

Around the Block

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Silent Auction: Sue Skornia

Sit 'n' Stitch Coordinator:

Marsha Walper

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Caroline Collins

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Trip Coordinator: Linda Brooks

Web Master: Karen Skinner

Workshops: Kris Hebert

President's Message

Dorothy was unexpectedly called out of town just prior to the newsletter deadline, so I've been given leave to fill her space.

Guild Officer and Committee Chair Job Descriptions

What do you know about this guild and what it takes to keep it running?

As President-elect (president next year), one of my jobs is to chair the nominating committee responsible for finding next year's officers and committee chairpersons. There are only 5 elected officers, but over 20 volunteer or appointed committee chairs and before I start asking members to serve, I thought it would be helpful for everyone to know more about these positions. This is the first of several articles I'll be preparing to cover these roles. If you are interested in volunteering for any position, please let me know.

Michele Hackmeyer – President-elect

My Level of Fun/Simplicity Rating Scale:

5 = Fun/simple 3 = Moderate difficulty 1 = Challenging

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*Life is not measured by the breaths we take,
But by the moments that take our breath away.*

Activities Committees:

Door Prizes (5) – Door prizes are awarded during each monthly Guild meeting to those who wear a hand-made pieced name tag and have put their name in the basket. The chair person or co-chairs are responsible for selection of door prize gifts, submission of names during the social half hour of each guild meeting and drawing of names during the Door Prize segment of the business meeting. This is a fun position that provides an opportunity to meet many of the members.

Show and Tell (5) – During every monthly Guild meeting we provide an opportunity for members to show their work. This chairperson brings out the step ladders before the meeting and helps hold up the quilts being shown. This person also provides assistance, when needed, during programs that involve trunk shows. This is a fun simple job that would be ideal for co-chairs but does require a moderate level of mobility to go up and down the ladders and hold quilts up.

Trip Coordinator (3) – Every year the guild sponsors a bus trip to the Jacksonville Quilt Show. This person is responsible for planning, making arrangements, and executing this trip. In addition, other trips can be arranged depending on member interest. These can be one-day quilt show or shop hops or even overnight trips.

Sit'n Stitch Coordinator (5) – The role of the Sit-n-Stitch coordinator is to greet new members and explain the functions of a Sit-n-Stitch group. She should be somewhat familiar with each existing group and how they function, maintain a list of current groups with contact persons, meeting dates and times, and locations.

Helping Hands (3/1) – This chairperson serves as a resource for members who may have questions about a quilt technique or sewing process. She offers advice or help when a member needs to know “how to ...”. The combination rating for this role is because while it is an easy, fun position, it does require some knowledge, either personal or at least of resources for where to find an answer.

Workshops

Shelley Swanland was wonderful! I hope you all enjoyed her lecture! What incredible ideas she has in the middle of the night!

The workshops taught us all some very unique ways to piece cathedral windows. We enjoyed Shelley's talents and made wonderful cathedral window quilts. Bring your projects, finished or not, to the April meeting so we can "Show-n -Tell" our quilts and brag about how much fun we had sewing for 2 days!

October 10, 11, 12, 2013 Mark your calendar now!!

Jane Hardy Miller Author of **French Braid Quilts**, will be our guest in October.

Thursday evening's lecture and trunk show is titled,

"What French Braid Quilts Have Taught Me"

Friday October 11: **French Braid Tree Skirt**. Approx 50" diameter

Saturday, October 12: **Baby Braid** small quilt 37" x 44"

Please see Kris to get on the list. This teacher is well known and I expect to fill both workshops early.

Costs and supply lists will be available soon. Books will be required for each day. Details to come, or visit the website... <http://www.frenchbraidquilts.com/workshops/>

Workshop will need to be paid in full by the September meeting, so we can open it up to non-guild members if there is still room. Only 20 seats available each day.

Workshops: 9am to 4pm Timberlane Church of Christ, bring your lunch or cash for ordering in from Newks or Jimmy Johns.

Kris T Califano Hebert 850-508-7293 krist29@comcast.net

Treat yourself to a workshop! They are a great mini-retreat and a wonderful way to expand your quilting skills!

Upcoming Programs

April- This Program is for the Birds!

Our feathered friends are often featured in quilts. Roosters, owls, peacocks, eagles, flamingos, little yellow duckies, Big Bird, Angry Birds? We will take a look at the many ways birds have been used in quilting so bring all of your favorite bird quilts for a special show and tell. Also bring examples of quilted feathers or quilts featuring bird name blocks such as "Dove in the Window," "Birds in the Air" or "Goosetracks." Show and tell will be narrated by guest speaker, Susan Cason, a Master Wildlife Conservationist. This is one of our theme programs so be sure to visit the library table, register for a door prize and sample some bird themed snacks. Note: For organizational purposes, please let Wendy Stone know, before the program starts, about any quilts you plan to show.

May- Trash to Treasure

It is spring cleaning time! Organize your quilting/sewing supplies and bring your surplus to QU's indoor garage sale. Rules: You can only sell quilting or sewing related items. You must register and pay for your table(s) in advance. Each table costs \$5.00.

Contact Wendy Stone to reserve your table now!

