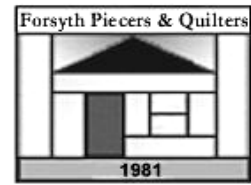


Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild, Inc.
Ps & Qs
Monthly Newsletter

December 2009



Next Meeting

December 14, 2009
at Parkway Presbyterian
6:30pm Social
7:00pm Meeting&Eating

Remember to Bring

Name Tag
Show & Tell
FOOD
Fat Quarter

Ps & Qs Deadline

Please e-mail or U.S. mail
your items for the next
newsletter by Dec. 24,
2009. Send to:
nsp@1stpres.com or call
Nancy Porter at 765-6880.

Website submissions

Please send those items
soon to Carmen Cannon at:
ccarmen@triad.rr.com.

Do you or someone you know
have a quilting triumph? We
would like to know about it
for our Applause feature. It
can be anything from first bed
quilt, first wall quilt, first entry
in a national competition, first
wallhanging, etc. Please let us
know, as it inspires the rest of
us to keep going! Submit to
either newsletter editor.

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

I forgot to pay the water bill! I can hear many of you saying, 'how did you do that?' Well, I did. All of a sudden we had no water and although the whole thing was resolved in a manner o hours, those hours seemed like forever. It's funny how easy it is to take things for granted: electricity, running water, driving a car, but how quickly we miss them when they are gone. My father, the 94 year old, was appalled that I had missed a bill payment and mused out low, that I was doing too much. Usually I let those comments slide, but I was interested to see what he suggested I give up. "Quilting" he said. "WHAT??" I said, "the one thing I do for myself, you want me to give up?" No way. I run to my quilting this time of year. We are so busy preparing for the holidays that we find no time for ourselves. Find some time, sit yourself down and revel in the colors, the perfect points and the beauty of your quilt. I look forward to seeing all of you* at the Potluck this month. Quilters seem to be excellent cooks. Don't forget items for the seniors and fat quarters for the quilt show. May you find peace in the bustle of the season and may the water always flow through the pipes.

In Stitches,

Ann B. Petitjean

*Editor's Note: Ann moved here by way of New York/Delaware a few years ago and still doesn't have the "ya'll" in her lexicon. Please be patient with her. [Wink!] ;)

Have you seen our website lately? Check out the new items about charitable quilting activities at www.forsythquilters.org

BOUTIQUE NEWS

By Carolyn Bailey

For our April quilt show, the theme for the 2nd raffle fat quarter basket will be "Wild Thing."

We'll be filling the basket with bright and beautiful fabrics like Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler or Free Spirit. Please bring a fat quarter to the next guild meeting.

Special Exhibit

Quilting is often learned from our grandmothers, mothers or aunts. In keeping with our quilt show theme, Piecing the Generations Together, we are planning a special exhibit of quilts worked on by multiple generations. The criteria and plans for this display are as follows:

1. The quilt must have been worked on by two or more people of different generations.
2. At least one of the people that worked on the quilt must be a FP&Q member.
3. These quilts would not be judged and would be displayed separately from the main quilt show.
4. Due to space limitations, these quilts might have to be displayed folded.
5. We would want background stories for these quilts to be displayed with the quilts.
6. The display will be staffed by white-gloved volunteers so the quilts would not be handled by show attendees.
7. The same entry deadlines would apply to these quilts as apply to quilts for the regular show.

We need to know how many members would be interested in displaying a quilt in this special exhibit. . If there is a huge interest, we may have to limit the display to one per member. Please let us know if you would like to join in this display of "Piecing the Generations Together." You may contact Holly Alloway, 768-8808 or Alloway535@triad.rr.com. Signup sheets will also be available at the next guild meetings. Please join us in celebrating one of the most cherished of quilting traditions.



Piecing Generations Together

The 2010 FPQG Quilt Show

April 16-17, 2010

New Hope Presbyterian Church

By Carolyn Bailey

The committee chairs for the quilt show met on Wednesday, November 11. Preparations for the show are moving along nicely! We have vendors coming to sell, judges coming to look at our quilts, workshops being held with members working on articles for the boutique, and LOTS of communication being sent out to other guilds and interested parties about the show dates. It's very exciting to see things coming together!

C A L E N D A R

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

Dec. 4-6, 2009 WEEKEND CLASS: Holiday Postcards in Fabric. John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC. Lodging available. Info: <http://folkschool.org>. or call 800-365-5724.

