

Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

January/February 2011



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President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

Welcome to 2011 and a new decade of quilting. Don't forget we will start the new year off with a new meeting place on January 27th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6193 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34606.

Now that the Holiday Season has come to a close perhaps we can all sit back, reflect on the events of the past year and look forward to challenging ourselves with some new designs for the new quilting year.

It has been a tradition down through the ages for everyone to make new year's resolutions. In keeping with this tradition a friend of mine from New York sent me a clip from one of their small local papers entitled "The Quilter's Pledge." Perhaps this can help you along with your self-promises for the coming year.

Quilter's Pledge

- ❖ I will never feel guilty about the size of my stash.
- ❖ I will treat my machine and rotary cutter with respect.
- ❖ I will not fear color, stripes, plaids and dots.
- ❖ I will encourage and share knowledge with fellow quilters.
- ❖ I will feel free to sew in my underwear and barefoot.
- ❖ I will feel free to collect sewing machines without guilt.
- ❖ I will visit quilt shops even during family vacations.
- ❖ I will use my iron for fabric rather than clothing.
- ❖ I will hide my scissors from my spouse and children.
- ❖ I will not feel guilt over fondling my fabric.

So, with the Holidays behind us and a new decade beginning dear quilting friends, remember >>>> ***"A day patched with quilting seldom unravels."***

Barb

2011 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Batiks
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

October	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Ava Rossler Irene Barese Mariann Ingle Muriel Parker Liesbeth DeKonig Rowena Cox June Callahan
November	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Carol McCarthy Denise Jolliffe Bonnie Staveski Janice Radziejewski Shirley Kerstetter Bobbi LeMay Denise Jolliffe Donna Mattingly

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Oct	Autumn Pinwheel By: Donna Weiss	Ava Rossler
Nov	X-Mas Tree By: Karen Pilon	Irene Barese

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 4, 2011**. Do not forward messages **NOT** dealing with sewing, crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

Happy Birthday

January

Liesbeth Dekoning	1
Ava Rossler	7
Ruth Wright	13
Mary Smith	18
Marge Crocker	21
Nancy Jenkins	22
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
Mary Ellen Schnellmann	17
Judy Thew	20
Elaine Metz	27
Denise Jolliffe	28

Welcome New Members

Nina Ridgeway

Spring Hill, FL

2011 Quilt Challenge



LOG CABIN QUILT

ANY VARIATION

For this year's challenge you have been asked to make a quilted wall-hanging no smaller than 16" x 16" and not larger than 60" x 60". You can use any fabric and colors that you desire. You may use embroidery, buttons and any other embellishments as needed to complete your entry. You can also use any variation of the Log Cabin pattern that you want.



- Categories:** Applique, Pieced, mixed Technique, Wearable Art
- Judging:** Viewer's Choice in all categories for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention, plus "Best Of Show"
- Fabric:** Your choice of fabric and colors. You may use embroidery, buttons and other embellishments as needed to complete.
- Quilting:** You must have hand or machine quilting on your quilt.
- Size:** No smaller than 16" x 16" and no larger than 60" x 60".
- Due Date:** February 24, 2011 (Guild Meeting)
- Name Your Quilt:** There will be a sign-up sheet when you bring in your quilt to put your name and the quilt name. Also have your name on the back of your quilt. During the Viewers choice judging we will be on our honor not to look on the back of the quilt so we will not be influenced in the judging.

If you have any questions please see or call Denise Jolliffe at (352) 597-3376

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Oct	Nov	Jan	Karen Pilon	Shooting Star 2
Nov	Jan	Feb	Karen Pilon	Next Door Neighbor 2
Jan	Feb	Mar	Karen Pilon	Applique Hat
Feb	Mar	Apr	Ava Rossler	Candy Wrap
Mar	Apr	May	Eileen Vyvyan	Louisiana

* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

Guild Meeting Schedule

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed	1/19/11	Blood Bank-Cortez Blvd	9:30am
Guild Meeting	Thurs	1/27/11	Holy Cross Lutheran-Spring Hill Dr.	9:30am
Board Meeting	Wed	2/16/11	Blood Bank-Cortez Blvd	9:30am
Guild Meeting	Thurs	2/24/11	Holy Cross Lutheran – Challenge Due	9:30am
Board Meeting	Wed	3/16/11	Blood Bank-Cortez Blvd	9:30am
Guild Meeting	Thurs	3/24/11	Holy Cross Lutheran-Spring Hill Dr.	9:30am

FIELD TRIPS

Betty has planned the following trips for January and February.

Friday, Jan 21, 2011

Trip to Florida Cabin Fever Quilters' Show in Orlando. Meet at Publix at Rts. 50 & 41 at 9:00am.

Friday, February 25, 2011

Trip to The Quilted Treasures of Tampa Bay Show in Tampa. Meet at the Publix lot at Mariner Blvd. & Cty Line Rd. at 9:30am.

