

Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

July/August 2008



President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

Summer is now in full swing and maybe we have a little more time on our hands to enjoy our favorite hobby – Quilting!

I'm sure you are all working on your "Art Quilts" to be presented at the October meeting. Do we have any Monet's and Picasso's here? Time will tell!

I hope the Snowbirds are having a great summer relaxing and quilting as well, so we anticipate some really nice "Show & Tells" when you get back in the fall.

Everyone have a safe and happy summer and start thinking about some fall classes.

Happy Quilting!

Terri

2008 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Landscape
February	Red or Hearts
March	Leaves
April	Plaid
May	Flowers
June	Yellow Mix
July	Red & Blue
August	Fish
September	Apples or Fruit
October	Trees
November	Harvest/Fruit
December	No Exchange

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Newsletter	Barb Theriault
Phone Tree	Doris Speidel
Shows/Travel	Betty Schielein/ Elaine Metz
Sunshine	Mary Ellen Schnellmann

News & Notes

- ❖ The President's Art Challenge Quilts that were originally due at the April meeting have been postponed until the October meeting to give more time over the summer for completion. We are looking forward to some real Picasso's and a few "Grandma Moses" here ladies!
- ❖ The 2009 Stargazer Quilt Challenge is underway. Don't forget to get your challenge fabric from Nana's Quilt Shop. As a reminder the challenge consists of a star with a 9 patch. You can use up to 5 additional fabrics besides the challenge fabric. The size of the quilt will still be a minimum of 26 inches.
- ❖ Our 2008 Budget was reviewed and accepted. A motion was made to accept it by Eileen Vyvyan and 2nd by Barb Theriault.
- ❖ Our Christmas Party Luncheon will be on December 4th and the gift exchange will take place again with a \$5.00 limit.
- ❖ Doris Speidel has agreed to be Telephone Committee Chairperson.
- ❖ Dianne Cass introduced Connie from Quilter's Dream in Leesburg. She told us about her background and her love of quilting. She had lots of great stuff for sale.

QUILTER'S BEWARE

It has come to light by Gene Chambers that there are some **MAGAZINE RENEWAL SCAMS** going on out there. If you receive any bills/renewal notices with a different address than you have seen in the past, be sure and call the 800# in your respective Quilt Magazine to verify it is a legitimate renewal from them before you write any checks. There is a scam going on with phony renewals coming in the mail. If you send a check to renew you will be out the money and the magazine.

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

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 August 7, 2008. Do not forward messages not dealing with sewing, crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**July**

Mariann Ingle.....	16
Dianne Cass.....	25
Nancy Pederson.....	27
Bonnie Staveski.....	31

August

Susan Norbut.....	8
Eddie Mielke.....	8
Viola Imhof.....	10
Patricia McCleary.....	13
Sandy Mihalus.....	15
Eileen Vyvyan.....	23
Jeanne Perras.....	24
Pat Gentilini.....	24
Joyce Elliffe.....	26
Mary (Ruby) Garner.....	31

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Apr	May	Jun	Eleanor Fries	Appliquéd Leaves
May	Jun	Jul	Mary Bon	Mystic Maze
Jun	Jul	Aug	Bonnie Giustozzi	TBD
Jul	Aug	Sept	Terri Wessling	TBD

* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

NEW CHARITY COORDINATOR- RHONDA NORTON

As most of you know by now I have volunteered to try and coordinate the different charities that we have, and will also be the contact person for anyone who has a charity that would like to be considered and brought before the board at their meetings, followed by the Guild. At this time we have \$400.00 in our charities budget. You may contact me, Rhonda Norton at 352-688-9267 or rnorton7@tampabay.rr.com.

I have come up with an idea to highlight some of the charities we already have. In each Newsletter we will be highlighting one of the charities reminding you to bring things in for that charity. For example: Baby yarn from those that don't knit to give to those that do. In return they bring in Baby Hats! **You can also continue to bring things in every month for all charities which are:** Dawn Center/Jericho, Migrant Workers, Neonatal (baby caps & baby quilts), Alum tabs, Military Hats, Military Quilts (quilts on hold for now).

