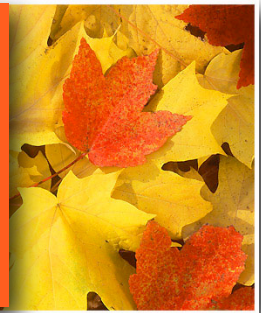




Smoky Mountain Quilters' Guild



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.

IMPORTANT: We will be drawing for the Snake River Log Cabin Quilt at Pumpkin Fest on October 22nd. Please be sure your tickets and money are turned in before then. These are the tickets you received with your new address book. If all you sell is the \$20 worth in your booklet, and everyone sells theirs, we would raise over \$3000 just from our members. Please help the guild out in this small way--this money helps fund things like Quilts of Valor and baby quilts and other charitable donations we wish to make, things we may have to discontinue funding if we don't raise enough money with our Opportunity Quilts.

Quilts of Valor

It turned out to be a very busy month for us. We greeted founder of Quilts of Valor Catherine Roberts at an awesome luncheon in which three area veterans who had received QOVs and over 70 participants from District 8 were present. For the complete story, please click on the link for the article in the Macon County News.

Thanks to all who volunteered to help with all of our events and those who regularly attend our workshops. We welcome new participants at any time.

Up coming events:

Regular workshops October 10 after the guild meeting at Tartan Hall

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 & Cheryl Kiker
Historian Joan Crowers
Uncommon Threads
 Marilyn Seibring &
 Mary Krishnamurty
Quilts of Valor Charlie Nichols
Storybook Quilts Jo Thompson

Wednesday, October 26, from 10 am until 2 pm at the ERC
Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, October, 22, Main Street, Franklin
Presentations in October & November--to be announced

Questions or sign up, contact:

Carlie Nichols: www.mcan712@yahoo.com

Debbie Chastian, Nancy Friedrich, Peggy James, Susan Roper

The Macon County News featured an article on the Quilts of Valor program. To view it, click on the link below:

<http://www.maconnews.com/news/community/1702-quilts-of-valor-founder-visits-area-guilds>

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INTERESTING TO DO?

The Farmer's Wife and **Dear Jane** bees have a combined meeting day on the **SECOND Wednesday of each month from 1:00 until 4:00 at the Senior Center in Sylva, room 125.** Any questions, please contact Suzie Wingett or Pat Buckner.

Make Note on Your Calendar

October

10/10 - AM and PM Meetings:

Grannie Suzannie Lecture and Trunk Show

Check Grannie Suzannie out at granniesuzannie.com

10/11 Grannie Suzannie Workshop - Memorial United Methodist Church (Old Murphy Road)

Celtic Applique - Learn how to make the intricate looking Celtic knots with your own bias.

We will learn how to weave the bias and create mitered points.

\$30.00 10AM - 4PM

10/29 Saturday

BB Workshop - ERC - Pincushions 9-3

November

11/12 Workshop - "Pieced Borders" Cindy Williams

ERC

Cost: \$25.00 - Includes book. If you have taken the class before, you can repeat and get a new book at a special workshop price.

11/14 - AM and PM meetings:

Area quilt guilds are invited to join us for an information session on 2012 Symposium.

December

12/12 - ONE MEETING ONLY - Noon

Covered Dish Holiday Brunch

"Bee" hostesses will be contacted about decorating one dining table for 8.

Christmas Show 'n Tell

Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild Minutes of the Morning Meeting September 12, 2011

The SMQG morning meeting was called to order in Tartan Hall at 10:00 a.m. by Cindy Williams. She welcomed **60 members and 1 guest**. August birthday members were recognized. There were no door prizes this month.

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

Outreach

- Nancilee Dills asked for help collecting raffle ticket money and cookbook sales on meeting days. Robin Vance volunteered to help with this.
- The Macon County Fair is opening tomorrow and Nancilee requested help with Guild tables.
- Carlie Nichols reported on the regional luncheon last week to honor Catherine Roberts, the Quilts of Valor founder who was in the area on her coast-to-coast tour. Over 70 attended this event.
- Wayne Wingett asked for volunteers for the upcoming "Taste of North Carolina" festival in Dillsboro on 9/24. Guild cookbooks will be sold at this event. Laura Nelle Goebel is the contact.
- Trudy Griffin asked for knitters in the group to make knitted/crocheted skull caps for our soldiers to wear under their helmets. She has patterns available.
- Mary Krishnamurty announced that kits are available for the baby quilts.