Dec. 4-6 WEEKEND CLASS: Winter Trees. John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC. Lodging available. Info: <http://folkschool.org>. or call 800-365-5724.

Jan. 3-9, 2010 WEEKLONG CLASS: Pictorial Appliqué with Charlotte War Andersen. John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC. Lodging available. Info: <http://folkschool.org>. or call 800-365-5724.

Jan. 4 DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: AOS Paducah Quilt Show to be held April 2010. Go to: www.americanquilter.com

Jan. 8-9 "The Quilting & Fiber Marketplace", Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center, 1801 Nash St., Sanford, NC, 25+ vendors. Go to: www.quiltersgallery.net

Jan. 17-22 (Sun-Fri) WEEKLONG CLASS: Hoity-Toity Houses. First, create the house with a foundation of fabrics, then appliqué people, pets, flowers, cars, and outlandish details. John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC. Lodging available. Info: <http://folkschool.org>. or call 800-365-5724.

Jan. 20 DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Mid Atlantic Quilt Fest to be held in Hampton Virginia, Feb. 25-28, 2010.

Jan. 21-23 RETREAT: Myrtle Beach Quilt Party. Embassy Suites Hotel. Myrtle Beach SC. Go to: <http://margsouth.tripod.com>

HOLIDAYS MEAN HELPING OTHERS WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE

Our guild is supporting Senior Services this year in their efforts to provide our city's homebound elderly with holiday stockings. A complete list of items can be found at <http://www.forsythquilters.org/ancmnt.html>.

As you start your holiday shopping please consider picking up some items for this effort. We will collect items at both the November and December meeting. Some of the needs include: soap, denture adhesive and cleaner, canned tuna or salmon, Ensure or Boost nutritional supplements, adult diapers and bed pads.

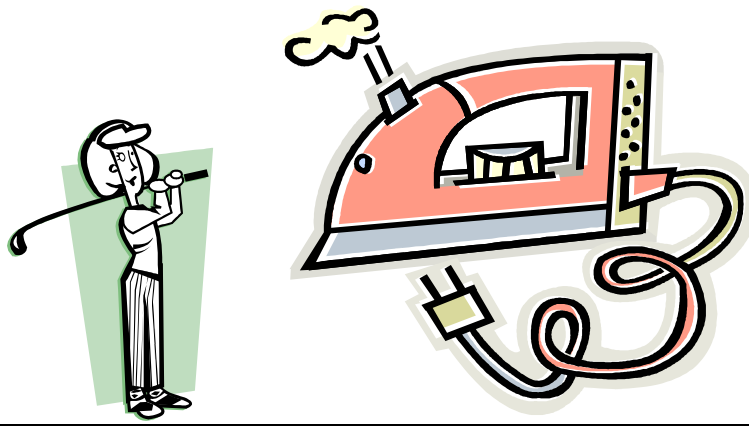
Thanks - see you soon - Carolyn Bailey



ATTENTION
FACEBOOK FRIENDS:

LET'S SEE SOME OF
THOSE BEAUTIFUL
QUILTS UPLOADED! TO
YOUR PAGE!

For
everything
there is a
season...
a time to
sew...



Driving IRONS

Guild members were randomly selected for an e- survey that about their irons. The questions were:

1) What iron do you use? (Be as specific as possible) What do you like about the iron? What do you dislike?

2) What iron have you used in the past that you have been disappointed in? Thanks to all who participated.

Here are the results in no particular order:

Carrie Pippins: I use a Rowenta Powerglide 2 iron. I like the steel plate on it. Great levels of steam and it will cut off if I don't use it after a while which is good because there have been a few times I have forgotten to turn it off.

Pat Peacock: 1) Black and Decker Press and Dress - lightweight, heats fast. 2) Rowenta Power Press - heavy, bulky, cord always got in the way, didn't like the steam function. For all the buzz about Rowenta, I was very disappointed.

Peggy Bruton: 1) I have a Shark in the laundry room that I like, if you can like an iron!!! I iron a lot!! I like the auto off feature. 2) In my sewing room I have a Rowenta. I have had several Rowentas and will not buy another. They do not last for what they cost.

Leanne Marshall: I use a TFal. It works well, I like steam. I don't remember using any other brand.