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.

GUILD NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ Our **ANNUAL DUES** are **\$18.00** again this year and are due at the January meeting. Please see Carol Aldridge, our new membership chairman, when you arrive and give your check to her at the entrance table.
- ❖ Our **Annual Christmas Lunch** was held on *December 2, 2010 at Heritage Pines Country Club*, 11524 Scenic Hills Blvd., Hudson, Florida. Sandy and her elves did a wonderful job. It was a great lunch and a very festive day. The President, Barb Theriault handed out pins to all the committee heads thanking them for all their hard work throughout the year and presented the officers with gifts of appreciation as well. The President was presented a gift from the board thanking her for a good year.
- ❖ Our next **Yard Sale Table** will be at the January meeting. As you know Mary Sweeney, one of our talented guild members passed away this year and her family has donated her quilting supplies to be sold at this yard sale table with all proceeds going to Hospice in her name. Carol Aldridge and Ellie Fries will be sorting through and prepare all the goods for the Table. Bring your wallets and help with a good cause.
- ❖ **2011 Challenge Due Date:** Don't forget your challenge quilts are due at the February 24th meeting. Let's hope we have a good participation this year. See Denise Jolliffe with any questions.
- ❖ The new **Machine Embroidery group** met in November for the first time and is off to a good start at Southern Pines Condo Clubhouse. Due to a great success, the group has decided to meet once a month instead of every other month. See Sharon Allard for any info. The next date for Embroidery Group Meeting is January 25th, 2011 at Southern Pines.
- ❖ **The Nominating Committee** will be announcing nominations for a new Board at the January meeting. Voting will take place in February and installation of new officers will be in March.
- ❖ **New Art Quilting Bee.** Sandy Mihalus will be starting a new **Art Quilting Bee on Tuesday, February 22nd at the Southern Pines Condo clubhouse starting at 9:30am..**
- ❖ The **Handwork/Redwork Group** will continue to meet and stitch after the monthly meeting. Don't forget your lunch.
- ❖ **New Rules for Classes**
 - ❖ We will no longer have classes in the summer months of June, July and August due to poor participation while snowbirds are gone.
 - ❖ The size of a class will now be limited to 12-15 people. This way everyone taking a class will get the full attention of the teacher.
- ❖ **The 3rd Wednesday in August** has now been set aside at the Blood Bank for a Veterans Quilt Sew-a-thon every year, run by Irene Barese. This will allow time to finish quilts by the October meeting. The quilts will be delivered in November for Veteran's Day.
- ❖ **The Neo-Natal Quilt-a-thon**, run by Rhonda Norton will be held on Tuesday, April 12th at Southern Pines Condo.
- ❖ **Boutique Table For Quilt Show** – We will start to collect items for the Boutique Table for the Quilt Show in February, 2011. Anything you want to make would be appreciated.
- ❖ **Breast Cancer Blocks** for next year's Quilts will be collected starting in January and February, 2011. It was great to get them done early this year.

For Sale:

Janome Acufeed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch Seam Foot and Needle Plate (KMIS \$64). Asking \$35. Works w/Memory Craft 6600. Barbara Ogden 352-684-7222



Calendar of Events

Classes/Events

January 11th- (Tues) 9:30am) Make & Donate Free Class: will be taught by Sharon Allard. The Christmas Napkin Class was a success and this class will be a Christmas Boot and one other item. This class is scheduled for Southern Pines Condo.

January 25th - (Tues) 9:30am) Machine Embroidery Group will meet at Southern Pines Condo 9:30am.

February 8th - (Tues) 9:30am) Cat Quilt by Buggy Barn. This class will be taught by Cheryl Coach and will be held at Southern Pines Condo Clubhouse 9:30am.

February 22nd (Tues) 9:30am) Quilting Arts Group will meet at Southern Pines Condo 9:30am. See Sandy Mihalus for any info.

March 8th - (Tues) 9:30am) Another Make & Donate Class. Info to follow.

March 22nd - (Tues) 9:30am) Machine Embroidery Group meet at Southern Pines Condo 9:30am.

Quilt Shows, Retreats, Etc.

January 21 & 22, 2011 - Orlando Friday and Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm - Admission \$7.00
Florida Cabin Fever Quilters Guild of Orlando is pleased to announce their biennial quilt show, **Quilt Fever 2011** at the Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 West Colonial Drive, Orlando for a display of over 300 quilts and wearables, 20 plus vendors, and quilt appraisals by Teddy Pruett. Special exhibits include Keepsake Challenge, Vintage Revisited, and the quilts of Nancy Prince and Mary Sorensen. Door prizes, demonstrations, Boutique, miniature quilt silent auction, and a fabulous Donation Quilt all combine to make this a must-see quilt show! Plenty of free parking.
www.floridacabinfever.com

January 28 & 29, 2011 - The Villages Quilting Guild Presents - Showcase of Quilts 2011: Friday, Jan 28th 9:00-5:00 and Saturday, Jan 29th 9:00 to 4:00. Location: Savannah Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages, FL 32159. Quilts, Demos, Merchants, Boutique, Raffle Quilt, Door Prizes, NQA Certified Judge, Silent Mini Auction, Challenge Quilt and Appraiser. Lunch Area available and free parking. Admission is \$5.00 at the door. For more info: www.QGOTV.org.

