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Quilters Calendar 2009

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6	Board Meeting	4	"Quiche and Little Quilts"
13	Sit & Stitch	18	General Meeting – Program – 2009 Challenge
20	General Meeting - Program – Group 1 The Quilts of Gee's Bend	25	Sit & Stitch
27	Class - Sandie Jensen - Fabric Art Journal Techniques (\$10.00 for Guild members).		

2009 Officers

President	<i>Sunny Malesky</i>
Vice President	<i>Melinda Rials</i>
Recording Secretary	<i>June Daniels</i>
Corresponding Secretary	<i>Mary Anne Dennis</i>

All Star Quilt Guild 2009 Challenge

There is still time for you get in on this wild and crazy challenge. Ladies, your challenge is to decorate a bra in a way that showcases your piecing, appliqué, and/or quilting skills.

Rules

- There is a \$1.00 fee to cover the cost of a padded hanger (for consistency in presentation).
- Your decorated bra must be securely attached to the hanger.
- Your creation must have a title, written legibly on a fabric or index card label attached to the front of the hanger at its

center (just below the hook). Your name should go on the back of the label.

- The project is due at the general meeting on May 18, 2009. The guild will vote for Viewers' Choice favorites. The votes will be cast in the form of dollar bills put into a cup for each corresponding bra; viewers will **not** be limited to a single vote. The creators of the three bras getting the most votes will win a prize. The money (votes) collected will be donated to charity.

Vote Early! Vote Often!

Remember, you can get inspiration for this challenge at:

www.quiltersofsc.org/artfullbras/artfullbras.htm

Education

Couching Cuties

Mary Rhopa La Cierra brought lots of inspiration to the recent couching class. We enjoyed seeing her stunning couched quilts and found yet two more places to shop for goodies for our creations. Expect to see quilters in the yarn departments of Michael's and Hobby Lobby

and also in the thrift stores, seeking unique and vintage fabrics. A big thank you to Mary for generously sharing her immense stash of colorful yarns with us. Can't wait to see some couched cuties at the April meeting.

Upcoming Classes

Fabric Art Journal Techniques

Sandie Jensen of Jacksonville will be teaching an art journal class April 27th at 10:00. This is a three hour class and the cost is \$10.00. She will explore the different possibilities in art journals. You will learn how to make a page and the book cover that will surround your finished pages. If you are making the fabric journals pages, this is the class for you. Sandie will show you so many creative examples of journal pages that you can't help but be inspired. For this class she suggests that you focus on one page to work on and bring materials that you think you will use on that page. You can choose from any of the themes for pages that have been announced so far.

Even if you haven't yet made a journal, you will be inspired by Sandie's examples. This is the perfect time to jump in and start your fabric journal.

Supply List:

- sewing machine
- basic sewing supplies
- iron
- rulers
- scissors
- thread
- anything that you think you will need for your page, such as yarns, ribbons, appliqués, brads, doodads, tulle, decorative threads

Bring more stuff than you think you will need.

Photo Transfer Class

Sherman Stewart, husband of our own Margaret Stewart will be teaching this class June 22, at 10:00. You will learn how to transfer your photos to fabric and also how to make labels for your quilts. A lot of people have been asking for

a photo transfer class, so here is your chance to learn all about it. Mr. Stewart will be using Windows XP Printshop to design the labels. We were all impressed by Karen Weisman's labels on Demo Day last November, so learn how to make cool labels yourself. We are adding some technology to our bag of tricks to create great-looking photos and labels for our quilts.

Supply List:

- photographs on a CD or SD card
- Printed Treasures transfer paper for photographs (There are many papers on the market, but Mr. Stewart recommends this product. It is available at quilt stores, as well as Jo Ann's.)

Quiche and Little Quilts

Mark your calendars! Bring your money! Bring your little quilts! At the April Guild meeting we will be selling tickets for the Quiche and Little Quilts event. It will take place at noon, Monday, May 4, 2009 right here in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 for a lunch of quiche, fruit salad, muffin, and sweets and a display of little quilts by the members of All Stars. A limited number of tickets will be on sale so be sure to get yours.

