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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 in 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 Zollgr

All Star Quilters' Guild -Where everyone can shine!

Do you know this Quilter: Karol Blomgren?

Karol Blomgren, this month's featured quilter, is from New Buffalo, Michigan, a small town on Lake Michigan about 60 miles from Chicago. Karol has lived in Florida a total of 16 years, the first time from 1992 to 1995. She returned to Florida in 1998 and has been here ever since. She has also lived in Livonia, Michigan (outside Detroit) and Cumberland, Maryland, in the mountains of western Maryland.

Karol has been quilting for six years and first learned to quilt by taking classes. She says she had always thought it would be fun to quilt. Her mother had passed away, and learning to quilt helped give Karol something new to think about. Carole Johns invited her to join All Stars, and she has been a member since 2004. She has never belonged to any other Guild and says, "I found the best one on my first try." Karol says that the meetings are enjoyable, and she has made several new friends. She also appreciates the numerous opportunities to learn from other Guild members and from outside speakers. She has presented demos at Guild Demo Days. Those of us who attended this year's Demo Day remember her Magic Wallet demonstration. Karol was in charge of the Guild table at QuiltFest for two or three years. She has also entered quilts in QuiltFest. She won a Judge's Recognition award a couple of years ago and has received positive comments on other quilts that she has entered in the shows.

In addition to quilting, Karol enjoys reading and traveling. Karol's husband Jeff is the safety director for a utility construction company. In the past year she and Jeff have traveled to Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. on business related to the National Utility Contractors Association. They have gone to the State of Washington, Louisville and Orlando to see Karol's niece's daughter compete in archery. The trip to Orlando was a World Tournament where, even though her niece's score was not high enough to place, it was her personal best. Karol and Jeff also made a trip to Michigan with their grandson, Erik, to visit friends and then to Chicago and Michigan (business and friends). They spent Christmas in Shreveport, LA, with their daughter Krista and her family.

Karol and Jeff have been married for 49 years, and they have two children. Their son Kirk works for CSX and lives in Jacksonville with his wife Carol and son Erik. Erik is 15, plays football for Christ's Church Academy and plays trombone in the band. Their daughter Krista lives in Shreveport with her husband Chris Fanning and stepson Ian. Krista is a middle school band director. Karol says that Krista likes having an audience every day. Krista was Miss Michigan in 1988 and competed in the Miss America Pageant against Gretchen Carlson who is now on the "Fox and Friends" morning show on the Fox News Channel. Karol says that, "Krista was definitely in the top 50 and managed to graduate from college debt free thanks to pageant scholarships."

According to Karol, most people don't know that she was a telephone operator "back in the day." That was a time when callers would have to pick up the receiver and wait for the operator to ask for the number being called. The phones did not even have dials. The operator would manually ring the phone being called. That was the days of party lines when you always knew when the other person on your line was getting a call. Karol says her home phone was 257-J until they got a private line, and then the number was 1258. How many of us grew up with the same type of telephone service (my home number while I was growing up was 408-W)? Karol says she also had a job making Gerber baby pants – the plastic ones that were put on over the baby's CLOTH diaper. She had that job for 17 years, and figures that at 1,000 diapers per day, she probably made about ten million diapers. Some of our own babies may have used the plastic pants Karol made.

Linda Wilson

Bits and Pieces

Thank You Santa

Thank you Santa for the beautiful Christmas cards and fabric you dropped off for the guild. What a wonderful surprise and such beautiful material. You are truly a shining star in our guild.

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 Ann Dennis

Thank you, thank you to the wonderful guild members, true All Star ladies, who sent my husband, Roger, and me cards and postcards, and called to express their sympathy after our grandson, Grant, died. It was very comforting to know so many people care about us.

Thanks.

