

THE GAZETTE

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December Newsletter
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December Featured Quilter: Dot Butler

This month's featured quilter is our Guild President, Dot Butler. Dot has always lived in Florida. She was born in Hawthorne, a small town east of Gainesville, and moved to Jacksonville when she was very young. She also lived in Orlando for two years and Melbourne for five years – both moves were job transfers related to her husband Ben's job. They returned to Jacksonville in 1969 and have lived on the Westside, the Southside and Mandarin, and they currently live in Deerwood.

Dot has been quilting for 13 years. She has a sewing background, and at one time made "virtually everything" she wore (according to Dot, "Ugh!"). She stopped sewing when her job became too time-consuming. After Dot retired in 1998, she started quilting, and she learned to quilt by taking classes and studying on her own.

Dot has been an active member of All-Stars since joining the Guild in 1998, and she has never belonged to any other guild. She has been Refreshment Committee chair, Community Service chair and Publicity chair. She also was chair of the committee that made quilts to be hung in local libraries for Mayor John Peyton's "Rally Jacksonville" reading program. In addition, Dot chaired the committee that presented quilting demonstrations at the "Quilts of Gee's Bend" exhibit at the Cummer Museum. She also worked on the Quilt Discovery Day committee and enjoys helping out on any Guild project. Dot has taught a rag doll class and a charity quilt class and participated in the Guild Demo Day. She says that both in her

previous position as Publicity chair, and currently as Guild President, she enjoys "getting the word out" about the Guild.

Dot's responsibilities as Guild President include presiding at Board meetings in accordance with Guild by-laws and working with elected officers and committee chairs. She says that the job is not as time-consuming as it might seem, and the rewards are great. She doesn't interact with other guilds, except in relation to QuiltFest. As a representative of one of the seven guilds that participates in QuiltFest each year, it is Dot's responsibility to ensure that our Guild participates fully. Dot says that, "It is amazing to me the talent that is in each guild, especially ours. I am grateful for the chance to serve the Guild, and for the friendship and guidance that has given me."

Dot says that from the very first Guild meeting she attended she met the "most caring and helpful people." She says that what she has learned from the classes, demos and programs has actually made her a "quilter," and she loves the sound of that. According to Dot, another great learning experience comes from entering quilts in QuiltFest. She has entered four or five quilts in QuiltFest and received some good comments and some criticism that she says she "totally agrees with."

In her spare time, Dot also enjoys reading. She especially enjoys reading since the tablet has come on the market. She likes having all those books available that "don't have to be dusted."

Dot met her husband Ben at Robert E. Lee High School here in Jacksonville, and they married in 1960 (as Dot says, "51 years and counting"). They

have two sons: Jason is a computer expert, and Brian is a lawyer. They also have five grandchildren: Josh, Jeremy, Miranda, Matthew and Mitchell. Dot says that she thinks that everyone knows by now that Josh is home safe from Afghanistan, and on October 15, 2011, he married Amanda. Dot says that when Josh and Amanda married, she gained another granddaughter.

After high school, Dot worked for Southern Bell for five years, first in the Accounting Department and then in the Engineering Department. While she worked in engineering, Dot drafted long distance circuits. This work entailed drawing a diagram of the wires (called toll roads at the time) that showed connections between various locations. Dot primarily drafted direct toll lines that allowed a business in one city to have local calls in other cities (for example, a business in Miami could call a business in Jacksonville without incurring long distance charges). She left the telephone company when her first son was born.

After her second son started school, Dot went to work as a file clerk in a Lincoln-Mercury dealership, the beginning of a 28-year career in the car business. She worked for the dealership for 14 years and learned everything about the office, including title work, accounting and computers. She left that dealership to become the office manager at a Pontiac dealership. After seven years, the dealership was sold, and she worked for the new owner as Comptroller (the chief accounting officer) for seven more years, until her retirement. Dot says she only had to try to sell cars once – at a special tent sale, and she says “that didn’t work out!!!” After she retired, she did some consulting work on computer programming and auditing for the new owner. According to Dot, one of the most interesting things about her job was the evolution from bookkeeping by hand to elementary computers to in-house top-of-the line computers.

Dot says that one thing most people may not know about her is that she is very nervous in front of people.

