

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

October 2009



Next Meetings

Oct. 12th

At Parkway Presbyterian
On Silas Creek Parkway
6:30pm Social
7:00pm Meeting

Remember to Bring

Name Tag
Show & Tell
Donations for Free Table
Library Books
Brenner Tree items

Ps & Qs Deadline

Please e-mail or U.S. mail
your items for the Nov/Dec
issue of the newsletter by
Oct. 18, 2009. Send to:
nursconst@gmail.com
or call Ella at 923-2027.

Website submissions

Please send those items
soon to Carmen Cannon at:
ccarmen@triad.rr.com. If
you are already on the
website, it may be easier to
copy or send the items to:
quilt@forsythquilters.org

APPLAUSE!

Congratulations to Judy
Roffo, who won the
national Bernina contest.
Her name was selected to
win a Bernina Model 820
and a private class with
Alex Anderson and 10 of
her friends!

Since 1981, 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.

The President's Corner

Do you remember your mother saying, "How many times do I have to ask you...?" I know I find myself asking that question of the first graders. I think it produces the same result as the teacher's voice for Charlie Brown! Lately I have been using a different technique to accomplish my goals, I ask the children to take responsibility for the community. Sometimes we don't know or understand what is being asked of us. We love coming to Guild once a month, we love the website and how beautifully it is arranged, we love that the Guild takes on projects, we are proud of our community of quilters. I depend on the Newsletter to give me information; it is my link to all of you and is our link to each other. Newsletter Chair is shared by two people. When you agree to help in this position, you are asked to produce the newsletter every other month. It is a manageable job when shared by two. We are lacking a co-editor. We will begin to have the newsletter published every other month, starting next month. I think I will miss it, won't you? If you would like to find out what this job entails, contact Ella.

Ann B. Petitjean

T T Quilting
Long arm Machine Quilting Service
Toni Morgan

Edge-to-Edge Pantograph quilting
For those who would rather

"Piece the quilt than quilt the piece."

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CHARLOTTE MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Now through Feb. 6, 2010 EXHIBIT: American Quilt Classics 1800-1980. Mint Museum of Craft + Design. Charlotte, NC. Go to: www.mintmuseum.org or call: 704-337-2000.

A Letter to Our Guild

I live in Mocksville, NC, and I am looking for a quilter that can repair a double-wedding ring quilt my mother made. Do you have a list of quilters who would do that kind of work, or know of someone? I appreciate any help you can give me in my search.

With Kind Regards,
John E. Jarvis, SPHR
jejarvis@us.ibm.com

The 2010 FPQG Quilt Show

April 16-17, 2010

THIS MONTH'S UPDATE:

The Quilt Show is coming! We all think time is racing, and everything takes longer than we think –Are you working on your donations to the boutique?? Many of you haven't had an opportunity to get started yet or maybe you're having a problem coming up with idea, but remember it's going to take ALL OF US to make a good showing!! With 140 members, if each of us contributes 3 items, that's 420 items! Can you help? Will you help? Here's some ideas – Appliquéd items, baby items, bears, book covers, cell phone cases, cosmetic cases, dolls, embroidered items, eyeglass cases, guest towels, hats, jackets, key fobs, kitchen towels, lapel pins, needle cases, organizers, pillowcases, pincushions, purses, ruler holders, shirts, slippers, table runners, travel items, wall hangings – and I'm sure that will start you thinking about what you can contribute!! If you have an idea and wouldn't mind leading several of us in making it, please let Peggy Bruton, our Boutique Chair, know of your interest. Remember to save your quilting magazine and books for the sale table at the Boutique.

The Quilt Show Committee/Peggy Bruton.

CALENDAR

Now through Oct. 4, 2009: EXHIBIT: Graphic Quilts at the Gregg Museum. Located inside the Talley Student Center at NC State University, Raleigh, NC. Go to: <http://www.ncsu.edu/gregg/> or call 919-515-3503

Sept. 24-26 SALE: Heart of Carolina Stash Dash. 8 quilt shops in the Raleigh area. Go to: <http://heartofcarolinastashdash.weebly.com/>

Sept. 24-26 SALE: NC Quilt Shop Hop. (See p.7)

Sept. 25-26 SHOW: Lincoln Piecemakers Guild. First Baptist Church, Lincolnton, NC. Go to: www.ncpiecemakers.org or contact Kaye Carr at 704-806-2335.

