

Around the Block

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President's Message

December is upon us. So much to do.

Decorate the house, trim the tree, finish projects, and wrap the presents.

Don't forget the baking of your family's special cookies, cake, fudge.

Once this is all done, sit down for a well earned rest. This is the season to be jolly, so my prayer for all of you - "Be surrounded by your loved ones and enjoy this precious time." Happy Holidays!

Dorothy Barr, President

Recognition of 2012 QU Guild President, Edie Frasier

We would like to thank Edie Frasier for her contribution during this past year as Guild President . There was some confusion during the November Guild meeting and we failed to acknowledge her dedication during the meeting and report to the membership that she had received, as a token of our appreciation, a Vanishing Design Wall. We all appreciate her tireless efforts and her kind and gentle leadership of the guild. As you can imagine, riding herd on this many women can be challenging at times and she always managed to do it with grace and a smile. Thank you Edie, we appreciate all you have done for us. Dorothy Barr, President, and Michele Hackmeyer, President-Elect



2012 Block of the Month

Years ago I enjoyed participating in a block of the month using Judy Hopkins *Around the Block*. The book is out of print now but the publishers kindly gave the guild permission to use its unique instructions for different sized blocks.

For the monthly raffle we'll use the 12-inch finished size. I would challenge you to try putting together a top for yourself over the year using different sizes and patterns.

A limited number of packets will be available at the November and December meetings for non-computer folks. Karen Skinner will have the instructions available on the website in November.

Please use quality fabric in your blocks. No muslin or solids. The patterns will call for different values (light, medium and dark). Varying the scale of the prints you use will make the blocks more interesting too. Good Luck. I hope you will enjoy whipping up a block or two each month. Sharon Pollock

December—Holiday Covered Dish Dinner and Gift Exchange

As part of the Christmas Holiday party, there will be Show and Tell for all those presents you've made plus a gift exchange. For the gift exchange, we typically include a fat quarter of fabric and a small token gift for a fellow quilter. Participation in the gift exchange is not mandatory. The Golden Rule has been suggested as your guideline for the gift you bring. Give what you would want someone to give you.

Remember to bring your favorite casserole, salad, appetizer, dessert or some other delicious culinary treat to share at our covered dish supper at the December Guild meeting. There will be holiday table decorations, your tasty goodies and a festive mood in the air as we begin our quilting holiday celebration. Let us be joyful! Thank you, Barbara Wiggins & Jennifer Colley, Hospitality Committee

Upcoming Programs

January—QU becomes Quilter's University

Sit up straight, pay attention and take notes if you wish as we offer "classes" on how to design your own quilt block. Learn techniques with E-Quilt and paper drafting in addition to pointers on writing the perfect instructions to recreate your unique block. No exams will be given but you can put your knowledge to the test by creating a Challenge Quilt for 2013. Be sure to purchase the rules and start creating.

February- Chocolate Overload!

Indulge the senses with chocolate snacks and your favorite chocolate quilt. We will take a look at how the color brown has been used in quilts through the years and has evolved into the chocolate shade of today. Bring your old or new predominately brown quilts to show. Coffee and dessert quilts also welcome. This is our first theme program so sample the fabulous array of chocolate treats in the kitchen, peruse the color-themed library books on display and maybe you will be one of the lucky door prize winners!

Sit-N-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, biweekly or sometimes once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual project. Some groups meet at a specified location and work on a service project. We have several of both of these types of groups in our guild.

If you are interested, please call Marsha Walper .

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sew for Hope (3rd Monday) 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cynthia Seyler	Sew for Hope (2nd Tuesday) 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cynthia Seyler	Sew for Hope (4th Wednesday) 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cynthia Seyler	Sew Arty 3rd Thursday 11:30am—?	Thimble Buddies* 2nd Fridays 9:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Wendy Stone	Sew for Hope (1st Saturday) 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cynthia Seyler
Big Bend Hopsice Quilters 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Virginia Lewis	McQuilters Ronald McDonald House 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Carol Harrison	Crazy Quilters Monticello Library 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Barbara Sheats	Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Janice Parker		Second Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Connie Beane
The Quilting Bees Senior Center 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.		Pin Pals * 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 1:00pm –3:00pm Linda Stearns	Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety * 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Esther Weiner		Havana Sit 'n Stitch 4th Saturday 1:00 p.m. Martha Mitchell
* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity.					Lafayette Community Last Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Gertrude Shirley

New Sit and Stitch Opportunity

Joy Vo is interested in and suggested that members form a ConKerr cancer sit'n'stich group that would meet periodically- four to six times a year- for the express purpose of sewing pillowcases for children with cancer.

Call Joy at (850) 510-0040. A few advocates could make a big difference in children's lives.

Road to Florida Challenge

Does anyone out there in "QU Land" know who suggested our ROAD TO FLORIDA

theme? Please let me know if you do. It is such a great theme since 2013 happens to be the 500th anniversary of Ponce de Leon's discovery of Florida. Florida means flowers...does that give you an idea for a quilt block? Celebrations are planned throughout Florida including Quilters Unlimited! You have a wonderful opportunity to enter this challenge and create your own ROAD TO FLORIDA quilt block and quilt for the 2013 Capital City Quilt Show at the Museum of Florida History. If you have never entered before, I hope you will join in with those who have already entered. Many have already taken the plunge for the first time. Anyone who enters doesn't regret it, because one always learns something new in the process. I want to encourage you in every way I can to enter and complete the project. We are planning a "How to Design a Quilt Block" program for the January 2013 meeting. Contact me with any questions you may have. My phone # is in the directory. Please bring your \$5.00 entry fee to the meeting in November.

Martha Tilden 386-8930 or gator1984@comcast.net.

A note from the treasurer:

I wanted to mention to all the new program chairs and the members in general: If you have expenses that need to be reimbursed, please fill out the Check Request Form found on the website and either scan and email to me or snail mail it (9086 Veterans Memorial Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309).

If you are in charge of collecting checks/cash, please give it to me at the guild meeting if you can. PLEASE put it in an envelope with a description of what the funds are (i.e. challenge, opportunity etc). If you want to mail them to me -BY ALL MEANS do! If you have cash, you obviously don't want to mail that! Simply write a check for the cash and keep the cash! Again, DOCUMENT please, what you are sending me as I am not the Great Karnak !

Please just remember that you can't document too much.

And if you have questions and concerns.....there's always old Ma Bell....call me! 893-5321!

Thanks,

Cheryl Gratt, Treasurer

Dates to Remember

12/13 QU December Meeting - Holiday Covered Dish Supper and Gift Exchange

12/14 Newsletter article submission deadline—**Submit ASAP due to holidays. Editor will be out of town 12/19—28**

1/10 QU January Meeting - Program: How to Design a Quilt Block

1/24 QU Steering Committee Meeting, 7 PM

2/14 QU February Meeting - Program Chocolate Overload

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Favorite Quilt Block

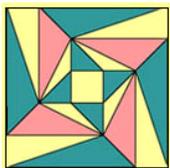
Since there are thousands of quilt patterns, it is no wonder that we have a problem at times of putting a name to a block. According to Jinny Beyer's book, *The Quilter's Album of Patchwork Patterns*, she has identified over 4 thousand block designs. Her book also provides the tools and "how to" you need to alter sizes to make a block to your own specifications.

With all these possibilities, and a big dose of curiosity, what is your personal favorite block design? Please provide your answer on the form provided and return to Roberta Granville by the December meeting.

The favorite block poll should provide us with some interesting insight as to member's preferences.

Member name: _____ Favorite block design: _____

Why is this block your favorite? _____



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