

THE GAZETTE

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April's Featured Quilter: June Rittscher

June Rittscher is a Jacksonville native. She left Jacksonville in 1960 and moved to Alaska. Before returning to Florida permanently in 1979, she lived many places, including Anchorage, Alaska; Madison, Wisconsin; Norfolk, Virginia; Memphis, Tennessee; Pensacola, Florida and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After returning to Jacksonville, June enrolled at UNF and graduated in 1982 at age 41 with a degree in Accounting (she says she was a "late bloomer"). Her husband Bill retired from the Navy, and after June was hired by the Internal Revenue Service as an IRS Agent (more about that experience later), they moved to Miami. They transferred back to Jacksonville in 1984.

June has been quilting since 1985. She learned the basics in a class at a quilt shop (since closed – not Olde Green Cupboard) that was located on San Jose Blvd. Much has changed in quilting techniques since that time before rotary cutters – a time when everything was done by drawing templates and cutting each piece out by hand. Until about 2004, every quilt that June made was done totally by hand with no machine piecing or quilting. She switched from hand piecing to machine piecing just before retiring because she found that she wanted to make more quilts than she had time for with hand piecing. June still does all her

appliqué by hand and occasionally hand quilts. Since that first class, June has taught herself to quilt using lessons from her large collection of quilting books. June says that she is a book lover, and buying quilt books and magazines is natural for her.

After she joined All Stars in 2005, June attended that year's Retreat where she was asked by Kathy Rutherford, who was Guild President at the time, to be Education Chairman. June was unsure about taking the position because she had not taken any classes since that first class in 1985. However, Kathy convinced her that she could do the job, and June served as Education Chairman for two years. She then served as Treasurer for one year. Like so many Guild members, June values the friends she has made in the Guild, both quilters and book readers. She says they have fun together and they are there for her when she needs them. She enjoys the programs and the opportunity both to learn what other quilters are doing and to share her quilts with them. June has taught classes (remember the Bella Bella quilt class?) and has done demos on Demo Day. She also helped teach quilting to some of the older kids at the last All Stars Kids' Quilting Camp. June also belongs to Friendship Quilters' Guild.

With the exception of last year, June has entered quilts in QuiltFest. This year she will enter her newest quilt, Autumn Leaves, in the show. She also may enter the Mariner's

Compass quilt. Guild members may remember that quilt. It was a challenge done by June, Kathy Rutherford, Anna Varner, Mary Anne Dennis and Bonnie Helm. Although, everyone started with the same idea, each quilt turned out differently.

June also enjoys reading and is in a book club with five other All Stars. She especially enjoys reading espionage, thrillers and mysteries, and she says that sometimes it's a challenge to find books that everyone in the group likes.

June has been married to Bill ("a wonderful man") for more than 43 years. She believes that Bill spoils her because he has always supported her hobbies, and will go with her to any quilt shop or show that she wants to attend. They even attended a quilt show outside London in 2002 while visiting their son and his family. June, Bill, their daughter-in-law and three granddaughters under age five, rode the "tube", the train and then walked to get to the show – quite an adventure! June says that Bill jokingly tells people that she will go anywhere with him as long as there is a quilt shop along the way.

June's daughter Vondy lives in Jacksonville and has three sons, ages 19, 13 and 10. Her son Allen lives in Sparta, NJ., and has three daughters, ages 14 and 11 (twins).

June retired from the IRS in 2005 after a very interesting career. She was the leader of a multistate task force investigating organized crime's involvement in stealing revenue from fuel taxes. During that time she made several flights all over the State of Florida (at an altitude of 500 feet!) with a U.S. Customs Agent. The Agent's primary job was drug interdiction, and they once almost ended up chasing a suspicious plane over the Gulf of Mexico. They learned that the plane was a U.S. Navy aircraft, so they were able to head back to Tampa. June says that she was glad they didn't have to pursue the plane as she had no desire to fly near a plane carrying drugs.

During her career with the IRS June also worked with local, state and federal law enforcement officers, training them how to work cases involving illegal bookmaking. She also flew in a helicopter with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, toured major oil refineries in California and toured fuel tanker ships and barges to learn how they operated. June also worked with several members of Congress on rewrites of business tax laws in the areas where she was the IRS specialist (the fuel industry, sport fishing and archery).

