

# Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

September/October 2008



## President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

Summer is slowly winding down and the busy fall period is quickly approaching. Before you know it, October will be here and the Challenge Art Quilts will be ready for display! I'm looking forward to seeing what we have come up with.

We are starting to line up some fall classes that I think everyone will be interested in, starting with a class in September from Piney Patch Quiltworks and then in October and November, Bonnie Staveski will be giving a class on Beyond Baltimore, back by popular demand.

Don't forget our September meeting will be a "Pot Luck" lunch which is always fun tasting the gourmet delights from all our members.

See you soon and in the meantime...

Happy Quilting!

*Terri*

## News & Notes

- ❖ Terri has not heard from our Education Chairperson in quite sometime, so we are going ahead and scheduling classes for the next few months – See Classes/Events Page.
- ❖ Irene Barese reminded us that the Quilts for the Veterans are due at the October meeting for delivery on November 11<sup>th</sup>. She will give batting if you tell her the size needed. She also requested a donation for mailing fees for the military quilts and a motion was passed for \$150.00 donation. Additional collections from the floor brought the total to over \$200.00.
- ❖ Bonnie Staveski presented an offer from the Garden Club to have a Quilt Show at their gardens. A date of November 8<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of November 15<sup>th</sup> was decided. Many members agreed to help. Just think, we can have our own mini "SISTERS" show. That should be fun.
- ❖ Our Christmas Party Luncheon will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the gift exchange will take place again with a \$5.00 limit.

## 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

## Officers/Committee Chairs 2008/2009

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Sunshine	Mary Ellen Schnellmann

## Education Class Rules

A discussion was raised at the June meeting regarding cancellation refunds for Education Classes. The rule seemed to be unclear. In searching through some old newsletters, we came upon the rules which were printed in the **May/June, 2005 Newsletter**. Below is a scanned copy of these rules and we hope this clarifies the rules for everyone.

### RULES FOR CLASSES

When signing up for a class offered by Hernando Quilter's Guild, you will be required to pay in advance. The guild requires 48 hour notice of a cancellation by a member in order to refund the class fee. This requirement is a courtesy to our teachers, as well as allowing a spot to be filled in a class with limited space. In case of emergency cancellation, a 24 hour notice is required to receive a refund. Please contact a guild officer or the class teacher to cancel.

**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](mailto:btheriault1@tampabay.rr.com); or call 352-597-8816. Next deadline is **October 7, 2008**. Do not forward messages not dealing with sewing, crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO September

Terri Wessling.....	4
Marilyn Bacon.....	11
Catherine Ross.....	12
Joyce Volpe.....	13
Kathi Hess.....	18
Linda Hrab.....	23
Carol McCarthy.....	27

## October

Melanie Scharach.....	17
Shirley Kerstetter.....	19
Anita Risener.....	23
Emily Hamilton.....	24

## Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Jun	Jul	Aug	Bonnie Giustozzi	Hanky Panky
Jul	Aug	Sept	Terri Wessling	Fat Quarter Basket
Aug	Sept	Oct	Muriel Johnson	Puss In The Corner
Sept	Oct	Nov	Ellie Fries	Red Work

\* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

## SCHEDULE FROM CHARITY COORDINATOR

**August - Dawn Center/Jericho Ministries** Clothes, household items in working condition. Children's toys such as soccer balls, basket balls, board games. The ladies at the Dawn Center are the first to receive the items, then whatever they cannot use goes to Jericho Ministries. Please remember to bring in any other donations for the other charities if you have them also.

**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** – We will be asking for food, unwrapped new toys for children 1 year through 16 years. (More specific ages will be given as we get closer) and also monetary donations.

**Please remember that you can continue to bring things in for the other charities each month. Such as: Dawn Center/Jericho Ministries, Migrant Workers, Neonatal (baby caps and quilts), Alum. Tabs, Labels for Education, Knitted Military Hats and Military Quilts.**

If anyone has any questions or comments you may contact me at 352/688-9267.

