

# The Gazette

## All Star Quilters' Guild

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These are YOUR officers and Committee heads – they would sit up and roll over twice if you would offer to help them make our year 2012 the best ever.

## **All Star Challenge 2012 – “Double Your Fun”**

A few years ago, I saw a wonderful quilt at Paducah. It was a sampler about the Beatles' songs with all of the lyrics of the Beatles' songs written on the back. It was made by two sisters who collaborated on the quilt long distance. I have been interested in collaborative quilting ever since. So this year's Challenge is “Double Your Fun”. Find an All Star quilting partner and make a quilt no bigger than 24" X 24" that incorporates the theme of two. It can be two colors, it could be composed of two different quilt blocks, or have applique motifs that relate to Two, such as Noah's Ark. I'm sure you can think of many more interpretations.

You can divide up working on the quilt however you wish. One person could quilt; the other could piece-- your choice. Now how do you decide who gets to keep your masterpiece? You could donate your quilt to QuiltFest's Silent Auction, or you could make two identical quilts, one for each of you. I hope you will have fun, and expand your creativity by working with another quilter. Can't wait to see the finished quilts at the May Guild meeting! As always, we will show the quilts, vote on our three favorites, and the winners will receive prizes. Good luck!

Vicki Zollger

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

### **Do you know this Quilter: Gay Montgomery?**

This month's featured quilter, Gay Montgomery, is well-known to most Guild members. She was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and lived in Guam as a baby, but she has lived in Jacksonville since 1956 when her family moved to Florida.

Gay has been quilting for “at least” 20 years. She started out doing needlework, as many of us did, but a friend invited her to attend a quilting class at FCCJ (in the days when a class cost \$25 for a semester!). Gay says that after taking that class, “it was quilting all the way.” She was interested in hand piecing and took classes at Calico Station that reinforced her interest in quilting. For several years, Gay taught a beginning quilting class at FCCJ, and she currently facilitates a quilting group that meets on Fridays at Riverside Presbyterian Church.

It has been at least ten years since Gay joined All Stars, and she has never belonged to any other Guild. She was Membership Chair for a few years, and now she is Retreat Chair and manages Sew and Tell at the monthly Guild meetings. Gay appreciates the fact that so many Guild members are active in the Guild and that they are interested in learning new techniques. She enjoys seeing the quilts that members make, and she says that members of the Guild are “just a good group of people.” Gay also taught a class on the Potato Chip Quilt (“you can't stop at just one”) for the Guild. She has entered quilts in QuiltFest, and in 2011, one of her quilts was awarded an Honorable Mention (according to Gay, “the fabric did all the work”).

In addition to quilting, Gay enjoys reading (especially now that she has a Kindle). Gay's husband David became interested in Volvos, and they belong to a group of people who also appreciate Volvos, especially the older models. Gay enjoys going to the shows (meets) and meeting people from all over the United States. They have been to meets in California, Vermont, Lake Placid, NY and Williamsburg, VA. A few years ago, the group went to Sweden, and a highlight of the trip was a visit to the Volvo factory. While at the factory, Gay had the opportunity to drive a Volvo C30 on the Volvo test track, but she says she didn't go very fast. Gay also enjoys going on cruises, and she and David have been to the Caribbean several times, to Alaska and to Panama. Gay also went on a quilting cruise to the western Caribbean that was sponsored by “So Many Places.”

Gay met David while she was attending Paxon High School, and they have been married for 48 years. They have two children, Wendy and John. Wendy has three sons, John Ryan (who goes by Ryan), Kevin and David. Kevin also has two children, Gay and David's great-grandchildren, Connor and Zoe. Their son John's children,

John Wayne and Katie, have both entered quilts in the Young Quilters division of QuiltFest. Gay received nurse's training at FCCJ and then worked at St. Vincent's as an LPN for a total of 20 years.

Gay has been an active member of QuiltFest for several years. She served three years as Volunteer Chair. According to Gay, the challenge for the Volunteer Chair is to get all the volunteers organized and then to make sure they show up. This year will be her third year as Publicity Chair, which she finds interesting and challenging. Gay says that it is important to provide the public with as much information about QuiltFest as possible - many of us help Gay with this process by leaving bookmarks publicizing QuiltFest with quilt shops around the East Coast when we travel. This year, as part of the publicity for QuiltFest, the Jacksonville Public Library system will focus on QuiltFest and quilting for the entire month of September. The libraries will display books on quilts and quilting and put out bookmarks and posters to inform people about quilting and QuiltFest – great publicity! Gay says that while the many different personalities and viewpoints among QuiltFest members make working on QuiltFest a challenge, in the end everyone wants to make sure that QuiltFest is successful and works hard to ensure that success.

When asked if there is anything most people don't know about her, Gay says that she's an "open book."

Linda Wilson

## **All Star Subgroups**

### **Hand Applique Group**

Are you interested in hand applique? Recently the guild hosted a class with Becky Goldsmith from Piece 'O Cake Designs where we learned that hand applique can be fun. We learned tips and tricks from Becky that encouraged us to continue honing our skills. There is a small group forming with the intent of having fun and increasing our skill level. We do not have all the details worked out (meeting place and time), but would like to know if you are interested in this group. Please give Linda McClelland your name.

