

Quilters Calendar

April		May	
5	Board Meeting	3	Board Meeting
12	Sit and Stitch – Group 2 rehearsal for program	9 -	Retreat – “Spring Cleaning”
19	Guild General Meeting – Florida Plants – Big and	13	Sit and Stitch
26	Small Class – “Double Wedding Ring”	10	Guild General Meeting – Program – Challenge
		17	2010
		31	Sit and Stitch – “Mile a Minute”

President's Patch

Have you ever had a month or so when things were scheduled so tightly you just ran from one thing to another? When all those events are done, it's good to rest and restore your energy. But sometimes it is hard to get started again!

That's when your quilting space begins to collect “Dangerous Stuff”. Not just bags of fabric bought “on speculation” but also items that should not be in there at all, like Goodwill donations, or holiday decorations you are putting out of sight (instead of putting away)!

Now, I am not claiming to any sort of a neat freak...I can say this because I understand the danger of my own behaviors! When I need to get my creative juices flowing again, there are two things I can count on.

One is cleaning up my studio. Actually a small room, but it's all mine! It always needs straightening up, and just being in motion helps me move on to start doing something I really want to be working on. The other thing I like is to pull out an UFO and commit to getting it to the next step. I just finished a top that has been wandering around my room, complete with two bags of fabric I *might* use for the borders. It has been surfacing regularly for more than two years! But it's a completed top now, and can join a different pile...things that need quilting!

Now I need to decide what's next...another UFO, or a new project!

Sunnie

All-Star Quilters' Guild..... Where everyone can shine!

April's Featured Quilter: Kathy Rutherford

Kathy Rutherford is a quilter who is extremely generous with her time and talents. Here are some of her accomplishments. She joined All Stars in 2003 and since then she has been Quilt Mother for three years, President for two years, and Road Trip Coordinator for three years. She has also been very involved with QuiltFest, serving as Vice President of QuiltFest for one year, Volunteer Coordinator for three years, QuiltFest Representative for four years, and chaired "Meet the Winners" at QuiltFest for two years. She has also served on many committees for All Stars and QuiltFest.

Kathy has also taught classes on Seminole quilting, Hawaiian quilting, and (with Joan Shay's permission), a class on making a rose corsage. Her favorite program was when her group of All Stars did a Postcard Buffet. She expanded the idea to "Meet the Winners" at QuiltFest and provided a buffet for the winners with all the "food" made from fabric. Of course, it was a big hit.

With all this activity, she still finds time to make beautiful quilts that have won ribbons at QuiltFest. She also likes traveling to quilt shows and shops with her "peeps". This mini-group enjoys sewing, sharing, shopping, and "lunching".

There are many reasons that Kathy enjoys All Stars. She appreciates all the creativity in the Guild. She also values the interesting programs and classes for all skill levels and the sharing of ideas and techniques. The Guild's participation in a variety of charities through our love of quilting is also important to her. She believes

the Guild has great leadership, and that anyone who wants to get involved is welcome.

Kathy was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and has lived in Florida for 55 years! She began quilting in the early 70's, teaching herself to quilt by hand quilting a top made by her grandmother.

She has been married for 37 years, and has two sons who are University of Florida graduates.

Kathy is a gifted quilter and wonderful person. She is definitely a Shining Star among the All Stars. One last thing-- most people know that Kathy loves chickens, as they often appear in her quilts. How did she come to love chickens? She just says that chickens saved her grandparents' farm in Michigan-- her grandmother saved the farm with her egg money!

Vice President/Programs

Our March program with Group 1 and led by Vicki Zoller gave us a huge understanding of our diverse beginnings. With members from almost half the states in our country, we have a multitude of resources to places we have not visited. Take time to learn more about each other and our interests and strengths. We are so lucky to have all of you as members. My question is how are quilts different from state to state? What is yours?

Group 2 will present the program at our April 19th meeting. Julie Mainor has invented the most creative program I have ever heard about. We are in for a treat of beauty, nature and our favorite activity, quilting. If you have a friend who has not attended a meeting, this is the one to invite them to see. I have invited a longtime friend who hopes to attend this meeting and I plan to introduce "Ann", a quilter, to you.

