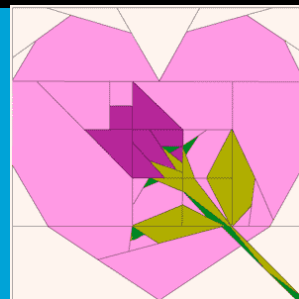




Smoky Mountain Quilters' Guild



The purpose of the guild is to stimulate an intelligent interest in the art of quilting, and to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas, instruction and presentation of pertinent information among the members of the guild.

Hi y'all!!

Hope you all had wonderful holidays! But now- I'm back to stitchin'!

Have been working on 2 new patterns and the goal is to have them finished by the end of February so I can get them quilted. We'll see how that goes. I want them done by symposium so times-a-wastin'! I know you all are working on your entries.

We already have a bunch of registrations in for symposium. We are nailing down the final plans, talking thru the judging process, viewing (again!) the rooms we will be using at the college including the classroom spaces, and working with Sylva and Dillsboro for quilt displays in those towns. Now we'll finalize teacher travel plans and pick-up at the airport, making sure we have enough volunteers to fill all the jobs we need filled, assign dorm rooms and classes to the students, the list just goes on and on. Those of us managing all of this are having a ball. It's a huge challenge but we knew that going in and are rising to meet it! You'll all be asked in the next few months to volunteer for many different jobs. I hope you'll join us, choose 2 or 3 different jobs and have as much fun as we're having. Remember – we have photos with your hands in the air!!

In the meantime, stitch till you drop!!

Cindy

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CAN YOU HELP? If anyone has a SCOOTER--the kind used indoors for medical reasons, especially one with a tray that could be used for writing-- that the guild could borrow for June 4-10 for the quilt show, please call or e-mail Karen Burney or Nancilee Dills. We will arrange pick up and delivery. Thanks.

How's your Spelling? Your Handwriting?

If you have legible handwriting and good spelling skills, you're needed for a sit-down job at Symposium. In order for you to receive those critique sheets after a quilt show, there have to be scribes who record the judge's remarks. You get to see all the quilts up close and personal, and learn first-hand just what a judge looks for. It's a fascinating job; contact Karen Burney (kburney@juno.com) to volunteer.



Mark your calendars now and plan to attend: **“Reach Out!” The Charlotte Quilters' Guild 2012 Quilt Show** Dates: March 9 - 10, 2012, Hours: 9 am - 5 pm, Venue: Metrolina Tradeshow Expo, 7100 Statesville Road, Charlotte, NC 28269, Admission: \$6.00 (a \$1.00 off coupon available at our show website) Contact info: email; quiltshow@charlottequiltersguild.org, website; www.charlottequiltersguild.org/quiltshows.html.

Addition information: 200 quilts - 45 Vendor Spaces - Silent Auction - Guild Boutique - Raffle Prizes - Special Exhibits - Daily Demos - Lunch and Snack Concession. All of this covering a 20,000 sq. foot venue with easy access from I-85 and I-77 and with plenty of free parking for individuals and buses. Join us for a day of inspiration, creativity, shopping and FUN!

CRAZY QUILT BEE - New Comers Welcome !!!

We enjoy hand stitchery, embellishments, crazy quilts, and of course each other. We meet the last Thursday of each month from 10:00 am till noon at the West Macon Fire Department. A small fee to cover room cost is requested. **Call Terry Barr 369-3800**

The **Dear Jane** and **Farmer's Wife** bees continue to meet at the Jackson County Senior Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00 in Room 125. For Questions, contact Suzanne Wingett

QUILTS OF VALOR

February 13 we will meet in Tartan Hall following the morning guild meeting and on Wednesday, February 29 in Sylva.

We have provided 5 quilts for the Returning Warrior Workshop in Augusta, GA, during February. More are needed for additional returning units in the months ahead.

As always, your participation in the project is greatly appreciated. Questions, contact Carlie Nichols, Debbie Chastain, Nancy Friedrich, Peggy James or Susan Roper.

S.O.S.! Volunteer at Symposium to Save the Stories of Quiltmakers

Contact: Suzanne McDowell, shwraps@yahoo.com, 828-712-0847

The Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild and the North Carolina Quilt Symposium, Inc. are pleased to offer an oral history component to the 2012 NC Quilt Symposium to be held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., June 7-10. Quilters' S.O.S. - Save Our Stories, lead by the nonprofit Alliance for American Quilts, is a grassroots project that uses volunteers from across the country to conduct and transcribe quiltmakers stories. The materials are then archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Currently we need volunteers to help with this program. Volunteer needs include interviewers, IT personnel, photography, greeters, and transcribers. Previous experience is not required and free training will be provided. Each volunteer will receive free admission to the show, a lapel pin, and other goodies. To find out more and register online as a volunteer, email Suzanne McDowell at shwraps@yahoo.com , or call 828-712-0847.

