

Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

March/April 2008



President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

I hope everyone is staying healthy during our cold and flu season. These next few months should be a lot of fun with our plans for the meetings.

Be sure to bring extra pocket change for our Table Sale at the March meeting.

Don't forget your Art Challenge Quilt for the April meeting. I can't wait to see them.

What a lot of fun this has been. You are a great bunch of girls and I can't wait to see what will be next.

Happy Quilting!

Terri

2008 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Landscape
February	Red or Hearts
March	Leaves
April	Plaid
May	Flowers
June	Yellow Mix
July	Red & Blue
August	Fish
September	Apples or Fruit
October	Trees
November	Harvest/Fruit
December	No Exchange

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Newsletter	Barb Theriault
Phone Tree	Irene Barese
Shows/Travel	Betty Schielein/ Elaine Metz
Sunshine	Mary Ellen Schnellmann

News & Notes

- ❖ There will be a Pot Luck Lunch at the April meeting following the presentation of the President's Art Quilt Challenge. Let's show our creativity ladies. It should be a fun meeting.
- ❖ It was decided that our annual Quilt Book donation to the Hernando Library system this year will be donated in the name of Marge McInnis, one of our guild members who recently passed away. The title of the book is "Mix and Match Blocks."
- ❖ Ruth Redeker made a motion that all members over 90 will become honorary members and not be required to pay annual dues. Bonnie Giustozzi 2nd the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- ❖ Fran Spooner read Thank you Letters from the Dawn Center thanking us for our generosity during the holidays of toys for the children as well as much needed supplies.

Editor's Note: As your new Editor, I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am honored that you have entrusted me with the position as your Editor of the Guild Newsletter. I'll do my best to fill the shoes of my talented predecessor. As you can see, there are a few design changes that I hope you like. I will be testing the waters as I go and will be incorporating some new ideas in future Newsletters.

Barb Theriault

FIELD TRIPS

Betty and Elaine have planned the following trips for the next few months. Please take advantage of them – you will enjoy yourself.

March 7th

Quilt Show in Mt. Dora – Lake Country Quilt Guild.
Meet at Publix, Rts. 50 & 41 @ 9:30am.

April 18th

Trip to Rainbow's End Quilt Shoppe, Dunedin –
Meet in front of JoAnn's on Rt. 19 @ 9:30am. (park close to Rt. 19).

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Nov	Jan	Feb	Irene Barese	Card Trick
Jan	Feb	Mar	Sandy Milhalus	Brasstown Star
Feb	Mar	Apr	Sherry Bell	Country Lanes
Mar	Apr	May	Marie Hauer	Granny's Flower Garden
Apr	May	Jun		Appliquéd Leaves

* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

Let **Mary Ellen Schnellmann**, our **SUNSHINE LADY**, 352-686-6066, know about the needs or illnesses of our members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

March

Muriel Parker.....	1
Arddy Johnson.....	4
Bobbie Lemay.....	7
Irene Barese.....	12
Ruth Redeker.....	12
Joyce Shively.....	15
Betty Schielein.....	21
Shirley Williams.....	26

April

Lois Virtue.....	6
Gene Chambers.....	10
Carla Montgomery.....	15
Muriel Johnson.....	16
Mary Crossen.....	26
Patricia Gibbard.....	30
Patricia L. Shosh.....	30
Linda Taylor.....	30

Welcome New Members

Nancy Pederson - 9244 lake Cypress Loop,
Weeki Wachee, FL 34613, Phone: 252-267-4053.

Mary Smith – 2092 Culbreath Rd. D4,
Brooksville, FL 34602, Phone: 352-540-4949. E-
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AND THE WINNER IS

January	50/50	Fran Spooner
	Mystery	Elaine Metz
	Door Prize	Doris Speidel
	Fat Quarters	Gary Jones/ Elaine Metz/ June Callahan

RAFFLE BLOCKS

January	Tree	Bonnie Giustozzi
	By Susan Norbut	

NEWSLETTER: Call or send any information, suggestions, correspondence, tips, or sayings dealing with quilting to **Barbara Theriault, 8181 Weatherford Ave., Brooksville, FL 34613**; e-mail: btheriault1@tampabay.rr.com; or call 352-597-8816. Next deadline is April 12, 2008. Do not forward messages not dealing with sewing, crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

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HOME FRONT QUILTS

Irene Barese is showing one of the quilts that were completed during our very successful quilt-a-thon held at Life South on January 16th. More quilts were finished at home as well. This gave us a total of 29 quilt tops for the Home Front Quilt Project. These commemorative quilts are presented to the families of soldiers killed in Iraq. We hope to have another quilt-a-thon in the spring or summer.



