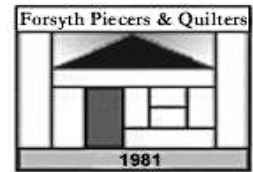


Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild, Inc.
Ps & Qs
Monthly Newsletter

November 2007



Next Meeting

November 12, 2007

at

Parkway

Presbyterian

On Silas Creek

Parkway

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting & Program

Remember to Bring

Name Tag
Show and Tell
Library Books

Ps & Qs Deadline

Please e-mail or US mail your items for this newsletter by November 16, 2007. Send the items to **Karen Oghalai** at rogalai@yadtel.net or call her at 940-2219.

Mark your Calendar

October 20: Sewing Day

November 17: Peeled-back Patchwork workshop

FP&Q quilt show is scheduled for June 13-14, 2008.

The Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild, Inc. (FPQG) is a non-profit organization governed by Guild Officers and operates under set bylaws. Committee Chair members help to promote quilting within the Guild and the community through local and regional projects and educational programs. The Guild also preserves traditional methodologies and adds to its history by developing and encouraging new fiber art concepts.

Our November Program

Annette Ornelas, from Fayetteville, NC, will be our featured guest in November. On Monday, Nov. 12, Annette will present a lecture on her original technique, variously called "Dimensional Curved Piecing" or "Peeled-back Patchwork." She says it "will transport you into another quilting dimension. I bring numerous quilts and samples so everyone can see how it actually works." Her book, *PEELED-BACK Patchwork*, was published by the American Quilter's Society in 2004.

Annette will also present a six-hour workshop teaching Peeled-back Patchwork the following Saturday, November 17. See the workshop announcement elsewhere in this issue.



Show and Tell

Karen Fridy, Sharon Johe, Beth Holcombe, Faithe Cote, Gina Boone, and Carrie Pippins showed quilts at the October meeting. Many of these were entered in this year's Dixie Classic Fair and were awarded ribbons.

Holiday Cards

Kits or directions for the Holiday Card Exchange will be available in November. The kit is available for \$5. Make up your holiday cards for a Show and Swap at our December meeting.

Refreshments

Our thanks in advance for those who have volunteered to bring refreshments for the November meeting: Kathy Byrd, Ava Lewandowski, Ella Nix and Bonnie Dills.

Preemie Quilt Guidelines

- Hospitals prefer 36" by 36" and the maximum size is 40" by 40".
- Cotton materials are no longer required.
- Guild provides batting and backing fabrics, available at each Guild meeting.

November Greeters

Members with a birthday in November will be greeters at the next meeting: Norma Wood, Bonnie Dills, Martha Claire Henzler, Natalie Johanson, Dorothy Stobbs and Barbara Potoczny.

Greeters Duties

Arrive by at least 6:30 pm and check-in at the Membership Table.

Help greet new members and visitors. Find a member for them to sit beside and introduce them to each other. Never let a visitor sit all alone.

Help with Show & Tell by holding the quilts and assisting guest speakers as needed.

Return greeter nametag at end of the meeting to the Membership table.

Websites of the Month

Can't find the "right" color fabric in the store or tired of the same old prints? Just want to try something new to spark up your quilting? Try dyeing you own fabric with help from the following websites: www.dyeingfabric.com and www.quilt.com/FAQS/FabricDyeingFAQ.html

Deb Johnson recommends connectingthreads.com as a good source for fabric at a reasonable price.

FP and QG Bee Information

by Ann M. Harris, the Bee Keeper

A great way to learn more about quilting and acquire some more friends that share your interest is to attend a Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Bee.

The Forsyth Guild currently has six active bees. A quilt bee is a small group of Guild members that meet at regular times to quilt. Please feel free to visit any of our bees. Please contact the bee leader ahead of time and let her know that you would like to attend. Sometimes our bees have a change of time or meeting place.