We are having a short meeting after the Guild meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> to see where we go from here. Bring a bag lunch and join us.

## **Bits and Pieces**

### **Update on Eleanor**

Received the following from Mike Armstrong:

Dear Betty Ann, Eleanor asked me to update the Guild members. Thanks, Mike

"In addition to the constant battle with my cancer problem, I fell on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January during my morning walk. Lots of blood, couple of teeth banged up, cut hands, cut jaw (6 stitches), plus a broken jaw. I'm now on a liquid diet. To top it off, due to painful digestive problems, I spent the week at Mayo Hospital with Ulcerative Colitis, getting home Friday afternoon Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will take some time to get back to normal. Thanks to everyone for their prayers, calls, cards and e-mails. LOVE, ELEANOR"

To Eleanor – We love and miss you. Take care and we hope to see you soon.

### **Thoughts and Prayers**

Margaret – Our thoughts and prayer are with you and your family with the passing of your mother-in-law. Know we love you and are with you in this difficult time.

## **LOST or possibly in safekeeping?**

I had to leave retreat early so I left my puzzle of "the rocking chair with the quilt" for the other ladies to work on. Just need to find who may have picked it up to bring back to me? I'd like to try to put my puzzle together sometime.

Thanks,

Mary Anne Dennis

## **Hand Quilter Needed**

I need someone to hand quilt a double bed size quilt for me. The quilt was made of very old blocks that cannot be machine quilted. For more information, contact Eleanor Armstrong at 828-4005.

Eleanor Armstrong

## **Missing Spoon**

I have someone's serving spoon. It was in my dish and I didn't look to see if I had my right spoon. If you are missing a spoon with a fan design on the handle, I have it and will bring it to the next meeting. If you have a spoon that is not yours, it is mine. I would appreciate it if you would bring it to the meeting. Please take a second to look in your spoon draw and make sure mine is not hiding there. Thanks.

Miriam Burkhart

## **Thank You**

Thanks to Kathleen Voight for printing 60 labels for our Community Service quilts. Anyone needing one to finalize your quilt please see me at the General Meeting. I will also try to keep some with me in between meetings for anyone who needs one. I now have 14 quilts at home that I am adding labels to. You can assist me greatly by sewing a label on your Community Service quilts, especially for the children at Daniel Foster. Thanks again, Kathleen.

## **Scissor Man**

Is it time for the "Scissor Man" to come visit us again? If you are interested in being sharpened – oops – I mean having something sharpened – i.e., scissors, garden tools, knives, your husband, a neighbor – please let Dot and/or Jean know. If there is enough interest we can ask him to come back or Jean has volunteered to take items that need sharpening with her when she goes.

## **Testament to Life**

Endlessly the magical elements of nature change, offering us refuge from our self-induced mayhem; dainty flowers adorn the earth like magnificent buttons.

When a quilt successfully bewitches you, it becomes alive within your imagination; yet it suffers a slow death if you fail to keep it alive by quilting.

In a rushed pace the chrysanthemum looks blurred. Acknowledged as a colorful blossom, it weeps for your close attention.

One third of quilters fabricate safe quilts, warming the body and decorating the home; offering utility and convenient adornment.

For many the world offers material pleasure, failing to engage life's mysteries; what pleasure can be found in a flower?

One third of quilters attempt to make quilts, flourishing in excuses and a bounty of emptiness; setting an example to none.

The abundance of nature rewards us, elevating our spirits; the colorful vision of life is tantalizing.

One third of quilters stitch from the heart, infusing love and comfort in every stitch; invigorating our souls, awakening us to life.

Every year the dance of nature continues, relentlessly painting our world with beauty.

The Tao of quilting is a wayward path without fear of failure or humiliation; sewing with the flow of life is the path to greatness.

We are surrounded by the divine muse offering us infinite possibilities; there is no place where doubt can enter in.

Every loving quilt is a manifestation of the infinite, endlessly moving us toward reflection; the centered quilter knows no fear.

For many the world offers material pleasure, failing to engage life's mysteries; what pleasure can be found in a flower?

By Stephen Seifert  
From Quilts With Style magazine  
Fall 2007

Submitted by: **Valeriz Lanham**  
From Valerie – “I still am not sure if I really like the poem or am indeed encouraged from it.”