May 17th is our "2010 CHALLENGE" program guided by Mary Anne Dennis. The challenge is to make something quilted that MOVES (i.e., In

Motion)! Are you ready with yours? Join in because it is never too late to laugh.

As always, please let me know your thoughts about our programs, past and future. Your input makes our Guild one of the best in Jacksonville.

Sally

April 19th Program

Come join group 2 on a walk through Marjorie Kinnon Rawling's Cross Creek. Using her beautiful prose and our Quilts we hope to show Florida Plants, Big and Small Influences.

Julie

Recording Secretary

All Star Quilters Guild General Meeting minutes, March 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sunnie Malesky, who reminded us to wear our name tags and thanked Sally Eunpu for presiding at the February meeting.

Report of the Treasurer position: Sherry Verell cannot continue as treasurer. Lani Gardner, who was duly elected as Treasurer but was unable to serve earlier, is now able to step in to the position for which she was elected. Elfriede Echt will assist with data entry.

All Star Spotlight: Vicki Zoller introduced Linda McClelland as the featured All Star for March. See March newsletter.

Communications: Betty Ann Agnew gave prizes to Patsy Beach and Karen Weisman who found mistakes in the newsletter.

Church quilt: First Christian, where we meet, has asked us to donate a fund-raiser quilt. Sunnie has agreed to make the quilt. If anyone would like to donate a block of any size, in red,

white and blue for an Americana quilt; have blocks to Sunnie by the end of May at the latest.

Education: Kathy Lowery and Cathy Jones reminded us that Monday is the Karen Combs class, Lani and Kathy L. will offer a salad lunch. April 26th is the double wedding ring class, and Cathy J. says it is an easy design that gives the illusion of being much more difficult. May is the flip flop quilt class taught by Magrieta Hanekom. (Ed note: the class sign-up table has been moved over to the refreshment side of the room to avoid a bottleneck in the back.)

Sit and Stitch: March 29th is the next one, and the Scissor Man will be here to sharpen anything that needs sharpening. There will also be charity fabric, backing and batting available.

Library: Marsha Bookstaver passed around the order form for last-minute book orders and will place the order after the April board meeting.

Membership: Carole Johns announced there were 68 members present including 4 visitors, 2 of whom joined. Raffle won by Sandy Onsager and Miriam Burkhart.

Sunshine: Mary Anne Dennis would like to know who needs a card (in writing please).

Programs: Julie Mainor will meet with Group II today to plan the April program. May is Quilt Challenge.

QuiltFest: 2011 - The theme for 2011 is "The Sky's the Limit". Next step is artwork for poster, show pins, etc. Submit sketches or graphic ideas. Booth - Melinda Rials has some stickers she needs help with at the Sit and Stitch on the 29th.

Quilt Mother: The top and borders are nearly complete, Lynn Graham will quilt it. Vicki Zoller offered to do the label, and Kathy Rutherford will put the binding on.

Quilt Challenge: 20+ have signed up to participate, not too late, make something that

moves. Let Mary Anne know at the next meeting if you have special display requirements.

SSQA: April 6 - 9, 2011 is a symposium with nationally recognized teachers. Watch for info.

Retreat: Gay Montgomery says 21 have signed up, need 30, and will open to other guilds. 4 to a cabin. See Gay or Linda Wilson if you have questions.

Quilt Discovery Days: See website link in newsletter. March 2011, will need lots of help! Watch for announcements.

Activities: Round Robin quilts - Sharon Moran introduced two centers, one for Christmas, participants will draw to win completed top, and a daniel charity quilt. See Sharon to sign up for a slot.

Road Trip – April 1st to Gainesville to Quilting Florida II Quilt Exhibition and visit to butterfly rain forest. Julie Mainor has a quilt in the Exhibit. Last road trip until June!

Group I presented the program where we learned lots of interesting things about each other. Lots of prizes were awarded.

Sew and Tell was done “in the round” as we had moved our chairs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Linda McClelland

Recording Secretary

Newsletter Editor

The key to motivation - "Make it Fun".

Education

Fantastic class and great teacher! I can understand why Karen Combs “Patchwork Illusions” is her most requested class! We all learned some great techniques for fabric selections and piecing and had fun in the process. I would recommend if you have the opportunity to take a class in the future, do so. It was amazing to see all of our practice blocks displayed together. Also, a BIG thank you to Kathy Lowery and Lani Gardner for preparing such a delicious lunch!

