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Quilters Calendar 2009

February	March
9 Class - Julie Mainor - Bleach Discharge	2 Board Meeting
16 General Meeting - Program – Ethiopia Quilt Project – Jean Newton	9 Sit & Sew
16 Mandarin Food Bank Collection	16 General Meeting - Program – Amish Quilts – Vicki Zoller
23 Sit & Stitch & Fabric Journal Inspiration with Vicki Zoller	21 ^{3rd} Saturday---National Quilting Day---Jim Walter Park
	23 Class - Mary Rhopa La Ciera - Couching (\$10.00 for Guild members).
	30 Sit & Sew
April	May
6 Board Meeting	4 Quiche and Little Quilts
20 General Meeting - Program – Group 1	18 General Meeting - Program – 2009 Guild Challenge – Elizabeth Hess
27 Class - Sandie Jensen - Fabric Art Journal Techniques (\$10.00 for Guild members).	
June	July
1 Board Meeting	6 Board Meeting
15 General Meeting - Program – Group 2	20 General Meeting - Program – Christmas In July
22 Class - Sherman Stewart - Photo Transfer	27 Class - Vicki Zoller - Hand Quilting
August	September
3 Board Meeting	7 Board Meeting
17 General Meeting - Program Trunk Show – Jeanie Pollard	21 General Meeting - Program – Group 3
24 Class - Dawn Overbeck - Pins with Personality	
October	November
5 Board Meeting	2 Board Meeting
12 Class - Penny Sempert - 5 Yard Quilts	8 - 12 Ladies Retreat
19 General Meeting - Program – Taking Your Quilts To The Next Level – Penny Sempert	16 General Meeting - Program Meet The Charities
	30 Demo Day
December	
7 Board Meeting	
21 General Meeting - Program – Christmas Party / Fabric Exchange	

Note – the Quilters Calendar will be updated each month – If something is missing or needs to be added – please call Betty Agnew at 303-8845 or email me at bettyaagnew@comcast.net.

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>

Get around and meet your new officers.

Presidents Patch

The All Star Quilters Guild: 20th years old! It doesn't seem that long ago I heard of a quilt guild forming at the Mandarin Library, and had to wait five months to join. The reason was that I was president of another group who met on Mondays, and had to finish out my term of office so I would be free!

There are still several members who joined during that first year and quite a few who joined in the first five. Our growth in the past two years has been tremendous, so that many of our members are still "new." But length of membership has nothing to do with this guild.

Making lots of quilts? Winning big awards? Writing books? No, those don't have anything to do with this guild either.

What this guild is about is helping each other at whatever point we're on in our quilting journey. It's about helping others with our quilts, and being surprised each year when we realize how many items we've made and given away. It's about providing a place where we can come together and enjoy all the wonderful aspects of quilting...and for awhile put aside the concerns and burdens of our lives.

I'd like to say that we're called "All Stars" because everyone in this guild has a place to shine. It's a privilege to be your President in this 20th year, and I am looking forward to another wonderful year with everyone, old friends and new!

Sunnie

Education

Ellen Lindner follow-up

Everyone at Ellen Lindner's color class had a great time and a fine lunch prepared by Harriett Moseley and Carole Johns.

If you haven't checked out Ellen's website, www.adventurequilter.com, look it up. You will find some very useful information in her archived

newsletters, and you will be inspired by her wonderful quilts. She has an article on borders, one on finishing a quilt with facings, and a link to a video demo on Bonnie McCaffrey's website. This is really cool, because you get to see Ellen's studio and some of her quilts displayed in her home.

Upcoming Classes

Mary Rhopa La Ciera of St. Augustine will be teaching a class on "couching" March 23 at 10:00. This is a three hour class and the cost is \$10. Be sure to look at the great sample quilt that she has loaned us to see how couching can enhance your quilting. You will be inspired by her clever use of common place materials, such as yarns and unusual fabrics, many of which are recycled from old garments. Come and play and have fun "doodling" on fabric.

Supply List:

- * sewing machine with couching foot if available (If you don't have a couching foot it's fine.)
- * 2 to 3 small quilt sandwiches (front fabric, batting, and backing)
- * basic sewing supplies

Art Journal Class

Sandie Jensen of Jacksonville will be teaching an art journal class April 27 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 and bring materials that you think you will use on that page. You can choose from any of the page themes that have been announced so far.

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, appliques, brads, doodads, tulle, decorative threads

Bring more stuff than you think you will need.