Linda Wilson

Bits and Pieces

For Sale: Great Christmas Gift for Quilter. Singer 31-15 model long arm machine. Comes with approx. 7 to 7.25ft table with storage

area under, extra belts and lights. In good condition. Gives a nice stitch. Looking to downsize. Asking \$1200.00 or best offer. Call 448-0706 or email:

sewingmama@bellsouth.net to set a time to see. Ask for Charlie - member of All Stars.

Charlie

First snow in Omaha



Sharon and Charlene in Omaha at “Quilt Camp”.

The Test results are in -

Remember several months ago we all heard about the new “Pilot Frixion Pen” used to make temporary markings on material? As heat was applied the ink would disappear – or so we thought. I did an experiment by writing my name on a piece of quilting sandwich (top, batting and backing), pressing the inked material (the writing did indeed disappear) then putting it in the freezer for only 2 hours.

When I removed the material from the freezer – much to my surprise – there it was my full name on the material. So - at least for me – I will be very careful marking quilts I make to go up north where they have freezing temperatures as well as leaving a quilt in my car on nights where the temperature falls below 32 degrees. What a shock for me.

Comments, experiences, alternatives, etc. welcome. Please address them to me – Betty Ann at bettyaagnew@comcast.net.

Betty Ann Agnew

Christmas Memories

My husband always liked to travel north at Christmas, hoping to find snow for the kids (and us big kids, too). One year, we had been in New York City and traveled on north to Vermont. The scenery was beautiful - looked just like a lovely Christmas card. It was Christmas Day and we were beginning to get hungry. Every restaurant we checked was closed. Finally, we found a Chinese restaurant open and that is what we had for Christmas dinner!

Betty Meers

Personal Christmas trivia.... One Christmas we adopted our two cats, who have quasi-Christmas names-- Nick and Rudy. Also all the ornaments on my Christmas tree are cats-- cat carolers, a cat Santa, a cat snowman, a cat nutcracker, angel cats, even a cat topping the tree.

Vicki Zoller

Every Christmas I buy a roll of chocolate chip cookie dough and throughout December I eat small bits of the uncooked dough. That is my Christmas Treat to myself (like I need to be eating calorie rich dough). I have kept this tradition since I was a teenager (when I was skinny).

Betty Ann

In Germany we celebrate what is call "St. Nicholas Day". On the evening of December 5th all the children would put an old shoe out on the doorstep. Sometime during the night St. Nicholas would come and put something in the shoe. If he put good stuff like candy, the child would know they had been good during the year and Christmas was just around the corner. If St. Nicholas put something bad in the shoe like a lump of coal or a switch, the child would know they had been bad during the year and they had a very short time to straighten up before Christmas. If St. Nick put something good and bad in the shoe, which meant the child had been somewhat good during the year but they needed to get their act together before Christmas. What a wonderful tradition I enjoy even today as an adult.

Rosemarie Murphy

My favorite Christmas memory was from the mid 1960's when my uncle (the one who joked a lot) was really into bowling. We wrapped his present in a huge box, maybe four feet square, with newspaper. Inside it was a smaller box, also all wrapped up. Inside that was a smaller box. Inside that was a smaller box -- get the picture? After about half a dozen boxes there was a very little one. In this last box was a piece of ribbon tied into a round circle on one end with a tag on the other end that read "One custom bowling ball hole". He loved it!!

Patricia Egbert

Coming Events

December

- 5 Board Meeting
- 12 Open for basting, help on projects, questions, or getting away from shopping.
- 19 Guild General Meeting – Brown bag challenge.
- 26 Rest and recovery day!! Don't worry about the kitchen or all the paper etc. strewn about. Come visit.

January 2012

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Back to work! We will be working on the 2012 raffle quilt.
- 16 Guild General Meeting – Birthday party and Program – Rebecca Goldsmith
- 17 Class – Rebecca Goldsmith From Piece of Cake Designs

February

- 6 Board Meeting
- 20 Guild General Meeting

Community Service

daniel Foster Home

Thanks to everyone who supported daniel this year. There were lots of pillow cases and quilts along with the Christmas stockings. It is so wonderful to work with you all in providing this organization with so many great items. We did not match 2010 but everyone did a wonderful service to the children of our community. Thanks to Sue Abbey who made

the last run to daniel this year to deliver these items before Christmas.