January 28 & 29, 2011 - Largo Cracker Quilters of Pinellas County announce their biennial quilt show - Celebrate the Quilt 10:00am-4:00pm each day: Location: St. Paul United Methodist Church, Christian Life Enrichment Center, 1199 Highland Avenue NE, Largo FL 33770 Contact: Website: www.largocrackerquilters.org or E-mail: joanscaffidi@juno.com

February 11 & 12, 2011 QUILT SHOW IN CLEARWATER - Under The Palms Quilt Show. Quilters' Crossing Quilt Guild is hosting their 12th bi-annual show from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Entrance Fee: \$6.00. Location: Countryside Recreation Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Dr., Clearwater, Florida 33761. Contact for more info or to purchase Opportunity Quilt tickets: Jan Hale (cell phone) 727-858-1394 or email: birdseye2@earthlink.net. Map for show location on website: www.QuiltersCrossing.net. The show features over 200 Quilts, Wearable Art, Vendor Mall, Door Prizes, Quilt Appraiser, large Boutique, Peoples' Choice Awards, Opportunity Quilt (proceeds of ticket sales to Hospice of the Florida Suncoast), Small Quilt Auction, Demonstrations, "Quilt Trolley," and a chance to win a New Sewing Machine donated by Sue's Bay Area Sewing.

February 25-26, 2011 - Quilted Treasures of Tampa Bay by Quilters Work Shop of Tampa Bay: Location: Salvation Army Community Worship Center, 1100 W. Sligh Ave., Tampa, FL 33604; Time: 9AM-5PM Friday, 9AM-4PM Saturday; Theme: Come see all of the things, places, and people our guild members treasure. There will be award winning quilts, food, shopping, prizes, and a quilt auction benefiting the Salvation Army. Contact: Delilah Libby 813-877-7930, delilahl@verizon.net

March 3 & 4, 2011 QUILT SHOW IN MT DORA - Lake County Quilters Guild is hosting their 29th annual FANTastic Quilt show. Location: Lake Receptions, 19A, Mt. Dora, FL. Thursday, March 3rd 9:00am to 5:30pm and Friday, March 4th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Admission: \$7.00. For more info see WWW.lakequiltguild.com or email at lcqgquiltshow@hotmail.com

March 11 & 12, 2011 CRYSTAL RIVER - Creative Quilters of Citrus County are hosting their 12th Biennial Quilt Show - Creative Quilters Silver Anniversary. Location: Crystal River Armory. March 11th 9:00am to 5:00pm and March 12th 9:00am to 3:00pm. Admission \$6.00. Quilts, Silent Auction, Boutique, Merchants Markets and much more. Website: www.creativequiltersofcitruscounty.com. For more info call: Edie Wehner at 352-860-1115.

Guild Activities

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. The Guild made a total of 47 quilts for the Veteran's Hospital this year. These are just a few of the quilts the girls made. Thank you everyone for your participation.



On December 4th it was again time to decorate our assigned Christmas Tree in the Botanical Gardens in Spring Hill. This years decorating Elves were Barb Theriault, Elaine Metz, Edith Mielke and Mariann Ingle. The Christmas Music was playing and cider, coffee and goodies rounded out a festive morning in the Gardens.

Christmas In The Gardens

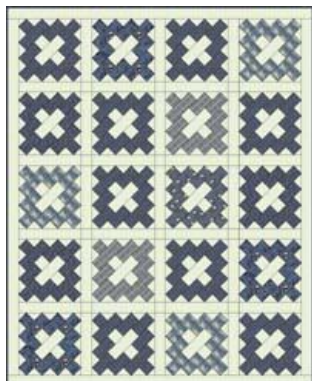


2010 Christmas Luncheon





QUILTING HISTORY



Friendship Quilts in Pioneer Life

"From 1840 to 1875, friendship quilts were made in staggering numbers by a broad cross section of American women, and it was in the 1840's and 1850's that the style reached it's zenith."

These quilts were put together in varied ways. Sometimes the entire quilt was made by one person while with others each friend made a block to be combined into a quilt. In some cases each person signed their quilt blocks, but at times all of the signatures were inked by one person with excellent handwriting.

Friendship quilts are a way of connecting with friends and family. In the case of pioneer women these signed quilts were especially precious as they brought sweet memories of dear ones they might never see again.