She says that she recently told her grandson about some of her adventures with the IRS, and he was amazed because to him she is "just Gramma". I imagine that's true for most of our grandchildren!

Linda Wilson

Bits and Pieces

Quilts for Japan

You can be part of SSQA's relief effort! We are adding to the container of supplies being sent by Mission of Love (<http://www.missionoflove.org>) through the request of e-Quilter's Luana Rubin (<http://www.luanarubin.typepad.com>). Quilts of any size are needed. Send your contributions to Wandering Stitches, 5780 Hoffner Ave., Suite 404, Orlando, FL. 32822 before the end of April.

A day of charity quilting is scheduled for Sunday April 17th from 1:00 to 5:00 at Wandering Stitches. Donated tops will be finished to add to the collection, everyone who can come is welcome to help in a variety of ways. More info TBA!

Bring your donation quilts or tops to the Symposium or to Wandering Stitches. SSQA will pay for the needles, thread and shipping all the quilts to Mission of Love. Contact Art if you are coming on April 17th. (toomanyquilts@gmail.com)

Fabric Postcards

Materials:

- Timtex or Peltex 70
- Lightweight paperbacked fusible web, such as Wonder Under 808 (both these products are located in the interfacing department).
- Light colored fabric for back, fabrics of your choice for front.

Instructions:

- Cut fusible, Timtex, and backing fabric 4" x 6".
- Fuse Wonder Under to backing fabric, set aside.
- If you are using one piece of fabric for the front (such as a theme or novelty fabric) fuse it to Wonder Under, then fuse to Timtex.
- You could also applique shapes to the front. If you do, fuse them to Wonder Under first, then fuse them to the front of the postcard fabric that has been fused to the Timtex.
- Since the postcard will be going through the mail, you want to also sew the appliques to the postcard for strength.
- You may sew them with zigzag, decorative, or straight stitches with matching, contrasting, or monofilament thread.

Finishing:

- Fuse the backing fabric to the back of the Timtex.
- To finish the edges, you may stitch around the postcard edges with a straight, small zigzag, or blanket stitch in matching, contrasting, or monofilament thread. The edges do need to be stitched for strength.
- Hint: It is much easier to stitch around a gentle curve than a right angle, so you might want to trim the edges of your postcard to a gentle curve, using a small spool as a guide.
- Before you stitch the edges. There are many other techniques that can be used for finishing fabric postcards, such as "binding" the edges with fused fabrics. If you use this technique, do not curve the edges.
- You can also find many instructions for fabric postcards on the internet.

Paper Doll Quilt

*H*ere's the info on how to prepare fabric or embellishments for temporary hold. I'm sure Guild Members, with their wonderful imaginations, will come up with many more interesting ways to make use of this technique.

The Paper doll fabric I used is made by Windham Fabric #28116. Here is a link to Old Trinity Schoolhouse Quilt Shop. It's one of the few places I found that still has the Paper Doll fabric. www.trinityquilts.com/item.php?item_id=5865

Technique used to prepare Paper Doll Clothes – or other fabric and embellishments you want to hold temporarily on the quilt.

The first time I saw this technique was a few years ago when I purchased a tee shirt for our seven year old granddaughter. With the shirt came butterfly and flower appliques that could be temporarily positioned anywhere on the shirt. She could select different color butterflies and flowers for different days making it a fun gift for a little girl.

Materials needed:

- Fabric
- Heavy weight fusible interfacing
- "Aleene's Tacky Glue"
- "Aleene's Tack-It Over & Over"
- 1 small craft paintbrush
- Applique pressing sheet

Construction:

- Using an applique pressing sheet, cover the interfacing and fuse to the wrong side of your fabric. Place the interfaced fabric, right side down, onto wax paper. With a small craft paintbrush spread a thin layer of "Tacky Glue" onto the back of the fabric, covering completely. Let dry 24 hours. After the glue is completely dry, apply a layer of "Tack It Over & Over" onto the back of the fabric. If after use, the items don't stick as well as you would like, apply another coat of "Tack It Over & Over", let dry and the items will be like new.