Bonnie Helm

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

Calendar of Events

January

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Sit & Stitch – 2012 Raffle Quilt

- 16 Guild General Meeting – Birthday Party.
Program – Becky Goldsmith
- 17 **Tuesday** – Class – Hand applique with
Becky Goldsmith
- 23 Sit & Stitch – 2012 Raffle Quilt
- 30 Sit & Stitch – 2012 Raffle Quilt

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

- 19 Guild General Meeting – Program TBA
- 26 Class – “Nickel Quilts” with Pat Speth

April

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Sit & Stitch

- 16 Guild General Meeting – Program Group 1
- 23 Class – “Take Five” with Betty Ann Agnew
- 30 Sit & Stitch

May

- 7 Board Meeting

- 14 Class – Winding Road/Basic Quilting
Lesson with Patty Thomas
- 21 Guild General Meeting – Program -
Challenge 2012 projects revealed. Food
Bank Drive
- 28 Sit & Stitch

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

July

- 2 Board Meeting
- 16 Guild General Meeting
- 23 Class - Yo Yo Santa with Harriett Moseley

August

- 6 Board Meeting
- 20 Guild General Meeting – Food Bank Drive

- 27 Class – Jelly Roll Log Cabin
- 3 Board Meeting

- 17 Guild General Meeting

October

- 8 Board Meeting
- 15 Guild General Meeting
- 22 Fabric Painting with Nancy Wines

- 28 Class – Hand Quilting with Vicki Zoller

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

Community Service

Are you ready to start a new year with our favorite charities for 2012? I have been talking with several of our members who suggested that we try to find people who would do long arm quilting for us. The quilting could be free for charity quilts or a minimum charge. If you are interesting in helping out with long arm quilting, please let me know so I can pass your name on to other All Star quilters.

All size quilts are greatly appreciated. Pillow cases are always needed. Placemats are gathered all year long and go to several Senior Centers here in Jacksonville as well as Green Cove Springs.

Quilt of Valor

I would like to continue Quilts of Valor this year. Is anyone interested in another Mystery Quilt gathering? I have 2 quilts ready to go to Tampa. I think there may be a few more that you are working on. Please let me know so that I make sure to take all of them on the next trip to Tampa.

Food Bank

The food bank really appreciates our support over the year. We drop off food and paper/feminine products 4 times a year. February general meeting will be our next month to gather food, etc. for the Mandarin Food Bank. Please remember us when you see those buy one get one deals.

Sue Abbey and Ellen Cannon are going to help me this year. I appreciate your support ladies. I look forward to working with everyone in 2012. Let me know if there is anything special you are interested in so that we all can work together.

Sharon Moran

Community Service Year-end Report

Food Bank - 4 Food Bank drives were delivered to the Mandarin Food Bank (February, May, August and November).

Placemat Project

Meals on Wheels – 40 placemats were given to the Mandarin Senior Center for their program. 20 placemats were given to Downtown Meals on Wheels and 10 to Green Cove Springs Meals on Wheels.

QOY (Quilts of Valor)

12 Quilts of Valor were taken to the Tampa VA Hospital by Peggy Manley from the All Star Quilt Guild. Plus Judy Stokes had 14 quilts from her church group. We have several more that have been turned in for 2012 and several more ladies are completing their Mystery quilts.

daniel Foster Home

38 Quilts and pillow cases were completed in 2011 for daniel Foster Home (58 in 2010).

Christmas Stockings

Not sure of the total count but I believe there were between 90 and 100 stocking made. WOW!

Safe Harbor

There were 7 quilts given to Safe Harbor in 2012. You will never know how much that means to the boy trying to get their lives together.

This has been a very generous year at All Stars' Quilt Guild. I appreciate all your hard work and dedication to our charities. Thank you.

Let's all get together and see if we can top all our accomplishments from last year. Maybe have a sew day at your house for daniel quilts or get started early on Christmas stockings or spend the morning at the church making placemats. You ladies are very creative – I know we can do it when we set our minds in motion.

Sharon Moran



Education

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

1 Day Passion Flowers - Tuesday January 17th Becky will be teaching: **1-Day Passion Flowers - Block #4 Lessons In Improvisational Appliqué**. This class is full and we are starting a waiting list!

Fabric for a 1 - Day Class

Choose 100% cotton fabric. Pre-wash your fabric (because it appliques better). Construct as directed in the book **OR** cut from one piece of fabric a background square that is 14" x 14". Note that the block in the book is bigger (24" x 24"). Bring fabric scraps big enough for a stem, tulip, petal, and circle.