Album Patch or Chimney Sweep Block

One of the most popular patterns used for friendship quilts was the Chimney Sweep. When this pattern was used for a friendship quilt it was sometimes called the Autograph Patch or Block. This block pattern first appeared in the 1840s and has had many more names. Here are the stories of two pioneer quilts made with this pattern.



A Young Girl Carries Memories West in a Quilt

Lucy Blowers was just 16 when her father decided the family would move west from New York to Michigan.

Lucy was devastated that she would have to leave her home and friends to go so far away. While her father sold his land and the family prepared for the move Lucy started a very special quilt that would help her remember those she had to leave behind.

Lucy decided on a Chimney Sweep style block pattern for her quilt. Each block was made with a different fabric and a signature of a loved one inked on each block.

The blocks were sewn on point leaving triangles around the edge. Lucy finished the quilt with applied leaves in most of these triangles. Though with less blocks, the representation shown here gives you an idea of how her quilt looked. Lucy's quilt was finished in 1849 when the family packed their wagon and began their westward journey. Her quilt would bring memories of happier times through the hardships to come.

A Quilt for a Brave Traveling Minister

Imagine a minister so devoted to his flock that he was willing to row a boat on two rivers then hike for miles in order to serve his small communities of faithful followers. The Reverend J.H.B Royal, a Circuit Rider, did just this in western Oregon during the mid 1800s. In appreciation the women along his Cowlitz Circuit made a Chimney Sweep friendship quilt for Reverend Royal and his wife. It was not uncommon for the women of a congregation to make a quilt for their minister, but the people in the small communities Royal served must have been particularly grateful that he was willing to travel such a difficult circuit.

The quilt was made with a few fabrics of different shades but similar in color as shown in the illustration. One can only wonder if the different fabrics perhaps represented different families or even congregations.



Barbara Brackman listed the following names for Chimney Sweep variations in her newsletter reminding us that one pattern can have many names:

Railroad Crossing
Paths to Peach
Four Cross
Log Cabin and Album
Puzzle
Basket Weave
Washington Pavement
Roman Cross

TIPS & TRICKS



TIPS FROM QUILTERS AROUND THE WORLD

Organizing/Storage Tips

- ❖ Save your old prescription bottles and put a small hole in the lid and put your hand quilting or applique thread inside. It keeps it clean and is easy to pick up if you drop it. Great if you work when traveling. - Gail in Arizona
- ❖ When I see a pattern that I like, I print it out along with the instructions and pattern then I place it in a clear 8x10 plastic sleeve so that it stays nice and clean. I place it in a hard bound notebook like the one kids use in school for loose leaf paper. - Corena in Missouri
- ❖ You know those little tubes that contain miniature M&Ms? they're just the size to hold bobbins... I fill about five bobbins, before I go to guild, and they're ready to use, and they don't unravel in your sewing box. - Christine in California
- ❖ I put all used/broken needles and pins in an empty Tic-Tac container... it's clear, so you can see what's in it, then, when it's filled, tape over the opening before discarding. - Christine in California
- ❖ To save computer space, storage space and also paper when downloading free patterns from the internet. I store them for a short time on my computer and then copy them onto a CD for storage. Each CD is labeled differently. For example, Applique, BOM, Mystery Quilts, Christmas quilts, etc. If there is a particular designer I like, or web site that I follow year to year, they get a CD all their own. For example, Block Central has a CD all it's own. You can store a lot of quilts on one CD.
- ❖ I save shoeboxes. As I work on different projects, I store my completed blocks in the box labeled for such. I also in my spare time cut out the snips of fabric I need for each project or each block that I plan to do next, place them in the box, then when I plan on sewing it, I just pick up the shoe box and take it to my sewing machine. Its all there and ready to go. So small its easily transported and fits right on my sewing table. - Barbara in Indiana



Ironing/Pressing Tip

- ❖ If you give the back of your block a quick shot of spray starch and press it will lie much flatter. - Sandra in New York

Machine Piecing Tips

- ❖ If your quilt blocks always come out a smidgeon too small, and you have an incremental needle setting, set it to the right one notch. - Elaine in Nebraska
- ❖ When in need of a quilting stiletto, use a wooden skewer (used for grilling meats and veggies on grill) Works great in a pinch, holding down the corners of fabric as you sew the seams together so they don't slip." - Bambi in Ontario

Design Tips

- ❖ Always remember that the patterns you download off the internet are for personal use only and not for commercial use. And always give the designer the credit for their work!! - Truth in Pennsylvania
- ❖ If you want an unusual heart shape or a square shape check out the local Scrapbooking shop. They have some interesting shapes that would be great templates for quilting or applique. - Ernestine in Colwell

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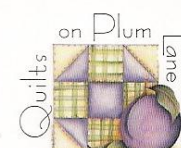
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