



The All-Star Gazette

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Quilters Calendar 2009

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2	Board Meeting	6	Board Meeting
9	Sit & Sew	13	Sit & Stitch
16	General Meeting - Program – Amish Quilts – Vicki Zoller	20	General Meeting - Program – Group 1 The Quilts of Gee's Bend
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2009 Officers

President *Sunny Malesky*
 Vice President *Melinda Rials*
 Recording Secretary *June Daniels*
 Corresponding Secretary *Mary Anne Dennis*

Get around and meet your officers.

All Star Quilt Guild 2009 Challenge

Welcome to the 2009 All Star Quilt Guild Challenge! Ladies, your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to decorate a bra in a way that showcases your piecing, appliqué, and/or quilting skills.

Rules

- There is a \$1.00 fee to cover the cost of a padded hanger (for consistency in presentation).

- Your decorated bra must be securely attached to the hanger.
- Your creation must have a title, written legibly on a fabric or index card label attached to the front of the hanger at its center (just below the hook). Your name should go on the back of the label.
- The project is due at the general meeting on May 18, 2009. The guild will vote for Viewers' Choice favorites. The votes will be cast in the form of dollar bills put into a cup for each corresponding bra; viewers will **not** be limited to a single vote. The creators of the three bras getting the most votes will win a prize. The money (votes) collected will be donated to charity.

Vote Early! Vote Often!

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

Education

Bleach Discharge Beauties

Julie Mainor's recent Bleach Discharge Class was just wonderful. It was magical watching the designs appear on the fabric after it was spritzed with bleach. Did you see the stunning quilts at the February meeting? It is amazing that they all started with the same design but all ended up as distinctly unique works of art.

Upcoming Classes

Mary Rhopa La Ciera of St. Augustine will be teaching a class on couching March 23rd 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 commonplace materials, such as yarns and unusual fabrics, many of which are recycled from old garments. Come play and have fun "doodling" on fabric.

Supply List for couching class:

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

Art Journal Class - April 27th

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

themes for pages that have been announced so far.

Supply List:

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

Note: Bring more stuff than you think you will need.

Quiche and Little Quilts

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

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

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

Fabric Art Journals

It was great to see the completed pages at last month's Guild meeting. There were also many people who told me that they had a completed page but didn't bring it or had a page that was almost complete. Come on, bring them in! There will be a table set up near the refreshments. Let us be inspired by your work! If you haven't started yet, it isn't too late to jump in. The general instructions were in the December newsletter. If you have any questions, you can always give me a call.

Here are the themes:

January: Stitches

February: One Color

March: Stamps and / or Painting

April: Couching - if you take Mary Rhopa La Ciera's class, this will be a great opportunity for you to show your stuff.

Hint for May: This month is brought to you the letter...

Remember: Save your selvages. That is a BIG hint for an upcoming month.

Vicki

Presidents Patch

When I started quilting about 27 years ago, machine quilting did not have a very good reputation. It became more accepted, due to people taking the time to learn how to do it well, writing books, and teaching. Now a hand quilted bed quilt is beginning to be a rare item!

So I got to thinking...how many quilters still quilt by hand? Or even more interesting, how many quilters have even done any hand quilting at all?

It would not surprise me to learn that many of the All Stars have never made any quilt stitches by hand. There used to be a lot of hand quilters in the All Stars. Our raffle quilts were all hand quilted! In fact, that's how I became any good at it...working away on the raffle quilt each year.

But it's been awhile since I have had a needle in hand to do anything other than finishing the binding. That's why I am looking forward to

March 21, National Quilting Day. The All Stars will be at the Mandarin Historical Park, and I'll have a chance to set up the quilt frame again, and work on my old friend, a real vintage Double Wedding Ring. It stays rolled up in the frame, just waiting to go out in public and let everyone try some hand stitches. I hope you'll come by and put in a few, too.

Then, for me, it will back to the machine and the three quilts I have basted are ready to go!

Sunnie

Bits and Pieces

Block of the Month

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

The Important Things in Life

Time passes.
Life happens.
Distance separates.
Children grow up.

Jobs come and go.
Love waxes and wanes.
Men don't do what they're supposed to do.

Hearts break.
Parents die.
Colleagues forget favors.
Careers end.

BUT.....
Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you.
A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach.

When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering

you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end.

Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you...Or come in and carry you out.

Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, Mothers, Grandmothers, Auntie's, nieces, cousins, and extended family, all bless our life!

The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other.

Every day, we need each other still.

Short and very sweet:

There are more than twenty angels in this world.
Ten are peacefully sleeping on clouds.
Nine are playing... And one is reading her newsletter at this very moment.