A few pictures from our class. What fun we had.





We have some very interesting classes coming up for April and May. Those of you who receive your newsletter on-line should have received a flyer outlining these classes, dates and cost. I would encourage you to sign up soon!

April 26th -

Double Wedding Ring

This is an easy, fast, no curved piecing method for beginner's as well as experienced quilter's! If you have always wanted that traditional quilt without all the fuss, this is the class for you. A sample will be available for you to check out at the April guild meeting. Class fee will be \$10.00 with a \$35.00 kit fee.

May 24th -

"Flip-Flop" Block Quilt

This curved template is versatile, easy-to-use and offers many different design choices. Students will have the option of choosing the basic Flip Flop pattern with no modifications or the Pinwheel variation. We will also show how you can use circles and curves to make your finished project uniquely your own! Both patterns require the same template. You may check the web-site at www.waterfallquilts.com to check out the look of these patterns. This is

scheduled as a 6 hour class. Class fee will be \$10.00 and a \$28.00 pattern & template fee.



EDUCATION QUILT TIP OF THE MONTH

Machine Paper Piecing – Set your sewing machine at 18 to 20 stitches to the inch. The smaller stitch length secures the seam when the paper is removed, makes the paper easier to remove, and permits smaller seam allowances. Make notations for color and fabric placements on the blank side of the paper. This is how the finished block will appear.

Happy Birthday

April

3	Janice Martin
4	Abigail Grace Daniels
5	Elizabeth Hess
12	Marsha Bookstaver
13	Patricia Egbert
15	Janet Walker
17	Lani Gardner
17	Gay Montgomery
19	Joan Killebrew
21	Constance Brooks
21	Gale Henshaw
23	Pat D'Elia
23	Mary Anne Dennis
26	Deborah Pearce

May

4	Mary Huddleston
6	Doty Mittee
6	Andrea Pellegrino
7	Dottie Lindsey
7	Shirley Simmons
19	Ann Crosby
21	Kathy Lowery
22	Diane Falconer
31	Jane Panuthos

Refreshments

APRIL REFRESHMENTS

Healthy	Doris Powell
Decadent Chocolate	Julie Mainor
Delicious & Fattening	Jan Harbeson
Sweet and Salty	Kathy Nay
Somewhat Healthy	Carole Johns
Drinks	Harriett Reid
Set Up/Clean Up	Ann Crosby Harriet Reid

Harriett Reid made and donated the charming St Patrick's Day Center piece.....Thank you Harriett.

Challenge 2010

Okay ladies – time is running out! You have one month to finish your “Quilting in Motion” project (that means me too).

Please let me know at the April meeting or email me if you need anything special to display your project.

I can't wait to see these creations that move!

Mary Anne

Retreat

May Retreat – Spring Cleaning

The Spring All Star Retreat is only a month away. In keeping with the Retreat theme of Spring Cleaning, we're going to clean up our UFOs. Start gathering your unfinished projects to work on at Retreat, and see how much you can accomplish with a few uninterrupted days of sewing.

If you have been undecided about attending Retreat, there is still time to sign up. You can reserve your spot and pay for your reservation at the Guild meeting on April 19th.

If you have paid your \$50 deposit to attend Retreat, but have not yet paid the \$158.00 balance, it's time to make that payment. The deadline for the final payment was originally set at April 15th, but we will extend that deadline until the April 19th Guild meeting. If you will not be at the Guild meeting, you can mail your payment to Linda Wilson at 1959 Blue Bird Run East, Orange Park 32073 by April 19th.

Gay Montgomery

Linda Wilson

Road Trip

Our last road trip to Gainesville was a great success. We will be taking a little break now, because I am going with a small group to Paducah, Kentucky at the end of April, and to retreat in May. We will start back up sometime in June, after I think of a good place to go. If anyone has a suggestion for a road trip let me know.

Thanks,

Pat

Butterfly Museum

The Butterfly Museum Exhibit and the Quilt Show were fantastic. I wish anyone interested in Florida and all its beauty, would take the trip to Gainesville as a present to themselves, what an experience for all of us who saw the exhibits.