Fabric Art Journal

I hope you have started on your pages. I have heard that February's theme, One Color, is a bit challenging. That is one of the purposes of this activity-- to broaden our horizons. It may be a bit difficult to think outside the box, but I think you will really enjoy the experience of creating something different. When I made my journal last year, sometimes I would think about the theme for a week before an idea would come to me. And surprisingly, it did get easier. When some of the themes were announced, I knew immediately how I would interpret them. Here is a recap of the themes already listed, plus the theme for March, and a hint for April.

- * January: Stitches
- * February: One Color (No fair adding black and/or white)
- * March: Stamps and/or Ink. Did you guess it? Postage = stamps and ink = incorporated. If you don't have rubber stamps, check out the dollar bin at Michael's. I have found alphabet stamps and a really cute chandelier stamp there. You can also use household items, such as a pencil eraser or the old standby, a cut apple. I use a regular stamp pad or ink the stamp with Pigma pen. For the ink half of this theme, if you paint or stencil on fabric, go for it.
- * Hint for April: It's not a sofa, or a settee or a davenport but a... This one is easy!

Bring any finished pages you have to February's meeting. I will have a table with my book and sample pages and materials to look at. Put your pages on the table and show us what you have accomplished. Half the fun is seeing how different people interpret the same theme. I look forward to seeing your pages.

Quiche and Little Quilts

Join us Monday, May 4th for Quiche and Little Quilts. We will have lunch amid lots of little quilts made by All Stars. At the March guild meeting, you can purchase your ticket to this fun event for \$5.00. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold, so be sure to buy your ticket early. Would you like to display your small quilts? Bring your quilts to the March General Meeting (no larger than 36" X 36"). They will be stored flat in a non-smoking protected area until the event May 4th. Just be sure that your name and the name of your quilt appear on the back of the quilt. We will take all other details when you bring your quilt. Do you need another reason besides a tasty lunch, cute quilts, and chatting with

your fellow quilters to participate in this event? There will be a drawing for door prizes for those who buy tickets and those will exhibit quilts. Save the date and bring your quilts and \$5.00 in March.

Vickie

All Stars 2009 Quilt Challenge

The 2009 challenge will be announced at the general meeting on February 16. There will be a \$1.00 fee for participating.

For a sneak preview of the inspiration for this year's challenge, check out this web site: www.quiltersofsc.org/artfullbras/artfullbras.htm

Elizabeth Hess

Bits and Pieces

Sew & Tell

- * Elizabeth Hess - African Dance
- * Dottie Lindsey - Dragon Flies
- * June Daniels - Flag
- * Eleanor Armstrong - Old Wedding ring and Alaska Fabric wall quilt
- * June Rittscher - Monthly wall hanging
- * Deirdre Wiggs - Wall Quilt
- * Betty Meers - Yoyo quilt and antique apron
- * Sharyn Potfay - Brother's quilt
- * Mary Jo Kuhn - 3 Kings wall quilt
- * Sharon Moran - Jacket
- * Sunny Malesky Eng (sp) - quilt
- * Louise Flowers - Lap quilt
- * Karen Weisman - Jaguar rag quilt

Your Sew and Tell Coordinator

Gay Montgomery

Need Help

One of our members may sometimes need a ride to our General Meeting. If you could help, please contact Ellen Gunter or Betty Ann Agnew for more information. Thanks

Road Trip Policy

A meeting time and place will be announced for each road trip. The number of people who show up will determine how many cars & drivers are needed. If you decide at the last minute to come, be there on time so we can include you. If your name is on the sign-up list, we will wait 5--10 minutes to see if you are coming. We have a lot of fun on these trips....hope you can come along!

You can bank on it!

Well, you could if you were the treasurer for the All Stars! Elfriede Echt is our interim treasurer, but it would be nice to have someone take it permanently.

If you have bookkeeping skills, this could be a great job for you. Thinking about it? Feel free to talk with Elfriede, June R., or any other of our former treasurers to learn more about the office.

National Quilting Day at Mandarin Park

Saturday March 21 is National Quilting Day, and we have been invited back to Mandarin Park to celebrate!

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a fun & relaxing event. We'll hang some quilts on the porch railing and set up a quilt in a frame for hand quilting.

Mostly we'll just be there to share our love of quilting with the park visitors that day. Of course, we may hatch another plan or two....so don't miss out!

Wanted: Mother for a quilt

There's a quilt that needs a mother. It can't be born without one. It can't even have a name. Yes, our 2010 Raffle Quilt needs a mother. If you would like to know more about this important job, please talk with any of our former Quilt Mothers to find out what a rewarding experience it can be! You may feel free to discuss it with Sunnie and not be "automatically signed up"! If we birth this baby by the end of October, we can start selling tickets in November at the Fair!