We all enjoy sitting, talking and sewing together. This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow guild members! Should you have an interest in starting a bee or other questions, please contact Ann Harris at 336-499-5617 or amph82@earthlink.net

1. The Quilting Friends

Held at the Old Town Recreation Center on Shatalon Rd., Winston-Salem
Wednesdays 9:30 am to noon. Bee leader Marianna Morgan 924-0178. New members welcome.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

2. BEEfriended

Held at member homes, each member takes a turn at hosting, on the fourth Monday of each month, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Bee leader Suzette Brown, 277-8890 day, 723-6184 evening. New members welcome.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

3. BEEtweens

Held at the Quilting Corner, 6332 Cephis Dr, Clemmons, 766-6208
First and third Tuesday of each month 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Bee leader Ann M. Harris,
499-5617. New members welcome.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

4. Pablo BEEcassos

Held at Little Creek Recreation Center on 610 Foxcroft Dr. on the fourth Tuesday of each month 9:30 am to noon. Bee leader Gail McNeil, 721-9150. This group will be changing bee leaders every six months so please call Ellen for updates. New members welcome.
This group focus is non-traditional quilting techniques, group challenges and supports guild projects.

5. Miss Bee Haven

Held at member homes, each member takes a turn at hosting. This bee is currently full and unable to take new members at this time. Bee leader Leanne Marshall, 922-4298.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

6. Last Thursday's Bee

Held at Sew Original on Robinhood Rd., Winston-Salem on the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Bee Leader Becki Bostick, 788-2530. New members welcome.
This group works on their own projects and supports the guild projects.

Guild Sewing Day

The next Guild Sewing Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 10 am to 4 pm at Parkway Presbyterian Church. Bring your own projects to work on. Come for a little while or spend the day. Everybody is on their own for lunch, so you might want to pack a sandwich. For further info, contact Carolyn Bailey at 766-9985 or Peggy Bruton at 794-2889.

Brenner Tree Ornaments

A big Thank You for all who helped with the tree decorations at the September meeting. We got over 60 ornaments done.

Glenna Williams

Forsyth Piecers & Quilters Meeting on Monday, October 8, 2007

President Jennifer Lane called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Visitors: Katrina Moore of Winston-Salem, Shirley Dungan of Clemmons, and Claire Atkinson of Pfafftown

New Member: Patty Mansson of Winston-Salem

Jennifer Lane announced the exhibition of some of the quilts of Gee's Bend Quiltmakers at Winston-Salem State University on Thursday, October 11, 7:00 PM, as part of a spoken-word and a cappella music performance.

Carolyn Bailey announced the next sewing day will be Saturday, October 20 at Parkway Presbyterian. Bring a lunch. A workshop On Saturday, November 17 will be presented by **Annette Ornelas** from Fayetteville. She will teach her "peeled back patchwork" technique and participants will make a tulip table runner.

Marlene Land announced the availability of lessons #2 and #3 for the mystery quilt. She also said that it wasn't too late to begin if you haven't already done so. She also announced the start of the Christmas postcard challenge for December. Kits are available for \$5.00. There will be a drawing of finished postcards at the Christmas potluck meeting (December). She brought a patchwork rabbit to announce the Forsyth Humane Society's 4th Annual "Furr" Ball to be held at the historic Graylyn Manor House on Saturday, October 20th, 2007. For more information go to www.forsythhumane.org or call Rex Welton at 336.721.1303 x 102.

Ava Troxler announced the latest quilt show info. The name of the show will be "Quilting Pleasures". The next planning meeting will be Monday, October 15 at 7:30 at South Fork Community Center. She also mentioned that she is working to get the quilt hanging time moved up earlier than 2:00 PM.

Jane Houser announced that the evening's book sale would continue throughout the meeting. Door prizes were awarded: patriotic T-shirt, pattern book of baby projects, raggedy reverse appliqué pattern, and an Easy Angle 6 ½ half square triangle ruler.

FPQG's **Margaret Varner** presented a program about Molas, a Panamanian textile art consisting of appliqué, reverse appliqué, and embroidery. Her presentation was excellently researched and very interesting. She discussed techniques and showed a plethora of samples and geographical comments. Margaret explained the Kuna Indians living arrangements and lifestyles. Sources of designs are unending. She also spoke of the Vietnamese Haong people, who also do reverse appliqué. **Mary Lou Moore** modeled a dress she got in Texas that has a mola on the bodice.