- The “Tack-It Over & Over” is VERY sticky and will not come off your hands with soap and water. Use vegetable oil or baby oil to take off the glue. Do not store your items on any kind of paper. They will stick and not come off cleanly. Store them on plastic page protectors or use a photo album.
- “Tacky Glue” and “Tack-It Over & Over” is made by Duncan Enterprises.
www.duncfafts.com
- Joann’s carries “Tacky Glue” however they don’t carry “Tack-It Over & Over”. I purchased my supplies at a quilt shop in Ocala and I’ve seen the products in other quilt shops.

Challenge 2011

2011 All Star Challenge

*H*ave you finished your All Star Challenge quilt? Have you started it? You still have time! Choose your monogram colors and challenge yourself to make a quilt whose color combination may be out of your comfort zone. Remember the maximum size of the quilt is 24" x 24". Not coincidentally, this is the size limit for Silent Auction quilts for QuiltFest. So if you do not want to keep your quilt, you can donate it to a good cause. Last year the Silent Auction brought in \$5,000 for the Shriner Transportation Fund. By the way, you may use as many fabrics and embellishments as you wish, as long as they are in your monogram colors. If you have any questions or need instructions for the Challenge, call or email Vicki.

Vicki Zoller

Coming Events

April

- 11 Sit & Stitch – Fabric Postcards
- 18 Guild General Meeting
- Program – “Quilts of Valor” by Sharon Moran
- 25 Sharon Moran - Initial class for mystery “Quilt of Valor”

May

- 9 Sit & Stitch – session 2 of “Mystery Quilt”

- (Quilts of Valor)
- 16 Guild General Meeting
- Program – “Challenge 2011” by Vicki Zoller
- Food drive
- 19 Road Trip to Suwannee Quilt shop
- 23 Mary Jane Amato – Chain Letters
- 30 Sit & Stitch – session 3 of “Mystery Quilt” (Quilts of Valor)

June

- 6 Board Meeting
- 13 Guild General Meeting
- Program – Group 1**
- 27 Nancy Wines – Batik Stars

July

- 25 Julie Mainor – Thread Scribbling

September

- 10 Quilt turn in day for QuiltFest
- 23- 25 QuiltFest

November

- 5 Guild Annual “Yard Sale”
- 6 - 10 Ladies Retreat

NOTE – THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO JUNE 13TH. THE CHURCH IS BEING USED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ON OUR REGULAR MEETING DATE.

Community Service

Public Library

*A*s we all know the schools and libraries are being squeezed. I recently worked early voting at the Mandarin (Kori Street) Library and discovered they had some special needs for their children’s program. If you have any gift wrap cardboard centers, un-hinged plastic eggs, pudding/applesauce cups, they would all be appreciated. You can bring them to the April 18th General Meeting and I will be delighted to see that they are delivered to the Library. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

Sharon Moran

Placemats

Thanks to all who donated placemats so far in 2011. I delivered 13 to Mandarin Meals on wheels last week. Pat Kowall writes "The Meals on Wheels homebound enjoyed receiving the lovely placements which you made for them. Your thoughtfulness for remembering our dear recipients in such a special way is deeply appreciated, and on their behalf I thank each and every one of you for your kindness".

daniel

I have also received 5 quilts and pillow cases for daniel. I will bring them to our April 18th General Meeting for Jim Clark. He will attend our meeting to tell us about the kids of daniel and the service they provide.

We are very fortunate to have representatives from daniel and Quilts of Valor speaking at our April 18th General Meeting. This should be a very interesting meeting.

Food Drive

May 16th General Meeting will be our next food and paper drive. Start early collecting those products you wish to donate.

Cook & Share

Quirky Bits Peanut Butter Cookies

(great for sit & stitch time)

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup butter flavored shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup peanut butter chips
- 2/3 cup almond brickle (Heath bar) chips

1. Heat oven to 350^o F. Place sheets of foil on countertop for cooling cookies.

2. Combine sugars, peanut butter and shortening in a large bowl. Beat at medium high speed of electric mixer until well blended. Beat in eggs.
3. Combine flour and baking soda. Add gradually to creamed mixture at low speed. Stir in chips with spoon. Shape into 1-1/2 inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Dip fork in flour, flatten dough slightly in crisscross pattern.
4. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until bottoms are light brown and set. *Do not over bake.* Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet. Remove cookies to foil to cool completely.

Makes about 3 dozen (give or take the ones you eat right out of the oven).

