



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.

Happy Thanksgiving girls – and guys! I hope yours was as wonderful as mine! We had Bill's family (18 humans, 8 dogs and I think there was a partridge in a pear tree) all staying with us. No sewing got accomplished! Thank goodness the kids love cooking out over the firepit and riding the four-wheelers!! Now for Christmas!

Then we get down to business – 2012 Symposium! I will be working diligently on having 2 entries ready for our show as I'm sure you will be. The time is going by quickly and we all need to remember that MaryAnn will be needing registrations and photos well before June 7! I can't wait for this event. So many people remarked at our 2010 show about how much fun we were having and the camaraderie that was so obvious with all of the workers. We're gonna knock 'em dead at Symposium cause you guys rock!!

Be sure and email any suggestions and/or questions you might have to me or Nancilee as we are finalizing many of the decisions and once it's cast in stone there's no turning back. We need your ideas NOW!!

Have a wonderful holiday season. I'm excited to be seeing you all Monday the 12th for socializing and good food.

Cindy

Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild of Tennessee would like to invite members of your guild to enter quilts in our annual quilt show and competition. **The 32nd annual show will be held March 23-25, 2012 on the campus of Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee.** Our entries are not juried, however we depend on the services of highly trained and certified professional

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judges to evaluate the quilts and award the efforts of our entrants. We award over \$6,000 in prize money. Our exhibit space is completely climate controlled with good lighting. Categories: Bed Quilts, Pieced and Quilted, Bed Quilts, Mixed Techniques or Appliqued and Quilted, Wall Quilts, Pieced and Quilted, Wall Quilts, Appliqued and/or Mixed Techniques and Quilted, Lap Quilts, Art Quilts, Pictorial, Miniature, Kids, Other, Junior, Two Person Team, Small, Two Person Team, Large, Group, Entry Deadline: February 7, 2012. For more information on entries: Contact: Jean Lester, (865) 577-0892, jeanlester@comcast.net, 3829 Maloney Road, Knoxville, TN 37920, Or visit our website: www.smokymtnquilters.com.

Helping Out With Symposium!!

We are hurdling toward June!! At least it feels that way to me and I am sure to others on the steering committee for "**Stars Over the Smokies**" There are several things every member of the guild can do over the winter while we are stuck inside, to help us get ready and really feel prepared:

1. **Make several items to DONATE to the guild boutique--small items sell best.** At the same time **stockpile and start to put tags on those items you would like to consign.** Guidelines are on our web site, under the symposium tab, and you can call or e-mail Suzanne Wingett if you have questions and to get a sales number.
2. **Make a really cool silent auction item.** Guidelines for this are on the web site also. Call or e-mail Pat Buckner if you have questions. **REALLY IMPORTANT: All proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to food banks in Macon and Jackson County. It's what the guild voted to do and in this day and time a much needed gift.**
3. **Get those quilts that you wish to enter DONE!!** Forms to register them are on the web site, and Mary Ann Budahl will take them ANYTIME. You don't have to wait to enter!!! (Note to those of you who have asked about categories and prizes--this is being considered by the steering committee and award amounts will be announced later)
4. **Sell those opportunity tickets--we begin handing them out at the November meeting.** If you did not get yours, please contact Nancilee Dills and she will mail them to you. **We have set a goal of 5000 tickets!!**
5. **Ask any business owner you personally know if they will be the sponsors of a prize.** We will publish their business card as advertising, they will be recognized right on the winning quilt itself, and we will list their business on our web site. Joan Crowers has forms, just ask for one so the business will have a written copy.

Sponsored by the Cobblestone Quilters Guild - A Celebration of Quilts 2012: "Southern Comforts" will be held **March 2-3 at the Gaillard Auditorium, 77 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC.** The show will run from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. Admission will be \$7.00 daily or \$10.00 for both days. The event will be judged by nationally known quilter Lorraine Covington, certified by the National Quilting Association, Inc. More than 250 quilts and quilted items will be on display from local and regional artists. Quilts to be exhibited will include antique quilts, bed-size quilts, wall quilts and wearable art. In addition to sponsors there will be a total of 15 vendors. A silent auction of quilts and quilt-related items will be held to benefit **The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center**. There will also be a display of antique quilts, a boutique, door prizes, and demonstrations. For additional information, go to www.charlestonquiltguild.com.

Elaine Teska had knee surgery the week of Thanksgiving. Cards would be appreciated—they really lift the spirits of those who are in such condition. Her address is: Elaine Teska, 485 Dryman Fork Woods Road, Otto, NC 28763.

FOR SALE

Husqvarna Scandinavia 300 - Sewing and Embroidery Machine

(computerized and electronic, has 20 built in stitches. Embroidery part of the machine never used. Machine was bought new 4 years ago and paid about \$899 for it - asking \$399. It works fantastic, and if anyone wants to 'test' drive it, please email Nancy Hunsicker nancy.hunsicker@gmail.com to arrange that.

Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild 2012 Calendar of Events

This coming year will be a busy one for our guild. Planning, hard work, and lots of quilting will pay off in June when we co-sponsor the North Carolina Quilt Symposium for 2012.

In the months prior to the Symposium, we are planning to keep member expenses to a minimum and will draw from the guild for our programs and activities.

The **night meeting** is going to return to the **third Monday**, March through May for 2012. There will be no night meetings for January or February in anticipation of winter weather. Night meetings are going to be coordinated by Nancy Shay. Most of the programs will involve "hands-on" activities that can more easily be accomplished in a smaller group setting.

Workshops are going to be scheduled one Saturday a month at the ERC. These workshops are intended to be free or of little cost and will be led by guild members. This is a chance for us to share our quilting knowledge and enjoy the fellowship of others. These workshops are in addition to boutique workshops scheduled for the Symposium.

The following is a tentative schedule:

January 9, 2012 - Morning Meeting

Paisley and Civil War Challenge - members will bring in and share their completed (or mostly completed) projects. The paisley fabric was a fabric challenge from 2011. The Civil War fabric was from a strip exchange. Are you ready?

New Year's Resolution/Contract - We are all going to answer the questions:

1. What am I going to finish this year?
2. What can I do to improve my quilting life...legally?

If possible, we will agree to take "before" and "after" pictures of our quilting space or room.

Quick Quilting Technique - Guild member

January 14, 2012 - Saturday Workshop - at the ERC 10:00Am - 2:00pm

Project: Coffee Can Sewing Caddy - Supply list available

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: - Bring your own - Mystery Quilt reveal will be coming soon!

March 12, 2012 - Morning Meeting

Vote on officers

Quick Quilting Trechnique - 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 - Night Meeting 7:00PM

Program: TBA

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**