Left to Right: Lee Shoultz, Irene Barese, Barbara Shoultz

We had two guests at our January meeting - **Lee and Barbara Shoultz from Lecanto**. Lee and Barbara are a wonderful retired couple that donate their time and talent by helping us sew the quilts for Home Front, and Lee also cuts and puts together the kits for us to work on at our Quilt-a-tons. They have been a tremendous help and are very dedicated to the cause. When they are not helping us, they are making quilts for themselves. What a nice hobby that a husband and wife can do together. They presented us with a trunk show of some of the beautiful quilts that they have made together. Below are just a few of the quilts they presented.



Guild Show and Tell



Elaine Metz was a busy quilter this month – How to plan ahead for the holidays with those two adorable Christmas Wall hangings – Also a really nice quilt pattern from Alaska. Way to go Elaine, nice job!

What a beautiful and colorful heart quilt by Mary Sweeney.

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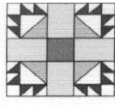
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Classes & Events

March 13th (Thur.) @ 10:00 am

Free Workshop @ the Church for Brown Bag Challenge! We will help you create an Art Quilt from your Brown Bag exchange gift. Bring all your sewing paraphernalia, lots of extra goodies to 'play', brown bag lunch/snack/drink to last all day! We will have lots of laughs so more people=more fun!

March 19th (Wed.)@ Life South Blood Bank

9:30 Guild Board Meeting and @ 1:00 Education Committee Meeting. We will be setting up the summer Class schedule, so if you want to do a class, bring samples and ideas and join us! If you cannot attend, please call Dianne Cass before March 19th (352-200-6119). The classroom is open for sewing all day. We are in the room at top of the stairs on the left.

March 27th (Thur.)

Guild Meeting, Event: Tag Sale Day! You still have a chance to grab your table; see Elaine Metz. They are \$10.00 each, limit of 2 people/ table, must be all sewing related items. More info. TBA.

April 10th (Thur.) 10:00 @ the Church

Block Party 'EZ Framez' Class with Dianne Cass, \$23.00 includes the pattern, panel and instructions. See class sample in March. This class has great possibilities; you'll want to do more!

April 16th (Wed.) @ the Life South Blood Bank

9:30 Guild Board Meeting. The Classroom is open for sewing all day.

April 24th (Thur.) Guild Meeting Day

"President's Brown Bag Challenge" Art Quilt is Due, (I hear rumors of a prize- no pressure) Followed by a **Pot Luck Lunch**. This should be great fun for all those who are not attending the Paducah, KY Show.

Quilt Shows, Retreats, Etc.

Mar 2 - Quilt Show in Tampa. The Cypress Creek Quilter's Guild is a Charitable Nonprofit organization. They are a new guild of 3 years and will be partnering with the USF Botanical Gardens to host their first quilt show. This is the first outdoor quilt show in the Tampa area. **Bright Beginnings from Our Garden** will be held throughout the USF Botanical Gardens, 4202 E Fowler Ave, NES 107, on Sat, March 1st. The hours are 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be a Charity Quilt Auction with proceeds to benefit Hope House which supports those with eating disorders. The auction will take place at 2:00 pm. We will have many vendors for your shopping pleasure. Contact info: Cathleene Tokish, 813-486-6927, itsgrandma@verizon.net.

Mar 6-7 - Quilt Show in Mt. Dora. Lake County Quilt Guild is hosting their 26th Annual FANTastic Quilt Show at Lake Receptions (4425 Hwy 19A) in Mt. Dora. Hours are: Thurs 9 am - 7 pm & Fri 9 am - 4 pm. There will be on-going demonstrations, door prizes, raffle quilt, boutique and over 15 vendors. Admission is \$6.00 (pre-arranged bus groups of 25 or more will save \$1.00 each on admission). If you would like more information, please visit their website at: www.lakequiltguild.com or e-mail at lcqgquiltshow@hotmail.com.

Mar 7-9 - Quilt Show in Hudson. West Pasco Quilters' Guild will be holding their Sew Many Quilts 2008 - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow - Our First 20 Years - 10th Biennial Quilt Show at Veterans Memorial Park 14333 Hicks Road, Hudson. Fri & Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm. Featuring: Large Quilt Auction, Small Quilt Auction, Vendor Mall, Special Exhibits, Antique Quilt Exhibit, Boutique, Quilt Appraisals, Cafe, Lectures and Demos, Door Prizes, Charity Quilt Drawing. Contact: Robby Wargny 727 372-8219 or crwargny@aol.com. For more information: www.westpascoquilters.org, 2008quiltshow@westpascoquilter.s.org.

