

Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



November/December 2009

President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. It seems to thrust itself upon us like the speed of light much more these days than in times of our youth, where the wait for Santa's arrival seemed endless. As for myself, I would much prefer the season to flow in at a snail's pace so there would be more time to complete all those good intentioned handmade gifts for family and friends each year. Hey Santa --- Send me some Elves!!!

Our pink & white breast cancer blocks constructed by guild members and put together by Ellie Fries, turned out really beautiful. The Quilt was donated and will be raffled off at the cancer walk the end of October. Ellie plans on making this an annual undertaking for the Guild.

We have received several positive comments about the new handwork group that met after the September meeting. Everyone felt it gave them an opportunity to converse with fellow guild members in a more relaxed atmosphere, while enjoying the hand stitching.

The tickets for our beautiful "Red Work Garden" Quilt are selling very well and the winner will be announced at our Garden Quilt Show on October 24th. Also, don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Lunch to be held on December 3rd at R Beach.

So, until next time dear quilting friends, Remember as the holidays draw near >>>> **"Blessed are the children of the piece makers for they shall inherit the Quilts!"**

Barb

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 **December 8th, 2009**. Do not forward messages not dealing with sewing, crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

2009 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Batiks
February	Red/Pink or Hearts
March	Black/Whites
April	Plaid/Checks
May	Flowers
June	Pastels
July	Stars or Stripes
August	Nautical
September	Fall Colors in Tone on Tones
October	Halloween Theme
November	Apples/Fruit
December	No Exchange

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FIELD TRIPS

Betty has planned the following trip for November. Please take advantage and get to know the members better.

Friday, November 13th

We will be taking a trip to Quilts On Plum Lane, Dade City. Meet at Publix at the corner of Mariner & County Line Rd at 9:30am.

There are no trips planned for December.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ Saturday, October 24th - Don't forget our QUILT SHOW in the Botanical Gardens! We are hoping for a beautiful day like we had last year. Don't forget the rain date will be October 31st.
- ❖ Pioneer Days at Chinsegut is coming up on Saturday, November 7th. Directions to Chinsegut: Travel approximately 7 miles north of Brooksville on U.S. 41. Turn left on County Road 476 and go about a mile. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Kerstetter at (352) 686-9057.
- ❖ Our annual Christmas Party is coming up on December 3rd. This year our party will be held at R Beach, 4054 Shoal Line Blvd., Hernando Beach, 34607. We will have a sit-down dinner with your choice of Sliced Sirloin, Chicken Parmesan, or Shrimp Scampi. The cost is only ten dollars for members with the additional cost being paid for by the Guild, but you will need to register and pay by November 19, 2009. Due to limited seating, please see Sandy Mihalus (352/688-4106) for details if you want to bring a guest. We are looking forward to a great time with fun and fellowship.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

Adele Maier	1
Donna Mattingly	3
Lucy Van Liew	7
Betty Johnson	18
Barbara Theriault	20
Paula Lawery	25
Rhonda Norton	25



DECEMBER

Fran Spooner	3
Lucille Woodcock	3
Karen Pilon	8
Ellie Fries	15
Doris Speidel	29
Elizabeth Goker	28
Joan Watson	30

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Aug	Sept	Oct	Sandy Mihalus	Memories
Sept	Oct	Nov	Marilyn Ryder	Temperance
Oct	Nov	Jan	Ellie Fries	Christmas Baskets
Nov	Jan	Feb	Meg Smith	TBA
Jan	Feb	March	Edith Mielke	TBA

* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

Welcome New Members

Alice McAlister	Belinda Boncaro
Saretta Rathgeber	Karen Boyer
Carol Blue	Sue Monday

Hernando Quilters' Guild and Kim2bfit Studio Team Up to Fight Breast Cancer.

The Hernando Quilters' Guild is doing their part in the fight against breast cancer by donating a pink and white quilt constructed by the guild members with the traditional colors representing the fight against breast cancer. The quilt was the brainchild of the VP of Programs for the guild, Ellie Fries.

Kim Garcia, the owner of Kim2bfit Performance & Wellness Studio in Spring Hill and her team called SWAT - "Strong Women Always Together," were the recipients of the quilt and will be participating in the 3-Day Tampa Bay Cancer Walk on Oct. 30th through Nov. 1st. The 60 mile walk will start at 6:00am on October 30th leaving from Sand Key Beach in Clearwater. Kim and her team of 10 women will represent Hernando County and have been training for this walk for several months in advance.

The donated quilt will be raffled off with all proceeds going in support of a cure for breast cancer. Ellie stated that the breast cancer quilt was received so well, it will probably become another annual undertaking of the guild.