## **New Year's Revelation**

As I was filing and organizing my quilting and sewing area I reviewed my UFO list from last year's guild challenge. Even as a beginner I had listed 25 items because someone (like my quilting sister and fellow member) had introduced me to the addiction of fabric shopping and assorted fun things, in anticipation of making quilts. Also, I listed many small projects as I thought that would get me into sewing again, helping to improve my abilities and to learn new techniques. Well it turned out that I did much more than I realized and it gave me a real boost for this year. Here's what I did. I X'd out those projects I don't want to do after all, and I checked the ones I had done or attempted to do. To see it all in in a clearer perspective, I then created a new sheet of "Done in 2011" which produced a list of 19 items (nothing amazing or perfect but I'm on my way!), which I then categorized into how many of what - Quilts (5 1/2) (small or tops only); Techniques and small projects (8); Sewing or clothing (3). I was tickled at this. I also made a short list of items I still want to do and hope to pick up again later. To complete the year's efforts, I listed all that I did, learned, collected, or became interested in. Where I went or volunteered, etc. It sounds like I must want to journal and take pictures too, like one of our guest speakers talked about. Finally, I did a To Do list for 2012 while all was still fresh in my memory. Not bad for a beginner, who also crochets, reads, and writes too. I hope each year to get a little more involved in this wonderful family of All-Stars.

Thanks, Ladies

PS - this story should tell you two things, 1) use a UFO list for all kinds of things - at least something gets scratched off now and then, and 2) get stitching instead of spending so much time on rewriting your do lists. !!!

**Valeriz Lanham**

# Calendar of Events

## February

- 6 Board Meeting
- 13 Sit & Stitch
  
- 20 Guild General Meeting – Program – “Fearless Design” and Food Bank Drive
- 27 Class – “Doodles” with Marita Eng

## March

- 5 Board Meeting
- 12 Sit & Stitch - QOV Mystery Quilt with Sharon Moran
- 19 Guild General Meeting – Program -Trunk Show with Sandy Lindfors
- 26 Class – “Nickel Quilts” with Pat Speth

## April

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Sit & Stitch – QOV Mystery Quilt with Sharon Moran
- 16 Guild General Meeting – Program Group 1
- 23 Class – “Take Five” with Betty Ann Agnew
  
- 30 Sit & Stitch - QOV Mystery Quilt with Sharon Moran

## May

- 7 Board Meeting
- 14 Class – Hand quilting with Vicki Zoller
- 15-17 SSQA Retreat at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center (Mt. Dora/Eustis area)
- 21 Guild General Meeting – Program - Challenge 2012 projects revealed. Food Bank Drive
- 28 Sit and Stitch – QuiltFest giveaways with Betty Ann Agnew

## June

- 4 Board Meeting
- 11 or 18 Guild General Meeting – To be determined by Vacation Bible School at the Church
- 25 Class - Paper Piecing with Andrea Pellegrino
- 28 QuiltFest giveaways with Betty Ann Agnew

## July

- 6 Board Meeting
- 9 Sit and Stitch – QuiltFest giveaways with Betty Ann Agnew
- 16 Guild General Meeting – Program – June Colburn [www.junecolburn.com](http://www.junecolburn.com)
- 25 Class - Yo Yo Santa with Harriett Moseley
- 30 Sit and Stitch – Jelly Roll Exchange Race

## August

- 6 Board Meeting
- 13 Sit and Stitch - Finish quilts for QuiltFest
  
- 20 Guild General Meeting – Program by Group 3 - Food Bank Drive
- 27 Class – Ellen Lindner - Jelly Roll Log Cabin

## September

- 3 Board Meeting
- 8 (Saturday) QuiltFest Turn-in day
  
- 10 Sit and Stitch
- 17 Guild General Meeting – Program – TBA – Finish volunteer sign-ups for QuiltFest
- 19 QuiltFest Preview Party
  
- 20 - 22 QuiltFest
- 24 QuiltFest Recovery Day

## October

- 8 Board Meeting
- 13 Craft and Tag Sale
- 15 Guild General Meeting - Election of 2013 Guild Officers: Program sponsored by Group 4
- 22 Fabric Painting with Nancy Wines
  
- 28 Class – Fabric Painting with Nancy Wines

## November

- 5 Board Meeting
- 11-15 Ladies Retreat
  
- 19 Guild General Meeting – Food Bank Drive
- 26 Demo Day

## December

- 3 Board Meeting
- 17 Guild General Meeting
- 28 Sit & Stitch

## Community Service - February, 2012

Four members have volunteered to help with quilting for our numerous Community Service quilts. Please talk to one of them below listed. Make sure to ask them how big they want the backing and batting (usually 3-4 inches bigger than the quilt top on each side). Also please provide the thread you want used (unless you discuss it with them prior to giving them your quilt. These will be done with basic quilting. We do have several more long-arm quilters in our guild if you are interested in paying for something fancier - Lynn Graham, Ole and Betty Olson, and Judy Stokes are several suggestions.

Lynn Graham (904 396-0078), Dot Butler (904 642-6574), Charlie Houtz (904 448-0706), and Sue Turner (904 571-2863 - many thanks to Sue for giving us 30 pillow cases for our charity quilts) are the charity quilters. We could use more so please let me know if you are willing to quilt one or more quilts per month. Thank you.

I was also able to purchase some batting this week at JoAnne's. Thank you all who voted Community Service budget money for batting. I will bring several packages to the general meeting so we can supply some batting for now.