Symposium

- Nancilee asked for volunteers to finish the pad folios at a work session on Monday 9/19. Sarah Sanford volunteered to take the 50 leftovers home to complete.
- Following discussion about the Guild's Mission Statement and history of charity work, a ballot was distributed to members calling for a vote of whether to keep 75% of the Silent Auction income or giving it to a choice of various regional charities. This ballot is included below for those who have not voted
- Several hundred Crystal Light or similar plastic containers are still needed for Symposium favors.
- Charlotte Alexander has met with Chuck Wooten and said Jackson County is

coordinating plans with The Sylva Garden Club to plant flowers depicting Symposium 2012 logo on the historical Courthouse/Library steps above the fountain on Main Street. There are also plans to coordinate a shuttle bus between WCU and Sylva-Dillsboro for Symposium participants. Cost will be minimal.

- Mary Ann Budahl has given registration information for 2012's 30th anniversary show. Entry deadline is on Tax Day (April 15) and will be inflexible. Entry forms are available, pictures of each entry will be required, and the cost is \$5 for Symposium non-participants and \$3 for participants.

Education

- Susan Roper updated members on upcoming workshops and educational opportunities.
- Wayne Wingett talked a little on the colorful "motorcycle mama" Grannie Suzannie's upcoming October workshop.
- Area guilds will be invited to our November Guild to watch the slide show presentation for Symposium 2012.
- A covered dish brunch is planned for the December day meeting. Bees are being asked to decorate a table in accordance with their bee motifs. No night meeting is planned in December.

Hospitality

- Noreen Gay thanked members for the abundant refreshments contributed this morning.

Other business

- Mystery Quilt: Cindy Williams announced plans for starting "Just Can't Cut It" quilt that is designed to use large print floral, novelty, or other fabric that we all have, but it is just too pretty to cut. She distributed fabric information to those who were interested in participating.

The program began with a **QQT (Quick Quilt Technique)** which will be one of the regular educational features at meetings. Cindy Williams used an overhead camera projector to demonstrate a technique for making a Square in a Square block and gave handouts for written instructions.

My Favorite Tools demonstrations followed. Thanks to Mary Krishnamurty, Suzie Wingett, Debbie Chastain, Rosalie Nieznalski, Jeannie McDougall, and Carlie Nichols for sharing tips and techniques. Another big thanks to Jeannie McDougall for loaning her overhead camera projector to allow these demonstrations to be so visible to the audience.

Show and Tell followed with Joan Crower taking pictures.

**Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild Executive Board Meeting - Tartan Hall
September 12, 2011 - 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Rosalie Nieznalski, Debbie Chastain, Nancilee Dills, Susan Roper, Wayne Wingett, Cindy Williams, Mary Krishnamurty, Pat Buckner

Cindy Williams called the September board meeting to order. Wayne moved and Rosalie seconded that August minutes be approved. Voted/approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

- Quilt room continues to be used twice a week with adequate help. Income stable.
- Opportunity Quilt raffle sales are slow with only \$600 received so far. Since each member is expected to sell 25 tickets (at \$20 income each), and there are 159 members, ideally there should be \$3,180 received from this source of member sales.
- Stickers for Service was an idea generated at a recent Education Committee meeting with the idea in mind to stimulate member involvement in Guild activities. The concept of rewards for participation and means of implementation was discussed and will be explained and begun after the general membership meetings in October.
- Mary said the new school year has the baby quilt requests piling up and she needs help getting the kits done. Wayne suggested having the Head Start staff come to a Guild meeting and explain how important these quilts are in getting matching Federal funds to support their program. Susan agreed to arrange this program.

Membership

- Debbie distributed an updated membership list. It is color-coded for new and honorary members. Each member has a join-date when known.

Education

- Susan distributed the education program agenda for the remainder of this year. Suggestions were made for programs for January-December of 2012.
- It was discussed that night meetings may become more successful if we schedule a series of "hands-on" sessions in a "make it and take it" concept. Susan said that Nancy Shay has volunteered to spearhead generating ideas of activities and will be working with Susan to develop programs along this line.
- Programs and workshops are posted on SMQG's web site.

Symposium & Quilt Show 2012

- Nancilee asked for money to purchase carts from Lowes to carry over 100 poles for the quilt racks. She estimated the cost would be \$380 or less. Approved.

Discussion was held again about changing day and night meetings to separate days. Members will need to vote on this again. Debbie will see that information and a paper ballot is posted in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned with no further business discussion.

Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild Minutes of the Night Meeting

September, 2011

Cindy Williams welcomed **11 members and 1 guest** to the Guild's night meeting.

There were no announcements or business discussion since 10 of the 11 members had been present for the day meeting.

Wayne Wingett coordinated the evening program on a board game of Quilt Trivia.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Buckner, Secretary

2011 Membership Updates

New Member

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394 Judd Duvall Lane
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Changes

Karen Burney cell phone correction
321-626-8916

Chris Eichner new email address
chriseichner@gmail.com

Chris Eichner web site address

www.chrissichner.com

Mary Manning new email address

mebmanning@frontier.com

Judy Ohliger email correction

jdynstv@frontier.com

Sarah Sanford Telephone service discontinued. Cell phone service only

770-361-5089

Dianne Schickedantz new email address

dseverfall@yahoo.com

Nancy Shay email correction

njshay@hughes.net

Robin Vance Internet service cancelled.