*Rhonda Norton*

## Welcome New Members

**Paulette Hinton** - 4005 Montano, Spring Hill, FL. 34609, Phone: 786/382-5257, e-mail: [Vassarpm@aol.com](mailto:Vassarpm@aol.com)

**Sonja Kleist** – 12444 Drysdale St., Spring Hill, FL. 34609, Phone: 352/684-7857

**Barbara Warren** – 11213 Warm Wind Way, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613, Phone: 352/442-3979, e-mail: [jjwarren1936@hotmail.com](mailto:jjwarren1936@hotmail.com)

## AND THE WINNER IS

**June** 50/50  
Mystery  
Door Prize  
Fat Quarters  
Sandy Mihalus  
Betty Schielein  
Mary Bon  
Linda Hrab/  
Fran Spooner  
Rhonda Norton

**July** 50/50  
Mystery  
Door Prize  
Fat Quarters  
Gene Chambers  
Jane Meadows  
Pat Gibbard  
Sonja Kleist  
Barbara Warren  
Paulette Hinton

## RAFFLE BLOCKS

**June** Appliqued Leaves  
By Eleanor Fries  
Linda Hrab  
**July** Mystic Maze  
By Mary Bon  
Pat Gibbard

## FIELD TRIPS

Betty and Elaine have planned the following trips for September and October. Please take advantage if you can – you will enjoy yourself.

### September 25<sup>th</sup> - Thursday

Nana's Quilt Shop, Brooksville – After the guild meeting and pot luck lunch, anyone who is interested will drive over to Nana's for a demonstration. A gift will be given to participants.

### October 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday

A trip is planned to Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe in Trenton. We will meet at 9:00am at the Winn Dixie parking lot on Rts. 50 & 19.

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

## 2009 Stargazer Quilt Challenge

Hoffman's "Dragonfly" Style 885 - Color 24 fabric for the challenge is now back in stock at Nana's, so let's get going on those quilts.

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*

## For Sale

### Long arm Quilting Machine

17" Longarm Bailey's Quilting Machine. Two years old, but never used. Paid \$3,000 new, asking \$1,000. Call Jan in Spring Hill at: 352/835-1123. The machine is approximately 12' x 4'.

## A Visit From Piney Patch Quiltworks, Inc.

At our July meeting we were visited by Piney Patch Quiltworks, Inc. They are an on-line quilt shop offering only the best in quilting fabrics, kits and handmade gift items. Linda Thompson, the owner was kind enough to come to our meeting and do a small presentation about her delightful kits and fabric. Everyone got to shop after the meeting which is always a treat. Linda also gave us a door prize which was won by Rhonda Norton. Thank you Linda for taking the time to visit with us.

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

## Guild Show & Tell



Eileen is showing her President's Quilt. The members all gave her embroidered flower blocks as outgoing president and she put together this beautiful quilt. Wonderful!



Barb Theriault is showing the memory quilt she just completed for her Chicago friend's parents 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. The quilt was presented to the couple at a party on August 9th, 2008. It brought tears of joy!



Ruth Redeker is showing a beautiful black/white/grey quilt she made and I believe she hand quilted as well. Such exquisite workmanship.



Irene Barese has really been producing lately with all these lovely quilts. Here's another one. She was working on the blanket stitch on these blocks for a long time at Weeki Wachee. Great job!

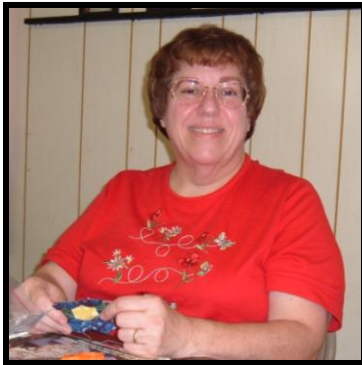


Marie Hauer is showing this very large colorful quilt. Really nice job Marie.



Gene Chambers had a "hopping" good time making this quilt. A "bunny" nice quilt Gene!

# Who's Who In The Guild



**Joyce Elliffe**

Joyce was born in New York City, the middle child of five. When she was in the tenth grade her family relocated to Brentwood, NY. After graduating from High school, Joyce continued her education at Brown's Business School, graduating as an Executive Secretary. She secured a secretarial position with the Central Islip, NY Union Free School District. It was here that she met and married her husband, Joe. They will celebrate their 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this August. They have two daughters. The oldest, adopted, resides on Long Island and their youngest, Erin is a School Teacher in Spring Hill.