Note: Now that the baking is complete – get a glass of your favorite drink (milk is always good), go to your sewing room and sew like the wind or come to the church (with your cookies) for sit & stitch.

Margaret, Shirley and Betty Ann got a firsthand taste at Sit and Stitch last Monday and their assessment = WONDERFUL!

Patricia Egbert

Education

Note: All classes begin at 10:00 (unless a special situation arises in which a different time will be announced). Please come at 9:30 to set up your work space and be ready to go at 10:00.

April 25th - Quilts of Valor

April 25th is our date for the Mystery Quilt first class. We have approximately 15 people signed up for this class (hoping for 20). Everyone should have their pieces cut and labeled. If possible, have a diagonal line drawn on the reverse side 64 of Clue E. If you don't get it all done, we will have time in class. Drawing the line will speed up the process a little. Lunch will be provided for approximately \$5. If anyone can assist with set up and tear down, please get in touch with Sharon Moran. This will make my life "soooooo" much easier. Thank you. Final 2 classes will be on May 9th and May 30th as needed.

Sharon Moran

Thank you to Sunnie Malesky who taught our March Quirky Bits class, to our hostesses Carole Johns and Harriet Mosley and finally to Trish Egbert for providing lunch!

April 25th—Quilts of Valor

Sharon Moran will present her mystery quilt pattern for the Quilts of Valor Foundation whose mission is to cover ALL those service-members and veterans touched by war with Quilts of Valor (QOVs). Join her for this worthwhile, supportive project for the men and women who have served for us. Class is free but there is a nominal pattern fee of \$2.

May 23rd Chain Letters

Mary Jane Amato will teach us to make - not write - chain letters. Photo and supply list at education table.

June 27th Batik Stars

Nancy Wines who visited us in July 2010 returns to teach this beautiful batik stars pattern. If you're an intermediate quilter and love batik and stars this is the class for you.



July 25th Thread Scribbling

Julie Mainor will have a Thread Scribbling workshop! It's a fun and informal way to learn

free motion quilting. Julie is a relaxed and encouraging teacher and this class will be great for all levels of quilters. Stop by the Education table to sign up and get a supply list.

October 24th Reversible Quilt

Magrieta Haneham will help us all use up our scraps by teaching us how to make a reversible quilt.

Happy Birthday
to you!

May

- 6 Elaine Brett
- 6 Andrea Pellegrino
- 7 Dorothy Lindsey
- 17 Shirley Simmons
- 19 Ann Crosby
- 21 Kathy Lowery
- 22 Diane Falconer
- 22 Judy Stokes
- 31 Nancy Stitt

June

- 2 Arlene Larson
- 3 Karen Weisman
- 3 June Rittscher
- 5 Cathy Jones
- 5 Sharyn Pottfay
- 8 Patsy Beach
- 9 Carol Gilliland
- 11 Lorraine Carter
- 12 Sue Ann Rust
- 13 Starr Carson
- 17 Pat Pataki
- 26 Sunnie Malesky

Ladies Retreat

This year's Retreat is November 6th – 10th (from Sunday dinner through Thursday breakfast) at the Christian Conference Center in Ocala. We need at least 30 attendees, but we would welcome more. So far, 22 people have put their names on the preliminary sign-up sheet, so we are more than halfway to our goal of 30 attendees. Some of you have already given us your \$50 deposit – thank you

very much! If you would like to add your name to the preliminary sign-up list, call Gay Montgomery at 771-1154 or Linda Wilson at 272-3353.

If you have never attended a Retreat, you have missed a lot of fun, companionship, sewing, relaxing and shopping! There are some wonderful quilt shops in Ocala. If you can't come for the whole time, come for a day or two. Friends and relatives are also welcome.

We will begin taking registrations and deposits at the May Guild meeting. The total cost for Retreat is \$210, and a \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. The deposit is non-refundable unless Retreat is canceled by the Guild. We will take reservations, deposits and balance due payments every month, so if you want to pay a little each month you can do so. The final payment is due by the October 17th Guild Meeting.

We hope you will plan to join us in November.

Gay Montgomery
Linda Wilson

Member News

Setting the Pace - -

I'm taking part in the 2nd Annual Setting the Pace for Peace Domestic Violence Awareness Walk to raise money for HUBBARD HOUSE, INC. - please make a donation by visiting my First Giving page:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/carole-johns/2nd-annual-setting-the-pace-for-peace-domestic-vio?fge=ask>

You can donate online with a credit card. All donations are secure and sent directly to HUBBARD HOUSE, INC. by First Giving, who will email you a printable record of your donation. Donations can be made until June 1st.