For more information about the symposium go to www.smokymtnquilters.org or call Nancilee Dills at 828-349-0883.

The Western North Carolina Guild is offering two workshops open to other guilds. They are

March 16 - Debby Kratovil "Sugarloaf" Quilt - \$35.00 - 9AM - 3:30 PM

April 20 - Nancy Prince "Where Orange Poppies Dance" 3 hr \$20 - 9 AM - 12 Noon

The form to mail in is on our website - www.WesternNCQuilter.org

If anyone is interested you can go to their web site and down load the form and send it to them with your check.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 13, 2012 - Morning Meeting

Ugliest Quilt Contest - You know you have "that one" hidden away! Bring your "best" entry and join in the fun!

What is this and how do I use it? Members will bring quilting items or tools to the meeting and we will ask for "volunteers" to explain how to use them.

Quick Quilting Technique - **Guild** member

February 25, 2012- Saturday Workshop at the ERC 10:00AM - 2:00PM Project: - Shopping Bag: We will make a bag that will be perfect for groceries. Pattern and supply list available. Even better, there is no cost.

March 12, 2012 - Morning Meeting

Quick Quilting Technique - Guild member

UFO/Swap Meet/Exchange - Now is your chance to get rid of that project that is never going to get finished! We will have a fun way for all to get involved in a goodhearted swap of "that project" we just couldn't finish!

March 19, 2012 - First night meeting In line with our goal for making our quilting space more efficient, come learn about some innovative solutions for organizing your quilting area. Do you have an idea you would like to share?

March 24, 2012 - Saturday Workshop at the ERC 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Project: Charm Pack Pocketbook - Supply list will be made available

April 9, 2012 - Morning Meeting

Annual Meeting/Budget vote

Mystery Quilt Reveal - Let's show Cindy how good we can follow directions. Get sewing, y'all.

Quick Quilting Technique - Guild member

April 14, 2012 - Saturday Workshop at the ERC 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Project: Complete Charm Pack Purse

April 16, 2012 - Night Meeting 7:00PM

Program: TBA

May 14, 2012 - Morning Meeting

Symposium/Quilt Show business - This is our last day meeting before the big event.

Program: Karen Burney - "Making computerized Quilt Labels".

Quick Quilting Technique - Guild member

May 21, 2012 - Night Meeting 7:00PM

Program: TBA

(No scheduled ERC workshop this month due to upcoming Symposium/Quilt Show)

June 2012

NC Quilt Symposium "Stars over the Smokies" June 7 - 10

No regular guild meetings this month.

Workshop - Gail Barber (Symposium teacher) - June 12, 2012

Executive Board Meeting - Tartan Hall January 9, 2012 - 11:50 a.m.

Present: Debbie Chastain, Susan Roper, Wayne Wingett, Cindy Williams, Jeannie McDougall, Christine Friesner, Pat Buckner

Cindy Williams called the January board meeting to order. Minutes from the November meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Following Jeannie's review of the report, motion was made by Debbie and seconded by Susan to approve the report as written. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Web site

- Susan has submitted a 6 month education report Kristin McDougall for web site posting.
- Symposium information has been updated and registration forms are now available for download and submission after January 20.

Education

- Susan has not finalized the May workshop yet.
- Night meetings will begin again in March on the 3rd Monday. Programs are intended to be educational, hands-on and will be posted as they are developed.

Membership:

- The guild currently has 160 members. Debbie says membership promotions will begin next month, with dues collected in April.
- Newsletter distribution via email/snail mail was shelved until next month when more members are present.

Community Events:

- Wayne updated the group on the Macon Quilt Trail Airing of the Quilts that is scheduled for Mother's Day weekend in May. A workshop is planned for then as announced in today's morning meeting.

Community Outreach: No reports.

Ways and Means:

- Cookbook - Jeannie reported that sales are up to about half, and with sold ads, we are financially in the black.
- Opportunity Quilt - \$160 has been collected so far.

Historian: No report

Hospitality:

- Good responses have been received from Noreen Gay's email requests for refreshments.

Library: No report.

Quilt Room: No report.