From the Hernando Quilters' Guild Standing Left : Ellie Fries, VP Programs, Joyce Volpe-Quilter and Cancer Survivor, Far Right: Barb Theriault-President . The Walkers From Kim2bfit: Top: Jen Swafford, Kim Garcia, Lynn Brashear. Bottom: Vikki Schomack, Yvette Novomestky, Manjula Keni, Danielle Novomestky and Karen Sigmund. Not Pictured: Sandra Oakley, Sherry Falco.

Are you  **INSPIRED**
to save a life?

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

2010 Quilt Challenge – “Who Am I”

Now, that is the question?? Have you started your entry yet? You have 4 more months, but you could start right now.

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 please see our website (www.hernandoquiltersguild.com), or call Shirley Kerstetter (352) 686-9057.



Hand Work “Bee” Group Forming

As a result of the positive response to our Red Work Group sit and stitch that was held after the September meeting we are forming a “Bee” Group of hand stitching to be held after most guild meetings from 12:00 to 200pm. Everyone felt it gave them an opportunity to converse with fellow guild members in a more relaxed atmosphere, while enjoying the hand stitching. If you would like to learn hand work, there is always someone that will be glad to show you some techniques.

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

There are a few meetings that we will not be able to meet after because of time such as the October meeting – Pot Luck Lunch, January – Guest Speaker, February – Guild Challenge. We will schedule as we go along.

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

AND THE WINNER IS		
August	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Barb Theriault Linda Hrab Susan Norbut Rhonda Norton Marie Hauer Sally Marra
September	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Liesbeth Dekoning Joyce Elliffe Marilyn Ryder Barb Theriault Rhonda Norton
<u>RAFFLE BLOCKS</u>		
August	Nine Patch By Noreen Sullivan	Ruby Garner
Sept	Sig Love Block By Barbara Ogden	Bonnie Giustozzi

Paducah Quilt Show 2010

Cypress Creek Quilt Guild is organizing a trip to the 2010 Paducah KY Quilt Show in April at a very reasonable price. The cost of the trip will include round trip airfare from Tampa to Paducah. If anyone is interested please contact: **Teresa Hamilton (813) 926-8054**. The deadline is December 5th for deposit. **Arrive in Paducah on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 and return back to Tampa on Sunday, April 25, 2010.**

Queen Room (Maximum 4 people per room) – a standard room with two queen beds.
 4 people per room \$624.00 per person
 3 people per room \$679.00 per person
 2 people per room \$791.00 per person

King Suites (Maximum 3 people per suite) One bedroom suite w/king bed in bedroom and a full size sleeper sofa in living room.
 3 people per suite \$711.00 per person
 2 people per suite \$839.00 per person

Forms available with more info at the October meeting. See Barb Theriault for a form.

FOR SALE

A two story colonial style doll house. Roof is hinged on both sides. Front and back open completely for easy access to the inside. The doll house was made by Mary Bon’s brother who is a cabinet maker in Ireland. All basic construction is done, but finishing touches are needed. Measurements are: 40” wide, 32” deep, 30” high. If interested call **Mary Bon 352/596-4836**.



Calendar of Events



Board Meetings/Guild Meetings

November 18th (Wed) - Board Meeting @ Life South Blood Bank - Cortez Blvd. (9:30am)

November 19th (Thur.) - Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Christ Lutheran Church - North Street (9:30am)

December 3rd (Thurs.) - Annual Christmas Luncheon at R-Beach Restaurant (No regular meeting in December)

January 20th (Wed) - Board Meeting @ Life South Blood Bank - Cortez Blvd. (9:30am)

January 28th (Thurs) - Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Christ Lutheran Church - North Street (9:30am)

Classes/Events

November 18th (Wed) - **Beginner Quilting-Part I** - Bonnie Staveski will teach this class @ Life South Blood Bank - Cortez Blvd. (10:00 - 3:00). In this project you will be making a small quilt. Sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting. Bring a bag lunch. Class Fee: \$12.00.

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 TBA.

January 28th (Thurs) - Alice Means, a National Quilt Artist will be our guest speaker at the January meeting and will be doing a Trunk Show.

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.

November 13 & 14, 2009 - Trenton - "Today's Pleasures - Tomorrow's Treasures" Quilt Show - Presented by Springhouse Quilters' Guild, Trenton, Florida. Location: First United Methodist Church, 302 N.E. Second Street, Trenton, FL 32693. Friday 9:00am to 5:30pm, Saturday 9:00am to 3:00pm. 150+ Quilts, Judged Show, Vendors, Door Prizes, Demos, etc. Free Parking. Donation \$3.00

November 13 & 14, 2009 - 9th Annual Quilts and Tea Festival Davenport, FL Historic District. 9 to 3 each day. Sponsored by the Davenport Historical Society, member of SSQA. Quilts, AQS appraiser, Documentation of Florida Quilts, Raffle Quilt Vendors, Quilting Bee, Bed Turning, Tea Rooms, Vintage Vehicles, Entertainment by Davenport School of the Arts and period music from the late 1800's. Travel from site to site via horse and carriage or tram. Contact: Harriet email: davenporthistoricalsociety@msn.com Phone: 863-422-2267.