Sept. 25- Oct. 4 SHOW: Mountain Piecemakers Guild. Burnsville Town Center, Burnsville, NC. Call Fran Whitley 828-675-1838 or go their web site: www.mountainpiecemakersquiltguild.com

Sept.30-Oct. 30 SHOW: Mountain Glory Quilters, Marion, NC. Call Jean Buchannon at 828-668-9298 or write: mountaingloryquilters@live.com

Oct. 1-3 SHOW: High Country Quilters. Maggie Valley Community Center, Maggie Valley, NC. Contact Kay Ross at 828-926-4427.

Oct. 2-11 EXHIBIT: Dixie Classic Fair. Fairgrounds, Winston Salem. Go to: www.dcfair.com

Oct. 3 AUCTION (See page 6.)

Oct. 9-11 SHOW: Foothill Quilters. Shelby, NC. Go to: <http://www.foothillquiltersguild.org/>

Oct 10 SHOW: 7th Annual Barnfull of Quilts 2009. Fox Farms, Sims Road, Waxhaw, NC. Contact: www.foxfamilyfarm.com or call: 704-843-4685.

Oct. 15-25 EXHIBIT: NC State Fair. Raleigh Fairgrounds. Go to: www.ncstatefair.org

Oct. 16-18 SHOW: Salisbury Rowan Quilters' Guild. Salisbury Civic Center, Salisbury, NC.

CALENDAR

CONTINUED

Oct. 16-18 SHOW: Catawba Valley Quilters Guild. Hickory Metro Convention Center. Hickory, NC. Contact Libby Sigman at 828-324-6255.

Oct. 23-24 SHOW: Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild. McSwain Agricultural Center. Sanford, NC. Contact Terri Sharpe at 919-775-7760.

Oct. 30-31 SHOW: Lake Norman Quilters' Guild. East Mooresville Intermediate School, Mooresville, NC. Contact Michelle Sheets at wcram97@bellsouth.net

Nov. 7 Alex Anderson & Bernina SEMINAR. Embassy Suites Hotel, Charlotte, NC. Limited seatng. Fee: \$25. Call 336-760-1121 to register or go to: seworiginal.org

Nov. 18 BRENNER TREE INSTALLATION. 3pm at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Call Robin at: 922-2203.

The October Birthday Club & Our October Greeters.

Members with a birthday in October will greet us at the October guild meeting. They are: Laura Patridge, Martha Wood Stouky, Gail McNeill, Patti Mannson, Sara Fly, Jane Houser, Linda Jones, Nancy Lloyd, Denise Patterson, Karen Oghalai, Ann Carr & Vina Chase.

GUILD DIRECTORY

In an effort to reduce costs (about \$400 last year), the directory is available to members as an Excel attachment by email. One can save the document and/or print it out. Some printed versions will be available at the next meeting and we hope that our members will be receptive to this attempt to hold our costs down so that the guild can spend the money for speakers, etc. The online directory has past presidents listed at the end of the alphabetized listing. A few are listed in the regular body of the list, but the majority are at the end.

The Secretary's Threads

The September 14, 2009 Guild Meeting

Ann Petitjean called the meeting to order. Ann announced that the Board had approved the Guild to purchase our own sound system so soon we will be able to hear much better at guild meetings. Ann welcomed all visitors and new members.

Ann announced the White Oak Mountain Quilt Guild would be hosting a lecture on Tahitian Appliqué to be presented by Deirdre "Didi" McElroy on Friday, September 18, 2009 at Saint Luke's United Methodist Church in Danville, VA. For further information go to: www.whiteoakmountainquilters.com. The guild will also be having its quilt show on April 23-24, 2010.

Ann also announced that Foothills Quilters Guild will be holding their 2009 quilt show "In Stitches" on October 9-11. For further information visit: www.foothillsquiltersguild.org. Ann announced that she had information on a long-arm quilting machine for sale. Please call her for further information.

Toni Morgan announced that she would be hosting Myra Ficket, a long-arm quilt designer at her design studio on October 7=8. Space is limited so call Toni for further information.

Ann said that we still need a newsletter co-chair. Ella Nix said that she will train so anyone interested should contact her. Ella said she would like to have someone to share the duties with every other month. Please contact Ella or Ann if you are willing to help out. We also need a workshop chair person. At this point Leanne Marshall is filling in but we do need a volunteer.

Gail McNeil showed this month's donated Premie Quilts. She said to keep them coming! The need for these quilts never goes away and the quilts are much appreciated.