Place Mats

The place mats this year were great. We were able to support not only Mandarin Senior Center but a group in downtown Jacksonville as well as Green Cove Springs. Thank you to all who gave their support (I think Bobbi out did all of us).

Quilt of Valor

WOW – did we ever do a great job with this organization. It is so good to support our troops and provide these quilts and presentation cases to the men and women in our armed forces. Thanks to everyone – I took 12 quilts to Peggy Manley and have several more completed. Judy Stokes also provided about 14 - one in particular used a military jelly roll and then on each side of the strip were white strips varying in length. Of course, I had to try to duplicate that one. I thought it was really cool. Just finished it today and will bind it and bring for sew and tell.

Food Bank

The food bank really appreciates our support over the year. We drop off food and paper/feminine products 4 times a year. Thanks to June Daniels for delivering these items in November in time for Thanksgiving.

I am looking for someone who might be interested in shadowing me for 2012 and would like to be the Community Chair for 2013.

I look forward to working with you in 2012. God Bless and Merry Christmas.

Sharon Moran

Safe Harbor Donation

I finally got the quilts and check to Safe Harbor. They were overjoyed to get all those quilts and the check. They sent a heart felt thank you to everyone. Four of the six quilts delivered were spoken for immediately so if anyone has time we really could use a few more in the near future.

Thank you for all your help and support in the boy's home.

Mary Anne Dennis

Greenland Pines Elementary School

Earlier this year, the three "Ann's" (Mary Anne, Betty Ann and Carole Ann) went to Greenland Pine Elementary School to participate in their 2011 Cultural Arts Fair. We performed presentations to various classes on the art of quilting. These classes ranged from 2nd to 6th grade including a special needs group of students. The following is a sample of the thank you notes we received from the students.

Note – these thank you letters have been typed just as the child wrote them – spelling and grammar mistakes included.

Dear Quilt Ladys,

Thank you for sharing your quilts with us. I liked all of them. The one that I mostly liked was the one with all of the pictures. Thank you for sharing your time with us. Please come again.

Dear quilt ladies,

Thank you for coming to Greenland Pines Cultural Arts Fair. We very appreciated the time and work you took for sharing about quilts, and your knowledge on quilts. Your quilts were so beautiful. I wish I knew how to make quilts. I was very amazed on the beauty of your quilts, as well as the designs of the quilts. I learned some quilts took years and hours to make quilts. I also learned math is involved in quilting. Thank you for coming.

There were lots more letter of thank you letters than can be printed here. If you ever have the opportunity to present quilting to children, do it. They were fascinated and amazed. What a wonderful experience!

Mary Anne, Carole Ann and Betty Ann

Demo Day

The All Stars had our annual Demo Day, Monday 11/28. There were five demonstrations and approximately 30 attendees. Everyone was very positive about the experience, thanks to our wonderful demonstrators:

Betty Ann Agnew - Bubble Quilting
Vicki Zoller - Storing Your Quilts
Karol Blomgren - The Magic Wallet
June Daniels - English Paper Piecing
Linda McClelland - Luggage Tags

This is a really fun event that you might want to think about attending next year.

Elaine Brett

Education



Becky Goldsmith, co-owner of Piece O' Cake Designs, comes to us on Monday the 16th of January as our guest speaker during our general meeting. Her talk is entitled **Let's Talk About Color!**

Becky writes, "We walk around with our eyes open - but

how much do we really see? It's amazing what you can learn about color just by paying attention! I'll share with you what I've figured out about color over the years *and* how I use what I've learned in my quilts."

Then on Tuesday January 17th Becky will be teaching - **1-Day Passion Flowers - Block #4 Lessons In Improvisational Appliqué**

Explore a variety of design options as you learn how to improvise within a pattern to create a quilt with a happy and contemporary attitude. You will work on a 12" x 12" version of Block #4.

Learn the hand applique techniques that will help you to sew better and happier. In addition to easy template making and how to make and use a placement for appliqué, you will perfect your invisible appliqué stitch as you work on your block in class. The block pattern is included. This class is suitable for all skill levels.

There are just a few spaces left in this class—Cost is only \$30 and you get a nationally famous instructor!!!