Please send my page on to anyone who might like to donate!

Carole Johns

Guess who is going cruising?

*A*nn and Dick Crosby are going on a cruise on April 24th out of Fort Lauderdale, sailing on the ms Maasdam. They will be stopping in Newport, Rhode Island; Gloucester, Massachusetts; Bar Harbor, Maine; Halifax Nova Scotia, Canada; Charlottetown Prince Edward Island, Canada; Gaspé Quebec, Canada; Baie Comeau, Canada; and Quebec City, Canada, ending in Montreal. They will return home on May 7th for a long rest after all that cruising, eating and fun. When you see Ann at the general meeting on April 18th wish her a great voyage.

Ethiopia and Quilts

I will be returning to Ethiopia with the Quilts Beyond Borders, to deliver quilts to several orphanages and to teach some basic sewing skills. This time Sharyn Potfay will be joining me for this wonderful and worthwhile trip.

Don't panic - we do not need quilts this time.

What we do need are some basic sewing supplies and scraps (sorry - Mary Anne I am going to usurp some of your scrap donations - just this month). Examples of basic supplies would be scissors, pins, needles, rulers, bits and pieces of ribbon, lace, buttons, elastic, zippers (used ones are fine) and any odds and ends that are cluttering up your sewing room. We will be making yo-yos and fabric jewelry with the older children while two other volunteers will be teaching patchwork at an established sewing school.

We can use your old reading glasses, the ones you never threw away when you graduated to a stronger level. Since we leave the 19th of

May, there will be two meetings to collect "stuff". Large spindle thread is too bulky to carry, we are cramming the sewing supplies in between the quilts.

Jean Newton & Sharyn Potfay

Membership

Directory Corrections

- Shirley Simmons birthday is on the 7th – not the 17th.
- Elfriede's name is spelled with an "e" not an "a" – Elfriede.

If you find an error, please let Carole Johns know so it can be corrected.

March - 2011 MEMBERSHIP

We had 64 members and 2 visitors (Gail Ryan & Linda Crozer) present at the March meeting. We have 2 new All Star Members, Elly Gomez and Ellen Cannon. Welcome Elly and Ellen.

Dot Butler and Marita Eng won the door prizes. Dot had never won an All Star drawing. Congratulations Dot and Marita.

Carole Johns

Newsletter Editor

Since the General Meeting for June has been changed to a week earlier, I need to change the due date for the June newsletter articles. In order to have the newsletter in the mail and in your hands before Friday June 10th, I need your articles by 4:00pm on the day of the board meeting (June 6th). Please remember that after you send your article to me, there is a still lot of work to be done before the newsletter is ready for print and mailing. Get your article in early.

In February and March's general meeting I gave ruler holders as a prize for those that found mistakes in the Gazette. They were so popular, I asked my friend to make some more. If you would like one (or two) of your very own please come see me. I have them with me.

The price is \$8.00 with all the proceeds going to the Guild.

Betty Ann Agnew

President –

- - Dashes from Dot - -

*W*hat an inspiring and beautiful trunk show in March by Mary Rhopa la Cierra. It is amazing to me the talent that abounds in our own area. How about all the UFO's being completed? Mary Anne, you sure are getting results on this project. Ladies, keep up the good work in completing your projects. This month we will learn about the "Quilts of Valor" from Sharon Moran. Since so many of us have special ties to the military, I'm sure this will be a very inspirational program.

I am so excited about the May Challenge. Vicki - what a challenge! "Who woulda thunk" a quilt could be made using Dove, Jet, Strawberry and Burgundy fabrics? Hope everyone is having as much fun as I am.

Important! The June general meeting will be on June 13th. Just a heads up for now. We will be sending lots of reminders via announcements and e-blasts.

Happy Quilting

Dot Butler

Quilt Discovery Day

Quilt documentation to be finished

April 18th

*T*hank you to everyone who helped out on Quilt Discovery Day. We saw so many beautiful quilts! There was a real piece of folk art from the 1930s, lots of amazing antiques, and one made by a freed slave.