Karen Oghalai: I use a Kenmore iron with an extra long cord and automatic shut-off. I really like the automatic shut-off. I sometimes leave it on while I go back to sew another set of pieces together - and then get interrupted and forget the iron. Without the automatic shut-off, I could have had a fire or very high electric bills. The long cord is sometimes helpful and at other times, it is in the way. This is not a "special" or expensive iron but it works as well as any I have tried in quilt classes and stores.

Toni Morgan: I use a Black & Decker because it is reasonable and has all the bells and whistles that I require.

Bonnie Dills: 1) I use a Rowenta Powerglide2 – DM273. It's lightweight, even heating, nice shiny soleplate and a long cord. It's a steam iron, but I have never put water in it. I use a spray bottle directly on what I am ironing, that way my iron stays clean and does not "hic cup" water stains on my cloth. 2) I had a Black and Decker which I never liked.

Ella Nix: 1) I loved a Black & Decker iron that I bought at a B & D outlet. It wore out. I then bought a \$13 Black & Decker at Wal-Mart and was very disappointed. I use a metal Black & Decker folding travel iron that I keep beside my sewing machine for little items. I just bought an iron online ("Continental" brand) and it looks like something out of the 1950s; it's all metal and heavy. It works excellent in both dry & steam mode. The heavy weight of it helps press things without needing a lot of heat, although it can put out high heat. It does not have an automatic shut-off, but the outlet I plug it into does. Anyone with wrist trouble or arthritis probably would not like the weight. 2) My Sunbeam iron was a waste of money.

Quilting Classes at Sew Original

3443 Robinhood Road Call: (336)760-1121

Please mention this newsletter when you call for class registration.

Mini Bow Tucks Bag This purse is the perfect size to use everyday. (11" w X 10" t X 5" d). There are pockets inside and out. Mon., November 30 from 10am– 4pm. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Muriel Riggs.

Scrap Therapy Club Enough already! Are you up to your ears in fabric scraps? Have you had it with bags and boxes of twisted pieces of fabulous quilting fabrics stored away to collect dust? Imagine the stunning scrap quilts you can make....If only you had a plan! You need Scrap Therapy! Instructors: Judi Low & Jeannie Boyles *Cutting Workshop- Get ready to get organized! Join us for a hands-on cutting session designed to get those tangled scraps under control! Sign up once or several times. Each time, receive a free stackable storage bin, chosen specifically to get your fabric scraps in check. Sewing machine not required. The Cutting Workshop is the prerequisite to any Scrap Therapy quilt project session. Cost: \$12 includes a free bin. Thursday, December 3rd: Cutting workshop begins at 10am— 12noon. Project time is from 1pm-4pm.

Join the Sew Original Chain Gang! The \$5 Block-of-the-Month program begins again on January 19 & 21. Come join us for a new year of adventure. Mark the third Tuesday for 10a, 2p or 6p. Or mark the third Thursdays at 2p & 6p of each month on your calendar. This year's BOM has additional blocks that can be added to your completed quilt.

Spring Beauty Art Quilt: This 3-D poppy design is the basis for a perfect class for beginner art quilters or those who want to learn some different techniques to use in their own designs. The design is based on photos. The pattern making will be discussed (and the pattern pieces provided). The techniques used include painting on canvas, making small quilted petals, hooking yarn, a little painting with dye, and construction of the final piece. Two Saturdays: Jan. 30 & Feb. 13 from 10am to 2pm. Cost: \$60. Teacher: Penny Sharp.

Sew Original in Winston-Salem is offering a series of classes to inspire you or help you become a more creative and competent sewer. Take these classes individually, for \$25 each or purchase 4 classes for \$60. At the time of registration you must designate the classes you wish to take. This will lock you into these classes, so choose wisely. **Once you sign up you will not be able to switch classes or get a refund for a class not taken. No classes will be canceled by Sew Original. There will be a supply list or kit fee depending on class. This series applies only to the January-March Newsletter. (There are 12 classes that are offered in this series.... those listed below are for the month of January. See the website for further info.)**

Mei Tai Baby Carrier "Baby wearing" has long been practiced in many cultures around the world, and research has shown that "worn" babies are happier and learn more quickly than their counterparts. The Mei Tai is a traditional Asian bay carrier that allows you to carry your baby in the front, on the back, or on the hip. Its wide straps and even distribution of weight across the back make it very comfortable. Thursday, January 7th from 10am to 1pm. Teacher: Shirley Bailey. Cost: \$25 or purchase a 4-class pass.