Joyce semi-retired from her school job to raise her children. She and her husband were very active with the Science Teachers Association of New York State organizing and operating the annual State Convention for almost thirty years. Joyce worked as a secretary in an office in her house during the evenings enabling her to care for her family and continue with her sewing, crafting and hobbies.

Joyce was taught to sew at the age of ten by her mother and has been an avid sewer ever since, making her own clothes as well as many for her siblings and of course, her children. She also designed and made her elaborate beaded Wedding gown.

After 20 years in Central Islip, NY, Joyce and Joe moved to Bayport, Long Island where she became very active in the local Homemakers Club and served as President for a two year term. Her quilting began there when they decided to make a quilt to raffle off. The winner of the quilt gifted it to Joyce for all she had done for the group. While on Long Island Joyce also crocheted over 500 baby hats that were given to local hospitals for their newborns.

When they relocated to Florida following Joe's retirement in 1998, Joyce continued her volunteering with Meals On Wheels, Habitat For Humanity, and joined the Hernando Quilt Guild. She has also been taking care of her Mom for the past ten years who is now 97 years young.

Joyce was forced to give up volunteer work except for quilting, to help her deal with her own Cancer. Two years later all is well and she is once again on the volunteer trail and enjoying learning the use of her new Bernina Embroidery Sewing Machine. Look out! Fancier quilts to come! We are fortunate to have Joyce as a member, good friend and a fellow quilter!



**Shirley Williams**

Shirley was born in Bellview, Florida and moved to Long Island for a few years, then to Massachusetts.

She was the only daughter and has two older brothers.

Shirley taught herself to sew at an early age on a Singer Treadle Sewing Machine.

She met her husband in Church after he had flown his own plane home from California. They had 55-1/2 years together and raised one daughter and two sons who now live in Missouri, Wyoming and Montana respectively.

Shirley and her husband moved to Spring Hill in 1977 and WOW! How things have changed over the years.

After periods of macrame, ceramics, crewel embroidery and counted cross stitch, Shirley joined the Hernando Quilt Guild and in 1992 she learned to quilt.

She held several offices and was President from 1999 to 2001, sandwiched between the two Bonnies' as she puts it. It was during her reign as President that the meeting place was changed from Evergreen Woods to Christ Lutheran Church, our present meeting place.

Through the years Shirley has made numerous quilts for her children and her 5 grandchildren taking pride in every one.

When arrangements were being made for a family reunion, she silk embroidered all the T-shirts for the reunion.

Shirley has entered several quilts in the Hernando County Fair winning Blue Ribbons as well as Green Ribbons for Best of Class and Best of Category. Shirley says the Fair is a very nice event in Hernando County and would encourage all quilters to enter.

She is also active in her Church and has been kind enough to donate 3 wall-hangings to her Church. One of which was 12 squares of Bible Stories, a very appropriate gift.

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



## Classes & Events

**September 11<sup>th</sup> – (Thursday 10:00am ) Piney Patch Quiltworks** – Linda Thompson, the owner of Piney Patch Quiltworks, Inc. will be holding a class called “Take A Peak” at the Church. A sample of kit choices and sign up will be available at the August meeting. Price of class will be a total of **\$25.00** ( the breakdown is \$15.00 for the kit and \$10.00 for the class) A supply list is available when you sign up. See Barb Theriault.

**Beyond Baltimore Class** in two parts being taught by Bonnie Staveski – **At the Church.** Cost: \$12.00 total includes two classes.