It's time to finish up documenting our own quilts. **LAST PHOTO DAY is APRIL 11th.**

Pictures will be taken during the Sit & Stitch fabric postcard making. **Forms must be handed in by April 18th** (the general meeting). If you need help completing your form, please contact Sunnie (sunsky@comcast.net or 262-0268). The Florida Quilt Project will continue to document quilts around the state. If you did not have yours done this time, there will be future opportunities.

Help get our quilts online

To add the Florida Quilt Project to the Quilt Index, volunteers are needed for data entry. This can be done from your own computer at home. Two types of training are available: one with a group meeting together (probably a session will be held in Jacksonville), and the other is a telephone call-in type. The training lasts about an hour. Please contact Art Callinan at toomanyquilts@gmail.com. To be contacted with the information, tell her you are an All Star, and the type of training you prefer.

Quilt Mother 2011

Comet Shower

Our raffle quilt for the 2011 QuiltFest has been named – “Comet Shower” and it is almost finished. A little more quilting, squaring, labeling and binding are all that is left.

Thank you to everyone that worked on this year’s quilt. It is fabulous!

June Daniels

Quilt Mother 2012

It is time to start thinking about our raffle quilt for 2012. A pattern has been chosen and it is time for your help. We need donations of batik fabric. They can be any color batik and only need to be 3” squares or larger. Don’t worry about cutting the

pieces, which will be taken care of later. The larger piece you donate, the more pieces we will have when the cutting is done. Please give your donations to Sharon Moran or Betty Ann Agnew.

Sharon Moran & Betty Ann Agnew

(your 2012 Quilt Mothers)

QuiltFest

PAPER PIECER'S NEEDED

We need volunteers to help paper piece the center medallions for the QuiltFest award ribbons. Kits are being assembled with pre-cut fabric, pattern and directions for those of you who are interested. You may pick these up at the April General Meeting and we would like for them to be completed and returned by the May General Meeting. If you have the skills we need, please pick up your kit or notify Cathy Jones at 363-6683. The total number of medallions required is 111 and each package makes 10.

HELP

QuiltFest needs our help!

QuiltFest is collecting used printer cartridges. They receive points for every cartridge turned in and the points are used to offset printing costs. There is a lot of printing involved in getting ready for QuiltFest.

Let’s do our part for QuiltFest and the environment by recycling our used cartridges. Used cartridges can be turned in to Gay Montgomery, June Daniels or Mary Anne Dennis.

QuiltFest Raffle Table

Giveaways

Strawberry Pincushion Tutorial from www.embroideroo.com



Sew a 3" ribbon to sides. It will look like a cone with a handle.

Next, turn the fabric right side out, it will look like a cone.



With doubled strong thread, sew a gathering stitch about a quarter of an inch from the top. Stuff the strawberry firmly. Pull in gathering thread and tie in a knot, but don't cut yet. The strawberry leaves will cover the top of the strawberry, hiding the gathering and the small area of stuffing in the center.



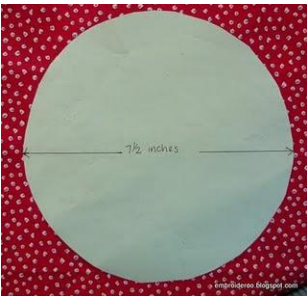
Cut out the strawberry top pattern from green felt. Thread them onto the top of the strawberry, leave a tiny loop and tie off with a strong knot. Hot glue the leaves onto the strawberry top, put a small dot of glue under each leaf to hold it down.



This picture shows a stem, we'll be attaching a ribbon to the loop instead.

You will need:

- 8 inch square of red fabric
- scrap of green felt
- strong thread, sewing needle, scissors
- stuffing
- hot glue gun



Let's get started!

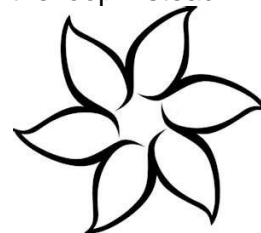
Draw a 7 1/2 inch circle on a piece of paper. Mark the diameter. Cut out the paper circle. Pin to your fabric, and cut out the circle of fabric.



Cut fabric circle in half. This will make two pincushions. (one for you, one for a friend).