Embroidered Tissue Box Cover Using the embroidery module of your machine you will make four sides and a top in the embroidery hoop. Not only will the embroidery design be stitched out but cutting guidelines will be stitched too; this guarantees easy cutting and stitching when you put the cover together. The guidelines and embroidery design are included for class use. Friday, January 29th from 10am to 1pm. Teacher: Pat Glauert. Cost: \$25 or purchase 4-class pass.

Dog Collars & Scarf Have the best dressed dog (or cat) in town. Come make a collar & scarf for your favorite pet. Wednesday, January 13th from 1:30-4:30pm. Cost: \$25 or purchase a 4-class pass. Teacher: Muriel Riggs.

The Secretary's Threads

The November 9, 2009 Guild Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Ann Petitjean. She welcomed all new members and visitors. Ann reminded us that we would be having our Potluck Christmas Party at our December meeting. We would be continuing our new tradition of either persons or Bees decorating the tables. Anyone interested in decorating a table should let Ann or Leanne know. Everyone is to bring a dish to pass. The entrée will be provided.

Ann introduced Rosann Davis. Rosann said that she would be passing around a sign- up sheet for refreshment volunteers from January to June. She will be emailing out reminders as your turn comes up. Rosann asked that members respond to that email so she knows that it was received. Rosann said that she and Margaret Varner would be providing the beverages for the Christmas Party.

Ann announced that Lisa Alley will be having a quilt show and sale at Chelsee's Coffee Shop downtown this Saturday, November 14, from 10am-5pm.

Penny Sharp announced that there would be a Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Show Board Meeting on November 11 at 7PM at South Fork Recreation Center.

Carolyn Bailey thanked everyone for the donations they brought for the Senior Services. We will do the same next month. If there are any questions about what to bring, please check the Guild website for a list of items.

Ann said that Kimberly Park School loved the quilts that we made for the children. They had asked if we might consider starting up a sewing class for them. Let Ann know if you are interested in teaching or donating sewing fabric and supplies.

Ann introduced Laura Patridge who told us that North Carolina Quilters was having a Quilt Guild Forum at the Quilting and Needle Arts Extravaganza being held at the Civic Center in Statesville on January 29 and 30, 2010. Anyone interested in participating please contact Laura.

Robin Godwin thanked everyone for their participation in making the Christmas ornaments for the Brenner Tree. She said they would be decorating the tree on November 18 between the hours of 3PM to 8PM. The Festival of Trees will be held on November 21, 9AM to 6PM and November 22, Noon to 5PM, at the Education Building on the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds.

Ann and Leanne drew for door prizes. This is always great fun waiting to see if your number will be called. There were quite a few lucky winners this evening. Show and Tell was next and you can tell that everyone is busy because there were only a few but it was still a lot of fun and we got some great ideas.

Leanne Marshall gave a slide show on the different volunteer efforts our Guild had done over the years that she has been a member and then introduced Jane Stephens to tell us about how the Amani Children's Foundation was formed. Her story was very inspirational. This helped us to understand the display that we had looked at before the meeting. She introduced our own Sandy Parks to tell us about how we could participate in this wonderful endeavor to help all of the children orphaned by AIDs and poverty in Africa. It was a wonderful program and many of us went back to the display again with a different outlook knowing how many children the work has helped.

The meeting was adjourned by Leanne Marshall. Respectfully Submitted by,

Patti Mansson

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for our annual Holiday Potluck! Like last year we will all share in decorating the tables. We have several Bee's and groups of friends already signed up but we need more! The guild will have white table cloths on the tables of 8 and you can go from there! Plates, cups, napkins will also be provided along with some meats for our dinner. Our hospitality gals will provide a beverage. Please still bring your show and tell items to share with us. If you would like to sign up for a table, please call Leanne at 922-4298 or send an email to her at LeanneM@triad.rr.com

This is always a great evening of



SUNSHINE ACTIVITY

Please keep sending e-mails to me regarding guild members who are ill, had a death in the family, or simply in need of we're-thinking-of-you cards. Thanks so much! Dee Salley's telephone is: 712-1286.

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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

The National website for Prayers & Squares tells about how this charitable quilt effort was started. A prayer quilt is a quilt made with love and tied with prayers. The recipients are those in need of being "covered in prayer. For more information: www.prayerquilt.org

November Show & Tell

Go to our website to view these Beauties & other past Show & Tell quilts.