Submitted by a ghost writer for Becca Macy.

CALENDAR

**Please mention this newsletter
when you call for class registration.**

10/19-21 SHOW AND CLASSES: "Quilting in the Piedmont", Downtown Greensboro Marriott, call 336-545-5558.

10/19-21 SHOW: "Galaxy of Color," Hearts & Hands/ECA, Sanford, NC. Contact wolffglen@alltel.nt or call 919-258-9136.

10/19-21 SHOW: "Carolina Dreamin'," Salisbury-Rowan Quilter's Guild. See shelley28146@peoplepc.com or 704-279-9513.

10/20 SEWING DAY: Parkway Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

11/1-4 SHOW: International Quilt Festival, Houston TX.

11/2-3 SHOW: "Sail into Quilting," Lake Norman Quilters, Mooresville. See www.bluemoonriver.com/LNQ.html or call 704-664-5043.

11/9-11 SHOW: "A Stitch in Time," Asheboro. Contact randquiltguild@rtmc.net.

11/10 CLASS: Conservation & Care of Old Textiles, Davidson County Community College, Call 336-249-8186.

11/17 CLASS: Peeled-back Patchwork, Parkway Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sharing Our News

Each month our newsletter is sent by e-mail to 23 quilt guilds in North Carolina as well as four local quilt shops. Your good efforts are shared widely to inspire others and increase attendance at our programs. Many other guilds share newsletters with us too and you see highlights in the monthly CALENDAR above.

Curved Designs, No Curved Seams!

FP & Q is sponsoring a workshop with Annette Ornelas on Saturday, November 17, 2007. Ornelas, from Fayetteville, North Carolina, has created a technique variously called "Dimensional curved piecing" or "Peeled-Back Patchwork," which permits one to achieve curved designs while sewing only straight seams. She is the author of *PEELED-BACK Patchwork*, a book published by the American Quilter's Society in 2004.

The workshop is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Parkway Presbyterian Church. There will be a lunch break from approximately noon till 1:00 p.m. Participants can either bring a bag lunch or go out to eat. The project will be "Tulip Bells Table Runner," which can be completed entirely in the class if fabric is pre-cut. A cutting and supplies list is provided to each registrant.

The cost of the workshop is \$35.00. To register, send a check made out to Forsyth Piecers & Quilters (with "Workshop" on the memo line) to P. O. Box 15334, Winston-Salem, NC 27113. You can also register at the November meeting or by contacting Carolyn Bailey.

For more information on Annette, her book, and her workshops, go to www.southwindquilts.com

Please update any street address or e-mail changes with Carolyn Bailey, at 766-9985.
Your newsletter delivery depends on it! Contact Carolyn at: cba215@triad.rr.com.

Dixie Classic Quilters

A number of Guild members - including Gina Boone, Debbie Layne, Carrie Pippins, Margaret Varner, Gloria Bruce and Ginny Koford - entered quilts in the Dixie Classic Fair. All of those above won at least one ribbon! Participating in the Dixie Classic Fair with quilt entries is promoting the art of quilting, a purpose of the Guild. These efforts help the public view quilting as an art form.

Congratulations and a thank you to all who entered quilts in this year's Dixie Classic Fair!

No Computer At Home?

Free computer use can be found at 17 recreation centers throughout the county. Each recreation center has 6-10 computers available for use. Just fill out a form at the recreation center and you may use a free computer for as many hours as you like and may print off any reasonable amount of pages through their printers for free! E-mail addresses are available. Computers may be unavailable if there is a class or program going on in the room where the computers are located. Some recreation centers are open as late as 9 pm. Free computer use can also be found at the 10 county libraries. There is a 1 hour session limit at all libraries except at the central library where there is a 2 hour time limit. Up to 3 hours per day of use is permitted at the libraries. The first 5 printed pages are free, more pages are 15 cents each. A library card and personal identification number is needed.

