

Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



March/April 2010

President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

Spring is just around the corner and I am sure you are all anxious to see some of the beautiful Spring fabrics at your local Quilt Shops to give you that incentive to create even more beautiful quilts.

I personally will be searching for just the right blend of fabrics for the "Vintage Hearts" Lap Quilt I will be making for my granddaughter's wedding gift in August. My niece in Colorado is expecting her first child (a girl) in June and I will be looking for Baby Quilt ideas as well.

With all the great Program/Class plans that Ellie Fries has planned for us in 2010, I am sure you can find just the right class to fit your needs.

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful quilts in the January Trunk Show by Alice Means and allowed yourself to be inspired and motivated to try different techniques. The Quilting process is on-going and we should never stop learning from each other.

I am also looking forward to the March meeting to taste all those homemade dishes at our Pot-Luck luncheon.

We are still receiving positive comments about the new handwork group, and as a result I am noticing that more and more of you are working on quilts and gifts involving more hand embroidery than ever before. It feels like a handwork revival is upon us and I for one am quite happy about that. The incorporation of hand embroidery in our quilts today seem to add more beauty and take us back to another time and place.

So, until next time dear quilting friends remember >>>>> "Quilters affect Eternity; They can never tell where their influence stops."

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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FIELD TRIPS

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

Friday, March 5th

We will be taking a trip to Lake County Quilters Show in Mt. Dora. Meet at 9:00am at Publix at Rts. 41 & 50.

Friday, April 16th

We will be taking a trip to Country Quilts and Bears, Clearwater and Rainbow's End, Dunedin - Meet at JoAnns on Rt. 19 at 9:30 A.M. Park out from JoAnn's close to 19.

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

GUILD NEWS

- ❖ We will be having a Pot Luck lunch after our March meeting. Everyone should bring a dish to pass. More will be discussed at the February meeting. We will also be voting at the February meeting whether to have a Christmas Pot Luck at the Church or to go out to lunch again for Christmas 2010.
- ❖ Ellie reminded us of the due date of April/May for our 2010 Breast Cancer Blocks which are to be 12-1/2" and only shades of Pink and White (no red please). You can turn these blocks into Ellie Fries, Joyce Elliffe, Noreen Sullivan or Mary Bon.
- ❖ Please remember to check out the May issue of "QUILT MAGAZINE." Our own Master Quilter, Shirley Kerstetter will be featured with her beautiful President's Quilt which some of you saw displayed at our January meeting. Also don't forget if you want a discounted issue of the magazine for that month to see Shirley Kerstetter for info.
- ❖ We will be starting a "Yard Sale" table at our monthly meetings. 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 to offset costs of our Christmas Lunch and also help build our treasury for future speakers, quilt show expenses, etc. See Ellie Fries for more info.

Happy Birthday

MARCH

Muriel Parker	1
Bobbie Lemay	7
Irene Barese	12
Ruth Redeker	12
Joyce Shively	15
Linda Anderson	20
Betty Schielein	21
Shirley Williams	26
Mary Sickenberger	27
Donna Weiss	29



APRIL

Janet Leadbetter	6
Gene Chambers	10
Muriel Johnson	16
Sandy Mihalus	26
Patricia Shosh	30

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Nov	Jan	Feb	Meg Smith	Dutchman's Puzzle
Jan	Feb	March	Edith Mielke	Simple Sue
Feb	Mar	Apr	Susan Norbut	Pastel Petals
Mar	Apr	May	Irene Barese	Colorful Easter Eggs

* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

Welcome New Members

Jean Hook Spring Hill, Florida
Ellen Lyberg Green Weeki Wachee, Florida

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

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!



AND THE WINNER IS

January	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Mary Smith Lucky 2 Linda Hrab Bonnie Staveski Denise Jolliffe Nancy Jenkins Linda Hrab
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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

January	Xmas Baskets By Ellie Fries	Bonnie Giustozzi
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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.



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

Calendar of Events

Board Meetings/Guild Meetings

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

March 25th (Thurs) - Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Christ Lutheran Church - North Street (9:30am) **Don't forget their will be a Pot Luck Lunch on that day so bring your favorite dish.**

April 19th (Monday) - Board Meeting @ Barb Theriault's House (10:00am) due to classes at the Blood Bank on Wednesdays.

April 22nd (Thurs) - Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Christ Lutheran Church - North Street (9:30am) **Our guest will be Quilters Dream from Leesburg. She will show the latest notions, patterns, books, fabric and also do a DEMO.**

Classes/Events

March 11th (Thurs.) - **Sashiko Japanese Hand Quilting - 9:30 - 2:00** 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.

March 17th (Wed) - **Part II Crazy Quilt Class 9:30 - 3:00** at Life South Blood Bank with Ellie Fries. We will be doing embroidery, beading and learning how to finish our blocks.

April 8th (Thurs) **Alice Means Techniques Class 9:30 - 2:00** at Christ Lutheran Church. This class will be a techniques class taught by the January Speaker, Alice Means. The cost is \$15.00. Class supply list to follow. Bring a box lunch. This should be a very interesting class and we hope you all have time to take it. Don't forget your sewing machines.

April 21st (Wed) **Hand Applique with Bonnie Staveski 9:00am - 3:00pm** Life South Blood Bank, Rt. 50. This class is \$6.00. Sign up and supply list at the February and March Meeting. Bring Lunch.

June 16th (Wed) and July 21st (Wed) **Christmas Projects 9:00am - 3:00pm** Life South Blood Bank. Specific Project to be announced at a later meeting. It will be make and take - finish in one day and taught by Sharon Allard. Class preview and sign up will be at the April meeting.