Carmen Cannon and Robin Godwin handed out the kits for the ornaments for the Brenner Tree Project. We are to make the ornaments at home and bring them to the October Guild meeting. For the October program we will be making homespun ornaments. This will certainly help get us into the holiday spirit this year. The ornaments all look like they will be a lot of fun to make.

Dale Link showed us some of the Nap Quilts that had been turned in for the Equity Plus Schools. There were 71 quilts turned in this evening to be presented to the kindergarteners. It has been decided that this will be an ongoing project so that we have a whole year to make the quilt and can send them to more schools next fall.

Marlene Land said that the Beecassos are looking into sponsoring a Roxanne Lessa workshop. She specializes in fabric dying and designs and makes art quilts. She was a guest speaker at our guild earlier this year. Anyone interested in attending please contact Marlene.

If you are receiving you newsletter by US Mail but could receive it by Email please contact Martha Claire Henzler at 768-4561. Leanne Marshall and Ann drew for door prizes. There were lots of winners but none over in my corner. Congratulations to those who got to take home some pretty nice items. Show and Tell is always such fun and this evening was no exception. Good job everyone! Martha Borders, one of our own, spoke about her quilting journey. Martha showed us some very beautiful examples of her work. I her presentation inspired us all. Thank you Martha! Ann adjourned the meeting. Respectfully submitted by,

Patti Mansson

Quilting Classes at Sew Original

3443 Robinhood Road Call: (336)760-1121

Please mention this newsletter when you call for class registration.

Beginner Quilting

Learn to cut and piece six different blocks to make a lap quilt with borders. Learn the basics of quilting. All cutting will be done in class. 4 Fridays, Oct. 9, 23, 30 & Nov. 6th. From 10am – 4pm. Cost: \$90. Teacher: Gina Boone.

Mexican Star Wall hanging

Learn to make this wall hanging which consists of three dimensional pieced blocks using a fold and sew technique. No round pieces involved, it just looks like it when you are done. Sat., Oct. 24th from 10am – 4pm. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Gina Boone

Funky Christmas

Get your holiday table ready for a festive good time with this table runner inspired by the Robin Roderick/Studio E Merrytown fabric line. You will piece, fuse, miter corners, quilt, and learn how to do a faced edge finish. It's all easy and fun! 2 Wednesdays: October 7 and 21st from 6-9 PM. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Karen Fridy

Leaves

Pull out your paintstiks and create your own artful forest! Add background textures with rubbings, and create fabulous leaf images with freezer-paper stencils and fusible appliqué. Make a 27" x 40" quilt, or use the blocks for pillows, journal pages or home dec projects. Saturday, October 17th from 10a-4pm. Cost: \$ 50. Teacher: Muriel Riggs.

Sparklers...

It is a layer cake recipe. With one Layer Cake, and a few more ingredients, we will make a 64" x 77" quilt. Saturday, October 31st from 10am-4pm. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Winnie McCrary.

O Bag

Make a uniquely different bag as mentioned in "The Devil Wears Prada". This shoulder tote has an "O" opening for your arm. Join us to make an oh- so-chic accessory that can also be a clutch. Wednesday, October 28 1:30p-4:30pm. Cost: \$35. Teacher: Ann Ellis.

Big Quilted Tote

You have probably seen these large quilted totes around. They are made from pre-quilted fabric and are gathered around a band with long handles. The tote holds a large quilting project or your class supplies. Wednesday, October 14 6p-9p Cost: \$35. Teacher: Ann Ellis.

Holiday Happenings

Use Shiva Artist's Paintstiks and the "Happy Holiday" rubbing plates to make a delightful quilt or table runner. Make the painted patches from a single set of plates, or mix and match for loads of fun. (Blocks will be completed in class. Quilt top/table runner is pieced at home) Thursday, October 29 @ 1:30-5 Cost: \$35. Teacher: Muriel Riggs.

Long Arm Class at Toni Morgan's House

Myrna Ficken, an APQS Representative will hold long-arm quilting classes featuring free motion all over design, feathers, etc. The class is limited to long arm quilters, but one does not have to own an APQS machine.

Hostess: Toni Morgan. Held at: 1029 Riverpointe Drive, East Bend, NC 27018. For directions only, please call Toni at: 336.699-3970 (H) or 336.468-0084 (Cell).