Supplies for Class:

- Small paper scissors
- Small sharp embroidery sized fabric scissors
- Ultra-fine black Sharpie marker
- A 12" x 12" piece of clear upholstery vinyl in a medium weight. Cut the tissue paper that comes with the vinyl 12" x 12" as well and bring both to class.
- One sheet of clear, heavy weight, self- adhesive laminate – available at most office supply stores, at some craft stores, and on our website. Get single-sided sheets, not the 2-sided pouches.
- I will supply you with some needles and 1/2" sequin pins to use in class. You will probably need some additional pins.
- The following 100% cotton threads are suitable for machine piecing and hand appliqué. I will have some on hand for you to try in your appliqué. You will need a spool of one of these for your machine piecing. I recommend Superior Masterpiece 50 weight, Aurifil 50 weight, DMC 50 weight machine embroidery thread, or Mettler 60 weight.

- A Bohin or similar mechanical pencil with either white and gray ceramic leads OR a General's charcoal pencil in white and a Quilter's Ultimate Mechanical Pencil (.05 lead).
- A sandpaper board. If you don't have a sand board, bring a sheet of fine grain sandpaper.
- A baggie for your templates.

Optional - A light and an extension cord in case the room is dark. Many people find that applique is easier if they have a pillow in their lap to rest their forearms on. It's a good idea to bring a pillow to class for this purpose.

February 27th is Doodles by Marita Eng

If you have ever wanted to just "doodle" or thought about trying the new art form "Zentangle", then this class is for you. Marita, as you know, is an outstanding quilter with designs that are absolutely gorgeous. Her little known talent for "doodling" has come out to shine. Marita will be teaching the basics of doodling and then how to use your own doodles to make a one of a kind quilt.

Participants for the Doodle Workshop will need to bring a fine line black-ink pen. I like the PIGMA Micron 01. The Sakura Gelly Roll fine is also easy to use. Michael's have them, so do Cinnamon, Hobby Lobby, and Redi Arts. They are around \$2 to \$3 each. Actually any fine point black ink pen will work. The Sanford Roller Ball fine point pens will also work. They can be found at Office Depot or Staples and are inexpensive. The only other materials you will need for this wonderful class are pencil and paper which Marita will provide. Come join the fun and learn a new way of designing a one of a kind quilt.

Personal experience – Marita was part of the "Fearless Design" group last year where we learned to be fearless when designing quilts. One of our sessions was led by Marita and her love of doodling. That was the most relaxing session I have ever attended. We doodled for over 2 hours and it seemed like 20 minutes. I came to love doodling as a form of relaxing when stressed. Shortly after our session, Maggie (my dog) passed away and in the heartbreak of losing her I picked up paper and pencil and doodled. What a lifesaver for me. If you are stressed or need a get-a-way from life (for me it was a broken heart), come try doodling. You'll be glad you did.
Betty Ann Agnew

Happy Birthday - To YOU!

January

1 Jan Touchton
 15 Dot Butler
 15 Miriam Burkhart
 17 Bobbi Miller
 19 Harriett Moseley
 19 Sandy Onsager
 30 Francine Willhide
 30 Louise Flowers
 31 Ginny Perkins

February

21 Barbara McTarnaghan
 26 Doris Powell
 28 Amanda Hodges

Library

The library has three new books – Made from Scratch Biscuit Quilts by Annis Clapp, Dual Image Applique by Dilys Fronks, and Flip Flop Quilt Blocks by Kathie Alyce. Thank you to the members who donated books to the library during the past year.

Marsha Bookstaver

Membership

DECEMBER - 2011 MEMBERSHIP

There were 64 members and four visitors at the December meeting, and two of the visitors joined All Stars at that meeting.

Our visitors were Marion Lord, Liliani McLaughlin, Kennedy Setser and Annette Graham. Marion and Annette are now members of the Guild. Welcome and we hope to see you at our meetings often. Congratulations to Valerie Lanham who won the door prize.

The Early Renewal Drive was very successful. Several more early renewals were received at the December meeting, and the total of early renewals now stands at 93! The December “Early Bird” prize basket was won by Bobbi Miller.