August 18th (Wed) **Baby Quilt Sew-A-Thon with Rhonda Norton. 9:00am-3:00pm** at Life South Blood Bank. Come and make a Baby Quilt for Neo-Natal. All fabrics supplied, Bring Lunch. This is a great charity project. See you there.

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.

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.

April 10th, 2010 - Bus Shop Hop on Saturday - Leesburg. Visit 3 different shops, have breakfast, snacks and lunch and dessert at the last stop. Demos at each shop, games on the bus and lots of fun. For more information contact Connie at aqd@embarqmail.com or Quilters' Dream Quilt Shop in Leesburg.

November 12 & 13, 2010 - Applique In Tampa Bay II. Location: Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa, Florida 33614. Hours: 10:00am - 8:00pm on November 12th and 10:00am - 4:00pm on November 13th. Contact: Laurajbr@mac.com for more information. www.featherprincesses.org



*Read your Newsletter
or this could be you!!!!*

Who's Who In The Guild



Liesbeth Dekoning

Liesbeth was born on January 1st a while ago, as she puts it, in a town called Best in the Southern part of the Netherlands. She has been married for 34 years. She and her husband still live in Best and for the last 4 years have owned a second home here in Florida in Woodland Waters, Weeki Wachee. She became a member of our guild a year ago.

Liesbeth started quilting in the Netherlands in 1995 after some lessons from a friend. She joined the Dutch Guild at that time. She says there is a little difference in the way the Dutch Guild is organized compared to over here.

The Netherlands is split up into 12 provinces. She lives in the Province of Noord-Brabant. Their Province has a guild meeting twice a year. It is split up over two days with 300 members in attendance. There is a show, small shops and workshops. She says it is really fun to meet other members and spend the whole day. What she really likes is the "Show and Tell." It supports her motivation and also gives her inspiration. A membership costs in Euro 28,00 (\$35.00) per year and they receive a quilters magazine 4 times per year.

Totally, there are about 1,500 members. They have a website www.quiltersgilde.nl and the site is written in Dutch, but you can go in and look at the quilts.

In her neighborhood in the Netherlands they have put a group together of 9 ladies. Every other week they meet to enjoy their quilting afternoon. Each time a different member hosts in her home where they mostly work on their own quilts, or help each other. Sometimes they do a charity project together as we do here in Hernando Quilters' Guild.

Every year the Guild arranges one big Quilt Show and you can enter your favorite quilt.

In the Netherlands they have several Quilt Shops where you can buy all the necessary notions or fabrics with a large variety to choose from. Mostly she buys her fabric over here because the prices are lower and she brings some back to her friends as well.

One important fact she states, is that all their quilts are handmade. This was the reason she took a machine quilting class over here to learn another way.

She loves quilting, the Florida sunshine and gardening. She is also an active mountain biker and painter. She says she gets so busy that she runs out of time and would like to have a 2nd life to do all the things she wants to do.

We are indeed very fortunate to have Liesbeth as a member of our Guild, good friend and fellow quilter!



Sonja Kleist

Sonja was born in Elko, Wisconsin and raised mainly in Rhinelander, Wisconsin by her adoptive family.

She and her brother were given up for adoption at a very young age, and since her brother did not know he was adopted until he was an adult, Sonja spent her childhood never able to tell him she was actually his sister.

At the age of 50 she met her biological mother who is a member of the Chippewa Tribe. Her mother taught her quilting and beading.

After working for many years at Sears in the automotive department, she and her husband moved to Florida to be close to her half brother.

Sonja has 3 sons and 1 daughter whom she describes as "perfect."

She is now serving as President of her ladies group at Church where she quilts and teaches beading and basket art. She is obviously a multi-talented lady.

She was first introduced into our group by Barbara Childress about 1-1/2 years ago and has been an active member ever since.

She admits her favorite styles of quilting are Religious wall hangings and Red Work.

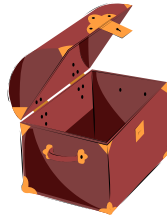
She says she enjoys being down here in Florida where she has made many friends in the area as well as the Guild.

We are very fortunate to have Sonja as a member of our Guild, good friend and a fellow quilter!





Left to Right: Irene Barese, Barb Theriault, Bonnie Staveski, Alice Means, Ellie Fries, Sandy Mihalus



January Trunk Show By Alice Means



At our January meeting our guest speaker was Alice Means, a National Quilter who comes from Connecticut and snowbirds in Central Florida in the Winter. She presented a Trunk Show of some of her amazing quilts and described short cuts and finishing techniques. Several of her quilts have won ribbons and cash awards throughout New England, New York, Florida and at National Shows. Her piecing and appliqué talent is exceptional along with her finishing techniques such as couching and beading. She also does a lot of her quilting on her embroidery machine which adds that special touch. Her quilts are featured in several Quilt Magazines and Calendars as well.



Harvest Sun – (Jinny Beyer Design)



Asterisks – This quilt received a 2nd place Red Ribbon and a Cash Award at the prestigious American Quilters Society Show in Nashville, TN in 2004.

Below are just a few of her quilts showing some the couching and finishing techniques.

We all enjoyed her show and are looking forward to taking a class with her in April on some of these unique techniques.



Show & Tell



Bonnie Staveski – Peppermint Patty
A beautiful combination of pinks and browns. Great job Bonnie.



Gene Chambers – Double Wedding Ring.
Gene worked for months on this beautiful quilt for her granddaughter's wedding. Every hand stitch with love.



Marilyn Bacon – Christmas Mermaid.
A lovely colorful quilt. Nice job Marilyn.

Just a few of the Show & Tell from the October Meeting. Our Show & Tell will resume with the March meeting. February is the challenge so there will be no traditional Show & Tell.

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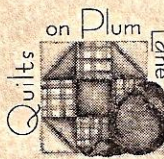
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