Take one of these pieces and fold in half. Right sides together. Pin. Draw a line in pencil along the straight edge, curving it just before the fold (see photo) - because you don't want to have a 'pointy' strawberry :) Stitch along the line.



Quote of the Month

" Fabricologist Resource Center"

(Now doesn't that sound more impressive than Fabric Stash!)

Thank you Jean for this month's quote.

Recording Secretary

All-Star Quilters' Guild General

Meeting March 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Dot Butler, President. Thanks to Sharon Moran and Betty Ann Agnew for hosting the last class, and thanks to all for a very successful Quilt Discovery Day. Thanks also to Nan Moore, professional appraiser, for her help on QDD.

Andrea Pellegrino gave the **Treasurer's report** with an ending balance of \$ 7786.74.

Communications – Betty Ann Agnew gave lovely prizes to 2 women who found errors in the newsletter.

Committee reports:

Community service - Sharon Moran reports that Peggy Manley with Quilts of Valor will be our speaker next month. It's not too late to sign up for the Q of V mystery quilt.

Education – Quirky Bits class with Sunnie Malesky 3/28; Quilts of Valor on 4/25 (also 5/9 and 5/30); 5/23 Chain Letters with Mary Jane Amato; 6/27 Batik Stars; 7/25 Thread Scribbling with Julie Mainor.

Sit & Stitch - 4/11 is fabric postcards.

Hospitality – a sign-up sheet was passed around.

Membership – Carole Johns announced there were 64 members, 2 visitors, and 1 new member, Elly Gomez. Winners of the drawing were Dot Butler and Marita Eng.

Programs – today is a trunk show by Mary Rhopa La Sierra; April focuses on our charities, May is the Monogram Challenge, Group 1 is in June.

Ways and Means – The yard tag sale is in November.

Quilt Mother June Daniels presented the 2011 quilt and asked for suggestions for names: ideas were Night Skies, Sparkly Stars, Comet Shower, and Path of Stars. June will choose from among those suggested by the membership.

Special Committees:

SSQA – symposium in Tampa has some great classes. See Sunnie if you want to go.

Quilt Discovery Day – We documented over 50 quilts, and collected \$127 from a jar set out for contributions. 4/11 will be the last day for photos of quilts. A final report will be made.

2011 Members' Challenge - Vicki Zoller clarified that you may use multiple fabrics in each of your colors as determined by your initials.

UFO Challenge – About 17 UFO's were finished and shown this month. Mary Anne Dennis has made a gift for each UFO completed.

Activities:

Road Trip – Pat D'Elia will not be having a road trip in April, as some are going to Paducah. In May we may be going to Trenton to the quilt shop there.

Announcements: Fearless Design group meets on the second Monday here at the church from 10 – 1 o'clock. Mandarin Library wants a 15-20 minute talk next Wednesday for 6-9 year olds. No takers. Cunningham Creek Elementary needs quilters to help with a program for 5th graders April 11-15th. Harriet Moseley and Karen Weisman volunteered. Need a hostess for the class on 4/25, and someone to provide lunch.

The program followed with Mary Rhopa La Cierra and her beautiful collection of art quilts. She had great ideas for using couching in our quilts and for finishing the edges with couching.

Sew and Tell followed the program presentation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Linda McClelland

Refreshments

APRIL REFRESHMENTS

Healthy	Brooxie Meeks
Decadent Chocolate	Sue Abbey
Delicious & Fattening	Vicki Zoller
Sweet or Salty	Gay Montgomery
Somewhat Healthy	Karol Blomgren
Drinks	Linda McClelland
Set up/clean up	Bev Roux & Ann Cosby

Any Questions call me.....Jean...268-6542

I will make a reminder call the weekend before the meeting.

Jean Newton

Road Trip

The road trip in May will be to the ever favorite Suwannee Valley Quilt Shop in Trenton, Florida. I've chosen May 19th for the date. We will eat lunch right there in their café. They may do some demos and are giving us a 10% discount on fabric (non-sale fabric). Mark your calendars, sign up at the April meeting. I hope you can come with us. We will get on the road at 8:30am from the Target parking lot on San Jose. If you need more information, please call me at - 262-8359.

Pat D'Elia

Sew & Tell

For new members – Sew & Tell is the time when we “Show” off the projects we have completed or projects in progress. This is the best part of the meeting. We get to see all the beautiful quilts, pillowcases, placemats, table runners, purses, bags, etc. the members have made. Most of all we get inspiration to finish our projects as well as ideas for future projects. Join in by bringing your projects to share.