Schedule:

July/Aug: - Dawn Center/Jericho Ministries Clothes, household items in working condition. (the ladies at the Dawn Center are the first to receive the items, then whatever they cannot use goes to Jericho Ministries.

July/Aug: - Alum Tabs - For Ronald McDonald House

Sept/Oct: Migrant Workers - We will be accepting non-perishable food items and warm clothing for the Sept and Oct meetings. Please remember to bring in your other donations if you have any! Thank you.

October: - Veteran's Quilts are due. Please remember to bring them in October so they can be delivered to the Vets in the beginning of November for Veteran's Day.

Nov/Dec: Dawn Center - Toys for children (more info will be in the Sept/Oct Newsletter).

AND THE WINNER IS

April	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Judy Thew Pat Shosh Ruth Rediker June Callahan/ Shirley Williams Elaine Metz
May	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	June Callahan June Callahan Shirley Kerstetter Bonnie Staveski Paulette Hinton Gene Chambers

RAFFLE BLOCKS

April	Granny's Flower Gdn By Marie Hauer	Rhonda Norton
May	Country Lanes By Sherry Bell	Rhonda Norton

FIELD TRIPS

Betty has planned the following trip for July. Please take advantage if you can - you will enjoy yourself.

July 11th - Friday

We will have another mini Shop-Hop with a trip to two shops: Scrap & Sew on Dale Mabry Hwy in Lutz and Stitch & Stash Quilt Shop in New Port Richey. We will meet at the Publix Shopping Ctr at Mariner Blvd. & County Line Rd. at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions, call Betty Schielein at 352/684-5245.

Welcome New Members

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727/244-5611. e-mail: marilyn_ryder@msn.com

2009 Stargazer Quilt Challenge

Our last challenge was the best ever! I am so enthused!!

OK.....so you bought your kit with the rules and fabric, but maybe you need more fabric. That's easy...just go to Nana's Quilt Shop and ask for Hoffman's "Dragonfly" Style 885 - Color 24.

Remember, the challenge is due at the February 2009 meeting.

If you have any questions about the challenge, call Shirley Kerstetter at 686-9057.

Shirley Kerstetter

A Visit From Quilter's Dream

At our May meeting we were visited by Connie Czernuch of Quilter's Dream in Leesburg. She presented us with a Trunk Show of some of the latest quilt kits available and had a table set up with lots of fabric and notions to add to our stash. She joined us for lunch after the meeting at Roosters Café and a good time was had by all. Thank you Connie for taking the time to visit with us.



Here is Connie showing the Mariner's Compass Quilt Kit – and the Wizard Of Oz Kit available at Quilter's Dream Quilt Shop in Leesburg.

Guild Show & Tell



Linda Hrab did a great job on the really cute dog and cat quilt. Way to go Linda!



Shirley -- wow what colorful underwear. What might you be hiding under your slacks!!!!



There goes Elaine, spoiling those grandkids again with her quilting skills.



Looks like Marilyn Bacon is spoiling those grandkids with her quilting skills also.



Irene Barese is hiding behind this beautiful Star Quilt that she has just completed.



Our President, Terri Wessling has been busy making this really cute appliqué wall-hanging.



Beautiful 3-D Appliqué flower quilts were the result of a class some of our girls took last year.



Nice job Ladies – Quilts made from winning blocks of the month.

Who's Who In The Guild



Bonnie Giustozzi

Bonnie was born in Brooklyn, New York where she spent her first 13 years. Her parents bought their first home in New Hyde Park, Long Island and they all moved on to a better place. She was one of 4 girls and 2 boys and had a relatively happy childhood even though she had rheumatic fever 3 times before graduating High School.

She married her first husband in 1962 and moved to Massachusetts where her son and two daughters were born. She loved New England, but missed her family a great deal. Work was not plentiful for carpenters in the winter in New England, so they decided to follow her parents south to Florida in 1973. she has been here ever since. She met her second husband in 1981 after her first marriage crumbled.