The early renewal period is over, but if you haven’t renewed your membership for 2012, you still have time to do so at the January Guild meeting when we celebrate our birthday. Dues are \$20 for the year. The 2012 directories and membership cards will be distributed at the February 20 meeting. To be included in the 2012 All Star directory please submit your renewal by or before the January 16 Guild meeting.

Linda Wilson

Newsletter Editor

I want to thank everyone in the guild for their help and support of the Gazette last year. The Gazette would not happen if it were not for YOU – the article writers, those that provide input and ideas, elves that help me fold, staple and stamp the finished product and certainly not without the readers. You guys are the greatest!

We are starting a new year and need your input – what articles would you like to see or write, changes in anything, new sections, delete something – whatever. Come see me and let’s make your Gazette the best it can be.

Betty Ann Agnew

Programs

I'd like to thank each and every one of you who helped make the programs this past year so fun and interesting. The Quilter's Buzz, Christmas in July, Halloween frights, a trunk show, community service opportunities, quilt show judging, quilts to Africa, challenge quilts, clever Christmas decorated bags, Chinese New Year – everyone a treat for our guild. It is really a joy to be part of this group!

Trish Egbert

Programs 2012:

January’s program on the 16th is a double-header. It is the Guild’s Birthday Party presented by Group 5, and with it comes a luncheon. If you didn’t bring a food item to the December meeting you are ON for January. Even if you didn’t sign up, go ahead and bring a favorite dish. Betty Ann Agnew is cooking a ham, so anything that goes with ham (and what doesn’t?) will be welcomed. The second part of our program will be

Becky Goldsmith, from Piece O' Cake Designs, a nationally recognized teacher who will be teaching a class for us the next day. The topic of her presentation is "Let's Talk about Color". We will all enjoy and benefit from her expertise. Our February 20th program is actually two-parts also. Our own sub-group, Fearless Design, will be sharing how the last year has changed each person's way of approaching quilting. Then we will brainstorm possibilities for other small groups within the guild and perhaps help YOU to find a group that suits you.

Linda McCllland

President – Dashes from Dot - -

Well, 2011 is at an end and what a year the All Star Quilters' Guild had with Ricky Tims, Quilt Discovery Day, QuiltFest Theme and QuiltFest. We have had some wonderful classes, programs, road trips, yard sale and the retreat. As usual, the friendship of members, old and new, has been so special to all of us. As we look forward to 2012, the creative juices begin flowing and the ideas abound. Not to mention, the shopping for new fabric and ideas!!

I just got an e-mail with our May Challenge. What fun this is going to be! We all look forward to the January program with Becky Goldsmith and the birthday party with the luncheon. The program and education lists will be forthcoming soon. Don't forget the Sit & Stitch on the 9th for the 2012 raffle quilt.

My best wishes to all for a very Happy New Year and let's get started on those fabulous projects. The board and committee chairs will be working on the rest of the calendar. We sure would love to hear your input and suggestions for workdays.

Dot Butler

Due to the rising cost of printing and postage for our Gazette, the Gazette (or Newsletter) will be provided by email to all members except the very few that do not have e-mail. A minimum number of copies will be printed to be mailed to only members without email, and copies for guests at the General Meeting. If you have trouble printing a copy for yourself, please advise the Newsletter Editor or a Member of the Board, and we will walk you through the printing process. As always, our Newsletter is on our website - www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild and all copies can be reviewed anytime. Please enter our site in your "favorites" to make your access easier. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dot Butler

Publicity

The Guild monthly meeting is posted on www.jacksonville.com under events- keyword- quilting.

Dot Butler

Quilt Tip of the Month

When free motion quilting - If your fingers feel dry, or if you are having trouble moving the quilt under the machine because your fingers are sliding on the fabric, cover the first and index finger of each hand (four fingers in all) with a rubber fingertip from the office supply store.