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.



So many lovely quilts for the precious little ones! Every year the guild gets together for a sew-a-thon to make quilts for the Neo-Natal unit of Spring Hill Hospital. Pictured above are some of the results of our labor. These quilts have been delivered to the hospital. Thank you everyone for your participation.

Show & Tell



A beautiful Braided quilt that Irene Barese started at a retreat in St. Augustine and was proud to finally finish.



What comes first – The Chicken or the Egg? A really cute quilt by Chris DeTomasi.



Exquisite Appliqué by Denise Jolliffe.



Beautiful Embroidered Ladies by Susan Norbut.



A colorful Appliqué by Muriel Johnson.



Carol Blue, one of our new members is showing an Antique Red Work quilt she acquired circa 1890-1891 and a 1930's Grandmother's Flower Garden, both in mint condition.



Embroidered leaves by Rowena Cox. Beautiful for fall.



Liesbeth DeKoning, our member from the Netherlands is showing a dutch advent quilt. How beautiful.



A Double Wedding Ring by Sonja Kleist.



Who's Who In The Guild



Emily Hamilton



Muriel Johnson

When Emily was a small girl, she and her father were viewing the quilts at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield where she said that someday she would like to make quilts like those. Her father then remarked, "you'll never be able to sew like these old grandmothers." Her parents never worried about her self-esteem, but she says on the other hand, she never paid much attention to them and forged ahead with whatever she thought she could do.

Years later her future mother-in-law gave her some 30's fabric and started her on a Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt, which was years in the making because of its complexity. The blocks were finally completed with 50's fabric left over from her pregnancy days. The next 30 years were spent raising five children, teaching special education in Pasco County and just plain surviving.

Some women in her church started a quilting group where you brought your own projects to work on and eventually it turned into an eating and social gathering. As time went on she didn't learn very much, so she bought a book by Lori Yetmar Smith called "Learning To Quilt, A Beginner's Guide." This was a Sampler Quilt which began with the Rail Fence and ended with Goose Tracks. Emily bought her first coordinated fabrics and basic quilting supplies at JoAnn's and followed each page to the letter, which included quilting patterns for each block. In the years since that first attempt, she has found easier ways to make many of those blocks.

Emily later met Lois Fowler, a member of the Hernando Quilters' Guild who persuaded her to join and also invited her to the Christmas Party. It was there that she met Shirley Kerstetter. The earliest newsletter she received was from December, 1989 written by Terri Wessling and the President was Bonnie Staveski.

She says the Hernando Quilters' Guild has taught her so much as well as meeting so many wonderful women through the years who have come and gone. So many lasting friendships! She will always be grateful to Lois, who is no longer with us, for asking her to join.

Emily took over the newsletter from Terri and did it for seven years. She says "Talk of Your Labor Of Love." It was a major undertaking, but being involved in this group has brought her more blessings than one can imagine.

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

Muriel is a native Floridian, born in Monticello with a bad aorta valve, and was pronounced dead three times before she was a year old. She had two older brothers at that time.

The family later moved to Clearwater for her health and that was where Muriel grew up. Another brother and one sister were added to the family after they moved to Clearwater.

Muriel graduated from Clearwater High School and then went on to business school. She says her first job paid a whopping \$3.50 per week, working 5-1/2 days.

In 1943 she went to Norfolk, Virginia and worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and while there she saw her first snowfall.

In 1944 she went to Washington, D.C. and worked for the Navy Department. It was there she met her husband. They were married in 1946. Her husband also worked for the Navy Department and then the Air Force.

When they would take vacations they would travel throughout the United States spending time collecting rocks that they later made into jewelry. When he retired in 1971, they moved to New Mexico, just south of Albuquerque, but after his death, she moved back to Florida to be near some of her family. Muriel now lives on 2-1/2 acres which she proudly states, she maintains herself.

She dabbled in ceramics, acrylic painting and oil painting. All the paintings on the walls in her house are her own artwork. She says somewhere along the line she took an interest in quilting and joined the Hernando Quilters' Guild. She made all the banners in the Gulf Ridge Park Baptist Church and also the Chrismans for the Christmas tree in the Church, which most of you viewed last year after our Christmas lunch. Such beautiful work. She also does machine embroidery.

Muriel is very active in the Guild and presently runs the "Block Of The Month."

In addition to her quilting, embroidery and artwork, she plays the organ and piano for her Church. She is a very talented lady and with all that talent, one could say that God definitely had plans for that little girl who had a rough beginning.

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

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