



The All-Star Gazette

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A Stitch of a Note from Harriett

Our family is in the Keys for our annual fishing vacation. The joy of having all our kids together along with our grandchildren is just beyond words. The wind is blowing so the fish catching is none. I brought with me some of those famous UFO's and I find myself in "hog heaven" when everyone is "gone fishing." Threads, fabric, rotary cutter and mat, along with started projects make up my day and I am really enjoying my time. The memories of fixing breakfast, lunch, and dinner are a reality and I am enjoying the kitchen when everyone comes home. Quilting Girls just want to have fun with our fabric and then we can cook, clean or shop if we have to.

At our May meeting I told the ladies a story about two horses and how from a distance they looked like any other horse. Once you got up close to them you would notice something quite amazing....

Looking into the eyes of one horse you would realize that he was blind. His owner had chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.

If you stand near by and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.

Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

At our Board Meeting we had discussed how grateful we are for all our visitors and new members. We want to encourage the seasoned All Stars members to reach out and welcome our guest, and make them feel at home. This was the reason for me telling the story. For all of us to be bell ringers – to welcome, teach, encourage and make our visitors and new members feel a part of our quilting family.

LITTLE DID I KNOW that I would be the one ENCOURAGED beyond measure. At our June meeting I was so humbled by your support for me when you begin ringing your bells of encouragement. That is what I love about being an All Star. Everyone really cares about everyone. We are sisters and All Stars is the thread that keeps us together.

Today I would like to ring my bell for Sherry Verell for stepping forward and offering to host our "Sit and Sew" on Mondays when nothing else is planned. Sherry has a talent when it comes to quilting and her quilting knowledge will be a help to all of us new quilters. Thank you Sherry for seeing a way to ring your bell and help your guild sisters.

July is going to be a very busy month with "sit and sew", Christmas in July and our first Quilters Home Tour.

Happy Quilting to you all and remember be kinder than necessary. Everyone you meet or maybe sitting next to is fighting some kind of battle. Ring that bell.....



Harriett



UFO Attackers!

Keep up the good work, and if you haven't finished one yet, don't worry.

6 (SIX) is due in July or August.

Here is the list, in case you aren't sure which one you have...or if, like me, you are just really nosey and want to find out what other people are doing! Or maybe you are also enjoying the fact that you are not the only one who has a whole load of UFOs.

October will be the very last month one will be "due"...but in September I will be announcing "The Last Ditch Effort Attack", a special feature that I hope you will be glad to participate in. Some people have been asking for one more UFO event, and that one will take us to the end of the year.

#6 due July 14 or August 18

- * Betty Agnew: Animals in PJ's quilt
- * Eleanor Armstrong: Blocks made in 1940s by husband's grandmother (rated "ugh!")
- * Karol Blomgren: Woven table runner
- * Marsha Bookstaver: Bear Paw block – purse or pillow?
- * Carol Burd: Organize Quilt Patterns
- * Dot Butler: XXX time off!
- * Starr Carson: 5 yard
- * Terri Chamberlain: Babies & Puppies (2006)
- * Ann Crosby: Pillow center – borders & quilt

UFO Continued

- * Pat D’Elia: medium Grandmothers Flower Garden ready for hand quilting
- * Mary Anne Dennis: Red, White & Blue print (hand quilt) 1986
- * Maggie Dinkins: Finish Yo-Yo topper 2007
- * Diane Falconer: new sewing machine cover
- * Bonnie Helm: everyday wall hanging
- * Mary Jo Kuhn: Christmas Tree Log Cabin 2006
- * Sunny Malesky: quilting Summer Garden quilt
- * Linda McClelland: Colin’s quilt
- * Gay Montgomery: crazy nine-patch – funky material
- * Harriett Moseley: finish Stack & Whack blocks – figure out what to do with them – bring the ones at the river home!
- * Rosemarie Murphy: Grandmother’s Flower Garden 1996
- * Jean Newton: quilt from friend’s citizenship party
- * Jane Panuthos: Christmas table topper
- * Pat Pataki: finish 1 of the quilts that are at the quilter’s
- * Sharyn Potfay: Christmas quilt
- * Melinda Rials: XXX
- * Nancy Rushton: XXX
- * Ruthy Sepia: Patriotic
- * Margaret Stewart: Rose table runner 2005 or 6
- * Mary Stout: ??? fabric quilt – a long story
- * Sherry Verell: Turquoise Triangles Tumbling (Stack A Deck)
- * Karen Weisman: new sewing machine cover
- * Linda Wilson: Pig Quilt (Sweet Sixteen)
- * June Daniels: Chicken Bag by Pat Dowling



BITS & PIECES

I have a featherweight with case and accessories for sale. Stepping Stones Quilt Shop on St. Simons Island refurbished it around 2000. It is in good condition, call for specifics. Asking \$250.00 Julie Mainor.

