

Quilters Calendar

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ALL STAR QUILTERS' GUILD

The All Star **Gazette**

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

Featured Quilter: Sunnie Malesky

This month's featured quilter is outgoing President Sunnie Malesky. Sunnie became a member of All Stars in 1989, when the guild was only 5 months old. Since that time, she has served as President three times, as well as having been on the Education, Ways and Means, and Special Projects committees, Newsletter Editor, Challenge Coordinator, and Quilt Mother. And she has done some of these more than once! Sunnie enjoys the wonderful mix of people we have in All Stars and that everyone welcomes the newcomers as equals. Indeed, Sunnie herself has brought many of these newcomers into the All Star fold. She believes that the Guild does a great job of mixing service, education, and fun into every activity.

Sunnies favorite parts of the quilting process are planning and designing, then choosing fabrics. She tends to make more pieced quilts, but also likes appliqué to help tell a story. She machine quilts everything, however she actually does have a project that she wants to hand quilt. Sunnie learned to sew in high school, and started quilting in 1981. She is a self-taught quilter, who was lucky to find the rare good books available at the time, as well as PBS quilt shows with Penny McMorris. Now Sunnie travels quite a bit, teaching and lecturing about quilting. Her programs are varied, informative, and always have large doses of fun and humor.

She also designs and publishes patterns. You will enjoy following Sunnie's quilting adventures on her blog, www.PatchworkPie.blogspot.com, her fun way to share quilting "24/7". Plus, she is editor for the Sunshine State Quilters Association and also helped a lot with their website. Quilting 24/7 indeed! Although Sunnie is originally an Ohio native, she has lived in Florida since 1981. She also attended first and second grade in Miami. She lives on "the ocean side" of Mandarin Road (a description that I have shamelessly borrowed) with her husband Ed, a talented woodworker. Their son recently married, so now she has added a daughter to her family.

In addition to quilting, Sunnie loves to read, and especially enjoys science fiction, fantasy, and historical fiction. How does she find the time! The All Stars are truly fortunate to have such a talented, generous, and witty person among us. When asked one thing that most people don't know about her, Sunnie had a wonderfully off beat answer. She replied that it took her 20 years, but she finally did meet the Monkees. This Daydream Believer didn't say if the encounter took place on a Pleasant Valley Sunday or on the Last Train to Clarksville, but I'm sure it was a memorable "Hey, Hey" moment.

A big thank you to the class of 2010 for taking the time to answer my questionnaire and for sharing their stories with the Guild. Next year Linda Wilson will be writing this feature, so if there is someone in the Guild you would like to see profiled, please let her know.

Vicki Zoller

Birthday Bash

THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT 2011

According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2011 is the year of the rabbit. Our January program centers on this theme.



If you were born in any of these years 1928,1939,1951,1963,1987 please email me Zephalina@bellsouth.net I promise we will NOT mention what year you were born just that your Chinese zodiac sign is the year of the Rabbit.

Thanks

Jean Newton

(questions call me 268-6542)

Bits and Pieces

THE SCISSOR MAN

Stan and his mobile scissor sharpening van will be at the church on Monday, January 31st. He will sharpen lawn equipment (even lawn mowers) scissors and knives, no pinking shears. This time he would like for the garden tools to be left with him since they take longer. The scissors and knives will be sharpened that day.

Detailed instructions will be in the January Newsletter.

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

AMAZING SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES: THESE REALLY WORK!!

1. To avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables, get someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
2. A mouse trap placed on the top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
3. You only need two tools in life – WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
4. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

A little humor to end the year with.

Challenge 2011

Vicki Zoller will be the chairperson for our Guild Challenge 2011. If you are new to the guild, this is a great fun way to get involved and if you have never participated, this is your year. Get ready - set - go (as soon as we get the challenge information from Vicki).

Coming Events

From time to time, either in the mail or by email, we get notice of events happening around Florida or even in other states. Rather than put all that information in our newsletter or sending out unwanted emails, the notices are put on the bulletin board. Check it often for other exciting events or invitations.

