCK MAKERS:**
- The center Queen Block by Mary Sweeney
Shirley Kerstetter
 - Checkerboard blocks by Karen Pilon
 - Assembly and applique by Shirley Kerstetter
 - Binding and sleeve by meg Smith
 - Label by Gene Chambers
 - Machine Quilted by Kathleen Hafer

Many thanks to all for a job well done.
Sincerely,

Shirley Kerstetter



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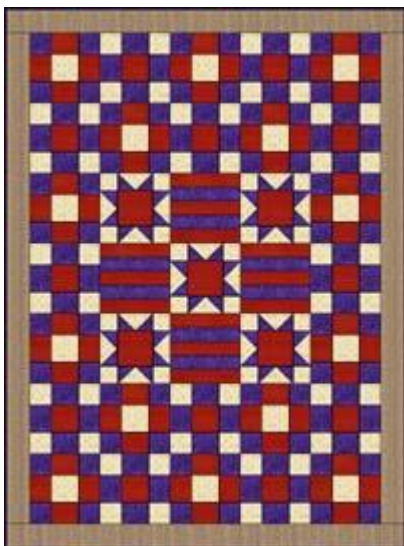
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QUILTING HISTORY



Civil War And Quilt making



April 14, 1861 – “Civil War has finally been declared. War between the two sections of our once happy, prosperous country. The telegraph brought the startling news today that the first gun of Rebellion was fired at Charleston at 4:00am on Friday morning, April 12th.”

From the diary of Rebecca Loraine Richmond “The Civil War Diary Quilt”

There were two ways quilt-making was done for soldiers both Confederate and Union. Many elegant quilts were made to earn money through fairs and auctions to help the war efforts. But most of all, quilts were needed to warm the soldiers in the field and in hospitals.

Union Fairs and Quilt making

In the northern states there had been a long tradition of women making quilts for various causes so when the war began their energy simply shifted to raising money for the Union cause. Sanitary Fairs and similar events were held to help buy needed supplies to be distributed by the Sanitary Commission and other organizations. Fancy work from afghans to quilts were sold. But these fairs were far more than just a bazaar. Some included exhibition halls, livestock, and farm equipment. Such events could last a week or more.

The grandest fair of all was the 1864 New York Metropolitan Fair. In a time when the average family income was around \$500 a year this three week extravaganza netted an amazing \$1.2 million dollars!

Silk was fashionable for clothing during this period and silk patchwork was considered quite elegant. The Log Cabin quilt pattern first appeared at this time.



It and other patterns were made up in silk, wool and fine cottons for these events. Fancy appliqued quilts were also popular displaying floral and political motifs including the Eagle and Flag.

Gunboat Quilts Made by Southern Ladies

The best known confederate quilts were the "gunboat quilts" made to raffle off in order to buy desperately needed gunboats. Quilts were just one of many items made by the women to be sold or auctioned off during the fairs and festivities for the Confederate cause.



Gunboat quilts were truly magnificent often with broderie perse flowers and other motifs appliqued on them. Some piecing was done but fine stitching in both the applique and quilting prevailed. As with the North, fine fabrics were used in these elaborate creations. After the North blockaded the southern ports the money earned went to hospitals for the sick and wounded instead. The sense of optimism reflected in the gunboat quilts dissipated.

Tips / Tricks / Recipes



TIPS FROM QUILTERS AROUND THE WORLD

Binding

- ❖ To hold my binding in place while hand stitching I use some of my daughter's small butterfly hair clips. They hold wonderfully and look nice, too! - Trisha in Wisconsin
- ❖ I have started using hand quilting thread for turning my bindings. It is made for the repeated trips through the fabric and doesn't seem to fray, knot or break the way other threads do. - Mary in Texas
- ❖ I use paper towel tubes for storing my left over pieces of bindings. It keeps them nice and flat. no need to re-iron. - Bessie in Michigan

Quilt Care

- ❖ Don't fold quilts in half and then in quarters--the dent in the middle shows quickly. Fold it in thirds horizontally and then vertically. There is less wrinkling if the pieced side is out. - Nancy in Florida
- ❖ How to get blood out of your quilts: Dip a cotton ball in hydrogen peroxide and rub it into the stain and it will vanish." - Lora in Oklahoma
- ❖ I store my many wall hangings by wrapping them around the paper tubes from wrapping paper (right side out). Then I place them in a pillow case and that keeps them from rolling off the shelf. - Carol in Michigan
- ❖ Roll your quilts on wrapping paper tubes covered with acid free tissue paper to make them safe for your quilt. - Rhonda in Washington

Recipe Corner

AVA'S CORNBREAD

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Cast Iron #12 skillet preferred, but you can use 9" x 13" pan / be sure to grease pan.

2 boxes Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
3 Eggs
¾ stick butter or margarine
Dash Salt
8oz Sour Cream
1 Can Creamed Corn

Mix all ingredients in large bowl until batter is smooth. Add Creamed Corn last. Fold into batter. Pour into pre-heated skillet or greased pan. Cornbread is done when top is pleasingly brown. Smear the leftover ¼ stick butter on top when hot from the oven.

Submitted by: Ava Rossler

24 HOUR CUCUMBER PICKLES

5 cups sliced cucumbers
1 cup sliced onions
1 ½ tbsp. salt
Sprinkle salt over cucumbers and onions. Let set for ½ hour. Stir.

1 Cup cider vinegar
1 Cup Sugar
1 tsp Celery Seed
1 tsp Mustard Seed

In sauce pan put vinegar, sugar, celery seed & mustard seed. Heat and stir until clear and syrupy. Pour over cucumbers and mix in large bowl. Refrigerate 24 hours. (keeps crispy if refrigerated)

Submitted by: Sonja Kleist

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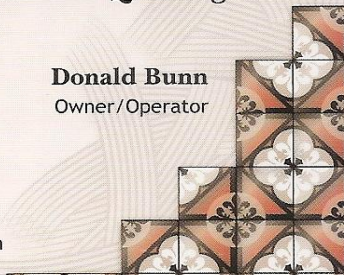
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