We would love to see some of your small treasures at this event. Bring any quilts that you would like to display to the April meeting. Each quilt should be no larger than 36" X 36" and should have your name and the name of the quilt on the back of the quilt. If your quilt has a hanging sleeve, that is great. If not, you do not need to attach one. If you bring your quilts in a cloth bag or pillowcase, be sure to put your name on the bag or pillowcase. Each exhibitor will fill out a small form when they bring their quilts. There will be a space for information about your quilt. You might want to tell us what the pattern is, for whom the quilt was made, or any other piece of interesting information. We collected some really great quilts at the March meeting, but we need more quilts. Even if you have shown your quilt at a previous Show and Tell, bring it. We welcome the opportunity to see these small works up close at the event.

Did I mention that there will be door prizes? There will be two drawings – one for exhibitors and one for those who buy tickers for the event. Food, friends, and quilts – what a fun day it is going to be!

Fabric Art Journals

There were some really great pages on display at the March meeting. Please bring any finished pages you have so that we can all be inspired by your creativity.

For your April page, put the skills you learned in the couching class to use in a page with this fun technique. I bet there will be some examples of the spirals that Mary Rhopa taught us. They were much easier to do than you would think!

The May page is brought to you by the letter..T! Interpret that however you want. It could be T, tee, or tea. I'm sure there will be many different and creative versions of the letter. Hint for June: It is a famous cellist or a child's toy. If you saw one quilt in particular made by Mary Rhopa, you can easily guess this technique.

Here is a recap of all the months thus far:

January: Stitches

February: one color

March: stamps/ painting

April: couching

May: T/tee/tea

Amish Quilts on the Move

After the program at the March meeting, I was asked about the various museum exhibits of Amish quilts. Here is a recap of the ones that I found. For more info, you can go to the web sites of the museums listed. Denver Art Museum: Amish and Mennonite Quilts From the Big Valley and Beyond, and the Witney Museum of Art (NYC): Constructed Color: Amish Quilts. How wonderful if your travels take you to either of these exhibits of Amish quilts. My own Amish inspired quilts will be taking a short journey. July 7th I will be doing a program for the St Augustine Piecemakers. For those of you who missed the program and asked me

about seeing it, I would be happy to give you details about the St. Augustine Guild meeting.

Vicki

Presidents Patch

What is the smallest quilt you have ever made?

You might have made a doll quilt or a real miniature (1" = 1 foot). Maybe you've made an art quilt the size of the Journal Pages project. You might even consider a fabric postcard to be the smallest!

Small quilts are good for trying out some new techniques, like maybe bleaching (from our February class) or couching (from the March class). You know that you have to actually do a new technique to have learned it!

Sometimes the results are fantastic...but then you think, now what will I do with this?

Well, it's QuiltFest to the rescue!

The Silent Auction needs small quilts, no more than 24" each side. Visitors to the show love to see all these little fabric gems and place a bid, hoping they will have the winning (highest) bid when the show ends.

Why not donate something you have made? It does not have to be an art quilt...it might be something traditional style or a little appliqué. This is a real win-win-win-win situation...you learn something new, QF has a great display, a collector gets some fabric art, and the Shriners' Transportation Fund receives a very good check to help transport children and families to the special hospital for burn victims (in Tampa).

If you make a quilt for the auction, it can be given to any of our QF reps, or dropped off at the show during set-up.

How about deciding on something new to try...maybe a bias binding on a curvy edge...and making it work over time for you and many others?

Sunnie

Bits and Pieces

Sunshine

Mary Anne Dennis is keeping in touch with our membership and sending cards when needed. If anyone has any "Thinking of You" cards to spare please give them to Mary Anne.

If you know someone that needs a little "sunshine" in their day, please give Mary Anne all the information. A pick-me-up card will go out lickety-split.

Block of the Month

Do you like to collect patterns for star blocks? Well, we have them for you! Each month there will be two patterns to choose from (or get both!) for \$2 per pattern. A limited number will be printed, so be sure to get yours before they run out. This is a fund raiser for the guild. See Gay Montgomery at the general meeting.