Quilt Shows – Coming

- ✓ March 1, 2 and 3, 2011 - Flying Needles Retreat and Quilt Show — For more information go to - www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org
- ✓ March 1 & 2, 2012 – 30th Annual FANTastic Quilt Show – for more information contact Betsy O’Neil at lcpquiltshow@hotmail.com or 352-223-3825
- ✓ March 3 & 4, 2012 – Stitches I Time 2012 - for more information contact Deb Crine at dcrine@gamil.com
- ✓ March 16 & 17, 2012 – Rings of Love - for more information contact Pelican Piecemakers at PelicanPiecemakersFl@yahoo.com
- ✓ March 23 – 25, 2012 – Smokey Mountain Quilters Guild Show - for more information contact – Jean Lester at jeanlester@comcast.net or 865-577-0892
- ✓ April 6 – 28, 2012 – Faces and Places Fiber Art Exhibit - for more information contact – FAN at www.fiberartistsnetwork.org

Quilt Mother(s) 2012

First order of the New Year is to get busy working on the raffle quilt for the 2012 QuiltFest. Cutting and sewing began last year in October but was slowed to a halt in the holidays. This year we have lots of opportunities to start selling tickets early. That means we have to get the quilt finished early, well really early, actually ASAP. We need your help to make that happen. Our January Sit & Sews (January 9th, 23rd, and 30th) are going to be dedicated to working on this very special raffle quilt. We need cutters, sewers, ironers, helpers, and go getters. Come join the crowd working together on this project. See you January 9th (23rd and 30th).

Sharon Moran and Betty Ann Agnew

QuiltFest

QuiltFest

The theme for QuiltFest 2012 is – Discover Diamonds and is scheduled for September 20th – 22nd. 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.

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

QuiltFest Raffle Table Giveaways

We need something new and exciting as our give away for our QuiltFest raffle table giveaway. One very cool item is up for consideration. Do you have an idea for a small, easily made giveaway? Come see me and let’s talk. After a final item is chosen, you (the guild) will be involved in making our giveaway. A Sit & Sew day (or 2) will be schedule so we can all participate in the making of this year’s item. Last year we did “Florida Strawberries” that everyone loved. Let’s see if we can come up with an equally exciting item for this year.

Betty Ann Agnew

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

“There are things you do because they feel right & they may make no sense & they may make no money & it may be the real reason we are here: to love each other & to eat each other's cooking & say it was good.”

Submitted by Jean Newton.

Thanks Jean.

Road Trip

No road trips planned for January, but keep watching – new and exciting road trips coming in 2012.

Pat D'Elia

Recipe of the Month

Cake Mix Cookies

(Preheat oven to 350)

Ingredients:

- 1 (18.2 oz.) box cake mix
- 2 Eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup (total) mix-ins
 - Either 1 cup malts or ½ cup nuts and ½ cup other mix (such as any chips, raisins, craisins, toffee bits, etc.)

Directions:

- In a mixing bowl combine cake mix, eggs and oil until well blended.
- Drop the batter by spoonful's about 2 inches apart onto an ungreased baking sheet covered with a sheet of parchment paper.
- Bake on middle rack of oven 8 to 10 minutes, watching them carefully.
- Cool on sheet one minute, and then remove to wire rack to cool completely.

Note – use whatever cake mix you fancy – brand or flavor. Cookies have a cakelike texture. Always use parchment paper – you can use the same sheet several times so it's worth the cost. Always toast the nuts – it takes about 10 minutes – I put them scattered on a pan in the oven when I turn it on before preparing my cookie dough.

Submitted by – Virginia Rutledge. Thanks Mom.

Recording Secretary

All-Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting December 20, 2011

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. Copies of the proposed budget as recommended by the board for 2012 were available. A motion was made, seconded and the budget was approved by the general membership.

Committee reports:

Communication - Reports for the next newsletter are due Jan. 2 at the board meeting.

Community Service – Sharon Moran thanked us for all our end-of-year donations, and thanked Sue Abbey for delivering the daniel quilts.

Education – Elaine Britt has 20 signed up for the Becky Goldsmith class on Tuesday, January 17. Demo day went very well, thanks to those who did the demonstrations.

Sit and Stitch days - Dec. 26 is available if anyone wants to come and get a post-holiday start on something new. Jan. 9 we will work on the 2012 raffle quilt.

Hospitality – Jean Newton is now working on sign-ups for the first quarter of 2012. She thanked all who contributed to a lovely holiday spread.

Sunshine – Let Linda Walmsley know who might need a pick-me-up.

Library – Marsha Bookstaver had AQS book orders and was distributing them.

