# Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter September/Oct 2009



#### President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

Fall is approaching and you know what that means: Our Garden Quilt Show and Christmas is just around the corner. Did you ever notice, the busier we become, the faster the time goes. We find ourselves wondering how we are going to accomplish all we wish to do while giving equal time to the non quilt enthusiasts in our families. In spite of it all, somehow we still manage to produce all those wonderful quilts for gifts, special events and charities. We're the "Quilting Divas" and Kudos for us!

Have you chosen that special quilt that you want hung in the Garden Quilt Show? Or are you working on a new design that you've just about finished and are ready to add those finishing touches? The Quilt Show Chair, Bonnie Staveski and all of the committee members will be working hard in the weeks to come to make this a memorable show in the Gardens. Bonnie Giustozzi and Shirley Kerstetter, along with a committee have designed our raffle quilt for the show made with Red Work blocks and a beautiful border design. The finished product will be presented at the August Meeting.

Our new Website (**www.hernandoquiltersguild.com**) is now up and running, so check it out. We will be adding more as we go along. I am very excited about having our own website. I have already posted our Quilt Show Flyer on the website and also advertised our show on the Florida Quilt Network.

So, until next time dear quilting friends, **Remember** »»» "Every Quilter Has a Masterpiece Within." *Barb* 

2009 Fat Quarter Schedule		Officers/Committee Chairs 2009/2010	
January	Batiks	President	Barbara Theriault
February	Red/Pink or Hearts	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres	Sandy Mihalus Ellie Fries
March	Black/Whites	Secretary Treasurer	Bonnie Staveski Irene Barese
April	Plaid/Checks	Advertising	Mary Bon
May	Flowers	Block/Month Charity Chairman	Muriel Johnson Rhonda Norton
June	Pastels	Home Front/VA	Irene Barese
July	Stars or Stripes	Alum Tabs Neonatal Migrant Workers Fat Quarters Fat Qtr Sales Membership Newsletter	Ruth Redeker Ruth Redeker Paula Lawery Linda Hrab Edith Mielke Bonnie Giustozzi Barb Theriault
August	Nautical		
September	Fall Colors inTone on Tones		
October	Halloween Theme	Phone Tree	Doris Speidel
November	Apples/Fruit	Shows/Travel Betty Schielei Sunshine Mary Ellen	Betty Schielein Mary Ellen
December	No Exchange		Schnellmann

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 October 8th, 2009. Do not forward messages not dealing with sewing,

crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

#### NEWS/NOTES

- Our Garden Quilt Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please consider entering a Quilt in the show and keep working on those items for the Boutique table. Tickets to sell/purchase for the Raffle Quilt will be available at the August meeting.
- \* The new Red Work Group will be meeting after the September meeting from 12:00 2:00. Bring a bag lunch.
- Barb Theriault has been working with Terry Ogden, the husband of our Guild member, Barbara Ogden, on the set-up and design of a new website for us. Terry has volunteered his time to set it up and be our webmaster for free. Our fee for basic "cyberspace" will be about \$118.00 for a two year contract.
- A new Show & Tell system will be put into place at future meetings. We will have a Show & Tell sign-up sheet at the front table when you arrive at the meeting. Please put your name and number of Quilts and a small description or pattern name on the list. Show & Tell will be presented mid-meeting and Barb will call one at a time up to show their quilts. This gives everyone better attention during their show & tell and helps us to put a face with a name, allowing us the opportunity to get to know everyone better. Please keep your conversations to a minimum during this process as a courtesy to your fellow quilters.
- Pioneer Days at Chinsegut is coming up on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Shirley Kerstetter has 8 volunteers for this event and has asked that anyone who has scraps of muslin and batting please see her.
- By a show of hands at the July meeting it was agreed that there will be a Pot-Luck Lunch at the October meeting. Bring in those goodies.

