

Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



January/February 2010

President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

We are in the midst of the Holiday Season and everyone is scurrying to finish those last minute gifts they thought would be done in July by all best intentions! "The Best Laid Plans" as they say! As for myself, I fell short on some of my homemade gift plans and will again vow to start early next year! Hey Santa --- Send me some Summer Elves!

With all the great Program/Class plans that Ellie Fries has planned for us in 2010, I am truly looking forward to the summer workshops on making gifts for Christmas. Perhaps this will give me a jumpstart and keep me on course for my Christmas Gift making next year!

Our Christmas Luncheon was really fun and Sandy and her Elves did a wonderful job. Of course during the door prize drawings, our dear quilting friend, "Lucky" Callahan managed to keep her momentum going by winning at least one prize. Way to Go "Lucky."

We are still receiving positive comments about the new handwork group and I'm finding myself more on the lookout for Red Work Patterns these days and thinking up ways to incorporate them into my quilts. More UFO's in the making!!

I do hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday and we'll see you in January with *Machines Oiled and Nimble Fingers Ready!*

So, until next time dear quilting friends my wish for you >>>>>, "**May All Your Ups and Downs In Life Be With a Needle and Thread!**"

Barb

2010 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Batiks
February	Red and White or Hearts
March	Green
April	Bunnies/Eggs
May	Spring Colors
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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2010/2011

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Phone Tree	Doris Speidel
Shows/Travel	Betty Schielein
Sunshine	Mary Ellen Schnellmann

FIELD TRIPS

Betty has planned the following trips for January/February. Please take advantage and get to know the members better.

Friday, January 22nd

We will be taking a trip to Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe, Trenton.. Meet at 9:30am at the Winn Dixie Plaza at Rts. 50 & 19. Park to the south of Hardee's.

Friday, February 19th

Bellevue Busy Bee Quilt Show, Ocala. Meet at the Publix at Rts. 41 & 50 at 9:30am.

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

GUILD NEWS

- ❖ **REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY AND ARE \$18.00.** Our membership chairman, Bonnie Giustozzi, has asked if possible that we pay by check for easier bookkeeping.
- ❖ Reports were given at the November meeting regarding the October 24th Quilt Show in the Gardens. The show was a great success and after expenses we made a very nice profit which enables us to donate to various charities for the Christmas season. Barb Theriault handed out gift certificates to the heads of the committees for their hard work on the show. She announced that the pictures from the show have been posted to our website. Thank you everyone for a job well done. The Guild voted to hold the Quilt Show as a bi-annual event in the future. This will make our next Quilt Show date sometime in November of 2011. Everyone start working on those quilts and also items for the Boutique table.
- ❖ Personal care products were collected at the November meeting for the Dawn Center and delivered by our Charities Coordinator, Rhonda Norton.
- ❖ Our annual Christmas Party on December 3rd was a wonderful event. Sandy Mihalus and her team of volunteers did an outstanding job with the entire luncheon, prizes, games, etc. The President passed out pins to the committees and gifts to the board members thanking them for a great year and many more to come. The Board presented the President with a thank you gift as well.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY

Liesbeth Dekoning	1
Barbara Wilson	2
Barbara Childress	6
Dru Hughes	11
Ruth Wright	13
Mary Smith	18
Marion Daniels	18
Marjorie Crocker	21
Mary Sweeney	23
Sonja Kleist	25
Carol Aldridge	25
Barbara Ogden	27
Alma Martin	29
Karen Boyer	29



FEBRUARY

Noreen Sullivan	2
Marilyn Ryder	7
Barb Sherrard	10
Christine DeTomasi	13
Mary Ellen Schnellmann	17
Judy Thew	20
Elaine Metz	27
Denise Jolliffe	28

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 **February 4th, 2010**. Do not forward messages not dealing with sewing, crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

Let **Mary Ellen Schnellmann**, our **SUNSHINE LADY**, 352-686-6066, know about the needs or illnesses of our members.