Membership – Carole Johns announced there who won the door prizes and the early-bird renewal drawing. You must have your dues in by the January Gen. Mtg. to be included in the directory.

Programs – Trish Egbert reminds Group 5 that they will meet after the meeting today to plan January's luncheon. Becky Goldsmith will be presenting a program on Color.

Special Committees:

QuiltFest – board did not hold a December mtg.

2012 Guild challenge – Will be revealed in January.

Ways and Means – Julie Mainor reported on the results of the tag sale, but we still don't have a total figure.

All Star Retreat - Next year's retreat is Nov. 11-15.

Sew & Tell - Followed the meeting. We were then adjourned.

New Business - The officers of the guild for 2012 were installed by Sunnie Malesky.

Today's program - There were 11 creative participants in the brown bag challenge. Members voted for their favorites and 3 prizes were awarded. All who participated went home with a different bag and a yard of quilt fabric.

Linda McClzlland,
Recording Secretary

Refreshments

ALL STARS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Time for another CELEBRATION.

The guild is providing the ham prepared by Sharon Moran and Betty Ann Agnew. The following people have signed up for DESSERT- Karen Weisman, Judy Stokes, Melinda Rials, Bobbie Miller, Margaret Stewart, Louise Flowers, Sharyn Pottfay, and Linda Wilson. Elfrieda Echt is bringing the drinks and June Daniels the punch. Shirley Poll and Karol Blomgren are providing the rolls. Everyone else is bringing either salad or a vegetable. If you are not sure what you put on the list call me – Jean at 268-6542.

Set up volunteers are Val Stanley, Jane Flesher, and Debbie Humphreys. Clean up volunteers are Karen Weisman, Linda Walmsley and Ann Crosby.

I just want to thank everyone for the delicious refreshments you have brought this past year and for all your help.

THANK YOU!

Jean Newton

Sit & Stitch

See calendar of events for dates and descriptions.

Sew & Tell

Melinda Rials – Retreat Quilts – 2 baby Quilt

Betty Ann – Bubble quilt pillow

Jean Newton – book

Ellen Cannon – 2 Wall hangings

Betty Olson – Christmas gift for daughter

Marita Eng - Corners

Brooxie Meeks – Christmas Quilt

Jan Harbeson – Christmas Tree

Starr Carson - House

SSQA

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

Run away to a place where you can spend as many hours as you like with your sewing machine! There are no meals to cook, no cleaning to do, and everyone around you understands *why* you need a stash!

The biennial SSQA Retreat is being held **Tuesday, May 15, through Thursday, May 17, at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center.** That's in the Mt. Dora/ Eustis area.

Motel-style rooms and plenty of sewing space make this one of the best deals you can find: only \$140 for everything (double room & six meals) including an SSQA meeting (brief, of course!) with an educational lecture.

Take a mid-week vacation and bring your quilting buddies (non- SSQA members are welcome, too...only \$165, or join SSQA to get the members' rate).

Everyone says what they like best is sewing on their own projects, but if you do want a class, an optional one will be offered. The details will be on the SSQA website as soon as possible.

More plans are being made, but mainly this retreat is designed as a getaway for doing whatever you enjoy most: sewing, schmoozing with other quilters, or just relaxing on the beautiful Lake Yale campus.

Registration deadline is MARCH 1st.

Sunshine

If you know someone in our guild that needs a hug, a pick-me-up, has had a death in the family or a birth in the family, is sick, having surgery, had a really bad week, or heaven forbid – tripped on their own two feet (that would be Betty Ann) and fell, give me a call or email and let's show them how much we care and want them to

get back into the swing by sending them a card from the guild. And keep those quilted postcards coming. I can be reached at 904-282-5539 or virgil.olson23@comcast.net

Betty Olson

Ways and Means

I am the new Ways and Means chairperson for year 2012. This could be our best year ever to raise funds for our guild and more importantly our charities. There are several ideas rolling around in my brain, but I need your help and participation. Please come see me, give me a call or send me an email with your ideas. Mary Anne Dennis – 387-4440 or madennisx@aol.com.

Mary Anne Dennis

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Member Name _____

Address _____

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2. Registration by Mail. Form and Check should be mailed to:

**All Star Quilters' Guild
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