For more information or to check out Becky's quilts, you can visit her website at www.pieceocakedesigns.com

Kathy Lowery

*Happy Birthday
Jo YCV!*

December

3	Kathleen Voigt
3	Elfriede Echt
6	Linda McClelland
7	Terri Chamberlain
11	Mary Trepasso
12	Lynn Graham
22	Jan Harbeson
29	Valerie Lanham

January

1	Jan Touchton
6	Karen Townsend
14	Jacqueline Bowman
15	Miriam Burkhart
15	Dot Butler
17	Bobbi Miller
17	Harriett Moseley
19	Sandy Onsager
20	Tina Lawson
30	Louise Flowers
30	Francine Willhide
31	Ginny Perkins

Membership

NOVEMBER - 2011 MEMBERSHIP

There were 55 members and 2 visitors present at the November meeting.

Our visitors were Annette Graham and Sylvia Murray. Welcome, ladies. We hope to see you again soon. Maureen Orr & Miriam Burkhart won the door prizes. Congratulations, Maureen and Miriam.

Our "EARLY RENEWAL DRIVE" has been very successful. Our All Star ladies have exceeded all my expectations. We have received 72 renewals at this writing. Great job ladies!! Karen Weisman won the November "Early Bird" prize basket. All other renewals are still in the drawing for the December prize basket. All renewals received by the end of the December meeting will also be eligible for the drawing. Don't be left out!!

The renewal deadline to be included in the 2012 ALL STAR DIRECTORY is January 16, 2012.

Carole Johns

Membership Chairman

President – - - Dashes from Dot - -

What an inspiring program from Jean Newton and Sharon Potfay on their trip to Ethiopia. Thank you both for sharing with us. All the programs for this year have been outstanding. What a show the retreat attendees presented. Do we have a chorale in the making? (From the peanut gallery – This crowd needs to be in a chorale – corral. LOL) They had a lot of fun and sure got a lot of quilting done. As our membership grows, all the talent that is within our Guild is remarkable. In 2012, we can look forward to more great programs, classes, community service and of course, the best "Sew and Tell". We are starting in January with Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake designs and the potluck Birthday luncheon.

We have had a very busy year - Quilt Discovery Day, QuiltFest Theme Committee, QuiltFest and the November retreat, all of which have been tremendously successful. My thanks to all the hard work by you, the members. We have lost some loved ones along the way, but as always, gained some new friends. I wish Peace and Love for you and your families and hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Happy Quilting

Dot Butler

Publicity

Our meeting listing is on www.jacksonville.com under events, keyword quilting.

Dot Butler

Quilt Shows – Coming

- Flying Needles Retreat and Quilt Show – March 1, 2 and 3, 2011 – For more information go to - www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org

- March 1 & 2, 2012 – 30th Annual FANtastic Quilt Show – for more information contact Betsy O'Neil at lcpgquiltshow@hotmail.com or 352-223-3825
- March 3 & 4, 2012 – Stitches I Time 2012 - for more information contact Deb Crine at dcrine@gamil.com
- March 16 & 17, 2012 – Rings of Love - for more information contact Pelican Piecemakers at PelicanPiecemakersFI@yahoo.com
- March 23 – 25, 2012 – Smokey Mountain Quilters Guild Show - for more information contact – Jean Lester at jeanlester@comcast.net or 865-577-0892
- April 6 – 28, 2012 – Faces and Places Fiber Art Exhibit - for more information contact – FAN at www.fiberartistsnetwork.org

Quilt Mother 2012

January we are back to work on the 2012 raffle quilt. Come to sit and stitch on the 9th and help us cut, square, sew and piece the 2012 quilt.

Sharon Moran & Betty Ann Agnew

QuiltFest

QuiltFest Raffle Table

Giveaways -

Every year we have a wonderful item to give to folks that buy a chance to win our quilt at QuiltFest. In the past we have made angels and strawberries. As we get rolling on 2012, let's try something new. I am looking for a new, wonderful item for 2012. It needs to be fun, fabulous, easy to make and fairly small. Please contact me with your ideas. bettyaagnew@comcast.net or 303-8845

Betty Ann Agnew

bettyannagnew@comcast.net

QuiltFest – Quilters Walk

Would you like to step up and volunteer to chair "Quilters Walk" for the 2012 QuiltFest? It is really not hard. See Dot Butler for more information or to volunteer.