Author Unknown

Sew & Tell

- Margaret Stewart – one block wonder – a beautiful green background quilt made for her daughter
- Terri Chamberlain – All Star “Star” from retreat & baby tales
- Betty Ann Agnew – Spirit Quilt – has embroidered squares for each of the school sports at a local Catholic school. To be auctioned of as a fund raiser
- Jordan Groover – Bag
- Pat D’Elia – Queen Black and White twins – these are fraternal twins – they are almost alike
- Sharon Moran – Bleach Discharge from class
- Cathy Jones – Bleach Discharge from class & baby quilt – she made up the pattern of baby bears
- Mary Jo Kuhn – African family wall hanging

- Gay Montgomery – Star Blocks from our block of the month fund raiser
- Julie Mainor – bleached bird – the teacher of the Bleach Discharge class
- Kathleen Voigt – 5 quilt top projects in progress
- Gerda Murray – Bleached Discharge class
- Jessie Stokesbury – Bleached Discharge class

Your Sew and Tell Coordinator

Gay Montgomery

Quilting at the Park: March 21

On Saturday March 21 we will be celebrating National Quilting Day at the Mandarin Historical Park (Walter Jones Park on Mandarin Road at Country Dock).

There will be a quilt in a frame and everyone is invited to try quilting a few stitches. We'll have some quilts draped along the porch rail, and basically just be sitting around, stitching and talking with the public about quilting!

Set up time is at 8 am, and we'll be done by 3 pm. Come on by and join us for a nice relaxing All Stars event in a beautiful location!

<http://www.mandarinmuseum.net/>

Publicity

Those of you that followed the meetings, pictures, etc. on the First Coast Community website--it is gone!! Jacksonville.com changed their format. You can now get meeting notices at www.jacksonville.com click on "Find Events" then enter "quilting" in the search line.

Also check out the online calendars at www.mymandarinsun.com or use any area of town such as www.mynassausun.com , www.myclaysun.com, www.mywestsidesun.com and so on.

Dot Butler

Program

Amish Inspirations

Vicki Zoller's interest in Amish quilts began in 1982. Since that time she has been inspired to create nineteen quilts in the Amish style. She will share her enthusiasm for Amish quilting and demonstrate with her own quilts how her interpretation of Amish quilts has changed over time.

Group 1 Meeting

Group 1 will meet following the general meeting to finalize plans for their April program. Group members are:

Linda Andrews	Gerda 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	

Kids Kamp

Kids Kamp Cancelled

Everyone was interested in having the camp, but there was no one to take the leadership. We regret to announce that Kids Kamp will not be held for 2009.

Several people expressed an interest in having a different program; maybe just a few mornings spread over a month or two this summer.

If you would like to be involved in planning that, please be ready to meet for just a few minutes after the general meeting on March 16th.

Member & Visitor Update

Please welcome 3 new members – Kathy Barket, Andrea Pellegrino and Susan Allen

There were several errors in the new membership book. Please make the following changes in your directory.

Elizabeth Hess – email - Trackallstars2009@aaactive.com

Sharon Moran – email – rosssharonmoran@yahoo.com (note – there are 3 sss in Sharon's address)

June Daniels – home phone number – 287-7752

We also had the privilege to have 6 guests with us.

Trish Egbert	Noreen Fling
Jordan Groover	Jan Flesher
Shirley Sullivan	Evelyn Watson

Thank You ladies for choosing to spend time with us.

QuiltFest

QuiltFest Report

Plans for the show are coming along. Contact a QF rep (Gay M., June D., Lynn G., Pat P., Margaret S. or Deirdre W.) if you have any ideas or would like to get involved.

All Stars will be hosting the new “take in” location at our meeting place, First Christian Church. This is a move from Old Green Cupboard.

The Shriners were presented with a check for \$3,000 from the Silent Auction.

Entry forms will have the same categories as last year, plus a release so quilts can appear in a DVD of the show.

The food vendor will again be in the show area, and 140 vendor spaces have been confirmed.

QF may sponsor a bus trip to a quilt show sometime this spring.

By-laws are under review for some needed changes.

Look for QuiltFest ads in the June/July issues of these magazines: Quick Quilts, McCall's Quilting and Quilter's Home.

RAFFLE QUILT CHARITY?

The board has decided to look at whether we want to continue with the Donna (Hicken) Foundation as the charity for half the proceeds from our raffle quilt. As you probably know, they help women going through breast cancer treatment and need assistance with keeping the bills paid. We have been supporting them since this was a relatively new charity. They are familiar to a lot of people and, sometimes, when someone is hesitating about buying a ticket, just the mention of the Foundation, opens purses and wallets.

Another charity has been suggested, and it is Seamark Ranch. The Ranch is home for abandoned and abused children, located on Highway 16, west of Green Cove Springs. Their aim is to provide a stable home atmosphere for boys and girls, to give them life skills and a future. You can find more information on their website: www.seamarkranch.com. They receive no state or federal money, and are a registered non-profit organization.

We will discuss the charity choices at the March General Meeting and vote at the April General Meeting.

Meeting Minutes

All Star Quilters Guild General

Meeting February 16, 2009

Meeting called to order by Sunnie Malesky at 10:00.

Minutes approved as published in the Gazette.

Treasurer's report approved as read.

Hospitality Report & Membership by Carole Johns: We have 68 members and 8 visitors in attendance.

Door prize winners are: Karen Weisman & Beverly Roux.

Please verify your listing in the new directory is correct.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Betty Ann Agnew reminded us of the deadline for the Gazette is the board meeting.