Community Service

Thanks to all who donated food and paper products to the Mandarin Food Bank. I delivered everything after the General Meeting and they were so grateful. They said they were just about out of paper products and our group was a lifesaver. This is the first time for me going to the food bank and I was so proud of everyone for their donations. I will gladly make this a monthly trip. Please continue to bring whatever you can to our General Meetings. Thank you everyone.

Sharon Moran

Visiting daniel

Rosemarie Murphy and I went to daniel Foster Home today. WOW what a reception. They were thrilled with the 34 quilts. We explained they all had pillow cases as well – they couldn't believe we would make pillow cases also. Several ladies and men had to go through the quilts and touch and examine them. They were full of wonder that the All Stars would be making these for their kids and just loved them.

We talked about labels for the quilts and would like to discuss with everyone making labels. This helps them know who the quilts are from as well as a place to put a name so the quilt stays with the correct child.

We also took the 44 stockings and a couple bags of stuffers that we received. Again, they looked through them and were amazed at the variety of different decorations on the stockings.

They were so grateful. They made a point of saying they would love to come to one of our meetings and talk about daniel and also bring pictures of the kids with their quilts. I thought this was a great idea and will make plans for them to come to a General Meeting this winter. They have kids on site as well as many other

children throughout the area they assist – approximately 1,200 kids altogether.

What a great experience. I was overwhelmed. Blessings to all for a great Christmas.

Sharon Moran

The All Star Quilters' Guild is committed to amazing charity work. 2010 was no exception to the number of items donated to the many organizations that we support in many different ways. Here is a list of items donated and a tribute to the many hours spent to support the charities:

- * **Maxwell Senior Center** received 44 placemats.
- * **Meals on Wheels in Mandarin** received 65 placemats.
- * **Wounded Warriors** - 12 quilts were donated plus 5 pillowcases.
- * **TARAA** Animal Rescue and Adoption received many donations of poly batting scraps and scrap flannel or polar fleece (sized min 12' x 18") for animal beds.
- * **Mandarin Food Bank** – At quarterly General Meeting so many items were given to this organization. Lots of paper products including feminine products and bags of food.
- * **Sea Mark Ranch** - 16 stockings and gifts; they also were one of two organizations we supported with a \$1315 check from our QuiltFest Quilt raffle.
- * **Safe Harbor** received 10 quilts/pillowcases and the 2nd check for \$1315 from our QuiltFest Quilt.
- * **daniel** received 24 quilts and pillowcases in the spring and another 34 quilts and pillow cases in December. Plus All Stars made 56 wonderful Christmas stockings. To top it off bags of stocking stuffers were given to help fill the stockings.

I am blown away by the numbers above. Thank you everyone for your outstanding generosity

and support to these many organizations. I look forward to working with you all in 2011.

Sharon Moran

Batting: Come & get it!

A huge roll of poly batting has been donated and it needs to be used! If you have a charity quilt top, bring it in any Monday this month so we can cut off the amount you need (no measurements needed that way!).

Ricky Tims

Ricky Tims Quilt Seminar

Good news, Ricky Tims has extended the \$194.00 price (a \$25 saving!) through December. See Dot Butler for an enrollment form.

Education

DEMO DAY—Forty eight All Stars turned out for Demo Day which went like a dream. Thank you to all who attended and to our gifted and generous Demo Gals—Julie Mainor, Mary Ann Dennis, Karol Blomgren, Elfriede Echt, Vicki Zoller and Betty Ann Agnew.

JANUARY 24TH— Mary Sorensen brings us Easy Breezy Appliqué. Mary is a nationally renowned appliqué teacher and we are thrilled to have her at All Stars. If you haven't picked up your supply list, please come by the Education table at the December meeting.

As we've done with other national teachers, lunch will be served to save class time or you may bring your own lunch.

FEBRUARY 28TH— Elaine Stemetski will be teaching a class in a paper piecing technique

that she learned from Peggy Martin on strip piece paper piecing.

March 28th—Sunnie Malesky will be teaching a class this month. Details to follow in next newsletter.

April 25th—Julie Mainor will have a Thread Scribbling workshop! It's a fun and informal way to learn free motion quilting.

Job Opening - We are still looking for someone to be Education chair. If it makes it any more tempting we have already scheduled instructors for the first four months of 2011 and we have 3 more people who have expressed an interest in teaching a class but just need to be scheduled.