Mar 8 - Quilt Show in Bushnell. The Oaks Quilters Annual Quilt Show will be held on Saturday, March 8th, 2008 at 9:00 AM at Boots Hall at the Oaks RV Resort 5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, FL off Rt. 48. Quilts and quilted items will be on display, Vendors, Demos, Food available, Sale Table, Charity Quilts Presentation. Admission is FREE. For more information: Steinhaus40@wmconnect.com

Mar 15 - Suwannee Valley Antique Quilt Festival in Trenton. Celebrate America's quilting heritage on National Quilt Day - March 15, 2008 from 9:00am - 5:00pm with hundreds of antique and vintage quilts displayed in a wide variety of historic buildings centered around Trenton's turn-of-the-century railroad depot. Antique and Vintage Quilts, Antiques, Antique Cars, Farmer's Market, Band Clogging, Hand Scissor Sharpening, Quilting Boutique. There will be Demonstrations: Quilting - Spinning - Bed Turning. For more information please call Stephanie Metts or Lois Scott at (352) 463-3842.

Mar 28-29 - Quilt Show in St. Petersburg. Today's Pleasures, Tomorrow's Treasures XII will be held at the St. Petersburg College/Gibbs Campus Gymnasium, 6605 5th Ave North, St. Petersburg. Hours: Fri 10 am-5 pm and Sat 10 am-4 pm. Adm \$6.00. Featuring: Raffle Quilt Tickets \$1.00 (see our quilt "Quilters Neighborhood" on SSQA raffle quilt site), Appraisals by Brenda Grampsas, Door Prizes, Demonstrations, Treasure Hunt, Make'n Take Booth, Silent Auction, Vendors, Boutique, Refreshments, Handicap Accessible Free Parking. Contact: Jeannette Harrison, Suncoast Quilting Circle, P.O. Box 47764, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-7764, e-mail: sspdy@aol.com.

Apr 4-5 - Quilt Show in Melbourne. Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Club in Satellite Beach, Florida proudly presents "Timeless Treasures" Quilt Show on April 4-5, 2008 from 10:00am - 5:00pm at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901 - one block west of US 1 between New Haven (US 192) and Nasa Blvd. Donation \$7.00. 300+ Judged quilts and wearable art display, Lectures, Demos, Vendors and Club Boutique, door prizes and silent auctions. For more info check out their website: www.s-piecemakers.com or e-mail: Seaside_guild@yahoo.com.

QUILTER'S CORNER



Quilting Lore and Legend

Quilting has been around forever. As with anything that has been around for a long time, a lot of legends, myths, and downright inaccuracies have muddied the waters of quilt history. Let's burst a few bubbles, okay?

Most people think that quilting was a primary pastime of women in early America. The earliest existing quilt in a museum made here dates from 1726, but quilting was not something that all women could indulge in. Most colonial housewives had to spend their time spinning, weaving and sewing clothes and household linens for their families. Affordable cloth was not readily available until around 1840; so only wealthy women could purchase fabric for quilting.

Another fond vision from the past was the quilting bee. They did occur, but not with the frequency that we think they did. In fact, most women quilted alone or with family members at home. There was also an element of pride in completing a quilt, particularly a show quilt such as a bride's quilt, by oneself. If a woman was a particularly fine quilter, she did not want others who might not be as skillful as she was to work on her quilt. If a quilting bee was held, often only the most competent quilters were invited to participate.

Quilting is not a necessity in today's world and we have electricity to provide light and power for our sewing machines. We modern quilters often enjoy sitting with our families in the evening watching TV and quilting. Of course, this was not true in the not so distant past. Can you imagine trying to quilt by firelight and a candle? So women did not quilt in the evenings after the dinner dishes were done. There just wasn't enough light. Quilting was often done outside in fine weather during the summer months. Since women helped with planting and harvesting, quilting had to be done in any spare time left over from these vital chores.

In today's world we often prize hand quilting, piecing and appliqué over machine work, though this notion is rapidly changing due to the skill of modern day machine quilters. In the past, owning a sewing machine was quite a status symbol so machine quilting, piecing, and appliqué were used extensively by those who could afford one. Even the binding was sewn on by machine, in some instances, to show off that fact.

I hope you have enjoyed exploring these little fictions about quilting. One thing for sure, we have it a lot easier now. Our foremothers did not have all our modern quilt gadgets, or even our wonderful modern fabric, but they managed to make beautiful masterpieces that still inspire and delight us today.

by Steffani McChesney