She worked in Home Health Care and really loved the work and the patients – it was a wonderful career. Unfortunately, the rheumatic fever did some damage to her heart resulting in open-heart surgery in 1994 and she could no longer perform the physical aspect of her job.

She has sewn all her life (self-taught, but her grandma used to make all of their Easter outfits). Bonnie attempted her first Quilt in 1992 starting with a Log Cabin and she says she could not believe the feeling of accomplishment it gave her. After that, the quilting bug took hold and became her passion once she had stopped working. She joined the Guild in 1998 and says she met some of the best friends she's ever had in her life.

She was President from 2001 to 2003 and has been membership chairman for the past 5 years. She says her friends in the Guild were her strength when she lost her husband, Orlando, in 2007 after 25 years together. He was her most complimentary critic and loved to show off her work to just about anyone he could.

She keeps busy most days sewing and enjoying her youngest grandson, who is 15 months old. She has 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 1 great-grandson.

Bonnie says, "my oldest daughter tells me I don't have to sew so much as it's not 'my job', but it makes me happy and I must use up the STASH!"

We are indeed fortunate to have Bonnie as a member, past president, good friend and a fellow quilter!



Bonnie Staveski

Bonnie was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, but grew up in Milford, Ct. She is the oldest of 4 children, having 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Her Mom taught her to sew when she was 10 years old and Bonnie has been enjoying it ever since.

She married her high school sweetheart and had 2 children. Her daughter Sandy is a Nurse Practitioner and lives in San Francisco while her son Michael lives right here in New Port Richey. He is the owner of "Time Machines", a classic car restoration shop in Hudson.

Bonnie enjoys her 4 year old granddaughter, Alexis, who is the light of her life.

Bonnie and her husband retired in 1990 and moved to Florida to be with her mother, father, sister and family. After working full time, she found retirement left her with time to finally learn to quilt. She took lessons at the Pasco-Hernando Community College and with that her passion was born!

She joined the Sun Coast Quilt Guild in 1992 and when the group split she joined our current Guild. She has held most offices and was President from 1997 to 1999.

She has taught locally and for the Guild. One of her biggest thrills was when one of her quilts won a 1st place ribbon at the West Pasco Quilt Show in 2006.

Bonnie is a very talented hand quilter and appliqué artist and her eye for color is wonderful. She can be very proud of her accomplishments.

When we would like to have a quilt hung in Brooksville City Hall Art Gallery, Bonnie is our go to person and keeps it very organized, changing out the quilts every couple of months and choosing appropriate themes.

We are very fortunate to have Bonnie as our current Secretary of the Guild, friend and a fellow quilter!





Calendar of Events

Classes & Events

July 16th (Wed) Board Meeting @ Life South (9:30 am)

July 24th (Thur.) Regular Guild Meeting Day (9:30am @ The Church)

August 20th (Wed.) Board Meeting @ Life South (9:30am)

August 28th (Thurs.) Regular Guild Meeting Day (9:30am @ the Church)

Quilt Shows, Retreats, Etc.

Aug 1st – 3rd, 2008: Quilter's Retreat - Winter Park, Florida

Florida Cabin Fever Quilt Guild is hosting "Itchin' to be Stitchin'" Quilters' Retreat. The retreat will be August 1-3 at the San Pedro Spiritual Development Center in Winter Park. The retreat is open to any quilter who would like a weekend away to sew and quilt in a relaxed environment. The cost is \$120 for double occupancy and \$156 for single occupancy. The fee covers two nights and all meals. For more information contact Reggie Kirkwood (kirkwoodcr@aol.com) or go to <http://www.floridacabinfever.com>

Sept. 25,26 & 27th, 2008: Thursday, Friday, Saturday - QuiltFest 2008 – New Dimensions In Quilting - Jacksonville, Florida