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Oct	Nov	Jan	Ellie Fries	Christmas Baskets
Nov	Jan	Feb	Meg Smith	Dutchman's Puzzle
Jan	Feb	March	Edith Mielke	Simple Sue
Feb	Mar	Apr	Susan Norbut	TBA

* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

AND THE WINNER IS

October	50/50	Gene Chambers
	Mystery	Lucky Callahan
	Door Prize	Bonnie Staveski
	Fat Quarters	Betty Schielein Serreta Rathgeber Barb Theriault
November	50/50	Shirley Williams
	Mystery	Jean Hook
	Door Prize	Mariann Ingle
	Fat Quarters	Chris Zukowski Joyce Shively Lucky Callahan

RAFFLE BLOCKS

October	Memories	Paula Lawery
	By Sandy Mihalus	
November	Temperance	Janet Leadbetter
	By Marilyn Ryder	

Chinsegut Nature Center – Pioneer Day, November 7, 2009

Our guild displayed quilts, demonstrated and taught quilting to many children. The attendance at the annual celebration of conservation was 1,800. Every year the attendance increases. Our volunteer teachers were:

- Noreen Sullivan
- Mary Bon
- Rhonda Norton
- Paula Lawery and daughter Heidi
- Barb Sherrard

All worked to set up our area inside the building and taught quilting from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This labor of love and our lovely ladies represent the spirit of our guild.

Once again, it was a pleasure working with all of you.

Shirley Kerstetter, Coordinator

2010 Quilt Challenge – “Who Am I”

Are you a new member of our Guild and want more information about the Challenge?

It is an Annual Event. The due date and judging is not until February 25, 2010.

Judging will be by Viewers Choice in all categories. In addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons, Honorable Mention, plus Best of Show ribbons will be awarded as well.

Please join in the fun and excitement of this years' challenge.

Decide on the subject, select your fabrics and you will be half way there! Come on, you could be the winner!!

As a reminder, the categories will be Appliqué, Pieced, Mixed Technique, Wearable Art. The guideline sheet will offer you many suggestions to help you get started.

If you have any questions, or need a copy of the guideline sheet explaining requirements and rules, please see our website (www.hernadoquiltersguild.com), or call Shirley Kerstetter (352) 686-9057.

Hand Work/Red Work “Bee” Group

Just a reminder that the hand work group will continue to meet after the Guild meetings. This hand stitching time is open to anyone who wishes to join us. If you would like to learn hand work, there is always someone that will be glad to show you some techniques.

Remember, we are asking that this remain a hand work group, so please **DO NOT bring any sewing machines.**

Bring a Bag Lunch and let's have fun and get to know each other better!



NEW CLASS SIGN-UP PROCEDURE

To avoid the typical after the guild meeting chaos in the front of the room, Ellie has developed a new sign-up procedure.

After you arrive at the meeting, sign in at the front table, buy your 50/50, Mystery Prize, Fill out the Show & Tell Sheet if applicable, etc., you can proceed to the back of the room where Ellie will have a table set up for class information and sign up. The class teachers will be there to answer questions, show samples, accept your payment and give out supply sheets at that time.

This new procedure should help avoid the continual confusion at the end of the meeting.



Christmas In The Gardens



The Guild was assigned a tree for the annual Christmas Walk in the Botanical Gardens again this year. During the year the Guild, under the direction of Ruth Redeker, put together strings of YoYos to use as garland around the tree which complimented the handmade ornaments that were made by the members. The tree was decorated by Bonnie Staveski, Ruth Redeker and some friends from the Garden in the name of the Hernando Quilters' Guild. Don't forget to go down to the Gardens and vote for your favorite Tree!!



Calendar of Events

Board Meetings/Guild Meetings

January 18th (Monday) - Board Meeting @ Barb Theriault's House (10:00am) due to classes at the Blood Bank on Wednesdays.

January 28th (Thurs) - Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Christ Lutheran Church - North Street (9:30am) Don't forget their will be a Trunk Show with our guest speaker, Alice Means and their will be no Show & Tell that day.

February 15th (Monday) - Board Meeting @ Barb Theriault's House (10:00am) due to classes at the Blood Bank on Wednesdays.

February 25th (Thurs) - Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Christ Lutheran Church - North Street (9:30am) Don't forget this is Challenge Due Day.

Classes/Events

January 14th (Thurs) - **Beginner Quilting-Part II** - Bonnie Staveski will be teaching the 2nd part of this class @ Christ Lutheran Church, North Street. This class will teach new & updated methods.

January 20th (Wed) - **Sashiko Japanese Hand Quilting** - Shirley Kerstetter will be teaching at Life South Blood Bank from 10:00 - 3:00, this beautiful method of hand quilting design used for centuries by the Japanese. Fee \$6.00. Only 12 people can fit in this class. (Notified by Phone) Another class for the additional people will be held in March.

February 11th (Thurs) - **Crazy Quilt Class**. The Class will be taught by Ellie Fries at Christ Lutheran Church on North Street and the cost will be \$12.00. Sign up at the January meeting.