If you have an interest, speak to Trish Egbert or Dot Butler.

Membership

There were 61 members and 3 visitors, Gayle Richardson, Taylor Magee (Harriett's granddaughter) & Debra May (Taylor's friend), at the November meeting.

Eleanor Armstrong & June Daniels won the monthly door prizes. Don't forget to get your blue tickets at the sign in desk ladies!

Our first early renewal month was a great success. Forty-seven ladies responded and qualified for a drawing to win a lovely gift basket. Margaret Stewart was the Lucky Winner.

The remainder of the November renewals will be included with the ladies renewing in December for a second gift basket drawing. Don't be left out, get those membership forms in!

F.Y.I. The deadline to be included in *The 2011 All Star Directory* is the close of the January meeting (January 17, 2011).

Carole Johns

President's Patch

It's time for my favorite holiday tradition: getting out the Christmas quilts and draping them on the living room furniture! Yes, it's my "instant decorating" scheme, and gets everything going until the tree is up and covered with ornaments.

In my old house the quilts are useful, too, keeping us cozy between heat pump cycles. They are machine sewn, so they go right into the washer and even the drier!

If you'd like to have a Christmas quilt and never quite get around to making one, I suggest that when you take a class in 2011, bring those red & green fabrics. They'll look great with some white for background and gold for accent, you won't be laboring over the colors to choose, and by this time next year you can start a new family tradition.

Best wishes to everyone, for however you are celebrating love and light in this time of year. May we all continue to share both with everyone we meet.

Sunnie

Quilt Discovery Day

QDD Training & Form assistance

If you have quilts to document, you may print a form from the SSQA website (<http://www.ssqa.org> Click on Florida Quilt Project on the left side bar). You may also be able to get a form from Mary Anne Dennis.

Using a pencil, fill in as much information as possible, especially the pages about the quilt

maker (if known). This will give you time to look up dates and information while you are at home.

You may bring in the form with your quilt (to be photographed) on any of the Photo Days (dates TBA...they will be Mondays). If you'd like some help with just the form, you may bring that any Sit & Stitch Monday. The documentation is not complete until it has an official number and photo...but we are encouraging you to do as much of the form at home as possible.

The next full Discovery Day for guild members is Monday, Feb. 14th. From 10 to 2 bring your quilts and forms and we will go through all the stations to get your quilt documentation completed. We will be working until all the quilts are done.

Plan to help out that day so we will be ready for the Quilt Discovery Day for the public on Saturday March 19th.

Our documented quilts will be part of the Florida Quilt Project when it goes online with the Quilt index next year. See what it's like: <http://www.QuiltIndex.org>
Questions? Contact Sunnie (262-0268 or sunsky@comcast.net)

Quilt Mother 2011

The raffle quilt for 2011 QuiltFest has been started. Last Monday was a Sit & Sew day and the beginning of the project. If you have questions or would like to have a part in this project call June Daniels. 287-7752

Recording Secretary

All-Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting

November 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sunnie Malesky. Vicki Zoller acknowledged our **Featured Quilter** for the

month, Andrea Pellegrino--read about her in the newsletter. Linda Wilson has agreed to take over the Featured Quilter reporter responsibility. Thanks to Vicki for initiating this feature for the guild. Elfriede Echt gave the Treasurer's report.

Committee reports:

Communication – membership forms were given out at the meeting attached to the monthly newsletter. Please turn them back in ASAP.

Publicity – Dot Butler has agreed to stay on as chair.

Community service— Christmas stockings may still be turned in during remaining Mondays in Nov. Sharon Moran will be the new chair. Let Sharon know of an organization you would like the guild to support—detailed information & contact person.

Education –Kathy Lowery reminded us of Demo Day next Monday. The supply list for the Mary Sorenson class is available now---if you registered please pick yours up. There is no volunteer for Education chair for 2011: lots of volunteer helpers, but no one to be the point person. Without a chair there will be no classes.

Sit and Stitch – Nov. 29 Quilt Discovery Day “dress rehearsal”.