**October 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday** – 9:30am (Bring Bag Lunch)

**November 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday** – 9:30am (Bring Bag Lunch)

**September 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Board Meeting @ Life South (9:30 am)**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> (Thur.) Regular Guild Meeting Day (9:30am @ The Church) Pot Luck Lunch For Sept. Meeting**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) Board Meeting @ Life South (9:30am)**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs.) Regular Guild Meeting Day (9:30am @ the Church)**

## Quilt Shows, Retreats, Etc.

**Sept. 25,26 & 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.quiltfestjax.com)

**October 3,4 & 5 - St. Augustine Quilt Retreat @ Holiday Inn on Anastasia Island in St Augustine Beach.**

Project is Cornucopia - Pieced top from the book French Braid Quilts by Jane Hardy Miller. Double accommodation costs \$288 per person for 3 days/2nights. Cost of Retreat includes all meals, lodging, use of facilities and classes. The Hotel is right on the beach and should the weather co-operate, strolls on the sand, or a power walk at sunrise will be a peaceful exercise. The hotel is on the “Old Town Trolley Route” so when visiting the historic district, you have the option of not using your own transport.. For info call Glenda Irvine: 352/625-7760 or cell 954/536-0164.

**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](mailto:jredrick@tampabay.rr.com) or Patsy at 422-8053 [pjenkin7@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pjenkin7@tampabay.rr.com)

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> , 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](mailto:quilt49@aol.com).**

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

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilts and Tea Festival to be held in Davenport, Florida. For more info contact: [quiltsandtea@msn.com](mailto:quiltsandtea@msn.com)

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:LNCtrish@aol.com)**

**January 30-31, 2009 - Largo Cracker Quilters, Inc.** will be hosting our biennial quilt show, Celebrate the Quilt Explore the Art , 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Admission \$6.00. Free Parking – Buses Welcome – Handicap Accessible St. Paul United Methodist Church Christian Life Enrichment Center, 1199 Highland Ave. NE, Largo, FL 33770 For more information see [www.largocrackerquilters.org](http://www.largocrackerquilters.org).

**February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Quilters' Workshop of Tampa Bay** is proud to announce it’s next quilt show at the Salvation Army Community Worship Center, 1100 W. Sligh Ave. in Tampa. The theme of our show is “Sunshine and Sisterhood,” Amenities include a tea room, high-quality vendors, a quilt appraiser, a display of our members’ challenge quilts, the drawing for our gorgeous opportunity quilt, demonstrations, and last but not least, the live small quilt auction benefiting the Salvation Army.

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# QUILTER'S CORNER



## “Perfection”

by Steffani McChesney

I was surfing the Net the other day looking for the bunny in the Fab Shop Hop and came upon a charming web site for The Quilt Haus of New Braunfels, Texas. In the process of exploring the web site I found this letter written by the owner of the shop, Deanne Quill. I immediately e-mailed her to ask for permission to print it in our newsletter because of its universal appeal to all quilters. She graciously allowed me to share it with you.

Dear Friends,

My “summer resolution” was to make time for more personal quilting. With time at a premium, I’m having to find a balance between quilting “done well” and just plain “done.” So I’ve been rather tuned in to comments on “perfect” quilting.

We love show-and-tell at The Quilt Haus, yet I’ve noticed that imperfections are frequently pointed out, and how often we hear “It’s not perfect, but...” As I work on my Dear Jane quilt (it’s for Tori’s wedding-she’s almost seven) I keep coming across the DJ motto, “Finished is better than perfect.” A guild speaker even shared her thoughts on “perfect” quilting. Here are mine...

Quilting is an art form, not a science, and it can satisfy many different needs; creative expression, a basis for friendships, busy work for idle hands, a mathematical workout, stress therapy, etc. My quilts reflect who I am when I make them in very subtle ways such as the spacing of hand stitches, or, in more obvious ways, color selection. Uneven stitches, crooked seams, chopped off points - I like to think of these “imperfections” as character traits! Our quilts can have personalities, just like our children! They can arouse feelings and memories of people and places, tell stories about them, and even forge enhanced connections. When I study the quilt my Grandma made for me, I can feel who she was and what her life was like, and the perspective now is very different than that I had when I was able to physically spend time with her. It’s almost like finding a stash of letters written 30 years ago! If you have any “special” quilts, made by your hands or someone else’s, you know what I mean.

So don’t let the quest for perfection in quilting overshadow the personality of your quilts. For whether they are “heirloom quality” or not, someday someone may feel a connection to the real you, through a quilt you made!

Enjoy the process and enjoy the result. Remember, no one will be as harsh a critic as you are. Not even a judge at a quilt show.

