

Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



March/April 2009

President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

2009 is off to a good start and we have several new members so far this year. It is always nice to see new faces and meet new quilters.

My reign as your president will be ending soon with a new board taking over in March. I want to wish them the very best. I am sure they will enjoy it as much as I have. Being an officer of a Guild is challenging, yet rewarding and I want to thank all the members who supported me through these past two years.

I am sure the new board will have your support as well and will be bringing in some new ideas. There is also the possibility of a new meeting place in the near future. A committee has been formed to check this out. We will keep you informed as time goes on.

March is our installation of new officers and will consist of a "High Tea." Don't forget to bring your own cup and saucer and some finger sandwiches.

Thank you for letting me be your President and I am now looking forward to the time to make even more quilts.

Happy Quilting!

Terri

2009 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Batiks
February	Red/Pink or Hearts
March	Black/Whites
April	Plaid/Checks
May	Flowers
June	Pastels
July	Stars or Stripes
August	Nautical
September	Fall Colors inTone on Tones
October	Halloween Theme
November	Apples/Fruit
December	No Exchange

Officers/Committee Chairs

2008/2009

President	Terri Wesling
1 st Vice Pres	Joyce Elliffe
2 nd Vice Pres	Dianne Cass
Secretary	Bonnie Staveski
Treasurer	Irene Barese
Advertising	Mary Bon
Block/Month	Muriel Johnson
Charity Chairman	Rhonda Norton
Home Front/VA	Irene Barese
Alum Tabs	Ruth Redeker
Neonatal	Ruth Redeker
Migrant Workers	Paula Lawery
Fat Quarters	Linda Hrab
Fat Qtr Sales	Edith Mielke
Membership	Bonnie Giustozzi
Newsletter	Barb Theriault
Phone Tree	Doris Speidel
Shows/Travel	Betty Schielein/ Elaine Metz
Sunshine	Mary Ellen Schnellmann

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 6, 2009**. Do not forward messages not dealing with sewing, crafts, or quilting to this e-mail address.

NEWS/NOTES

- ❖ **REMINDER: DUES WERE DUE IN JANUARY AND ARE \$18.00.** Our membership chairman, Bonnie Giustozzi, has asked if possible that we pay by check for easier bookkeeping. If dues are not paid by the March meeting we will assume you do not wish to continue your membership and your name will be removed from our mailing/membership lists.
- ❖ Bonnie Staveski informed us that our decorated Christmas Tree in the Botanical Gardens won first place by a viewers vote. Bonnie suggested that for next year's tree as well as our crafted ornaments, we make a garland out of yo-yo's from Christmas fabric. That will really add that special touch.
- ❖ Our installation of new officers will take place at the March meeting with a "High Tea." There will be tea, finger sandwiches and a sheet cake. It was suggested that everyone make some finger sandwiches and bring their own tea-cup and saucer. Dressing up and wearing a hat is optional.
- ❖ We have several classes, events/trips planned for 2009, so check your trips info and events page for upcoming schedules as we proceed through the year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**March**

Muriel Parker.....	1
Arddy Johnson.....	4
Bobby LeMay.....	7
Irene Barese.....	12
Ruth Redeker.....	12
Joyce Shively.....	23
Sonja Kleist.....	15
Betty Schielein.....	21
Shirley Williams.....	26

April

Gene Chambers.....	10
Muriel Johnson.....	16
Pat Gibbard.....	30
Patricia Shosh.....	30

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Nov	Jan	Feb	Fran Spooner	Pin Wheel
Jan	Feb	Mar	Terri Wessling	Cup/Saucer
Feb	Mar	Apr	Barb Theriault	Martha Washington Star
Mar	Apr	May	Irene Barese	TBA
Apr	May	Jun	Eileen Vyvyan	TBA

* See Muriel Johnson to sign up

SCHEDULE FROM CHARITY COORDINATOR**Neo-Natal Quilts:**

I would like to thank all who stayed after the January meeting to work on the Neo-Natal Baby Quilts. I would also like to thank those who took home kits and those who donated fabric. We will be presenting them to Ruth Redeker at our March meeting. We have plenty of fabric left over so we may have another workshop in the future. If anyone is interested in making a baby quilt on their own for this charity, please get in touch with me, Rhonda Norton.