Dear Family and Friends,

Eleanor started her Chemo today at Mayo and will start her Radiation series on Monday. It will be a stressful next couple of months but our Prayer remains that the treatments can shrink the tumor etc so that the cancer can be removed with out damage to nerves, blood vessels, and muscles. We thank you all for your Prayers. We both can feel their presence.

Love,
Mike and Eleanor

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Starting last month we started a new section in our newsletter - “Questions and Answers”. This section gives you a place to ask your questions to the whole group and get answers. Send those questions and answers to the newsletter editor (bettyaagnew@comcast.net).

Questions and Answers con’t

Question: How can I straighten a cutting mat that is wop-jawed? (Note- wop-jawed is a technical term for out of shape.)

Answers can also be “phoned in”. Give me a call at home – 781-4132 or cell – 303-8845 and leave me your questions and/or answers.

From Jean: I put my mat in the ovenat 350 for about 3 minutes.(THAT DOES NOT WORK!)

Ladies Retreat

QUILTERS IN WONDERLAND

Excitement is building for our retreat near Silver Springs/ Ocala!

Quilters In Wonderland (Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2 until mid-morning on Thursday, Nov. 6) is enjoying fun, fabric, friends...and plenty of food, but no cooking and (even better) no cleaning up!

Twenty-four quilters are registered, and there is a limit, so be sure to contact registrar Elfriede Echt as soon as you can. A \$50 deposit holds your place.

You are welcome to invite someone to come with you, and this would be a great time to have a friend or relative visit for a good quilting time! Day registrations are now open, if you just want to join us for a short time. Lots of fun is being planned: a block contest, Movie Night, Show & Tell, the *Mad Quilters Tea Party* (bring your decorated hat!), demos, and some other magical gifts and activities! Of course there will be many off-site shopping trips (and special coupons for retreaters!).

Deadline for registration is September 15 (at the general meeting). Cost for the entire event is \$190 (\$140 after your \$50 deposit). Full payment is due by Oct. 1, when we will start to fill spaces from the wait list.

Questions? Contact Gay Montgomery or Sunnie Malesky. Don't miss out on a **wonderful** time!

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Publicity

In the June issue of the Mandarin Newslsine, I had an article with a picture of our raffle quilt. If you do not live in zip 32223 or 32258, you can go online at www.mandarinnewslsine.com It is on page 17. Hope it generates some interest in our Guild, Quiltfest and raffle ticket sales.
Dot Butler, Publicity

MEMBERSHIP

New Member:
Deirdre Wiggs

Returnee:
Jackie West

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Happy Birthday

Margaret	Stewart	July 6
Rosemarie	Murphy	July 8
Elaine	Gunter	July 11
Maggie	Dinkins	July 17
L	Reynolds	July 18
Liz	Rampino	July 23
Brooxie	Meeks	July 25
Kathy	Nay	August 11
Norma	Mack	August 21
Nancy	Rushton	August 22
Kathy	Rutherford	August 23
Blois	Pearson	August 27
Anna	Varner	August 27
Lois	Wilkinson	August 27

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Our friends June Colburn and Noreen Fling have been busy! It has been almost a year since they took our quilts and others to Ethiopia to warm some special friends of theirs. June Daniels reported last month that you could find them in Quilter's Home magazine. Look for them in upcoming Southern Living and QUILTS magazines also. The All Stars may get another mention in one or both of these articles.

They have been and will be at all major quilt shows throughout the United States with 'sit and sew' booths to help their cause, with Los Angeles being next on the schedule.

June Colburn is planning her next trip to Africa in November, and another trip for them both in the late Spring of 2009. Julie Mainor

Education

Education Notes

We have a double header coming up in August. On August 11, we have a Quilting the Quilt session.

- * Are you stumped when it comes to choosing a quilting design for your latest creation? Then bring your quilt top and we will all put our heads together and come up with ideas for hand or machine quilting. There is no cost for this activity. Just bring your top, some creative ideas, share what designs have worked for you, and have a fun time with your fellow quilters.
- * On August 25, Sunnie Malesky will be teaching Trapunto by Machine. If you love the intricate look of Trapunto but don't enjoy hand sewing, this class is for you. Come and learn a new technique. The fee for this class is only \$10.

Coming Up...

In September we will not have a class due to QuiltFest. In October we have an exciting class. Emmie Seaman, an award winning quilter from Missouri, will teach *Improvisational Quilt Design*. If you would like to make an "art quilt" but think the design process is too difficult, this class is for you. Come and unleash you inner art quilter! This 6 hour class will be Thursday, October 16. The cost is \$30. Emmie used to live in Jacksonville, so some of you may be familiar with her work. Check out her website at www.emmieseaman.com and prepare to be inspired.