Kids Kamp needs a leader

At this time we do not have a chairwoman for the Kids Kamp, and without one by the board meeting on March 2, we will not be able to host the event this year. If you would like to know more about what this involves, please contact Julie Mainor.

Editors Note:

Last month you might have noticed something a little strange if you printed the newsletter from our WEB site. There may have been some strange characters where you would normally find a name, like at the end of an article. I finally figured out what happened. I used a Microsoft font that perhaps you do not have on your computer. So - - - when you printed those alphabetic letters, they where changed into strange characters.

I have updated the newsletter on-line to fix the problem (user error).

If you ever see strange stuff in the newsletter on-line, be the first to let me know and you get a prize – really. The sooner I know the sooner I can fix it.

Betty Ann

Newsletter Editor

Quilt Mother 2009

The last of the blocks for our "Victory Quilt" are almost complete and they look BEAUTIFUL!!!! I am adding the sashing and corner stones so the quilt is coming along nicely. Lynn Graham has agreed to do the quilting. I am looking for someone to do the binding and someone to make a label. If either one of those tasks sound like something you would like to do please give me a call or send me an email (see below). Start saving your pennies.....raffle tickets for this fabulous quilt will go on sale at the April General Meeting!

Thanks for all the support and the sewing everyone is doing. Without each and everyone one of you this job would be a tough one.

Starr Carson

Quilt Mom...2009

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Program

February Program: Ethiopian Quilt Project

We donated quilts, fabric, sewing supplies, and even old eyeglasses! In November 2008 Jean Newton traveled to Ethiopia to personally deliver our gifts. She'll share her experiences with us as we learn more about the country, its people and our part in this worthwhile project.

Melinda

Ethiopia

How it began -

Noreen Fling, a former member of All Stars, her daughter Holly, and a friend June Colburn, started "Quilts Beyond Borders". Holly works for Cherokee, an investment firm which sponsors a volunteer program, "Cherokee Gives Back": in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. An orphanage with 240 HIV/AIDS children, an existing volunteer program, and quilters, the Ethiopian Quilt Project came into existence. Our guild became directly involved when Noreen ask us to make quilts for their first trip in August of 2007.

I am looking forward to showing my pictures and sharing my adventure.

My first visit -

On my first visit, I decided rural Ethiopia was functioning much as it had in the third century BC. Village life had not changed, farming if not done by oxen, was done by hand, water was carried in pottery or plastic containers, no electricity or running water. Addis on the other hand is a "modern" bustling city with high rise office buildings, electricity, running water, and some paved roads, a city of millions of people living in poverty or on the edge. Air pollution is breath taking, literally. Black billowing fumes pour from the mini vans, buses and cars. The business centers are surrounded by people selling everything, vegetables, clothing, electronics and livestock, either in rented stalls or on the sidewalk, their goods laid out on plastic or cloth. Then there are the beggars: old men, mothers with babies, street children, men who could be taken for dead, lying in the road medians, or on the sidewalks. Animals are everywhere, for sale or being used as beast of burden, carrying heavy loads of everything from food products to wood. Trash, beggars, animal droppings, human waste, dirt from unpaved roads, the overwhelming evidence of poverty all add up to an atmosphere of what I, as a Westerner, could consider an atmosphere of despair.

With your care and compassion we have been able to bring light into the despair.

Jean

Group 1 Meeting

If you are in Group 1, please plan to meet after the February General Meeting to discuss ideas for the April program. Are you wondering if you are in Group 1? Well I'm glad you asked. Here is a list of Group 1.

Linda Andrews	Gerta Murray
Eleanor Armstrong	Jane Panuthos
Karol Blomgren	Pat Pataki
Terri Chamberlain	Ginny Perkins
Marita Eng	June Rittscher
Diane Falconer	Shirley Simmons
Lynn Graham	Ann VanRiper
Elaine Gunter	Linda Walmsley
Cathy Jones	Jackie West
Mary Jo Kuhn	Deidre Wiggs
Linda McClelland	Linda Wilson
Gay Montgomery	

Meeting Minutes

All Star Quilters Guild General Meeting

January 19, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Sunnie Malesky due to our President Harriett Moseley arriving late because she took a cruise of fun, rest and relaxation.

Thank you to Bonnie Helm for leading the December meeting and for our Christmas Yard Exchange program. Thank you Rosemarie Murphy, our Community Service Leader and to all who made stockings, quilts, placemats and brought food for the food bank. Congratulations to the winners of the decorated bag challenge Eleanor Armstrong and Francine Willhide.

Minutes approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

June Rittscher gave the treasurer's report.

Elfriede Echt will be our interim treasurer until a new treasurer can be elected.