Library – Marsha Bookstaver passed around AQS book order; she will place the order at the board mtg. on Dec. 6, books should be in by Dec. gen. mtg.

Membership – Carole Johns announced there were 61 members & 3 visitors. Door prizes were won by Eleanor Armstrong and June Daniels. 35 people were eligible for the membership early bird drawing, and Margaret Stewart won the drawing. There will be another early bird winner next month—bring your checkbooks and renew your membership! Annual dues are \$20.

Sunshine – Mary Anne Dennis has been busy sending cards. Linda Walmsley will be taking over chair of this committee.

Programs – Sally Eunpu described the December program, Brown Bag Surprise—decorate a brown paper bag as elaborately or simply as you desire, and put one yard of quilt shop quality fabric inside. There will be a viewer's choice voting and prize awarded for the decorated bags. January is the Guild birthday party and Group 5 is in charge. Trish Egbert is the next chair of this committee.

QuiltFest – June Daniels reported on the successes of QuiltFest. Gross receipts were \$100,283. \$11,731 from Quilt Sale Room, Quilter's Walk raised \$7725. \$2809 from Silent Auction. 434 quilts were hung, 4576 tickets sold. Pat Pataki of our guild is the next QuiltFest President.

2011 Quilt Mother – June Daniels announced we will be working on quilt during Dec. Sit and Stitch days on Dec. 13th and 27th.

Ways and Means – We made \$575.75 on the tag sale. We have helpful feedback & Julie Mainor will form a committee to tweak it for next year.

Special Committees: Retreat— 22 people participated, and had a great time. Gay Montgomery and others will be looking at when the next retreat will be held.

Quilt Discovery Day –Nov. 29 is “dress rehearsal.” We will be documenting guild members' quilts, 1 per member. Please download the form from the SSQA website and fill out what you can and bring the form and the quilt with you. There will be subsequent photo days as well. Personal information is secure. Next trial run is Feb. 14.

Activities: Road Trip – Pat D’Elia scheduled last road trip of the year for Dec. 2 to Quilt Shop of Deland, and surrounding shops with lunch. Let Pat know if you are going.

Announcements: The Scissor Man will be here January 31. Let Jean Newton know what you are bringing to be sharpened so he will know what’s in store for him.

The meeting was adjourned for our program honoring the people in the guild for their charitable contributions this past year. We saw an amazing array of charity quilts, placemats and stockings. This was followed by Sew and Tell, including retreat participants singing a song and showing their work from the retreat.

Linda McClelland,
Recording Secretary

Refreshments

DECEMBER REFRESHMENTS

What a feast is coming up, and it is all "low calories". Well more or less.

The following ladies have signed up to bring refreshments for our December meeting. I will leave it up to ya’ll to bring what you want, but we should have some healthy delights.

Dot Butler	Trish Egbert
Mary Anne Dennis	Jan Touchton
Carole Johns	Catherine Hunt
June Daniels	Deborah Pearce
Gay Montgomery	Dorothy Jackson
Elfriede Echt	June Rittscher
Betty Ann Agnew	Kathy Rutherford
Vicki Zoller	Sharon Moran
Thelma McCurdy	Sue Abby
Helen Jordan	
Anna Varner	

DRINKS	Make coffee
Julie Mainor	Sally Eunpu

B. Miller

SET UP
Gay Montgomery
Sharon Moran

CLEAN UP
Jane Flesher
Bev Roux
Elaine

JANUARY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

If you did NOT bring refreshments in December, you are on the list for January. The luncheon will be "pot luck", so bring what ever you would like.

REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY AND THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

The refreshment list for FEBRUARY and the next 6 months will start circulating in December.

***PLEASE** include your PHONE #

I just want to thank every one for not only being creative quilters but also creative cooks.

Any questions Call Jean Newton 268-6542

Jean

Retreat Chairman

The following song was contrived at the November 2010 Ladies Retreat.

(sung to the tune of - I have no idea.)

Verse 1:

Over the river and through the wood
To Quilt Retreat we go.

With UFO’s and comfy clothes

We’ll get lots done, I know.

Up with the dawn we stretch and yawn
And quilt the day away.

’Til Mary Anne turns off the lights
And finally hits the hay.