In November we will have our annual Demo Day. We already have some very diverse demos that I'm sure you will enjoy. We still have some openings. If you would like to present a slick trick, cool shortcut, or cute crafty idea, just let me know. Each demo will be only 10 minutes, so if you have thought about teaching a class, but weren't sure you wanted to commit to a 3 hour class; this is an excellent way to test the waters. Just call me, e-mail me, or see me at the Guild meeting.

Remember, class and other Guild activities, such as the Home Tour, are an excellent way to connect with fellow quilters, especially if you are new to the Guild. So come on, sign up. You will learn something new and have a good time with your fellow All Stars.

Education Continued

Quilters' @ Home Tour

Here is a preview of the final two homes on the tour. I have two words for you-- sewing machines! Of course everyone has at least one sewing machine in her sewing room, but Betty Meers and Starr Carson have some special machines for you to see. Betty has a collection of antique sewing machines and Starr has a mid-arm quilting machine that she has graciously allowed tour participants to try out. So not only will you be seeing great quilts on display, sewing rooms, tips for storage and organization, you will also see some old and new tools of the trade.

And don't forget refreshments and treats! We want you to keep up your strength while visiting all the stops on the tour, so we will have food and drinks provided at all the houses. Treats will range from cookies, chips, dip, and salsa to fruits and mini sandwiches.

As announced at the June Guild meeting, Eleanor's house will not be on the tour. There will be a paper with revised directions available at the July Guild meeting. Instead we have made the First Christian Church the first stop on the tour. We will have all the blocks made for Harriett's President's quilt last year. There are some unsigned blocks, so if you didn't get a chance to make a signed block, you may sign one of these. We will also be displaying some vintage quilts from Guild members. These are in tribute to Eleanor, who would have displayed some lovely vintage quilts at her home.

So get your tickets! What are you waiting for? No other Guild is doing an activity like this. Please support this effort by buying tickets at the July Guild meeting. The tour is Monday, July 28 from 10:00 to 2:00. We need to know how much food to prepare, so please help us out by buying tickets for you and your friends at the meeting. Also if you have some additional friends who become available to go on the tour at the last minute, June Daniels and Sherry Verell will be at the First Christian Church as the first stop on the tour July 28 and they will be selling tickets then. But if at all possible, please buy your tickets at the July meeting. We want to be sure to have enough goodies for everyone.

One last thing! Remember to count the quilts on tour, and leave your count at the last stop. There will be a drawing for a prize at the August Guild meeting for the person who correctly states the number of quilts on the tour.

General Meeting Minutes

All Star Quilters' General Meeting Agenda

June 16, 2008

Meeting called to order by Harriett Moseley @ 10:00.

A special thank you to Betty Meers for our Challenge program. The Challenge was a success.

Minutes approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: June Rittscher gave the treasurers report and confirmed that Bonnie Helm will be the co-treasurer due to June's absence.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharyn Potfay----No report
Communications

Newsletter: Betty Agnew----No report

Publicity: Dot Butler----No report

Phone: Eleanor Armstrong----No report

Community Service: Rosemarie Murphy - Food Bank

Collection extended to July. July and August we will collect School supplies for Daniel, Inc.

Education: Vicky Zoller

July 28th Quilters Home Tour

Our schedule has been changed for the home tour. Our first stop will begin at the Church.

Guidelines for the tour are as follows:

1-Adults only

2-Homes are smoke free

3-Keep all food in the kitchen

Due to personal reasons Eleanor Armstrong had to remove her home from the tour. Our hearts & thoughts are with you Eleanor.

August 11th: Quilting the Quilt (free class)

August 25th: Machine Trapunto by Sunnie

Sherry Verell: Will be hosting a Sit and Sew on June 30th & July 7th @ Mandarin Christian Church.

Library: Marsha Bookstaver - New book order is ready to be sent.

Membership: Gay Montgomery ----Membership updates were given out to be added to our membership lists. We had 2 new members join today with 6 visitors. We had 59 members present. Our membership is 100+.

Door prize winner was June Daniels.

Program: Bonnie Helm

June 16th Jackie Simoneaux Lecture & Trunk show

July 14th Christmas in July

August 18: Group 2

We will host a Yard Sale each month at the General Meeting.

REFRESHMENTS FOR JULY

Healthy.....Francine
Decadent Chocolate.....Sue Rust
Delicious and fattening.....Kathy Rutherford
Sweet or Salty.....Vickie Zoller
More or less Healthy.....Lani Gardner
Drinks including water.....Kathy Rutherford
Set up/clean up.....Kathy Rutherford.