Just Do It I & II October 7th ~ 9am to 4pm. Fee: \$150.00 special price

This is a beginner to intermediate level class in which you will learn some fun techniques. I'll teach you fillers, flowers, and all kinds of jazzy, funky, cool freehand designs that can be used on any quilt. Fast and easy edge-to-edge designs to some thinking "outside of the box." We'll work with border design and carry parts of the design into the sashings and blocks. We're going to spend some time on stitching in the ditch and alternatives. Bring quilts for discussion as time allows. This is a busy class, loaded with lots of great ideas!!

Fowlproof Feathers October 8th ~ 9am-4pm. Fee: \$150.00 special price

So many feathers...so little time! Whether yours are long and narrow, short and wide, spiky, curvy, fluffy or flat --- everybody loves feathers and everybody has their own style! This is an intermediate to a bit more advanced level class. I will show you how to create swags, work around the corners and how I mark for them. We will work on wreaths and add some decorative thread for some unexpected sparkle. Bring your imagination, pencil and paper along with a full dose of energy and attitude.

To register, please call Myrna at (435)-229-2703 or mail myrnaf@aquilterschoice.com

Sew-Brite cutting mats are constructed of a durable material that is thicker than other mats, giving them longer life when using a rotary cutter. Debbie Layne has a Sew-Brite cutting mat for sale. It measures 44 x 66 inches and hasn't been used. Please call Debbie at 946-2165.

QUILT AUCTION 2:00pm

Sat., Oct 3rd at Historic Oak View Park, Raleigh

Last year, Capital Quilters' Guild of Raleigh had their first auction in the historic farmhouse at Oak View Park. Their charity partner last year was the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern NC and almost 90 quilts were auctioned! This year their charity partner is Military Missions in Action (MMIA). Along with the auction this year, they will also have a boutique of smaller items along with a display by MMIA.

Heritage Day includes craft vendors, 4-H members exhibiting animals, a tractor show, a car show, food vendors and agricultural exhibits. The park features a farmhouse, barn, cotton gin & more. Wake County Heritage Day is an annual event that takes place at Historic Oak View County Park on the first Saturday of October. For details, see: (www.wakegov.com/parks/oakview/default/htm.)

Military Missions in Action is a non-profit organization, serving the injured men and women of the armed forces in NC. Their services include household improvements and home maintenance that encourages independent living for disabled veterans. There are many other ongoing projects on their website www.militarymissionsinaction.org. For further info about the guild's auction contact Cathy Kirk at 919-469-5378.

Congratulations Capital Quilters!

Announcement

Due to increased work responsibilities, I have decided to discontinue the Last Thursday's Bee. I appreciate Shirley at Sew Original giving us a location for meeting, and the members to participating.

Becki Bostick

Please update any street address or e-mail changes to Becki at: ladybozz@mindspring.com. Your newsletter delivery depends on it! Contact Becki Bostick at: 788-2530.

DONATED TO MT. TABOR HIGH SCHOOL

Please thank Barbara Potoczny for donating several bags of upholstery samples to the high school for use in their classrooms. The classes use the fabrics in their interior decorating segment and for sewing small projects such as cell phone cases, etc.

Next Issue: More charitable projects by our guild members.

DOCUMENTING YOUR QUILT

Part One of a Series

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Documenting Your Quilt While It Is Being Made

Use a manila folder, a large envelope or Ziploc™ bag to keep the receipts for supplies and fabrics purchased for this quilt, sketches made during the design process, notes from your journal, fabric swatches, and photos of you and your quilt while it is being made. Use a separate folder for each quilt. On the outside of the folder or envelope, record any or all of the following:

- Project Name
- Pattern
- Size
- Start & Finish Dates
- Project Purpose
- Current owner
- Materials used
- Finishing touches
- Awards
- Story behind the quilt
- Miscellaneous information

North Carolina Quilt Shop Hop 2009

September 24th-26th

**Shop Hop Hours:
Thursday 10-5 Friday 10-7
& Saturday 10-5**

Participating Shops:

Lee Furniture & Sewing Company
(Shelby, NC)

Creative Sewing & Vacuums
(Charlotte, NC)

Lee's Sewing Center (Hickory, NC)
Sew Original (Boone, NC)

Rene's Quilt Shop (Mooresville, NC)
Sew Original (Winston Salem, NC)

Stamped passports are eligible for prize drawings. Prizes include gift baskets and gift certificates. Grand prize is a trip for two to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa in Asheville, North Carolina.

NEW FPQG LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Free-Motion Quilting Made Easy: 186 Designs from 8 Simple Shapes by Eva A. Larkin

"...Start with basic loops, ovals, diamonds, triangles, and other familiar shapes, and pair them in unique combinations to create dozens of block-based designs."