Dawn Center/Jericho:

At the February meeting we learned that Fran Spooner retired her post as Committee Chair for the Dawn Center and Jericho Ministries. Thank you Fran for all you have done. You have given so much time and energy and you have earned a well deserved rest. At this time the Guild will not be taking donations for these charities until further notice.

New Schedule:

Because of the installation of a new board in March, the present board and I thought best to put off a new schedule until the May newsletter. Thanks you for your patience.

Rhonda Norton

352/688-9267

AND THE WINNER IS

January	50/50 Mystery Door Prize Fat Quarters	Shirley Williams Marge Ishler Mary Smith Ellie Fries/Pat Miller Marion Daniels/Karen Pilon
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RAFFLE BLOCKS

Jan	Hearts By Elaine Metz	Ellie Fries
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FIELD TRIPS

Betty and Elaine have planned the following trips for March/April. Please take advantage and get to know the members better.

March 14th - Saturday

Quilt & Old Time Craft Festival and Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe, Trenton, Florida. Meet at Winn Dixie Shopping Center at Rts. 50 & 19 (near Hardees) at **9:00am**.

April 17th - Friday

Trip to Country Quilts & Bears, Clearwater and Rainbow's End, Dunedin. Meet at JoAnn's on Rt. 19 at **9:00am**. (Park close to Rt. 19 out from JoAnn's).

If you have any questions, call Betty Schielein at 352/684-5245 or Elaine Metz at 352/835-3267.

CHARITY INFO FOR NEW MEMBERS

- Baby Caps:** Knitted or Crouched for neo-natal unit – See Ruth Redeker for info or patterns.
- Aluminum Tabs:** (off soda cans) used for Ronald MacDonald House – Give to Ruth Redeker.
- Labels for Education:** Labels off soup cans and from boxes, box tops for education – Give to Joyce Elliffe.
- Migrant Workers:** If you have food and clothing, especially long sleeve shirts, please bring them in. Give to Paula Lawery.
- Military Hats:** Knitted hats that go under helmets of our soldiers in Iraq to keep them warm. Camouflage yarn used. Please see Gene Chambers for pattern or to donate yarn.
- Military Quilts:** Quilts made for the families of our fallen heroes. Please see Irene Barese for kits, or info on workshops.
- Veteran's Quilts:** Quilts made for the VA Hospital in Tampa. We encourage every member of our Guild to make at least one quilt 45" x 45" (wheel chair size) to be brought in by our October meetings as they are presented to the VA Hospital on Veteran's Day in November.



Classes & Events

March 12th (Thur.) @ Church, Bonnie Staveski “French Braid Quilt Class” Part I (9:30) \$12.00

March 18th (Wed) – Board Meeting @ Life South (9:30am)

March 26th (Thur.) – @ Church - Regular Guild Meeting Day – Installation Of Officers – High Tea – Also Program Guest Speaker Linda Wade: Antique and Treadle Sewing Machines.

April 15th (Wed.) – Board Meeting @ Life South (9:30am)

April 15th (Wed.) – Bonnie Staveski “French Braid Quilt Class” Part II (9:30) @ Life South Blood Bank

April 23rd (Thurs.) – Regular Guild Meeting Day @ Church (We will keep you posted by phone tree if a new location is in effect at the time of the April Meeting)

Quilt Shows, Retreats, Etc.

March 5th & 6th, 2009 Mt. Dora 26th Annual “Fan” tastic Quilt Show – to be held at Lake Receptions, 4425 N. Highway 19A, Mt. Dora, FL 32757. Thursday March 5th from 9:00am to 6:00pm and Friday, March 6th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. There will be Demos, Door Prizes, Raffle Quilt, Boutique, Silent Auction, Mini Raffle and Vendors. For more information call Carol McGee at 352/223-3825 or lcqgquiltshow@hotmail.com

March 14th 2009 Suwannee Valley Quilt and Old Time Craft Festival – Step back in time about one hundred years and help us celebrate National Quilt Month on Saturday, March 14th for Trenton’s second annual Quilt and Old Time Craft Festival from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Visitors will admire hundreds of the region’s most prized quilted treasures while live bands play folk music, dancers clog, artists display their old time crafts and dozens of antique dealers present their unique items. Antique cars are featured along Main Street and the local restaurants share their best delicacies. There will be demonstrations of quilting, spinning and bed turning. The Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe will be open for your shopping pleasure as well. For more info contact: Stephanie Metts at 352/463-3842 or Kyle Stone at 352/463-3467.