North Carolina Quilters

Martha Claire Henzler was recently elected president of NC Quilters. The next meeting/classes will be March 28-29th at Caraway Conference Center, less than an hour from W-S. Persons interested in joining may download a membership form from the website, www.ncquilters.org. Dues are only \$20/year. Kate Gatto is the new editor of the newsletter. Congratulations to Martha Claire and Kate.

Microwave Potato Baking Sack

2 pieces of fabric, 13" x 15" each
1 piece of low-loft cotton batting 13" x 15"

Lay fabrics right sides together. Lay the batting on top. Sew all sides leaving a 4" section unstitched to turn through. Press. Top stitch along one long edge, about ¼ inch from the edge. This will be the open top of this sack. Fold in half (right sides together) and sew the two short sides together and along the bottom to form your sack.

This project is a way to use up small pieces of fabric and batting left from other quilts.

By Sue Correll, reprinted from the "A Stitch In Time" newsletter of the Asheboro Guild.



Sunshine

Please continue to inform Martha Linnell, our Sunshine chairperson, of new sunshine needs. She may be reached at 922-5160 or at rlinnell@triad.rr.com.

Presidential Wisdom

Since November is the month that Americans have set aside to think about what we are thankful for, I would like to expound on the many gadgets, tools and other supplies I have found helpful in my pursuit of fabric manipulation.

Here is my Top 10:

10. **Thread Heaven** – a thread conditioner. It makes any thread glide smoothly through fabric without knotting.
9. **Easy-thread needles** – No matter how good your eye sight may be, you still don't have to sit there slobbering all over your thread, flattening it, holding it just right, and trying to cram the end of it into a miniscule needle eye. No, thanks. For those whose eyesight is not so great, probably from decades of straining to thread regular needles, these needles are a way to eliminate that particular frustration. These little guys really cut down on the time it takes me to bury thread tails.
8. **Freezer paper & tracing paper** –I seem to find more uses for this dynamic duo everyday. I use tracing paper for foundation piecing and in appliqué for setting the pieces accurately and marking the placement of non-appliqué details. I use freezer paper to turn under the seam allowances of my quilt labels, and for machine and hand quilting designs. Just trace or print out a quilting design and temporarily fuse it to the area to be quilted. For multiple copies, layer your desired number of sheets together and run through a thread-less sewing machine.
7. **Rapid Resizer** – A stained glass artist created this software, which you can download from rapidresizer.com. If you ever have the need to resize something easily and *accurately*, especially if it is a job too big for a copier, this is definitely the way to go. It also contains glass samples that look like hand-dyed fabric. You crop your image (a line drawing), resize it and it prints out on as many sheets of 8 ½ x 11 paper as the image requires. This is a great use of scrap paper. You can also opt to have the lines of your drawing resized to 1/16 of an inch, which saves ink.
6. **Fusible web** – I never make an appliqué project without it.
5. **Hair clips** (the kind you bend to open and close) – very good for holding down a quilt's binding in place as you sew it. I used to use straight pins – ouch!
4. **Half-inch diameter plastic air hose** – I cut off little rings of it to wrap around my bobbins. Just cut an opening in the ring and attach to your bobbin.
3. **Walking foot** – All I have to do is take a look at a charming little spring flower scene I was inspired to create a few years ago. I quilted it without a walking foot and it shows. Midst all the flowers are many lumps, puckers, and wrinkles. Equally important in my box of machine goodies is my free-motion foot, open-toe foot, button sew-on foot, and, of course, my ¼ inch foot.
2. **Extension table** – My machine sits on a table rather than being lowered into a cabinet. Before I used an extension table, my quilt sandwich would fall off of my machine and pull away from the needle, making free-motion quilting impossible.
1. **Rotary cutters, mats and oh, so many rulers** – an obvious number 1. Where would we be without them? I actually made my first quilt without the tool that is likened as a pizza cutter by the uninitiated, so I know how tedious and inaccurate cutting strips and patches with scissors can be.

By Jenny Lane

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