Quote of the Month

I found this quote with a recipe when looking for an old recipe for a friend. The recipe is in the "Recipe of the Month" section. How true the quote is.

"Doing a woman's work is like walking down a railroad track; the end seems in sight, but never is."

Author Unknown

Recipes of the Month

Here is a very easy and delicious recipe for pumpkin cupcakes that I found on the blog www.starfishcottage.typepad.com.

Mix together one can of Libby's pumpkin puree and one white cake mix. I used Betty Crocker Super Moist. Just use the dry cake mix: don't add anything else. Put in lined cupcake pans and bake according to the directions on the box. The batter will be rather stiff but the cupcakes will be moist. I think I made 16 cupcakes. Add cinnamon to taste to a container of cream cheese frosting. Frost cupcakes when they have cooled. Sift a bit more cinnamon over the tops of the cupcakes. How easy- only 4 ingredients!

Enjoy

Vicki Zoller

Sticky Nut Rolls

Ingredients:

- Rhodes frozen dinner rolls
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup butter
- Cinnamon
- 1 package butterscotch pudding, not instant
- Chopped nuts

Directions:

- The night before, put rolls in ungreased Bundt pan.
- Melt butter and sugar together and pour over rolls
- Sprinkle with pudding, nuts and cinnamon.
- The next morning – bake at 350 degrees for ½ hour

Note:

- 18 rolls in the Bundt pan works better. More rolls tend to run over the pan.

Happy cooking and lots of smiles!

Recording Secretary

All-Star Quilters' Guild General

Meeting November 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dot Butler. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published on-line.

Treasurer's report - Andrea Pellegrino gave the Treasurer's report.

Committee reports:

Communication – There were no newsletter errors! There was no newsletter. Reports for the next newsletter are due Dec. 3rd at the board meeting.

Community service – Thank you for food bank donations today. Sue Abbey is taking quilts to Daniel. A \$1000 donation is being made to Safe Harbor from the raffle quilt.

Education – Elaine Britt reminds us there are 3-4 openings for the Becky Goldsmith class on Tuesday, January 17th. She is a nationally recognized teacher - don't miss it. Demo Day is next Monday. Please come and enjoy the 10-minute demonstrations of techniques, new ideas, etc.

Sit and Stitch days - Dec. 12th is a free day - come and work on Christmas projects or whatever you want. It's a good time to spread a quilt out over two tables and baste, or whatever you would like to do.

Hospitality – Jean Newton passed around the list for Dec. and Jan. to fill the last openings. Everyone should sign up for one of the two dates.

Sunshine – Linda Walmsley sent cards to Kathy Lowery who had knee replacement surgery; Nancy Rushton, whose husband passed away; and Bonnie Helm, whose grandson was killed. Please remember these quilting sisters.

Library –

Membership –

Carole Johns announced there were 55 members present, and 1 visitor, Annette Graham. Miriam Burkhart and Maureen Orr won the door prizes. Karen Weisman won the early-bird renewal drawing. There will be another drawing next month, so please get your \$20 annual dues in next month to be eligible for that drawing. Library – Marsha Bookstaver will be sending in an AQS order after the Dec. 3 board meeting, so check the catalog as it comes around today.

Programs –

Trish Egbert reminds Group 5 that they will meet after the meeting today to plan January's luncheon. December's program is the brown bag contest and gift exchange with three viewer's choice awards. Decorate a brown bag of any size, and put a yard of quilt shop-quality fabric in it. In addition to the prizes, everyone who participates goes home with a decorated bag and a yard of fabric.

Special Committees:

QuiltFest - Pat Pataki reported that elections were held and she is President again. Thanks, Pat for your commitment. The final accounting has not been completed, there were 4500 paid customers, and over 6000 total. "Discover Diamonds" is the theme for 2012.

SSQA -

QF Theme Committee - All Star Retreat -

Road Trip -

2012 Guild challenge –

Ways and Means – \$1000 will be donated to Safe Harbor Boys' Home. We don't yet know the amount of profit from the tag sale. The All Star Booth made \$250 the day of the sale and another \$260 since then. The Bake Sale made \$58. And the retreat enjoyed the leftovers!