Publicity

The recent issue of the Mandarin Newsline featured a story on Jean and the Ethiopian Quilt Project. If you do not receive the paper, you can access it at www.mandarinnewsline.com. Story is on page 1 and continued on page 8. With Group 1 doing a program on The Quilts of Gee's Bend, here are some interesting websites to visit--
www.quiltsofgeesbend.com and
www.cummer.org

Dot Butler

Dot has done a fine job of keeping our guild active in the newspaper. The Mandarin Newsline carried a front page article about our guild. We are also listed on the calendar of events.

Thank you Dot for all you do for our guild. We appreciate you.

Program

Group 1 will present a timely program about the Quilts of Gee's Bend. This noteworthy exhibition will be on display at the Cummer Gallery beginning in May. Learn more about the quilts and their creators. Then make plans to see the exhibit while it's here in Jacksonville.

Group 2 needs to meet after we adjourn to make plans for the June program.

Those quilters in group 2 are:

Marjorie Barkey	Harriet Moseley
Patsy Beach	Rosemarie Murphy
Patricia Booker	Sandy Onsager
Carol Burd	Jamie Plant
Ann Crosby	Pat Register
June Daniels	Nancy Rushton
Sally Eunpu	Ruthy Sepia
Janice Harbeson	Betsy Smith
Shari Hawk	Val Stanley
Dottie Lindsey	Mary Stout
Kathy Lowery	Anna Varner
Betty Meers	Paula Weatherby

Melinda

Member & Visitor Update

Carole Johns has extra directories for \$2.00 a piece. Be sure and verify your information and let her know if a correction is needed.

QuiltFest

QuiltFest Report

People are already planning to come on buses from Wisconsin and South Carolina!

QF will continue having the hotel contract with the Wyndham, and another hotel will be lined up for "overflow".

The registration form is online now. Deadline for entry: July 25. There are some new turn-in locations instead of the quilt shops formerly used.

A DVD of the show will be made this year. River City Piecemakers are doing the pins, ribbons, and Challenge this year. Next year will be St. Augustine (2011 is All Stars!).

Disposable gloves will be given to viewers, but white glove ladies are still needed!

Donations are taken any time for the Silent Auction. Quilts should be 24" or smaller on any side, and can be any type. There is no theme. Ads are beginning to appear in quilting magazines.

Entry forms are now online!
<http://www.quiltfestjax.com>

Mark your calendars for September 24– 25 & 26 (Thurs through Sat.) and start thinking about what YOU will be volunteering for at QuiltFest!

Meeting Minutes

All Star Quilters Guild General Meeting March 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Sunnie Malesky.

The minutes were approved as published.

The treasurer's report accepted as read. We received two checks from QF for \$500.00 and \$1067.00 to be used for education.

We have 57 members and 3 guests today. The door prize winners are Betty Meers and Jan Harberson.

Committee Reports:

Communications: The deadline for the newsletter is the 1st Monday of the month.

Telephone: No report

Community Service: We must decide what charity our raffle money will be donated to at the April meeting. The charities are Donne Hicken Foundation or Seamark Ranch.

Education: March 23rd Mary Rhopa La Ciera teaching Couching.

April 27th Sandy Jensen teaching Fabric Art Journal techniques.

May 4th Vicki Zoller with Quiche & Little Quilts.

Sit & Stitch: March 30th come and enjoy

Historian: Margaret Stewart hopes to have the DVD completed soon.

Library: Marsha Bookstaver still taking book orders for AQS.

Membership: Please check your personal listing for accuracy.

Publicity: Dot Butler reported our calendar of events is listed on Jacksonville.com

Sunshine: Mary Anne Dennis has been sending cards as needed.

Programs: April 20th is Quilts of Gee's Bend presented by Group One.

QuiltFest Report: An article will be in the newsletter.

Ways & Means: Flea Market sale planned for July. Monthly sales before general meeting cancelled.

2009 Quilt Mother: Please turn in your quilt blocks

2010 Quilt Mother: Margaret Stewart has volunteered to be the Quilt Mother.

Special Committees:

Challenge 2009: May 18th will be our challenge program.