#### Happy Birthday

#### September

Barbara Hinrichs
Terri Wessling
Marilyn Bacon
Catherine Ross
Joyce Volpe
Linda Hrab
Sally Marra
Carol McCarthy



#### <u>October</u>

Fran Jones	15
Shirley Kerstetter	19
Emily Hamilton	24

#### Welcome New Members

Alma Martin - 11283 Hickory Ridge Ct, Spring Hill, FL 34609

Betty Johnson – 1037 Archway Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34608

**Carol Aldridge** – 11255 Heathrow Ave, Spring Hill. FL 34609



The Breast Cancer blocks which were turned in at the July and August meetings will be put together by Ellie Fries. Our finished guilt is being donated to "The Strong Women Always Together," a group of women both cancer patients, survivors and just women who will walk in the Susan G. Komen walk for a cure in October 2009 at St. Pete Beach. They are thrilled to get our Quilt to raffle off at the event for this important cause. Kimberly Garcia is the leader of the Hernando County Team walking in this event. Our thanks to Ellie Fries for volunteering this idea and for putting the quilt together.



#### Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Jun	Jul	Aug	Noreen Sullivan	TBD
July	Aug	Sept	Barb Ogden	Signature Love Block

See Muriel Johnson to sign up

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June	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Edith Mielke Liesbeth Dekoning Donna Mattingly Barb Wilson, Linda Hrab Marie Hauer, Shirley Kerstetter		
July	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Paula Lawery Shirley Williams Doris Speidel Barb Wilson, Betty Grissom, Linda Hrab, Rowena Cox		
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June	Shooting Star By Eileen Vyvyan	Eileen Vyvyan		
July	Broken Dishes By Bonnie Giustoz			

#### FIELD TRIPS

Betty has planned the following trips for Sept and Oct. Please take advantage and get to know the members better.

#### Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

We will be taking a trip to Quilter's Dream in Leesburg. Meet at the Publix at Rts. 40 & 41, Brooksville at 9:30am.

#### Friday, October 9th

We will be taking a trip to A White and Tomorrow's Treasures, Crystal River. Meet at the Winn Dixie Plaza at Rts. 50 & 19 at 9:30am. Parking lot to the south of Hardee's.

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

## it Show Boutique



We have a few items already turned in and I hope you are all working on a few of your favorite items for our Boutique.

You can give them to me at any time. I will collect them up until 1 week before the Quilt Show.

Also, we could use any old Quilt Books you would like to donate to sell at the show.

The committee for the Boutique Table are: Noreen Sullivan, June Callahan, Gene Chambers, Eileen Vyvyan and Joyce Elliffe. Thanks.

Ellie Fries

#### CHARITY COORDINATOR - Rhonda Norton

I have recently heard from the Dawn Center and had a wonderful conversation with a contact person named Janet. She informed me that the center wanted to touch base with us and to thank us for all the wonderful things we have done for them. I then mentioned that some of you had been asking me about the Dawn Center and donations, and that I did not have a contact number or person to let me know what they needed. What is needed at this time is diapers, non-perishable food items and gift cards. They do not need clothing at this time. If you wish to donate any of the above items, I will collect them and bring them to the Dawn Center. Another thing you might think about is when you travel and your collect all those small bottles of shampoo, soaps, conditioners, etc. you might want to bring them in for the Dawn Center.

#### **Additional Charity Info:**

Baby Caps:	Knitted or Crouched for neo- natal unit – See Ruth Redeker for info or patterns.
Aluminum Tabs:	(off soda cans) used for Ronald MacDonald House – Give to Ruth Redeker.
Labels for Education:	Labels off soup cans and from boxes, box tops for education – Give to Joyce Elliffe.
Migrant Workers:	If you have food and clothing, especially long sleeve shirts, please bring them in. Give to Paula Lawery.
Military Hats:	Knitted hats that go under helmets of our soldiers in Iraq to keep them warm. Camouflage yarn used. Please see Gene Chambers for pattern or to donate yarn.
Veteran's Quilts:	Quilts made for the VA Hospital in Tampa. We encourage every member of our Guild to make at least one quilt 45" x 45" (wheel chair size) to be brought in by our <u>October meeting</u> as they are presented to the VA Hospital on Veteran's Day in <u>November.</u>

## 2010 Quilt Challenge – "Who Am I"

Now, that is the question?? Have you started your entry yet? You have 6 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.

#### **Pioneer Days**

The Chinsequt Nature Center will again be hosting its annual Pioneer Days on Saturday, November  $7^{th}$  from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Our Guild has taken part in reliving the conservation legacy for the past 13 years. We teach the quilting stitch to mostly children and a few adults, by giving them a 6" quilt sandwich with a simple motif which they can quilt and take home.