It was so good to have our Corresponding Secretary Sharon Potfay with us.

The 2009 Corresponding Secretary will be Mary Anne Dennis. If someone should be sent a card please give Mary Anne the information in writing.

Newsletter: Betty Ann Agnew

Anyone can submit an article for the Gazette. Deadline is the board meeting.

Publicity: Dot Butler

No report

Community Service: Rosemarie Murphy

We distributed everything we had over the holidays.

In February we will collect for the food bank.

Education: Vicki Zoller

January 26th Ellen Lindner class on Color. 10am to 4pm with a kit charge of \$4.00. Lunch will be provided for \$3.00.

February 9th Julie Mainor will have a class on Bleach Discharge. Wear your old clothes because we will lots of fun with bleach.

March 23rd Couching & quilting techniques.

The Fabric Art Journal will be our on going project this year.

Save your selvages you will need them later in the year.

Library: Marsha Bookstaver

We have new books available.

Membership: Carole Johns

We have 76 members present and 5 guests. Door prize winners are Rosemarie Murphy and Marian Burkhart

Program: Melinda Rials

January will be installation of officers and our 20th guild birthday party.

Jean Newton will tell us about her African trip to the Ethiopian Orphanage.

QuiltFest Report: Gay Montgomery No Report

QuiltFest Table: Karol Blomgren No Report

Ways & Means: Starr Carson No Report

Julie Mainor will be the 2009 Ways & Means Chairman.

Quilt Mother 2009: Starr Carson

All blocks are out and collecting them as completed.

Retreat: Gay Montgomery & Karol Blomgren

Mark your calendars for November 8th – November 12th.

New Business: None

Old Business: Harriett Moseley was presented with a completed 2007 quilt and the 2008 quilt was presented to her as appreciation for her presidential terms.

Show and Tell lead by Gay Montgomery.

Installation of 2009 Officers: Harriett Moseley installed the 2009 slate of officers. The theme was The Five Languages of Love.

President Sunny Malesky

Vice President Melinda Rials

Recording Secretary June Daniels

Corresponding Secretary Mary Anne Dennis

Treasurer (interim) Elfriede Echt

Harriett turned over the presidential gavel to Sunnie.

Announcements:

QuiltFest Meeting 1/20/2009

Class with Ellen Linder 1/26/2009

Board Meeting 2/2/2009

General Meeting 2/16/2009

Stepping Stones fat qtr sale 1/25 – 3/1/2009

Meeting adjourned:

Recording Secretary

June Daniels

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*****Attention*****

I accidentally used an old refreshment form which did not include the SOMEWHAT HEALTHY category. We need more CHIEFS to sign up. The sign up sheet will be on the front desk.

Jean

Community Service

Ladies – The Food Bank is very much in need of your help. They especially need paper products. Please bring your much needed donations to the February General Meeting.

Rosemarie

Happy Birthday (to you)

February

* Linda Andrews –	10
* Jamie Plant -	15
* Barbara McTarnaghan –	21
* Doris Powell -	26
* Amanda Hodges –	28

March

* Linda Wilson -	1
* Carole Johns -	8
* Paula Weatherby –	10
* Betty Meers –	12
* Helen Mauro -	12
* Mary Jo Kuhn -	15
* Betsy Smith -	30