Kids Camp: 2009 camp has been cancelled.

Anyone interested in a smaller event for 2010 meet with Sunnie.

Retreat: No report.

Activities: Quilt Journal Pages

Road Trips

Block of the Month----Each

star pattern is \$2.00.

Unfinished Business: Guild pins are on order.

New Business: National Quilting Day at Mandarin Park this Saturday March 21st.

Program: Today's program is Amish

Inspirations by Vicki Zoller.

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Recording Secretary

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Refreshments

APRIL REFRESHMENTS

Healthy.....Kathy Lowery

Decadent Chocolate.....Marsha Bookstaver

Delicious and Fattening.....Sandy Onsager

Sweet or salty.....Ruth Brooks

Somewhat Healthy.....Carole Johns

Drinks.....Cathy Jones
Set up/clean up.....I need someone

Thanks for all the delicious food. Remember we usually have 60 members attending the meeting. And..... at the last minute if you cannot bring what ever you signed up for, call me at 268-6542.

Thank you

Jean

Community Service

At least half of the money raised by our raffle quilt will go to a charity. At the general meeting you will receive a ballot to mark your vote for either Seamark Ranch (<http://www.seamarkranch.com>) or the Donna Hicken Foundation (<http://www.donnahickenfoundation.org/>).

In March they were both described in detail, so we won't be taking a lot of time in this meeting for discussion. Please take a minute or two to find out about each one.

If you will not be at the meeting and want to cast your vote, contact Carole Johns.

This is just to determine the monetary donation. We have plenty of other charities we are making quilts for! There is always a need somewhere. If you have a suggestion for the 2010 raffle quilt monetary donation, which will come up late this year again, talk to Sunnie!

Safe Harbor Boys Home

Mary Anne Dennis has requested 15 quilts for the boys who live at Safe Harbor (<http://www.boyshome.com/>).

She is a volunteer there and helps the boys learn sewing, especially for boating equipment.

If you can help with this project, the quilts should for teenage BOYS and a long lap size (approx. 52 x 72...anything about that size) would be best. Contact Mary Anne.

We are still making children's quilts for Daniel Foundation, too!

Food Bank Collection

MAY is the next Food Bank collection. Not this month, but next month is the time to bring your donations for the Food Bank. Check out the two-for-one specials as you are shopping until May 18. The Food Bank can always use peanut butter and staples of that type. In next month's newsletter Rosemarie will let us know if there are special need. As always, paper goods are a welcome donation.

Happy Birthday (TO YOU)

April

* Elizabeth Hess	5
* Marsha Bookstaver	12
* Jan Walker	15
* Janet Walmsley	15
* Lani Gardner	17
* Gay Montgomery	17
* Joan Killebrew	19
* Pat D'Elia	23
* Mary Anne Dennis	23
* Deirdre Wiggs	26

May

* Andrea Pellegrino	6
* Dottie Lindsey	7
* Shirley Simmons	7
* Ann Crosby	19
* Kathy Lowery	21
* Beverly Roux	21
* Diane Falconer	22
* Jane Panuthos	31

Library

Marsha Bookstaver is placing a new book order. Please see Marsha if you would like to order a book. Payment for the book is due to Marsha when the order arrives.

Fashion Geek

Marita Eng has donated a new book to the library titled "Fashion Geek." The author of this book is none other than her own granddaughter.

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CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE WRITE IN THE NAME OF THE CLASS YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR,
ALONG WITH THE TEACHER'S NAME.**

Class _____ Teacher _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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

Please include class names(s) on your check. Give check and form to Vicki Zoller or mail to:

All Star Quilters' Guild
P.O. Box 23772
Jacksonville, Fl. 32241

Class time – 10:00 A.M. *Just as a reminder, payment for classes must be made at time of signup.*

Class Schedule:

- ☞ April 27 - Sandie Jensen - Fabric Art Journal Techniques (\$10.00 for Guild members)
- ☞ May 4 - "Quiche & Little Quilts.."

Note: we will have "Sit and Sew" on the Mondays we don't have a class scheduled.

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