Symposium & Quilt Show 2012

- Next committee meeting will be at 10:00 on February 6 in Tartan Hall.
- Vendor fees are being received.
- Class registration requests will be received January 20 in the order received. Requests received prior to January 20 will not be honored until after that date and after the submissions that were received as instructed.
- Discussion was held regarding potential problems with classroom space on campus. Chris Friesner offered to help with this.

Old Business:

- \$100 was authorized for Kenny's cleanup after the Christmas luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 with no further business discussion.

Minutes of the Morning Meeting January 9, 2012

The SMQG morning meeting was called to order in Tartan Hall at 10:00 a.m. by Cindy Williams. She welcomed 54 members. No guests were present.

The order of business was called by asking for announcements and updates on activities:

Quick Quilt Technique:

- Cindy solicited member input for future QQT's. Maxine Ramey offered to present a QQT in February.

Announcements:

- Wayne Wingett announced that the 2nd Airing of the Quilts for Macon County will be held on May 11.
- As part of the Airing Event, A Mariners Compass class is scheduled to be taught by **Jane Hall** on May 11. Fee is \$50 and includes lunch. The first 20 to register will be able to take the class.
- There is also an Airing of the Quilts Challenge: Quilters are challenged to make a quilt and each quilt entered will need to include one of the blocks on the Macon County Quilt Trail. Additional information of both the class and the challenge as well as the entry form is available at this link:

<http://www.maconcountyquilttrail.org/airing-quilts.html>

- Cindy promises to share Words of Wisdom at each meeting.
- Cindy distributed a 2012 Resolutions Contract to members for improving their home quilting spaces. She asked that these contracts be completed and returned next month. Members were asked to take pictures of their pre and post sewing and stash spaces along with their UFO's. These before and afters will inexplicably offer a lot of fun at the end of this year.

Education:

- Susan Roper asked members to bring their ugliest quilt for the February program and to plan to bring a UFO to swap in March. She also asked that members bring an unfamiliar tool to the February meeting to share and hopefully learn from other members what exactly to do with it.

- Workshops scheduled are: January - quilt caddy; February - Charm pocket book. Susan has all this information posted on the SMQG website. www.smokymtnquilters.org
- Wayne has the ERC scheduled for next year's Opportunity Quilt workshop on January 28 (Saturday). Participants will need to bring their embroidery machine, various colors of embroidery thread, 5x7 hoop, other embroidery supplies, and a USB stick.

Symposium:

- Registration forms, teachers, and class schedules are now available on the Symposium link of the website. Participants are to download the registration forms, complete and mail to the given address.
- No registrations are to be postmarked prior to January 20. Each will be processed in the order received.
- All classes are full days with 1-½ hours for lunch; and, all lectures are scheduled for Sunday morning.
- Gail Garber, one of the judges for this event, has agreed to stay over and teach “Scrumptious Star Stitchery” classes on Monday and Tuesday (June 11 & 12) following the Symposium. Cindy is asking for commitments by the March meeting. Cost for each day will be \$40 or less, pending an adequate enrollment of 20 per day.
- Quilt Show - pictures and registrations are due in April to Mary Ann Budahl. Quilts do not necessarily have to be finished, but do need to be in recognizable form.
- Chris Eichner showed samples of the tree and the butterfly for the classes she will be teaching.

Mary Krishnamurty reported last year totals for quilt contributions:

- Baby quilts - 130
- Comfort quilts - 450
- Head Start quilts - 140

Show and Tell followed for members who participated in the Paisley Challenge and the Civil War fabric swap.

January birthdays were announced and the meeting adjourned with no further business.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Buckner, Secretary

Chris Eichner has shared the following results from her entries throughout 2011. She will also be teaching at the John Campbell Folk School in 2012. Congratulations, Chris!

- June 2011-----Raleigh Symposium NCQS----- Beautiful Dogwoods ----- 2nd. place
- July AQS 2011 -Knoxville Tennessee----- Beautiful Dogwoods----- entered
- August AQS 2011 Des Moine Iowa ----- Pine Cone Scrub at Cathedral Rock- entered
- August 10 2011 Hoffman Challenge-----Joyful Spring-----1 year trunk show tour -Shown at Houston Tx
- Sept. 16 2011 ACPQG West Jefferson N.C.----- Bright Wintry Day----- First place & Viewers Choice
- Sept. 30 2011 Annual Asheville Quilt Show-----First Snow --First Place
- Cone Flowers and Day Lilies----- Merit Award
- October 2011 Misty Mtn. Quilt Guild Show-----Beautiful Dogwoods-----Third Place
- October 2011 Georgia Quilt Show Expo---Cone Flowers and Day Lilies-----Special Recognition by judge