### **daniel Foster Home**

I received 14 quilts for daniel at our last general meeting. I would like to take quilts to daniel after our February general meeting. If you have anything ready, that would be wonderful. Many thanks to Kathleen Voigt for her generous printing of 60 labels for our Community Service quilts. Please add a label if possible when donating a daniel quilt. This saves me time, as I have to sew labels on the quilts missing them. You can just sign the label from All Star Quilt Guild unless you would like to sign your name. The kids love to be able to put their names on their quilts so labels are really wonderful. All size quilts are greatly appreciated.

Placemats are gathered all year long and go to several Senior Centers here in Jacksonville as well as Green Cove Springs. Thanks to Trish Egbert and Bobbi Miller for giving us placements this month to start us off for 2012.

### **Quilts of Valor**

I have 3 quilts ready to go to Tampa. I think there may be a few more that are still a work in progress. Please let me know so that I make sure to take all of them on the next trip to Tampa. I am working on another Mystery Quilt for this year and waiting for the OK from the Mystery Quilt Lady at QOVF. Dates for the Mystery Quilt are March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you are interested. 15-20 is a good size class for this community service sew-athon.

Fabric Requirements –  
(rounded up but not padded)

Fabric 1 – 2 ¼ yards  
Fabric 2 – ¾ yards  
Fabric 3 – ¾ yards  
Fabric 4 – ¾ yards

Borders-Pieced (Option 1)  
Fabric 1- ½ yards  
Fabric 2 - 5/8 yards  
Border Solid (Option 2)  
Fabric of choice ¾ yards

This can be done scrappy by keeping the color within each Fabric range in the same color family.

## Food Bank

February General Meeting is our month for food bank donations. Please check out your pantries and/or hit the buy one get one at the grocery stores. Also remember if you can to bring a few feminine products – they are really appreciated.

Thanks to one and all. Let's have a great 2012.

Sharon Moran

## Jelly Roll Quilt Race (Exchange)

Beginning in March, Sharon and I are organizing a jelly roll strip exchange. At the end of the exchange portion of the program, we will all get together with our strips and have a jelly roll quilt race for one of our Community Service projects. The quilts will be given to Sharon to decide where they are needed most or you can specify which project you want to give your quilt to.

Here is how it will work.

- At each general meeting in March, April, May and June – bring 10 strips 2 ½ inches by the width of the fabric. The fabric can be anything from your stash that you would like to share.
- At the end of the meeting, you will receive 10 strips to take home. By the end of the June meeting you will have collected 40 strips (just what you need for a jelly roll quilt).
- On July 30<sup>th</sup> we will meet (during Sit and Stitch) and have a jelly roll race. You can complete your jelly roll quilt front in about 3 hours. There is some prep work you need to do with your strips ahead of the race and I will be giving you those instruction in June.

Sound like fun? What a great way to get together and sew for our Community Service Projects.

If you would like, you can bring a second set of strips (or a purchased jelly roll) to sew in the afternoon or make a pillowcase for your quilt. Bring a bag lunch or if enough people want to sew in the afternoon, I will provide lunch.

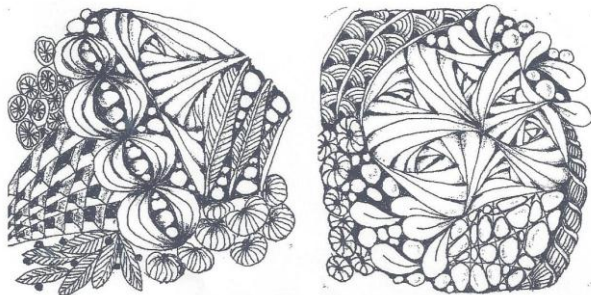
If you have any questions, contact me either by email ([bettyaagnew@comcast.net](mailto:bettyaagnew@comcast.net)) or phone (303-8845).

Betty Ann Agnew

## Education

February 27<sup>th</sup> - Doodles by Marita Eng (class fee \$10). Bring required black pen (Pigma Micron 01, Sukura Gellyroll fine, or Stanford Roller Ball fine Point). Below is a sample of what you will be learning. It's easy, fun and very relaxing.

### “Doodles’ with Marita Feb. 27, 2012



March 26<sup>th</sup> - Nickel Quilts by National Teacher and Book Author, Pat Speth. Sign up for Nickel Quilts will be February 20<sup>th</sup>. The fee will be \$30 and class size is limited to 20 people. Check out the patterns for Half Square Triangles and Four Patch Units on line at [www.patspeth.com/nickelquilts.html](http://www.patspeth.com/nickelquilts.html).

Gentle reminder – Only those who have registered and paid for a class may attend.

## Happy Birthday - To YOU!

### February

26 Doris Powell  
28 Amanda Hodges

### March

1 Linda Wilson  
3 Betty Olson  
10 Betty Meers  
12 Paula Weatherby  
12 Helen Mauro  
15 Mary Jo Kuhn  
25 Beverly Roux  
30 Betsy Smith

## Library

I have a new catalog and will pass it around at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Marsha Bookstaver

## Membership

At the January Guild meeting birthday party there were 74 members present, along with seven visitors.