All Star Retreat - Retreat participants showed their jelly roll quilts they made at retreat and sang a song to the tune of "She'll be Comin' 'Round the Mountain." A quilt was made by Gay Montgomery and presented to the camp directors in thanks for their years of service to us.

2012 All Star Challenge – will be revealed in January.

Today's Program - Sharyn Potfay and Jean Newton shared stories and slides from their trip to Ethiopia in May as part of the "Quilts Beyond Borders" non-profit. They visited and served an orphanage in Addis Ababa. Sharyn showed her very creative wall hanging depicting her experience.

2011 UFO projects - Mary Ann shared that 100 UFO's are now FP's—finished projects! Mary Jo Kuhn finished all 10 and won a prize. Prizes were also won by Pat D'Elia who finished 8. Marsha Bookstaver and Ginny Perkins won drawings for participating.

Sew and Tell - followed the meeting. We were then adjourned.

Linda McClelland,

Recording Secretary

Refreshments

December REFRESHMENTS

The following ladies have signed up to bring their DECADENT CHRISTMAS SPECIALTIES.

Jan Touchton
Miriam Burkhart
Louise Flowers
Sally Eunpu
Val Stanley
Brooxie Meeks
Mary Stout
Maureen Orr
Ellen Cannon

Bonnie Helm
Elaine Brett
Pat Pataki
Mary Anne Dennis
Kathy Rutherford
Gay Montgomery
Vicki Zoller
Sunnie Malesky

DRINKS
PUNCH
SET-UP

Dot Butler
June Daniels
**HELP 2 people
need to volunteer.
Beverly Roux
Help I need one
more volunteer.**

CLEAN UP

If you bring refreshments in December you do not have to bring something for the January Luncheon unless you would like to.

ANY Questions Call Jean - 268-6542

Jean Newton

Retreat 2011 – Final Words

This year's Retreat is over, and we hope everyone enjoyed the experience – especially those of you who were attending for the first time. So many people helped make Retreat a success: Pat Pataki, Jan Walker, Joan Killebrew, Nancy Madden and Bettye Stilley helped cut and roll the jelly rolls for the goodie bags. Jan Walker made the quilted "mug rugs" for you to put your coffee and cookies on. And who can forget the jelly roll race organized and officiated by Betty Ann? Thanks to Trish for writing this year's Retreat song that was sung to the tune of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain." Thanks, too, to all the Retreat attendees who made squares for the quilt that we presented to Cheryl and Terry, our hosts. They were thrilled with the quilt and slept under it for one night before returning it to have the label added.

Of course, we all enjoyed shopping at Ocala's wonderful quilt shops and the shops in Bunnell and

St. Augustine, along with the generous discounts offered by the shops.

We're looking forward to next year's Retreat, and several Guild members have already volunteered to help out. It's time to save the date for the 2012 Retreat. We have reserved November 11 to 15, 2012, and we hope everyone who attended this year will come in 2012. If you did not attend this year, we hope you will consider joining the fun at the next Retreat.

Gay Montgomery
Linda Wilson

Quilt Retreat 2011 Song

(Song to the tune of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain")

Oh, we're goin' to quilt retreat again.
Gonna sew and talk and have fun with our friends.
There are projects we will finish,
There are quilt shops we will visit,
And lots of things to learn before the end.

We watched Kathy's pretty coiled baskets grow.
The baby cam and Harriet had to go.
Lots of bargains came to Bonnie,
Bright red poppies came to Connie,
And Ellen's Christmas trees were all aglow.

The Jelly Roll Race was a lot of fun.
We sewed real fast, but Mary Ann finally won.
In second place was Shirley,
And Karol came in thirdly.
Betty Ann waved her flags at everyone.

Time to pack up, time to hit the road.
At least four projects finished was the goal.
We'll remember it was funny,
When we called them Cher and Sunnie.
Oh, our Quilt Retreat refreshed mind and soul.

Sit & Stitch

- December 12th Open for basting, help on projects, questions, or getting away from shopping.
- December 26th Rest and recovery day!! Don't worry about the kitchen or all the paper etc. strewn about. Come visit.
- January 7th Back to work! We will be working

on the 2012 raffle quilt.