This is the CHRISTMAS IN JULY Meeting
If you could bring something Christmassy, that would be great.

If you cannot bring refreshments, even at the last minute call me
Jean Newton 268-6542

I will be passing around the refreshment list for the next 6 month. August has a few blank spot Please sign up.

Thanks for all the good food!

ROAD TRIP TO ST. AUGUSTINE.....

Thursday, July 31st All Stars will be going to Magrieta's Quilt Shop in St. Augustine. We will leave the Target parking lot on San Jose Boulevard at 9:15 am. Magrieta is going to give us a 10% discount of one or more one yard cuts and there will be even more sales in the back on the day of the road trip. We will also be given a free pattern. If you visit the shop at any time in July, you will be entered in a drawing for a quilt. Everyone participating in our road trip will be entered in the drawing as well. Anyone driving will be entered twice. After shopping at Magrieta's, we will go to lunch at the Columbia Restaurant. So sign up at the June meeting so reservations can be made for lunch. This road trip is gas and time friendly. I hope many will take advantage of this opportunity to visit a nice shop and perhaps make new friends.

ME DOLLS for the Shiner's Children Hospital

If you have finished bring them in this month and PLEASE return the pattern.
If you have not finished DON'T panic. We still have August. I will have more patterns available at the meeting.

Stuffing.
DO NOT stuff but if you have any poly fill you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.
The dolls will be stuffed at Quit Fest.
any question ask Jean Newton



Joan Killebrew A new member

Our new member's charming soft southern accent gives away the fact she was born in Georgia. At the age of 10, Joan and her family moved from Thomasville, Georgia to Jacksonville, which has been her home town ever since . Married for thirty five years, Joan and her husband John have 4 children, (3 boys and a girl) and 6 grandchildren (2 boys and 4 girls) Lots of future quilts!

Joan has been sewing most of her life. Since she was a young girl, she has always wanted to quilt . Now that she has retired after working 32 years for Blue cross, she is realizing her dream of becoming a quilter.. It has been about a year and a half and her STASH already "is a bunch" . Just wait , It won't take long to catch up with the rest of us. Tradition quilt patterns and Aunt Gracie fabric are her favorites, but she will be using bights for the grand children's quilts.

Joan's passions are her grand children and quilting.....what a great combination.!

WELCOME to our guild

Joan and future members written up in the newsletter will wear a star nametag to the next meeting, so everyone can put a face to a name.

TRAPUNTO BY MACHINE (Supply List)

In this class we will make a sample to learn the technique. It could be used later for a pillow. Instructions in class will include how to select patterns and how to use Trapunto in other projects and large quilts. A pattern is included with the class hand-out.

TWO 16" X 16" squares of light color solid (no print) fabric.

**12" X 12" square of very thick "high loft" polyester batting (the stuff we usually tell you not to get!). It's possible to use 2 – 3 layers of lower loft polyester batting but is more difficult to sew.

(*SEE NOTE BELOW*)

16" X 16" cotton or cotton-poly blend batting

Water soluble basting thread (Wash away or other brand). Do not open any packaging before class.

Blue wash-out marking pen (the regular size tip is good and easier to see).

White thread and

Thread to match light solid fabric above . . . please wind a bobbin before class (lightweight thread – 50 wt. machine embroidery – is best but not required. Regular sewing thread is OK).

Scissors with blunt/round tips (Frisker's band children's scissors are great).

Safety pins for basting layers together

A SEWING MACHINE YOU KNOW HOW TO USE WITH:

- A darning foot or spring needle (you MUST have this . . . the set up is the same as for free motion quilting)
- Size 12/80 needle

POLYESTER HIGH LOFT BATTING SQUARES will be available from the teacher for \$.50 each (so you don't have to buy a batt just for class).

JOIN US FOR LUNCH

After the General Meeting, we are going to CRISPERS. They have a backroom reserved just for All Stars. Everyone is invited. Don't forget the dollar off coupons on the back of your Publix receipt. It's a great time to talk over the program, a charity quilt you're making, or special project you might be involved in as well as get to know new members. Hope to see you there. . . .

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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 TEACHERS 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:

- ☛ **July 28th – Quilters Home Tour**
- ☛ **August 11th – Quilting the Quilt (free class)**
- ☛ **August 25th – Machine Trapunto by Sunnie**

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Quilters Calendar



July

No Board Meeting in July
21 General Meeting and Christmas in July
21 – 25 Kids Kamp
28 Quilters' Home Tour
31 Road Trip to St. Augustine

August

4 Board Meeting
11 Quilting the Quilt
18 General Meeting and Program by Group 2
25 Machine Trapunto by Sunnie