Refreshments

February Refreshments

HEALTHY - Nancy Rushton

DECADENT CHOCOLATE - Julie Mainor

DELICIOUS AND FATTENING - Linda Walmsley

SWEET OR SALTY - Andrea Pelleyrino

DRINKS INCLUDING WATER - Mary Stout

SOMEWHAT HEALTHY - Betty Ann Agnew

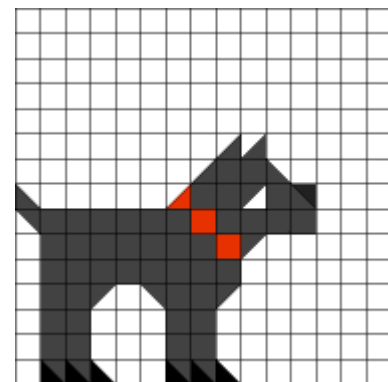
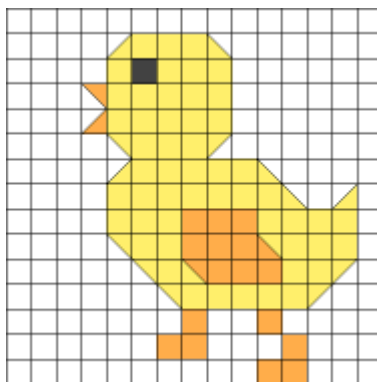
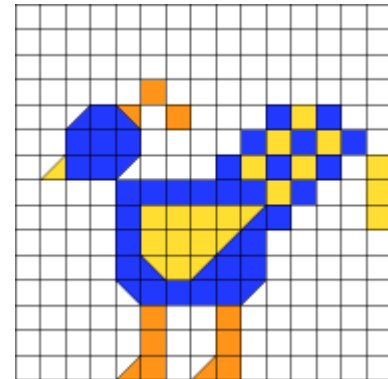
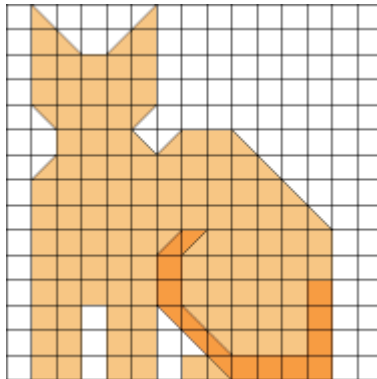
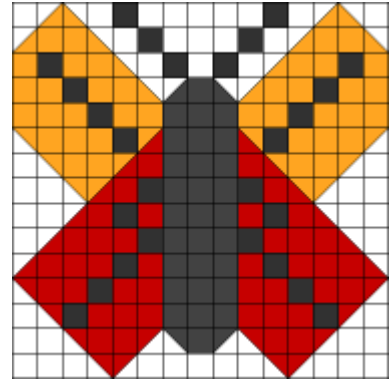
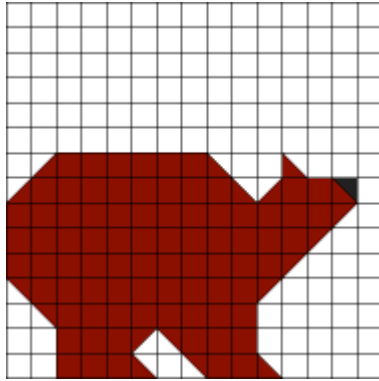
SET UP/CLEAN UP - Carol Johns

Ladies - Our Birthday Luncheon was wonderful. Thank you for all the variety of delicious, delectable, and decadent food.

SQUARE ANIMALS

Working with just Squares and Half-Squares you can make a variety of fun animals!

Whatever size square you want will work...just add 1/2" to the size you want your squares to finish at for seam allowances. For the half-squares, add 7/8 (.875) to the finished size to get the size to cut them at. EXAMPLE: 3" finished squares...cut squares at 3-1/2"...cut squares for half square triangles at 3-7/8"(cut those in half diagonally once to make hsts)



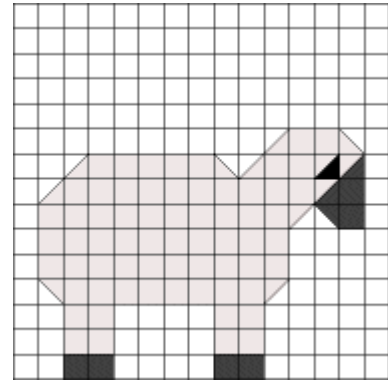
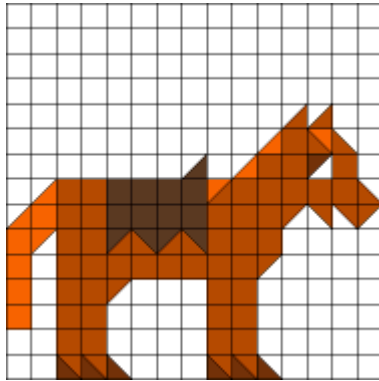
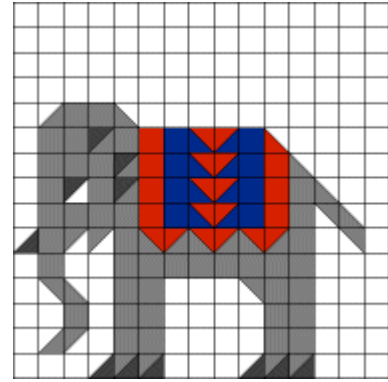
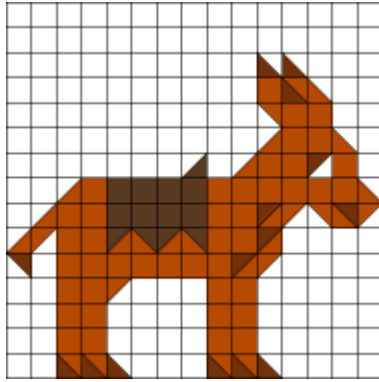
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THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE
CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

**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.*

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