Our visitors were Evelyn Wadsworth, Barbara Orris, Betsy Goodyear, Lori Fitzgibbons, Betty Lisenby, Jeannie Coutant (Trish Egbert's daughter) and Jeannie's friend Susan Brodersen. Congratulations to Sally Eunpu and new member, Marion Lord, who won the door prizes.

Several people renewed their memberships at the January meeting, and the total Guild membership now stands at 110. The new 2012 member directories and membership cards will be available at the February 20<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting.

Linda Wilson

## Newsletter Editor

### New Format

Well – how do you like the new format? Got an email from Amanda Hodges early in January with a suggestion for a new format. Her suggestion is now in print. Thanks Amanda.

If you have suggestions for the Gazette, shoot me an email for give me a call.

## Programs

Everyone has asked for the pattern and instructions for the cake pieces we enjoyed and took home from the Birthday Party. The web site is [www.Connectingthreads.com](http://www.Connectingthreads.com). Go to freebies at the top, then to patterns. You can print the instructions from there. If you are not sure how to get to the site and print, let me know and I will send you the instructions via email. Just let me know.

Thank you to group five for all your hard work to make our Birthday Party an exquisite event.

Betty Ann Agnew

## **To Group 5 -**

What a wonderful job you all did for the January birthday meeting! The cakes were so cute, and what a wonderful tie in with Piece O' Cake. It is obvious that you all put in a lot of time and creative effort. The bar is really set high for all the other groups. The cake pieces make great favors for a party-- and no calories or gluten! I put mine on a plate with a fork and napkin, took a picture and have sent it to some quilting buddies in other states, so news of your creativity is being spread far and wide!

Vicki

## **President – Dashes from Dot - -**

What a great birthday party we had! All our thanks to Group 5 and the cakes they "baked" for us. Sharon Moran and Betty Ann Agnew cooked the ham for us and Ellen Cannon made the delicious strawberry cake. Thanks to the entire membership who shared their dishes with us. The lecture by Becky Goldsmith on color was so informative. I learned about what I should shop for next.

We have a lot of special events coming up with Sharon Moran's mystery quilt for Community Service and Betty Ann Agnew's give-a-ways for QuiltFest. As always, we had better get our stuff ready for QuiltFest. It seems to sneak up on us every year!

Our condolences to Margaret Stewart and her family on the loss of her husband's mother.

Thank you all for my signature blocks. I will bring some unsigned blocks to the next meeting for anyone else to sign. Then I will start on my personal quilt. You know how I am about finishing things!!

Happy Spring!! (Hopefully).

Dot Butlqr

## **Publicity**

The Guild monthly meeting is posted on [www.jacksonville.com](http://www.jacksonville.com) under events- keyword- quilting.

Dot Butlqr

## **Quilt Tip of the Month**

### **Przssing vs. Ironing**

There is a difference between pressing and ironing. Pressing is technique whereby the weight of the iron and its heat smooth away wrinkles and restore the fabric's shape. Ironing, however, involves vigorously moving the iron over the fabric and applying pressure downwards. Fabric pieces and finished blocks should always be pressed, never ironed, to avoid stretching them out of shape. If pressing does not provide satisfactory results on larger pieces of fabric, however, the iron may be gently moved over the surface as long as little pressure is applied.

From: [www.quiltingassistant.com](http://www.quiltingassistant.com)

And of course, if all else fails – STEAM IT INTO SUBMISSION!! I learned that from Carole Johns.

## **Quilt Shows – Coming**

✓ March 1, 2 and 3, 2011 - Flying Needles Retreat and Quilt Show — For more information go to - [www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org](http://www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org)

- ✓ March 1 & 2, 2012 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual FANtastic Quilt Show – for more information contact Betsy O’Neil at [lcpqquiltshow@hotmail.com](mailto:lcpqquiltshow@hotmail.com) or 352-223-3825
- ✓ March 3 & 4, 2012 – Stitches I Time 2012 - for more information contact Deb Crine at [dcrine@gamil.com](mailto:dcrine@gamil.com)
- ✓ March 16 & 17, 2012 – Rings of Love - for more information contact Pelican Piecemakers at [PelicanPiecemakersFl@yahoo.com](mailto:PelicanPiecemakersFl@yahoo.com)
- ✓ March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – “Timeless Treasures” Quilt Show – For more information go to [www.seasidepiecemakers.com](http://www.seasidepiecemakers.com)
- ✓ March 23 – 25, 2012 – Smokey Mountain Quilters Guild Show - for more information contact – Jean Lester at [jeanlester@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.fiberartistsnetwork.org)

## Quilt Mother(s) 2012

Thanks for all the help we received at the 3 sit and stitch days, the quilt is well on its way. There may be one or two more blocks to be completed, but all in all, we are about ready to start stitching rows together. Sandy Onsager has graciously volunteered (she only has 1 broken toe) to design and complete the back of our quilt. Thanks Sandy.

Sharon Moran and Betty Ann Agnew

## Community Service Donation for 2012

The Board discussed the allocation of funds received from the sale of tickets for the 2012 raffle quilt. At the February General Meeting, I would like some suggestions from the membership of potential recipients. Some suggestions received are Hubbard House, Safe Harbor, Seamark Ranch and Community Hospice (PedsCare). Please give us the information on the charity and contact person. We will vote on suggestions at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Below is some information submitted for the PedsCare program.