Shirley Werts: Baby Quilt, Nine Patch Queen Size quilt.

Martha Claire Henzler: Falling Leaves Wallhanging.

Gretchen Braswell: 2 Prayer Squares Crib size quilts

Emily Bruhn: Preemie Quilts

Barbara Conley: Small Quilt

Ann Petitjean: Baby Boy Quilt

Leanne Marshall: Two Stockings, Two Quilts

Pattie Mannson: Appliqué Wallhanging.

NEW QUILT SHOP!!

NANA'S QUILTIN' PLACE : 155 – B Hickman Avenue, Hudson, NC

dixiesquilting@charter.net www.dixiesquilting.com

I would like to announce that I am opening a quilt shop in downtown Hudson, NC. Hudson is located 10 miles north of Hickory and 5 miles south of Lenoir just 1 mile off Highway 321. I will be offering fabric, notions, books, patterns, and gift ideas for your quilting friends, family and a lot more. Take classes in the old "Hudson School House" or just come by, sit in the school house, bring your handwork and visit. There will be classes offered to all levels of quilters. Next summer I hope to have a beginner class for the young ones that will continue the art of quilting in the future. Thank you in advance for your support in my new adventure.



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The December
Birthday Club & The
December Greeters

Members with a birthday in December will greet us at the next meeting. They are: Glenna Williams, Kathy Byrd, Debbie Layne, Kelly Healy, Martha Greene and Arleen Gambill.

GUILD MEMBERSHIP PINS

Guild pins are available from Bonnie Dills at the membership desk at each of our guild meetings for \$5.

NEW FPQG LIBRARY ADDITIONS

New Library Books Available January, 2010

Appli-Curves - Traditional Quilts with Easy No-Sew Curves by Elaine Waldschmitt. Appliqué curves mimic the look of curved piecing and are stitched down by machine – zigzag or decorative stitches. Included are 12 projects using 3 traditional blocks: Drunkard's Path, Hearts and Gizzards, and New York Beauty. Also includes appliqué templates on CD.

Quilts with Attitude – by Deb Karasik. Foundation-pieced quilt patterns in striking designs. Pattern CD included.

Bold and Beautiful: Artful Quilts from Just One Fabric by Judi Dains. Turn batiks and hand-dyed fabrics into works of art using free-motion machine quilting and embroidery, paint and embellishments.

Dream Landscapes : Artful Quilts with Fast-Piece Appliqué by Rose Hughes. Create landscapes that reflect the flowing lines found in nature. Embellish with fabric, beads, and embroidery.

Art Quilts at Play – by Jane Dávila & Elin Waterston. Experiment with surface design techniques, such as dyeing, screen printing, and stamping. Create special effects using shrink film, painted fusible web, and metallic foil.

Jennifer Lane

DOCUMENTING YOUR QUILT

Part Two of the Series: Reprinted with
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>>Sign & Label Your Quilt

Many quilters recommend attaching the label before the quilt is quilted so the label cannot be easily removed without damaging the quilt. For backup, write directly onto the quilt with a permanent marker in case under the label incase the label is lost.

>>Hide a Signature

Hide a signature underneath a seam binding or under the sleeve of a quilt as another irrefutable identification.

>>Piece the backing

Someone else may be able to describe the front of your quilt in an attempt to claim it, but they probably won't know what the back looks like. Take a photograph of the back.

>>Document your Quilt

Good photos are a must. You may also want to consider copyright protection.
(<http://www.lostquilt.com/CopyrightYourQuilt.html>)

>>Embed a microchip

The newest technology allows you to embed a microchip in your quilt. The microchip can be scanned to identify the owner. Visit the Chipped Quilts for more information at their site:
(<http://www.chippedquilts.com>)

>>For ideas on documenting family quilts, try
(<http://reddawn.net/quilt/document.htm>)

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.

Please update any street address or e-mail changes to Martha Claire Henzler at: mcquilt@triad.rr.com Your newsletter delivery depends on it! Contact Martha Claire by phone at: 768-4561.

HOSTESSES IN DECEMBER

We don't have hostesses in December so it is a good time to thank our cheerful hospitality chairs: Margaret Varner & Rosann Davis. We appreciate the attractive tables you create and the refreshing drinks. Thank you!

GUIDELINES: IF FOR SOME REASON, 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. THANK YOU.

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