This is some of what was shared last meeting.

Peg Bennett	Not noted what the project was
Carol Gilliland	Kaleidoscope
Betty Ann Agnew	Millennium Star Class
Vicki Zoller	Paducah pinwheel
June Daniels	Shopping Paducah
Pat Pataki	2 quilts – kafe flowers & my design in batik
Linda McClelland	Millennium Star Class
Pat Booker	Scrap quilt
Deborah Pearce	Memory quilt – windblown star
Pat D'Elia	Wall quilt (Paducah)
Sandy Onsager	Doll quilt Challenge Guild from NH
Beverly Roux	Tablecloth – Hawaiian quilt painting art
Mary Jo Kuhn	Sachiko
Sue Abbey	Millennium Star Class

Sit & Stitch

These are the days devoted to group sewing, individual projects and good company. We have many projects coming up for the summer. Those of you who leave the Sunshine State for the North, think about carrying strawberries fix-in's (directions included in this newsletter) for the QuiltFest giveaways. We will need lots! Because of Vacation Bible School at the church, we will be unable to have a Sit and Stitch in June (general meeting moving to June 13th).

On May 9th and May 30th, Sharon Moran will continue the classes for the Quilts of Valor Mystery Quilt. If you don't take the initial class on April 25th, come and bring your project and see what is going on.

The QuiltFest theme committee will be meeting in April, so we will know what all we have to do in July and August to get the ribbons and table decorations ready.

Dot Butler

Sunshine

A card was sent to Rori Bebko (former member and officer). She had breast cancer and came home from the hospital and contracted shingles and double pneumonia. If you would like to send her a get well card her address is:
209 Buckpoint Ct.
Aiken, S.C. 29803-8565

If you know anyone that needs a little sunshine, please contact me and sunshine will be on its way to them.

Linda Walmsley

UFO 2011

Did you know - there are only 27 ladies in our guild who have UFO's? (Ha! Ha!) Did you know - there were 242 UFO's out there (if Mary Anne only knew the real number of UFO's in our Guild she would faint)? And only 27 are done. Okay ladies, that means there are still 213 left to finish by November! Chop! Chop! Let's go ladies, a few less trips to the quilt shops and a little more sewing needs to be done.

Harriett Moseley	A YoYo HoHo Santa (2009) and her daughter's 5 yard quilt (2009)
Janice Martin	3 placemats (Fall 2010) and a fold and sew quilt (circa 2005)
Marsha Bookstaver	A Raspberry Redwork wall hanging (2010)
Pat D'Elia	Brown and gold king size quilt (2009)
Sandy Onsager	A real paper doll quilt (2010) and placemats and napkins (2005)
Ann Crosby	Dove block quilt (circa 1990)
Starr Carson	Turning 30 - cabin quilt (2007)
Mary Jo Kuhn	Mom's bird quilt (circa 1995) and a tessellated star quilt (2006)
Ginny Perkins	Sweatshirt jacket (Spring class 2010)

Pat Booker	Another scrap quilt (Fall 2009) her favorite kind of quilt
Andrea Pellegrino	a green baby quilt (2010)
Mary Anne Dennis	"Busy Women's" quilt (Retreat (2010)...finally-my 1st one

Vice President /Programs

In March, Mary Rhopa la Cierra, a quilt artist from St. Augustine, showed us her fascinating quilts and supplied us with lots of food for thought concerning unconventional materials and techniques.

In April, we will have a presentation from the Quilts of Valor program, with a follow up class the next week featuring a mystery quilt pattern from QOV. I am looking forward to finding out about this worthy project, and hope you are, too.

We will get to see the Monogram Challenge Quilts at the May meeting. I anticipate a lot of participation and some fabulous creativity on display.

Group 1's program at the June 13th meeting promises to be fun, based on planning so far. Be prepared for an impromptu Group 1 get-together after the April meeting if necessary.

Group 2 will definitely meet with me after the April meeting to begin thinking about their July program. Please check your membership directory to find out which group you are in.

Trish Egbert

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These are YOUR officers and Committee heads – why not ask one of them how you can help. Or maybe you would like to train for a position, talk to Dot and work something out for next year.

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