February 17th (Wed) - **Painting On Fabric** - The class will be taught by Gene Chambers at the Blood Bank. The cost is \$12.00. Sign up at the January Meeting if you have not already done so.

March 11th (Thurs.) - **Sashiko Japanese Hand Quilting** - Shirley Kerstetter will be teaching at Christ Lutheran Church for the remaining people who signed up for January and could not fit into the class. (People have been notified by phone)

March 17th (Wed) - **Part II Crazy Quilt Class** This will be held at the Blood Bank.

Note: Please remember that if you have signed up for a class and have to cancel, please do so 24 hrs in advance in order to receive a refund.

Quilt Shows, Retreats, Etc.

January 30th, 2010 - **Kumquat Quilt Challenge Show** - Dade City Presented during the Annual Kumquat Festival in Dade City.

February 6th and 7th, 2010 - **Annual Farm Fest & Quilt Show** - Dade City Presented by The Pioneer Florida Museum & Village. Each year they secure the Hoffman Challenge traveling quilt collection, the doll collection and fashion show. There will be a local quilt appraiser and the quilts will be displayed by local quilters as well in the Mabel Jordan Barn. For more info: www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org.

February 12, 13, 14, 2010 - **West Pasco Quilt Show** - Hudson "Heart To Heart" Sew Many Quilts presented by the West Pasco Quilt Guild at Veterans Park Complex, 14333 Hicks Road, Hudson, FL 34669. Hours Friday/Saturday 10-5, Sunday, 10-4. Daily Admission Donation \$6.00, Multi-Day \$10.00. Over 300 Quilts on display, Guild Boutique, Silent Auction, Free lectures & Trunk Shows, Lots of Vendors, great food, door prizes. For more info contact Quilt Show Chair Linda Fernandes 727/861-2343 or check their website at www.WestPascoQuilters.org.

February 19 & 20, 2010 - **Quilt Show** - Ocala Presented by The Belleview Busy Bee Quilters. Silver Springs Shores Presbyterian Church, 674 Silver Rd., Ocala, FL. Friday & Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm. Vendors, Door Prizes, Boutique. Contact: 352-307-3167 or e-mail: bethmsherman@yahoo.com.

March 4 & 5, 2010 - **Quilt Show** - Mt. Dora Presented by The Lake County Quilters Guild. 28th Annual "Fantastic Quilt Show". Lake Receptions, 4425 N. Highway 19A, Mt. Dora, FL 32757. Thursday, 3/4 hours: 9:00am - 6:00pm. Friday, 3/5 hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm. Judged show. Demos, door prizes, donation quilt, boutique, vendors, etc. For more info e-mail: lcqgquiltshow@hotmail.com.



We Never Forget Our Veterans! Every year the guild members make lap quilts for our Veterans. They are delivered to the Veteran's Hospital around the beginning of November in honor of Veteran's Day. These are just a few of the quilts the girls made this year. Thank you everyone for your participation.

Christmas Lunch



Our Annual Christmas Party on December 3rd was a wonderful event. Sandy Mihalus and her team of volunteers did an outstanding job with the entire luncheon, prizes, games, etc. The President passed out pins to the committees and thanked her fellow board members for a great year.

Quilts In Bloom

Our 2nd annual Quilt Show in the Spring Hill Botanical Gardens held in October was very successful. The weather cooperated with only a little fine mist for a short while, but all Quilts survived. The new Boutique Table headed up by Ellie Fries and her team of volunteers was a fantastic addition this year as well as additional Vendor booths. We were entertained by wonderful music by Donna Weiss and her husband. Our raffle quilt was a huge success as well. The winner was a nurse from Spring Hill Regional Hospital and the winning ticket was sold by one of our members; Sally Marra. We would like to thank Bonnie Staveski for the wonderful job she did putting this all together. To view all the pictures from the Show you can visit our website (www.hernandoquiltersguild.com) and go to Quilt Show 2009.



Quilts In Bloom

Show & Tell

A Master Quilter

We all make beautiful quilts, but once in a while, as I am sure you will all agree, a masterpiece comes along that has to be recognized like this spectacular quilt of all the Presidents designed by our own Master Quilter, Shirley Kerstetter. It took her approximately 10 years from the drawing and then needlepoint handwork on the Presidents portraits to the final piecing, border and quilting. Every President from George Washington to Barrack Obama was individually stitched and then appliquéd onto the Quilt.



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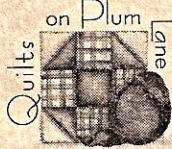
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