QuiltFest 2008 will be held at Prime F. Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32204. Thursday & Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm. Ticket Cost: Daily \$8.00. Thursday for Seniors 60 and over \$7.00. Multi-day armband - \$15.00. There will be vendors galore. For more information go to: www.quiltfestjax.com

October 24, 2008 – “A Fun and Elegant Day With Teddy Pruett”

Creative Quilters of Citrus County are hosting “A Fun and Elegant Day With Teddy Pruett” on October 24 at the First Baptist Church, 700 Citrus Ave, Crystal River. Teddy has been a Certified Appraiser by the American Quilter's Society since 1994. The morning session, beginning at 10 a.m., Teddy will be explaining how she appraises quilts. A luncheon will be served during the break, then Teddy will do a “Trunk Show” which will be informative and hilarious. Cost of the lecture and lunch will be \$15. Anyone interested should call Mary at 746-2722 or email jredrick@tampabay.rr.com or Patsy at 422-8053 pjenkin7@tampabay.rr.com

Nov 7th and 8th, 2008: Friday/Saturday – 9:00am – 4:00pm - Ocala, Florida

Country Road Quilters, Inc. presents “Along A country Road” Quilt Show. Central Florida Community College, Ewers Century Center, 3001 SW College Road (SR200), Ocala, Florida. Judged Quilt Show, Beautiful quilts, Vendors, Silent Auction, Boutique, Demos, Raffles, Raffle Quilt. Admission \$5.00. **Contact: Marsha Higbie 352/629-6486. E-mail: quilt49@aol.com.**

Nov 14th and 15th, 2008: Friday/Saturday – 9:00am – 3:00pm - Davenport, Florida

8th Annual Quilts and Tea Festival to be held in Davenport, Florida. For more info contact: quiltssandtea@msn.com

Jan 23rd & 24th, 2009: Friday/Saturday – 9:00am – 5:00pm - Quilt Fever 2009, Orlando Florida

The Florida Cabin Fever Quilt Guild is pleased to present the 2009 Quilt Show at the Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida 32808. There will be approximately 25 Vendors that will appeal to a variety of quilting interests. They will have a Boutique and Miniature Auction as well as the Chinese Auction. They will have a beautiful raffle quilt that will be shown in Quilt Shops in the area soon. Admission is \$7.00 and parking is free. They have made arrangements with the Food/Beverage Vendor service this year to enlarge their service to two areas instead of one and more eating/sitting area both inside and outside. **Contact: Trish Bowman E-mail: LNCTrish@aol.com**

Feb 21st & 22nd, 2009 – Vero Beach, Florida

Sunbonnet Sue Quilters present "RAZZLE DAZZLE 2009" their 9th Biennial Judged Quilt Show

10am - 5 pm Entry fee \$5.00 (Children 10 and under free) Please no strollers. Indian River County Fairgrounds 7955 58th Avenue Vero Beach, Florida . Free Parking. Vendors, Boutique, Quilts for Sale Trash & Treasures, Vignette Displays Demos, Food Available, OPPORTUNITY QUILT RAFFLE. Friday & Saturday 2PM: Miniature & Small Quilt Auction, Proceeds go to Local Charities. For more info see: website: <http://members.aol.com/sbonnets1979> . For Information, send a SASE to: Sunbonnet Sue QG Attn. Quilt Show, P.O. Box 1011, Vero Beach, FL 32961 Or email: bb_nelson@comcast.net

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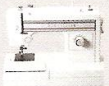
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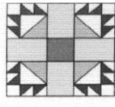
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It's more like a patchwork quilt -
Each hour and minute a patch to fit in
To the pattern that's being built.

With some patches light - and some patches dark,
And some that seem ever so dull -
But if we were given to set some apart,
We'd hardly know which to cull.

For it takes the dark patches to set off the light,
And the dull to show up the gay -
And, somehow, the pattern just wouldn't be right
If we took any part away.

No, life isn't given us all of a piece,
But in patches of hours to use,
That each can work out his pattern of life
To whatever design he might choose.

~ Helen Lowrie Marshall ~