Community Service: Rosemarie Murphy thanked everyone for bringing food bank donations today.

Education: Vicki Zoller

March 23rd Mary Rhopa La Ciera will be teaching --- Couching.

April 27th Sandie Jenson will be teaching --- Art Journals.

May 5th will be a special day with little quilts and quiche.

February 23rd Sit & Stitch and Vicki Zoller will be available to answer any questions & help on the art journals.

March 9th Sit & Stitch and we will be stuffing & closing Me Dolls. Just bring your favorite thimble and enjoy.

Historian: Margaret Stewart is compiling a DVD for the guild that should be finished soon.

Library: Marsha Bookstaver needs 3 more books to complete an AQS order.

Programs: March 16th will be Amish Inspiration Quilts by Vicki Zoller. April 20th will be by Group One.

QuiltFest Report: Sunnie welcomed Deirdre Wiggs as our new alternate. The quilt entry fee for members is being increased to \$8.00 and non members still \$10.00. Quilt "check in" will be at First Christian Church with our guild hosting.

Ways & Means: Julie Mainor is planning a July flea market sale. We will no longer have monthly sales.

2009 Quilt Mother: Karol Blomgren is collecting the quilt blocks for Starr.

2010 Quilt Mother: Need one-----see Sunnie.

Special Committees: Challenge 2009: Elizabeth Hess presented the idea of a quilted decorated bra for our challenge. Votes will be \$1.00 a vote and the bra with the most dollars will be the viewer's choice winner. All votes will be donated to breast cancer research. Entry fee \$1.00. Challenge due May 18th the only requirement is a title (must have a name) and a quilting theme.

Kids Kamp: We need a leader by the March 2nd board meeting or we will not have a camp this summer.

SSQA: Area rep is needed.

Activities:

Quilt Journal Pages: Monthly on going. January--Stitches, February---One color, March---Stamps & paint, April----Couching.

BOM: Gay Montgomery ---Block of the Month---Stars stars & more stars. Donation for each pattern is \$2.00. Two patterns will be offered each month.

Unfinished Business: The new guild pins have been ordered.

New Business: National Quilting Day is Saturday March 21st. Maggie Dinkins has arranged for our guild to participate in a special display at Mandarin Park. We will be set up on the porch from about 8am to 3pm with a quilt on a quilting frame for visitors.

Program: Jean Newton is showing slides and telling about her African trip with Quilts without Borders to Ethiopia.

Announcements: Coastal has space on the bus to Paducah.

Group one meet up front after the meeting.

We have a member looking for transportation from the 32207 zip code area.

Show and Tell:

Meeting adjourned @ 12:00.

Recording Secretary

June Daniels

jmd@bellsouth.net

287-7752

Calendar

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- 9 Sit & Stitch with Me Dolls
- 16 General Meeting
- 21 National Quilting Day @ Mandarin Park
- 23 Mary Rhopa La Ciera ----Couching Class
- 30 Sit & Stitch

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- 27 Sandie Jensen Class - Fabric Art Journal Techniques

September 24-26 QuiltFest

November 8-12 Retreat

Refreshments

MARCH REFRESHMENTS

- Healthy.....Betty Meers
- Decadent Chocolate.....Jenny Perkins
- Delicious and Fattening.....Paula Weatherby
- Sweet or Salty.....Margaret Stewart
- Somewhat Healthy.....Karol Blomgren
- Drinks including water.....Star Carson
- Set up/clean up.....Dot Butler

I generally give a reminder call the weekend before the meeting. If you are unable to bring refreshment, even at the last minute, please call me at 268-6542.

Jean

Thanks for all the delicious food

Community Service

The food drive last month was a great success with our Guild collecting a lot of much needed items for the food bank.

Thank you ladies for your wonderful participation.

Rosemarie

Happy Birthday (TO YOU)

March

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

April

- * Elizabeth Hess 5
- * Marsha Bookstaver 12
- * Jan Walker 15
- * Janet Walmsley 15
- * Lani Gardner 17

* Gay Montgomery	17
* Joan Killebrew	19
* Pat D'Elia	23
* Mary Anne Dennis	23
* Deirdre Wiggs	26

Newsletter

All articles and items for the newsletter are due on the first Monday of each month.

If you are currently receiving the newsletter by snail mail and would like to join the email gals, please let me know. The newsletter is provided via email in 2 user friendly formats – Microsoft Word and PDF. PDF is viewable using Acrobat Reader software that can be downloaded free by going to

<http://www.adobe.com/products/reader/>

If your information (i.e., address, telephone number, email address, etc.) changes please let Carole Johns (membership) or Betty Ann Agnew (newsletter editor) know.

Betty Ann Agnew

Newsletter Editor

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.*

Class Schedule:

- ☛ **March 23 - Mary Rhopa La Ciera – Couching (\$10.00 for Guild members)**
- ☛ **April 24 - Sandie Jensen - Fabric Art Journal Techniques (\$10.00 for Guild members)**

Note: we will have “Sit and Sew” on the Mondays we don’t have a class scheduled.

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