Verse 2:

We made fall leaved from gorgeous batiks

Bee-u-ti-ful they was!
Stockings for Daniel we sewed by the score
Sharon got covered in fuzz!

Mary Anne's quilt's on its second retreat –
It's now a dear old friend,
Karol sliced and diced and then she spliced
To make it stand on end.

Verse 3:

Back through the woods, the river we cross
We don't even get lost.
Our projects completed, UFO's defeated
It's back to the world we go – oh!...
But not without shopping for quilt shop hopping
For there's much more to do
We'll always be manic for patterns and fabric
In greens, and reds and blue.

You should have been at November's meeting
to hear them sing. If you have never been to
one of our Guilds quilt retreats, why not make
plans to attend in 2011. You will be hooked and
never miss another one.

Road Trip

Our final road trip of 2010 is behind us. We did
some damage at the Quilt Shop of Deland on
Dec. 2nd. Owner Judy Hansen was quite
hospitable and the lunch venue she arranged for
us was wonderful. Now what to do next?

In January we will be taking a Road Trip to the
Orlando quilt show. The quilt show is Jan. 21st &
22nd - we will be there on the 21st, a Friday.
Please sign up at the December meeting if you
are planning on going with us.

I am looking into an overnight trip to Mary Jo's
sometime in March. Her store is in Gastonia,
North Carolina and is about a six hour drive
from here. She has everything!!!! I was there
last month (What? I had to check it out, right).
There are several good hotels and restaurants
there; it should be a very fun time. That brings

us to April and I always take a small group to
Paducah, Kentucky for the AQS show so we will
not have a road trip in April. I can't think any
farther than that, but if you have a suggestion let
me know.

Pat

Sew & Tell

At the November meeting, there were 13
members that participated in Sew & Tell. At
least that is how many signed in for Sew & Tell.

Mary Anne Dennis	UFO Retreat Quilt
Margaret Stewart	UFO Retreat Quilt
Leigh Ann McGuigan	1 st quilt
Eleanor Armstrong	Old quilt
Holly Wildey	1 st quilt
Sharyn Potfay	Curve quilt
Gay Montgomery	Woodie and Charm quilt
June Daniels	Retreat work
Cathy Jones	Christmas quilt, table runner and purse
Karol Blomgren	Wall hanging and quilt top
June Rittscher	Wall Hanging, quilt top and bag
Bonnie Helm	Table runner and quilt top from retreat
Ann Crosby	Duck Blankie for great grandson

As you can see, we had 2 FIRST quilts. Join the
fun and share your projects.

Here are a few pictures – I just love pictures.



Sharon's Flip-Flop quilt from class.

Vice President/Programs

At our November program, we recognized all our quilters who have made bed quilts and hundreds of beautiful articles, for our charities and others not on our list. Generosity is their middle name. We sang our Retreat song and laughed out loud, what fun!

The December meeting is our Grocery Bag Exchange. A simple gift of 1 yard of high quality quilt fabric is placed in the bag. Dress up your bag in any way that you have fun doing it. We will display your bag with all the others and admire their artsy decorations. We will then vote for the best of 3 bags and guess what? Three of you not only get a prize, really neat ones; plus you also get to choose someone else's bag as your exchange gift. Fabrics, decorations and their uses express great joy of making and giving to our participant artists!

The January Birthday Meeting is our celebration of the Guild's birthday. Group 5 is in the process of providing unique table decorations for us for the food that we will share in this party. Come one, come ALL to share happy times in January.

FEARLESS DESIGN CLASSES: 2nd Mondays at the church at 10:00am. Call Sally 268-0222 for information. We have 9 people and maybe a 10th. If you would like to try your wings on something that will create ideas for your work, these are the classes for you. One meeting each month for 11 months. Be the artist you want to be in design.



LeighAnn's first quilt. You go girl!!



Marita Eng's master piece



June's First "Quilt Kit" project.

**THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE
CLASS REGISTRATION FORM**

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.
2. Registration by Mail. Form and Check should be mailed to:

**All Star Quilters' Guild
Attn: Education Class
P.O. Box 23772
Jacksonville, FL 32241**

*Registration by mail will be accepted by postmarked date.

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