**Community PedsCare – the Children’s Services branch of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc.**  
[www.communityhospice.com/our-services/childrens-services.aspx](http://www.communityhospice.com/our-services/childrens-services.aspx)

PedsCare® is a national-award-winning\* pediatric palliative and hospice program for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. A program of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida in collaboration with Wolfson Children’s Hospital, Nemours Children’s Clinic and the University of Florida — Jacksonville, Community PedsCare offers support, comfort and care to these children and their families.

*\*In 2009, Community PedsCare won the National Quality in Palliative Care Leadership Award. The award is presented annually to recognize organizations that have enhanced their palliative care services by implementing the palliative care principles supported by the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care and the National Quality Forum.*

We focus on the holistic, unique needs of children and their families and the value of a specialized program of support and resources. The Community PedsCare team customizes its care plan to meet the needs and abilities of each child. The program offers in-hospital and in-home medical, nursing, psychosocial, spiritual, volunteer and other services to support, comfort and care for children and their families.

### Who we serve:

Children with a progressive illness or sudden injury have a multitude of needs, and their families are often left facing difficult decisions and ongoing stresses. Community PedsCare brings comfort and care to enhance quality of life for patients from prenatal (before birth) to age 21 in the five-county Northeast Florida area ... supporting children’s parents, siblings, other family, caregivers, classmates and teachers.

## *“Building positive memories...letting kids be kids”*

Our palliative care services are focused on preventing or relieving the physical and emotional distress of a serious illness or condition. Care is provided by a team of doctors, nurses, psychosocial specialist, clergy, child life and other specialists who work with the child’s physicians and the child and family’s social network. This support addresses emotional, social, psychological, spiritual, grief and loss needs of the child and family. The goal is to improve quality of life, including alleviating pain and symptoms and to help children, siblings and extended families live as normally as possible.

Our **hospice** services begin when a child has a life expectancy of six months or less and has discontinued aggressive curative treatment. Hospice care is palliative care that, when needed, focuses on preparing the child and their family for death, supporting their needs through the final stages of life and providing bereavement services to the family.

### **Services available for all patients and their families include:**

- Palliative care
- Hospice care
- Partners in Care: Together for Kids (PIC)
- Perinatal program
- University of Florida Pediatric Pain and Palliative Clinic
- Transition to Life

Children with serious, potentially life-limiting conditions are eligible to receive our services. Referrals are received from the child’s primary physician. Community PedsCare walks alongside parents and their children regardless of the treatment options they decide to pursue. A team of trained, experienced pediatric professionals all work together to support the child and family during difficult times. Working with the child’s own physician, the Community PedsCare team helps families navigate through the maze of pediatric healthcare.

### **Dot Butler**

PedsCare information submitted by Linda McClelland

## **QuiltFest**

### **QuiltFest**

The theme for QuiltFest 2012 is – “Discover Diamonds” and is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. We always need lots of guild members to volunteer for the raffle table, white gloves, quilters walk, put up and take down the quilts, and much more. Start thinking about what you would like to do this year and get with one of our representatives to volunteer or ask what you can do to help.

Also remember – if you have used ink cartridges from your printer(s), please save them and give them to one of our QuiltFest Representatives. We turn them in and get a discount on printing. Over the year that can save us quite a bit of money.

June Daniels, Gay Montgomery, Pat Pataki and Mary Anne Dennis

### **QuiltFest Raffle Table Giveaways**

The give-a-way for the purchase of one (\$1.00) ticket at the raffle table is “Chocolate Truffles” (known to some as Puffy Puppy Poop Petit Fours Pincushions). They look just like chocolate truffles in a little candy dish. The recipe (instructions) is below. Please feel free to make as many as you would like (no eating any as you sew).

Thanks to Kathy Rutherford for the wonderful Truffle idea and recipe.

If you attended the Ladies Retreat several years ago and make a 2 tiered glass tray at the tea party, and still have your tray, the guild would like to borrow it for the raffle table. The Chocolate Truffles will be on the trays. If you have a tray we can borrow, please let me know. Thanks.

The give-a-way for the purchase of 10 \$1.00 tickets is cake pieces. They were such a hit at the birthday party I thought they would be great for the raffle table. My hope is to encourage ticket buyers to purchase 10 tickets at a time. Trish has volunteered to coordinate cake making as well as help make cakes. If anyone would like to help with the cakes or donate fabric for cake pieces, please see Trish. Trish has also volunteered to make a red velvet cake for the raffle table. If someone has 1/3 to 1/2 yard of red velvet material and/ or 2/3 to 3/4 yard of white material they would like to donate, please let Trish know.

We will have a sit & stitch on May 28<sup>th</sup> to make give-a-ways for the raffle table – both “Chocolate Truffles” and cakes. There are lots of tasks to get done, so come and join the fun.

I am still deciding on a give-a-way item for the purchase of 5 \$1.00 tickets. Will have more information soon.