Pioneer Day attracts 1,000 to 1,500 visitors and is held rain or shine. We are indoors and seated at tables. Our volunteers for this event will be: Noreen Sullivan, Janet Leadbetter, Rhonda Norton, Marilyn Bacon, Muriel Johnson, Paula Lawery, Shirley Kerstetter and Barb Theriault.

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.

## Tips For Quilters

#### Shopping For Fabric

The key to easier fabric shopping is simple. Use a safety pin to attach fabric swatches to a key ring. You can carry your quilt-in-progress with you for those unplanned quilt shop stops!

#### **Viewing Fabric**

Make template windows of quilt block pieces from sturdy paper or cardboard and use them to preview fabric at the fabric store. Viewing a fabric through a template window can help you see what individual pieces look like more easily than by looking at a whole bolt.

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



#### **Board Meetings/Guild Meetings**

<u>September 16<sup>th</sup> (Wed)</u> - Board Meeting @ Life South Blood Bank - Cortez Blvd. (9:30am) <u>September 24<sup>th</sup> (Thur.)</u> - Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Christ Lutheran Church - North Street (9:30am) <u>October 21<sup>st</sup> (Wed.)</u> - Board Meeting @ Life South Blood Bank - Cortez Blvd. (9:30am) October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs.) - Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Christ Lutheran Church - North Street (9:30am) (Pot Luck)

#### **Classes/Events**

<u>September 16<sup>th</sup> (Wed)</u> – <u>Beginner Paper Piecing</u>. Emily Hamilton will teach this class @ Life South Blood Bank – Cortez Blvd (10:00 – 3:00) She will provide all paper supplies. Please bring your sewing machine and a bag lunch. Class Fee: \$5.00

<u>September 24<sup>th</sup> (Thurs)</u> – <u>Red work Group</u> – The first Rework Group will meet after the guild meeting at the Church from 12:00 – 2:00. Bring a lunch.

<u>October 8<sup>th</sup> (Thurs)</u> - <u>Pillow Case & Shams</u>. Bonnie Giustozzi will be teaching this class @ Christ Lutheran Church, North Street. Quick and easy with her new techniques. (9:30 - 2:00) Bring your sewing machine and a bag Lunch. There will be a supply sheet available when you sign up. Class Fee: \$See Signup Sheet

<u>October 21<sup>st</sup> (Wed)</u> - <u>Painting On Fabric</u> - Gene Chambers will be teaching this class @ Life South Blood Bank -Cortez Blvd (10:00 - 3:00). She will be supplying all paints and dyes for use. Bring pieces of black and/or white fabrics to paint on. Bring a bag lunch. Class Fee: \$12.00.

November 18<sup>th</sup> (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 14<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Beginner Quilting-Part II – Bonnie Staveski will be teaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of this class @ Christ Lutheran Church, North Street. This class will teach new & updated methods.

## Be on the lookout >>>>> Grazy Quilting >>>>> Coming Soon!

#### Quilt Shows, Retreats, Etc.

<u>September 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> - QuiltFest 2009 Show - Jacksonville, Florida "Recycling The</u> <u>Past"</u> Prime F Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street. Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm , Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Ticket Cost: Daily - \$8, Thursday for Seniors 60 and over -\$7, Multi-day armband - \$15

<u>September 23-27, Retreat In Leesburg</u> featuring Bonnie McCaffery teaching 2-day workshop. For more info contact - Rhonda Baker BeSewCreative Quilt Retreats <u>www.BeSewCreative.com</u>



<u>November 13 & 14, 2009</u> - 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: <u>davenporthistsociety@msn.com</u> Phone: 863-422-2267.

### Quilt Show Raffle Quilt - "A Redwork Garden"

The tickets for our Raffle Quilt will be available at our August meeting and we are asking, **if possible**, that all our members please try to take at least one book of tickets (6 for \$5.00) as a means of showing support for your Guild. We will also have tickets available for you to take and sell to your friends and family if you wish, and of course, there will be enough to sell at the entrance of the show on the 24<sup>th</sup> as well. We would love to see our raffle quilt sales a success so we can continue to support our charities that mean so much to us. <u>Snowbirds</u> who are still up north and will not be back by Show time could get in touch with your friends down here if you wish to have some tickets for this beautiful quilt.