Dot Butler

Tribute to a lost loved one

As most of you know, Bonnie Helm's 15 year old grandson – *Grant* - tragically died in a car accident in November. He was not wearing his seat belt and was thrown from the car. We never know why these things happen and they are heartbreaking. Our hearts go out to Bonnie and her family.

As a tribute to their schoolmate, the kids had T-shirts made that say "**Don't Take Life For GRANTED**" on the front and **Cunningham # 31** (his football number) on the back. Bonnie and family had banners made for the school that say - "**BUCKLE UP, Don't Take Life For GRANTED**". One banner will hang at football games, one will hang at baseball games, and one will be hanging permanently in the school gym. Hopefully, the message of wearing a seatbelt will save another youngster from harm.

"Buckle up – Don't take life for Granted."

What a wonderful way to remember their beloved family member and friend and a great way to remind us to Buckle Up and stay safe.

UFO 2011

This was a fun project this year and it gave some of us that needed a boost to finish some of our UFO's. If we do this again, though I'll still have plenty of UFO's to choose from myself.

Mary Jo Kuhn took the big prize by completing the most, actually all her UFO's. Congratulations! Marsha Bookstaver got the individual drawing. She actually completed 7 projects. We had two additional drawing prizes that go to Ginny Perkins and Pat D'Elia. Ladies, come see me to pick up your prize.

There were 5 of us who finished projects to show at the meeting. First, Janice Martin finished her Christmas stockings (just in time for this year), Karol Blomgren showed us her B.O.M. quilt from

the Quilting Patch, Ann Crosby, a king size quilt from a Calico Station class in 1996, Sandy Onsager emailed a picture of the quilt she finished, and finally I finished my "Thanksgiving" leaf tablecloth quilt in time to send it to Atlanta for "T-dinner" from which I got leftovers the following day when I flew into Atlanta.

I really enjoyed doing this project. Beware, it may show up again in the future.....there's always hope for a UFO.

Mary Anne Dennis

You Are Welcome!

We had so much fun doing the luggage tags, baby wallets, storing quilts, English paper piecing and bubble quilting (biscuit quilting) demos for you. We hope you enjoyed the demos as much as we enjoyed sharing our tricks and tips.

Thank you for the gift certificate. What a great way to reward us.

June, Karol, Linda, Vicki and Betty Ann

Vice President /Programs

Jean Newton and Sharon Pottfay presented a fascinating program at the November 21 General Meeting. It was a slide show of their trip last May to Ethiopia for Quilts Beyond Borders. Photos included the orphanage they visited, the children to whom they taught sewing and crafts skills, the town they stayed in, and the wildlife they saw. I know everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Thanks so much, Jean and Sharon.

The December program will be our traditional Christmas Brown Bag Exchange. Members who wish to participate should bring a decorated bag containing a yard of quilt shop quality fabric to the December 19th meeting. Those present at the

meeting will vote for their favorite bag. Three viewer's choice prizes will be awarded, and then the bags will be "exchanged" between the participants. It's always a fun activity!

The January 17th program will be our guild "birthday" luncheon and a presentation by our visiting quilt instructor Becky Goldsmith of Piece of Cake Patterns. You will not want to miss this meeting.

Group 5 members should meet with me very briefly after the December general meeting to finalize preparations for the January luncheon decorations and birthday "gifts".

Also, all guild members please be sure you sign up to contribute your favorite dish to either the December treats table or the January luncheon. These meetings would not be the celebrations they are meant to be without our fantastic holiday food!

Patricia Egbert

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Sew & Tell	Gay Montgomery	771--1154
Library/AQS Book Orders	Marsha Bookstaver	230-9648
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Hospitality	Jean Newton	268-6542
Ways & Means	Mary Anne Dennis	387-4440
Challenge 2012	Vicki Zoller	886-0759
Quilt Mother 2012	Sharon Moran	733-5600
	Betty Ann Agnew	781-4132
Retreat Chairman	Gay Montgomery	771-1154
Road Trip Coordinator	Pat D'Elia	262-8359
Historian	Margaret Stewart	448-6457
QuiltFest Representatives	June Daniels	287-7752
	Gay Montgomery	771-1154
	Pat Pataki	786-1308
	Mary Anne Dennis	387-4440
QuiltFest Alternates	Sharon Moran	733-5600
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I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$_____.

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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
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