**Betty Ann Agnew**

### **Chocolate Truffles Recipe -**

Make a template for a 3 ¾ inch circle (see Betty Ann for a circle pattern). Trace and cut circles from material that looks like chocolate. Folding the fabric allows you to cut more than one circle at a time. Baste ¼ inch from the edge of the circle with quilting thread, embroidery thread or any strong thread. The thread can be any color. The length of the stitch can be 3/8 inch – using a large stitch makes gathering easier. Gather the circle and stuff with a cotton ball or stuffing and tie the ends closed. Place truffles in a zip lock plastic bag with your name the number you made marked on the bag. The truffles will be hot glued in to candy wrappers at one of the sit and stitch days.

**Kathy Rutherford**

### **QuiltFest - Quilters Walk**

So far we do not have a volunteer to coordinate and put together the guild basket for the Quilters Walk. This is a very important part of our participation in QuiltFest. Would you like to volunteer or know more about this? See Dot Butler and she can give you all the poop and get you started.

## **Quote of the Month**

“Save the Earth. It's the only planet with quilting!”

Submitted by: Trish Egbert

## **Recipe of the Month**

If you missed the January Birthday Celebration – you missed the most WONDERFUL cake I have ever eaten. The recipe for this glorious cake is below.

### **Strawberry Cake Recipe**

- 1 pkg (18.25 ounces) plain white cake mix
  - 1 pkg (3 ounces) strawberry gelatin
  - 1 cup chopped or mashed fresh strawberries with juice
  - 1 cup vegetable oil
  - 1/2 cup whole milk
  - 4 large eggs
1. Place rack in center of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees. Lightly grease three (3) 9 inch round cake pans and dust with flour.
  2. Place the cake mix, strawberry gelatin, mashed strawberries, oil, milk, and eggs in a large mixing bowl and blend with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 minute. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Increase the mixer speed to medium and beat for 2 minutes more. The

strawberries should be well blended into the batter. Divide the batter among the prepared pans and bake 28 to 30 minutes. Let cool completely.

#### FROSTING

- 1 pkg (8 ounces) cream cheese at room temperature
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, at room temperature
- 4 to 5 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3/4 cup fresh ripe strawberries mashed or chopped and drained well
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Combine cream cheese and butter in a large mixing bowl on low speed. Scrape down the sides and add the sugar, strawberries, and lemon juice. Mix on high speed until frosting is light and fluffy. If it is too thin add more sugar, more berries if too thick.

I chilled the cake layers before frosting.

**From: Ellen Cannon**

## Recording Secretary

### Luncheon Leftovers

There's no food left. Sorry! But wasn't it delicious? Thanks to all who cooked for the rest of us to enjoy.

Becky Goldsmith was at my table, and she absolutely loved our "cakes" and how cute everything looked. Thanks to everyone in Group 5 who helped make our decorations such a success: Kathy Rutherford, Linda Wilson, Mary Stout, Patsy Beach, Sandy Onsager, Sharyn Potfay, Starr Carson, Joyce Daugherty, Ellen Cannon, and several new members whose names I haven't yet learned. It was a pleasure working with all you creative and generous ladies.

I have all the white "tablecloths" in my possession that were not claimed after the luncheon. If anyone wants their yardage back, let me know. If not, I will see that it gets used in one of our Community Service quilts. I love nice soft muslin backings, especially on the QOV and WW quilts.

Also, I have scraps of cute "frosting" fabric that is bonded to medium to heavy weight interfacing. I cannot use it, and would be glad to give it to anyone who can.

**Trish Egbert**

### All-Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting January 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dot Butler. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. Andrea Pellegrino gave the Treasurer's report, including a complete end-of-year breakdown.

#### Committee reports:

**Communication** – Beginning in February, newsletters will be delivered by email only. To reduce printing costs, only a limited number of paper copies will be sent to members without email and made available at meetings, primarily for new members. Reports for the next newsletter are due Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at the board meeting.

**Community Service** – Food Bank collection is in February, especially paper products. Sharon Moran will organize another Mystery Quilt series for Quilts of Valor. Safe Harbor needs a couple more quilts for new boys. We received a plaque from Daniel as thanks for our quilts. To encourage more Community Service quilts, Sharon is lining up long arm quilters who will machine quilt the Community Service quilts made by guild members. Dot observed that there is no budget for Community Service, but we want to purchase batting for use in our quilts. Mary Anne Dennis moved to allow \$300 for Community Service expenses. Elaine Brett seconded. Motion approved.

**Education** – Bonnie Helm announced the entire year's classes, including Doodles by Marita Eng in February. Signup for March's Nickel Quilts class will be taken at the February meeting.

**Sit and Stitch days** - Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> is scheduled for work on the 2012 raffle quilt.

**Historians** - Jean Newton and Sandy Onsager are new chairs.

**Hospitality** - Jean Newton reports sufficient sign-ups for the first months of 2012. She thanked all who contributed luncheon dishes.