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ROAD TO FLORIDA CHALLENGE

Attention Challenge quilters! We have Capital City Quilt Show deadline dates. (The show is often referred to as the "Museum" show.) Application & 2 photos are due to our QU show chairs Jennifer Moore or Dawn Griffin by June 13, quilt turn in at the museum is Sat. August 24, opening show & reception is Tuesday September 10, show closes Sunday November 3 and quilt pick up at the museum will be Sat. November 9. Please put these dates in your calendar.

Voting for ROAD TO FLORIDA winners will be at the August 8 Quilters Unlimited meeting. You will bring your finished quilt to the meeting and take it home, hopefully with prize money and a ribbon! Then you will take your quilt to the museum along with any other quilts you may have entered in the show on turn in day, August 24. There will be another opportunity to win a ribbon at the end of the show, as visitors to the show can vote on their "viewer choice" favorites.

Please email or call me with any questions. gator1984@comcast.net or 386-8930.

Martha Tilden

Silent Auction Reminder

Please be thinking about any projects you can make for the Silent Auction in this year's Museum Quilt Show. Thank you to those who have already started theirs!

Sue Skornia

Neo Natal Little Quilts

KITS KITS KITS
17 x 25 Finished

I will have a bag full of kits for neo natal little quilts at the March QU Meeting. Pre-cut flannel pieces and a quick pattern will be included in the kit. You need only to provide the time and love and a piece of thin batting or not (if you think the flannel is thick enough). See you at the April meeting....Come see me for your kit.

Esther Weiner

Quilt Show Themes

We have one remaining theme for future quilt shows, that being Starry Starry Nights in 2014. So it is time to get creative and plan themes for the next 5 years. Please submit any vision or ideas to Marsha Walper, Linda O'Sullivan or Wendy Stone no later than the April QU meeting

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
<p>Big Bend Hospice 1-3 pm Virginia Lewis</p> <p>The Quilting Bees Senior Center 1-4 pm</p>	<p>Sew for Hope 2nd Tuesday 1-4:30 pm Cynthia Seyler</p> <p>McQuilters Ronald McDonald 1-3 pm Carol Harrison</p>	<p>Crazy Quilters Monticello Library 1-4 pm Barbara Sheats</p> <p>Pin Pals * 1st & 3rd Wednesday 1-3 pm Linda Steans</p>	<p>Sew Arty 3rd Thursday 11:30 am-1:30 pm Kathleen Turner</p> <p>Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm Janice Parker</p> <p>Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety * 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays 7-9 pm Esther Weiner</p>	<p>Thimble Buddies * 2nd Friday 9:30-11:30am Wendy Stone</p>	<p>Sew for Hope 1st Saturday 9:30am-1pm Cynthia Seyler</p> <p>Second Saturday 9 am-4 pm Connie Beane</p> <p>Havana Sit 'n Stitch 4th Saturday 1 pm Martha Mitchell</p> <p>Lafayette Community Last Saturday 2-5 pm Gertrude Shirley</p>

* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity

New Sit and Stitch Opportunity

Sew Arty (Art Quilts) 3rd Thursday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (bring own lunch 11:30-12:00, meeting starts at noon) Envision Credit Union, 440 North Monroe Street Contact: Kathleen Turner

Dates to Remember

4/11 QU April Meeting

4/25 New Member Social - Details to be announced

4/26 Newsletter Submission Deadline for May Issue

5/25 Newsletter Submission Deadline for June Issue

5/9 QU May Meeting

5/26 Newsletter Submission Deadline for June Issue

6/13 QU June Meeting, and Museum Show Quilt Application Deadline

SSQA Disbanding

You may have already heard the sad news that SSQA is disbanding. I can think of no better way to explain it to QU members than to include the following letter from SSQA President Art Callinan in the next QU newsletter. It might be titled "A Letter from the President of SSQA". If you would prefer that I condense it, please let me know and I'll be happy to do that. As one of the charter member guilds (I remember Andi Reynolds promoting the newborn SSQA during her term years ago), QU surely still has members who are familiar with SSQA even though we had few individual members participating. I sure am sorry to see this ambitious organization fade away.

Respectfully submitted,

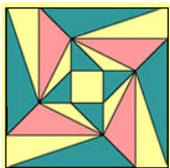
Caroline Collins, SSQA rep

A committee comprised of Linda Koestel, Pat Lester, and Artha Callinan met on Friday, January 4th, to count the votes cast by members of the Sunshine State Quilters Association on the future of the Association. After the count was done, the committee contacted Sarah Hough (Membership) to tell her the outcome of the vote. I am sorry to report that out of a total of 152 members, we only received a total of 62 votes: 43 to disband and 19 not to disband. We are now working on the process of disbanding the organization.

BUT the good news is, we have been planning a retreat and it was decided we would go ahead with the retreat. Mark your calendar. It is scheduled for May 19th - May 23rd, 2013.

We want to thank those who volunteered to take an office, or to help where they would be needed if we did not disband.

Artha Callinan and the Board Members



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Submit Info for Newsletter!

**The deadline for newsletter
submissions is**

April 25, 2013

**Please submit materials via
email at
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