One Line at a Time: 24 Geometric Machine-Quilting Designs Made Easy by Charlotte Warr Anderson. "Create beautiful machine quilting with almost no marking (for an) elegant alternative to stippling or meandering..."

Layer Cake, Jelly Roll and Charm Quilts by Pam & Nicky Lintott. "Created from one layer cake, jelly roll or charm pack, each quilt offers ingenious ideas to use pre-cut fabric collections with little or no waste."

Fabulous Fat-Quarter Bags by Susan Briscoe. "A colorful collection of 14 'fat-quarter-friendly' bags and accessories – two for every day of the week."

Thanks to Barbara Conley for her generous donation of the following:

Traditional Quilts with Painless Borders by Sally Schneider and Barbara J. Eikmeier. "Each border block is constructed of quick-pieced squares, rectangles, or triangles, eliminating complicated calculations and border-fitting headaches."

Log Cabin Quartet by Trudi Hughes. "Four fabulous log cabin designs that are...a notch above the ordinary..."

Jennifer Lane

September Show & Tell

See our website to view these beauties & other past Show & Tell Textiles.

Jennifer Lane: Jellyroll Quilt

Gail McNeill: Gail Wilson Primitive Doll

Tomoe Minomi: Row of the Month Quilt & A Sashiko Tapestry

Tim Rickman: Ebony & Ivory Wall Hanging

Winnie McCrary: Christmas Sparkle quilt

Debbie Stoltz: Thimbleberries Pansy Park Quilt top

Dale Link: Rag Quilt

"Antique Quilt Show and Tea"

Hendersonville, NC October 17th.

First Baptist Church in Hendersonville, NC.
Sponsor: Memory Makers Quilt Group. View quilts from 1800's to 1950's, enjoy instrumental music, & delicious homemade desserts.
Proceeds purchase sewing supplies for quilt ministry. Contact: Cindy Edwards at 828-697-0853 or write to: cindy@bgs.cc

BEECASSOS SHOW & SALE

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At: knfdesigns@aol.com

“The Simple Joys of Christmas” --Brenner Tree Project

OUR OCTOBER PROGRAM

Quilters are a “giving” group of people and in October, we will use our sewing talents to we make ornaments for the 7 ½ foot tall tree our guild decorates for the Festival of Trees, which benefits the Brenner’s Children’s Hospital. This year the Festival of Trees will be held November 21-22 at the Education Building at Dixie Fairgrounds. (<http://festivaloftrees.tcvmedia.com/information.html>)

Guild members had “homework” this month if you picked up a Toy Block Ornament to stitch and decorate at the September guild meeting. We can’t wait to see your creativity with the Toy Blocks! Please bring the block(s) to the October meeting along with your Fabric Chain-Link Garland which you made with some of your Christmas stash. Please bring the 5 completed links joined and the 6th link and a button to link up your chain with your fellow guild member’s chain at the meeting.

For our October program, we will be stitching and embellishing one of four designs of homespun Christmas ornaments at our meeting: a star, heart, stocking and house design. The kits have been prepared for you with the fabric and stitching thread.

What to bring the following items with you to the October meeting:

- Hand-sewing needle with a fairly large eye
- Beige or white cotton thread (for tacking embellishments)
- Small scissors
- 10 shirt sleeve type buttons, at least 5 of which are the same color (we will be using a button sewed to the back of the ornaments to hang them on the tree with floral wire)
- Fiberfill if you have some you would like to donate
- Reading glasses, if needed
- *Also, please bring your Toy Block ornament and Fabric Chain Link Garland.

Many thanks to those of you who signed up to help decorate our tree prior to the Festival of Trees! The date that we will be decorating is Wednesday, November 18th from 3-8 p.m. at the Education Annex Building, which is to the left as you enter the front gate of the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds.

GREETERS DUTIES

- Arrive by at least 6:30pm and check-in at the Membership Table.
- Help greet new members and visitors.
- Find a member for new people 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 nametags at the end of the meeting to the Membership Table.

HOSTESSES IN OCTOBER

The following people will provide the refreshments at our October meeting:
Laura Patridge, Gina Allen, Kathleen Baden, Lynn Nycum, & Carrol Eve.

GUIDELINES: IF A HOSTESS CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING, SHE HAS A CHOICE OF TRADING HER MONTH WITH ANOTHER MEMBER, OR ASKING ANOTHER MEMBER TO DELIVER HER REFRESHMENTS TO THE MEETING. Thanks!

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