Sally

SSQA News

All Stars are on www.ssqa.org

If you haven't seen the All Stars as the Featured Guild on the Sunshine State Quilters Association website, check it out soon before another guild takes the place! While you are there, look at the other info SSQA has to offer.

Symposium April 6–10, 2011 in Tampa

Start planning now! Teachers include Velda Newman, Sally Schneider, Mary Sorenson and Leigh McDonald. For more information visit the SSQA website: <http://www.ssqa.org>

Bits and Pieces

CLOSE-OUT FABRIC FOR SALE

Awning and boat cover fabric (100% acrylic). Over 300 different stripes and some solids approx. 45/46" wide and 4' to 8-10' long. Great for window shades (UV protected), outdoor furniture covers, tarps, placemats, etc. Two or three layers can be sewn on a regular sewing machine with an 18-20 needle (like sewing denim). Can be cleaned with Joy and bleach or put in the laundry with regular detergent (will soften fabric). Prices will be approximately \$1.00 per yard.

Call to set up a time to come by and pick out your fabric. Make it a mini road trip with a friend or two!

www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild

Mary Anne Dennis

387-4440 or 705-5194

Blocks needed for Church quilt

As an extra thank-you for using the Church so much, we are making a quilt for the church's August fund-raising event. The theme is "Americana" so we're looking for Red, White & Blue blocks of any pattern (stars would be nice if you can't decide!). Blocks can be any size you like!

If you would like to make a block, please give it to Sunnie by the May general meeting (May 17th).

Free fabric & batting for charity quilts

Special fabric will be set out at the general meeting for Wounded Warriors or Safe Harbor quilts. If you're planning to make a quilt for either of these organizations you may want to use this American West or Jungle Animals fabric....more suitable for the older guys than the juvenile prints. There is still yardage for backings & batting for any charity quilts.

Sewing Machine Needed

My mother-in-law is looking for a simple (non-computerized) sewing machine because her old Singer just died. If you know of one for sale, please contact me at ecobbh@comcast.net or 384-9499.

Thanks!

Jan Harbeson

Scissor Man

The "scissor man project" seemed to be a great success, despite the disorganization at first. If there are enough people interested he will come back in 6 months.

Jean

Quilt Discovery Day

We are excited about hosting a Quilt Discovery Day next year! The committee chose Saturday, April 19, 2011 - National Quilting Day, as the date.

Leading up to this public event, we'll be learning more about how to collect quilt information for the Quilt Index (<http://www.quiltindex.org>).

If you have family quilts or ones you've made or collected that you want recorded, we'll be documenting our own quilts first so we'll be ready for next April.

Round Robin

Our Round Robin quilts are in full swing. We have 2 quilts making their "rounds". One quilt is being pieced for Daniel and the other (Christmas) will be given away to one lucky guild member (that has worked on the Round Robin quilts). In order for these quilts to be a success – we need you to sign up to do one of the "rounds". Sharon Moran is heading this project. See her to take a look at what has been completed and sign up for some fun.

Sharon

I signed up for the second round on the Daniel quilt and was so excited when I got it home. Then I panicked – I said to myself – "self, what are we doing – we have never done a Round Robin – who is Round Robin, and why would anyone name their child Round Robin – we are in trouble". After searching the internet and reading about Round Robin quilting, I emailed Sharon to make sure I had the general idea of what to do. But where is my pattern? I need a

pattern with clear instructions and two teachers to keep me on track.

Once I calmed down and started playing with the fabric, I came up with what I thought would work with the center block. I really had lots of fun making up a pattern, playing with the fabric, adding a new piece of fabric and adjusting size a little bit.

Get out of your zone and have fun with this project. You will be glad you did!

Who is Round Robin? Shouldn't her parents have named her Robin Round?

Betty Ann

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Class Name _____

Date of Class _____

Member Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$_____.

Registration Options:

1. Register at the Monthly Guild Meeting.
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**All Star Quilters' Guild
Attn: Education Class
P.O. Box 23772
Jacksonville, FL 32241**

*Registration by mail will be accepted by postmarked date. You may contact Kathy Lowery at 363-3937 or Cathy Jones at 363-6683 to inquire about class availability.

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