March 20th and 21st, 2009 Creative Quilters presents their 11th Biennial Quilt Show “**Quilts On Parade**” at Crystal River Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., Crystal River, FL. Friday – 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday – 9:00am to 3:00pm. Admission \$5.00. Judging will be done by NQA Certified Judge, Brenda Kalata of St. Augustine, FL, Teddy Pruitt will be available for appraisals, 2008 Hoffman Peacock Challenge will be displayed, Raffle Quilt – proceeds will go to Hospice of Citrus County, Silent Auction, Vendors, Demo’s. For more info contact: **Show Chairman: Edie Wehner (352) 860-1115. Website: www.geocities.com/creativeqcc**

March 19th, 20th and 21st, 2009 Original Sewing & Quilt Expo – Tampa Convention Center, 333 S. Franklin Street, Tampa, FL 33602 800/426-5630. Looking for another exciting special event, spend a day or two at the Quilt Expo. Outstanding classes and workshops to exquisite displays and fabulous shopping. The Expo provides a great opportunity to spend all day with your creative friends, indulging in your sewing and quilting passions. Exhibit Hall Hours: Thursday & Friday: 10am – 6pm, Saturday: 10am – 5:30pm. For more info go to the Tampa Convention Center website – Tampagov.net/Tcc or the sewing expo site at Sewingexpo.com

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

Who's Who In The Guild



Rowena Cox



Joyce Volpe

Rowena was born in Falls Church, Virginia, then moved to Washington, D.C. where her father had a repair garage and her mother a boarding house.

She grew up with 4 sisters and 1 brother. When she was 6 they moved back to Virginia where her father opened a grocery store. In 1937 her mother opened a Dry Goods store and kept that until 1960 when her brother took over. It seems retailing was in the family genes.

Rowena graduated from High School in 1946 and started working at various jobs starting with Army Map Service, the National Rifle Association and also the local telephone Company. She was married at the age of 19 and had 5 girls and 1 boy. She was divorced in 1959 and lived with her parents for 2 years until she got a job with the County Government.

Rowena's mother taught her to sew at an early age which came in handy later in life when she was able to make all her own clothes and the clothes for all 5 of her girls.

Her 2 oldest daughters, Pam and Diana still live in Virginia and her son works for Microsoft and lives in California. Her daughter Carol lives in Brandon, Florida and she lost her youngest daughter to lung cancer almost 11 years ago.

She finally retired from her position in County Government in 1985 and moved to Spring Hill.

She met Marge Crocker in 1989 in what was then the Fabric King and they both joined a quilt group at the Enrichment Center in Spring Hill. Two years later they both joined the Hernando Quilter's Guild when it was first formed in 1991.

Rowena has held several positions in the Guild in her many years as a member starting with Membership Chairman, 2nd Vice President (Education), Advertising Chairman, Nominating committee and she even did the fat quarter sales for several years. She's a "Worker Bee" and has made many quilts for charity through the years. Rowena is the type of person that if she finds that someone is in need, she always tries to do what she can to help. She has recently been taking food and clothing and some quilts over to a warehouse to help homeless families living in the woods off Spring Hill Drive. God will bless you Rowena!

We are very fortunate to have Rowena as a member, good friend and a fellow quilter!

Joyce was born in a small town in Texas about an hour from Abilene called Stamford. She was the youngest of two children and was actually raised by her mother, grandmother and great grandmother at the Lowe's Hotel, a small hotel owned and operated by her grandmother in the 1930's. She comes from a long line of sewers and quilters and was taught by her grandmother to crochet, embroider and quilt. Joyce's grandmother hand-crafted all the quilts used on the beds in the hotel rooms.

Joyce worked in the hotel while in High School and would come home at lunch time to feed her older brother who was born with downs syndrome. He passed away at the age of 21.