The Raffle Quilt committee did an outstanding job in the design and making of this beautiful **68" × 85" Quilt**. It was quilted by Kathleen Hafer and she did a wonderful job also.

This talented committee consisted of: Bonnie Giustozzi, Shirley Kerstetter, Sharon Allard, Noreen Sullivan, Lucy VanLiew, Joyce Elliffe, Dru Hughes, Meg Smith and June Callahan.



Mariann Ingle has been busy making teapots. Really nice Mariann.

## show & Tell



There goes Marie Hauer again with those big colorful bed quilts. How many beds in your house Marie??? Nice job!



Mary Sweeney with the pastel tropical look. Really Nice!



Meg Smith is showing a striking Bird Quilt. Nice job Meg.



Bonnie Staveski has been busy with Tossed Nine Patch and Hanky Panky all in Civil War Fabrics. Very Nice!



A beautiful Bird Quilt by one of our newest members, Dorothy Montauti.



Carol Aldridge made a veterans quilt out of some of the MW Star Blocks she won a few months ago. Really nice Carol.

Betty Johnson made this lovely tumbling blocks table runner with four corner embroidery. Very Nice.



What a beautiful Table Runner and Memory Quilt from Sharon Allard. Beautiful job.

Look at those summer flip-flops and shades.

From Alma Martin. Let's go off to the beach!



## Who's Who In The Guild







#### Sandy Mihalus

Sandy moved here to Spring Hill 13 years ago after living in Cincinnati, Ohio most of her life. She has been married to the love of her life for the past 7 years.

She has two sons. Her oldest son lives in Cincinnati and her youngest son lives in Germany where he is a Major in the U.S. Army.

Sandy considers herself a late bloomer because she started nursing college when she was in her 40's and spent most of her career as a Hospice Nurse.

She confesses, however, that her sewing has been a sore spot in her life. After taking Home Economics in Middle School, she vowed never to try it again!

The project was to make a skirt and blouse to model at the end of the year. She wore a size 14 at the time and by the time she had fixed all the mistakes and cut out the bad parts, much to her dismay, the skirt finished off at a size 2. Unfortunately, the blouse was even worse. It had 1 sleeve that puckered in the armpit. Needless to say, it was rather discouraging when she received a grade of a whopping "D" for effort.

About 4 years ago Sandy won a Bernina Sewing Machine which started her back on her life of crime against fabric.

She says Gene Chambers is her hero because she can sew and PAINT!!! She has patiently helped her with both hobbies.

Sandy's prayer and her goal, is to be a help and a blessing to the wonderful ladies in the guild.

We are indeed very fortunate to have Sandy as a member, our Vice President, good friend and a fellow quilter!

#### Eileen Vyvyan

Eileen was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child out of six children. Each one of her siblings was born in a different State because her parents were in the Army. Eventually, to raise their family, they bought 10 acres of land in the small town of Rome, Wisconsin with a population of about 350 people.

When she turned 18 years old she joined the Navy and served until she got married and became a Mom to her son Kevin, who is now 40 years old.

In 1969 she began working at Briggs & Stratton as a timekeeper. She was hired to replace a man who had broken his leg. 25 years later, she married that man. Her first marriage could not survive the loss of 4 children through miscarriage, or her husband's heart attack and quadruple by-pass surgery, which he had at the age of 35, so they divorced in 1983.

In 1988 Eileen became a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Menomonee Falls. What she didn't realize until she was in her first real fire, with full bunker gear on, was that at almost 42 years old she was actually more of a liability than an asset, so she turned in her badge and went on to "Greener Pastures."

In 1994 when the 40 below temperatures got the best of them, Tom and Eileen along with 24 close friends, boarded a plane to Elko, Nevada where they got married. Everyone returned there to re-celebrate every year for several more years. Today their blended family consists of 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

In 1996 after her sister lost her husband, they took a beginning Quilt Class and the "Quilting Bug" took hold.

In 1999 Tom and Eileen bought land here in Hernando County and she was hardly unpacked when she discovered the Hernando Quilt Guild. Eileen has been an active member ever since, including a two year term as President.

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