**Sunshine** – Betty Olson is new chair.

**Membership** – Linda Wilson announced 74 members and 5 guests present. There are 101 membership renewals so far.

**Programs** – Linda McClellan announced the February program will be a presentation by last year's Fearless Design group. March program is a trunk show by Sandy Linfors.

### **Special Committees:**

**QuiltFest** – No financial reports yet.

**2012 Guild challenge** – Vicki Zoller announced the 2012 Challenge: "Double Your Pleasure" will be a 24" x 24" quilt made with a guild partner using a theme of "two".

**Ways and Means** – New Chair Mary Anne Dennis is working to expand our tag sale to a craft show. She encouraged members to come up with easy crafts that may be sold for no more than \$20. There will be a brainstorming session at a March Sit n' Stitch to generate ideas about the sale. Date of the sale will likely be in October this year.

**All Star Retreat** - Nov. 11-15, 2012.

**Road Trip** - Pat D'Elia reported that a March trip is planned.

**Sew & Tell** - At least ten busy quilters displayed their beautiful finished products.

**Unfinished Business** - Outgoing Vice President Trish Egbert presented Dot Butler with a President's gift of a UFO box of blue and yellow signature blocks. We were then adjourned.

**Today's program** - Vice President Linda McClelland introduced Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake Designs, who presented a unique perspective on the use of color in quilts.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Egbert

Recording Secretary

## **Refreshments**

THANK YOU!

The food was delicious!! A special thanks to the set up crew – Kathy Brown (who took off work) and Val Stanley, and the clean-up crew – Ann Crosby, Linda Walmsley and Karen Weisman, who slaved away in the kitchen after the party was over. Thank you also to Ellen Cannon for the Spectacular cake (used as a center piece for the table). This guild is the best.

Recycling – by recycling the luncheon flatware we saved 139 pieces of plastic from the land fill and the guild at least \$10.00. Why not save?

## Refreshment for February

Healthy	Jan Touchton
Decadent Chocolate	Louise Flowers
Delicious & Fattening	Linda McClelland
Sweet or Salty	Carole Johns
Somewhat Healthy	Andrea Pellegrino
Drinks	Trish Egbert
SET UP	Trish Egbert
CLEAN UP	Trish Egbert

Any question or if you cannot come, even at the last minute – give me a call – 268-6542

Jean Newton

## Sit & Stitch

See calendar of events for dates and descriptions.

## Sew & Tell

Mary Jo Kuhn	Red, white and blue quilt
Gay Montgomery	Jelly Roll Quilt
Margaret Stewart	“Nicki’s World” queen quilt
Nancy Rushton	Jelly Roll
Vicki Zoller	Sapphire whole cloth quilt (sapphire is Vicki’s birthstone)
Marion Lord	Original quilt
Andrea Pellegrino	Fun and done quilt
Jessie Stokesberry	2 aprons
Betty Ann Agnew	Lazy eye quilt and pillow case for daniel (this was a UFO project)

Ladies, please remember to write your name and project clearly on the Sew & Tell sheet. Thanks.

## SSQA

### Quilters' Retreat in May...all quilters welcome!

SSQA Retreat May 15 - 17

This Tuesday to Thursday retreat at Lake Yale is all about doing your own thing. But there are still activities and fun planned - it's all optional! There will be a block contest (Viewer's Choice award and drawings for the blocks) and some Fun with Fat Quarters, including a guess-how-many and Lotto to win a batch. There is plenty of sewing space, motel style rooms, six meals you don't have to cook, and great quilters from all around the state. Only \$140 for SSQA members, and \$165 for non-members (or join for \$25 and get the member rate). Everyone is welcome - bring some friends for a pre-planned gathering! Please register by March 1<sup>st</sup> at

<http://www.ssqa.org/nextmeet.htm>

Sunny Malzsky

## Ways and Means

Besides our raffle quilt, which more often than not is almost completely donated to a good cause, we also have our craft/tag sale each year to provide additional income for activities and projects. So.....we need everyone's support to help this guild fund raising project.

The planning for this event is up and running. Here is the skinny thus far.

- The date is October 13<sup>th</sup>, 9A.M. – 4 P.M.
- There will be 20 booths/tables inside with 10 booths/tables outside
- Guild “winning” quilts to be displayed
- All Stars table sales
- Live demos throughout the day (treadle machine, sewing, embroidery, etc.)
- Bake sale and spaghetti lunch/dinners for sale
- Flyers to be available at QuiltFest, local quilt shops, possibly at other guilds’ meetings and bulletin boards around town along with plenty of signs that day and possibly the day before.

What kind of items could you make that would sell for under \$20, \$10 or \$5? Who would you like to share a booth or table with? If you have a talent other than quilting, that's another option to consider. There is a job for everyone in our guild – sew, bake, help in the kitchen, help with the guild table sales, help with clean up, be a white glove lady for our display of winning quilts, deliver flyers to quilt shops, or any number of other activities going on that day.

Come see me at the back table before or after each regular meeting. I will stay at least 15-30 minutes after to answer any questions or help you figure out what you want to do for the Craft/Quilt Show in October.

Remember – it takes everyone to make this event a success.

*Mary Anne Dennis*

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