When she was 19 she joined the Air force and was stationed in Montgomery, Alabama where she elevated to the rank of Corporal and also met her husband of 58 years.

It was while Joyce was in the service that the hotel burned down and all those hand made quilts were destroyed in the fire. Luckily, Joyce still has some quilt tops that she calls her treasured heirlooms, made out of old dresses by her grandmother in well known patterns such as Texas Lone Star and Grandmother's Flower Garden to name a few.

After Joyce and her husband were discharged from the service they moved to Connecticut and later to a small town outside Poughkeepsie, New York called, Clinton Corners. It was there they raised 4 children and now have 7 grandchildren.

She has made many quilts through the years for all of them, but some have special meaning like the ones she would make every year to be auctioned off to raise funds for her granddaughter, Karrisa to go to summer camp for Juvenile Diabetes, a disease that contributed to her father's death at the age of 41 - Joyce's son-in-law.

She also prides herself in a very special quilt she made for her son-in-laws parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary called "Gathering Hearts." They treasure that quilt.

Joyce and her husband moved to Florida after his retirement and she joined the Hernando Guild around 1995.

Her life's ambition as she says, is to complete a double wedding ring quilt for each of her 7 grandchildren. She only has 3 more to make to complete her goal. How wonderful!

We are very fortunate to have Joyce as a member of our Guild, good friend and a fellow quilter!

Welcome New Members

Liesbeth Dekoning - 10039 Hernando Ridge Rd, Weeki Wachee, FL. 34613, Phone: 352/596-4439

Adele Maier – 14017 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34609, Phone: 352/684-0316

Sally Marra – 7519 Dinsmore St., Brooksville, FL 34613, Phone: 352/556-2384 – e-mail: marrasally@yahoo.com

Donna Mattingly – 18913 Quarter Horse Lane, Spring Hill, FL 34610, Phone: 352/754-9404

Lucille Woodcock – 358 Upland Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34606, Phone: 352/666-2970

Correction: Ellie Fries phone number is incorrect on the member list. Until the next member list comes out the correct number is **352/556-3318**.

IRISH SODA BREAD

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 Cups un-sifted all-purpose flour | 3 Tbs butter |
| 1- 1/2 tsp baking powder | 1 cup buttermilk |
| 3/4 tsp baking soda | 2/3 cup raisins coarsely chopped |
| 1 tsp salt | 1 Tbs butter melted |
| 4 Tbs sugar | 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon |
| 1- 1/2 tsp caraway seeds | |

Prepare oven to 375 degrees. Grease 8" or 9" round layer cake pan. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and 3 tbs. sugar. Add butter and cut into flour with two knives or a pastry blender until butter is in fine pieces. Make a well in the center of flour mixture; pour in buttermilk and add raisins. Mix lightly.

Turn out onto lightly floured board and knead gently a few times. Shape into a 5" round loaf and place in prepared pan. Using a sharp knife or scissors, cut dough crosswise into quarters, about 1/3 of the way through. Brush top surface with melted butter and sprinkle with remaining 1 tbs sugar mixed with cinnamon.

Bake for 35-45 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm with butter.

A great St. Patrick's Day Recipe – June Callahan

Show and Tell



Home front Quilts - January Sew-a-thon, some of the worker bees!



Mary Sweeney – Block of The Month Quilt by Stitch Connection.



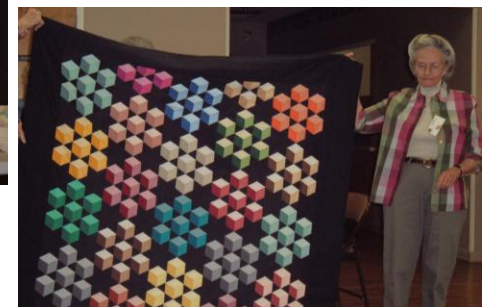
Elaine Metz – A special T-Shirt Quilt for a cancer walk in Ohio



Marion Daniels – A beautiful Bargello Quilt



Judy Thew – Exquisite Appliqué



Ruth Redeker – Beautiful Tumbling Blocks!



Barb Theriault – A wedding Pillow for her grandson and wife.



Paula Lawery – Pinwheels in pink and green!

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