The Quilt Trail is happy to announce that updated guide books and maps will be available soon and will include all block hanging to date, as well as 2 blocks currently in production. The updated books and maps will be available at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and several quilt trail block locations. In addition, If you have a smart phone, the Macon County Quilt Trail app should be up and running very soon. The smart phone app was made possible by the Franklin TDA and TDC.

Also, make sure and mark your calendar for the **2012 Macon County Quilt Trail "Airing of the Quilts"**. This will be the second year of this annual event to be held **May 12, 2012**. (The Saturday of Mothers Day weekend) and will once again honor those before us who kept the quilting heritage alive and passed it down to us. We've added many new events to this year's "airing" agenda including a quilt challenge, special indoor quit exhibits, fiber art vendors, and more.

We're also pleased to announce that **Jane Hall, noted author, teacher, lecturer, and certified appraiser, will be on hand to appraise quilts on the Saturday of the airing, and will present a "Mariners Compass" workshop on Friday May 11. The workshop will be limited to the first 20 people registered. Workshop fee is \$50 and includes lunch. Tentative time is 10:00-3:00.** You may sign up for the workshop at Deb's Cats N Quilts.

Watch for more details to come.

Deb

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Macon County Quilt Trail Chairperson

SILENT AUCTION QUILTS 2012

1. Size must be 100 inches or less in perimeter. This is the measurement around the outside (no more than 25 inches per side).
2. May be any shape (square, round, triangle, rectangle, etc.)
3. Panels will be accepted. Appropriate items other than quilts will be considered.
4. Quilts may be framed if desired.
5. Any quilting method is acceptable.
6. The starting bid for all entries will be \$10.00 with subsequent bidding in increments of \$3.00 or more.
7. All entries will become the possession of the Guild and if they are unsold will be used by the Guild for other events.
8. Hanging sleeves may be used and are encouraged if the quilt is larger. This is a nice added touch for the new owner's wall hanging.
9. Entries may be turned in anytime to Pat Buckner. 828-586-5731 or 828-507-4200

There are many wonderful quilt stories, and so few that are shared. Your challenge from me for this month is to take the time to share the story of the first quilt that ever "spoke" to you. Any responses I get will be published in the next newsletter. ----Jerrie Tacia, Editor

The first quilt that ever spoke to me was one that my grandmother gave me at the end of a visit one summer. Because we lived in Florida and my grandparents were in Indiana, we didn't get to see them often. Time with my grandma Webber was precious. She taught me so many things about cooking and gardening in the short times we had together...and SHE was the one that always had stories to tell about my dad and his brothers and sister as children. As time to leave drew closer on this particular visit, she took me into a bedroom saying that she has something special for me to take home. There is was...a quilt that she claimed has been my dad's (I found that hard to believe since it was pinks and florals). I took it home and it immediately went on my bed. Every time I looked at it or snuggled under it at night I could hear my grandma's voice and feeling her nearby. It is well work and much loved after all these years....and in great need of repair, but it is my grandma, it is my dad, it is my family.

"Quilters affect eternity; they can never tell where their influence stops."

Ballot for Silent Auction for those who did not vote at the September guild meeting.

If you wish to vote, please mail your vote to the guild address, Box 1381, Franklin, 28744, before the October meeting.

For the 2012 Quilt Show, in conjunction with the symposium, we need to consider some alternatives to “what we have always done”. The profits from the silent Auction are subject to a 75/25% split with the NCQSI board, UNLESS we declare that money for charity. So, think of it this way, we keep 0% of the silent auction profit and give 100% to a charity, or we keep 75% of the profit and decide in our next budget how we want to spend it with no strings attached. The opportunity quilt is NOT subject to the split, so we would also then keep 100% of the opportunity quilt profit. Even if you vote “no” on the first question, please choose a category for the 2nd question as this will help your board decide how to spend the guild's money.

Therefore there are two things we must decide as a guild:

1. Do we donate the Silent Auction profits to charity?

_____ Vote yes, choose a charity category below.

_____ Vote no, give 25% of the profit to NCQSI, decide later how to spend the money.

2. Vote for your preferred category of charity here. Half the money will go to Macon County, half to Jackson County.

_____ New Century Scholars. This program exists in both counties.

_____ Food for the Hungry. This would be Care Net in Macon, and Christian Ministries in Jackson—the two largest and working with each county's Social Services Departments to avoid duplication. They also offer additional services to their clients.

_____ Hospice services. Angel Hospital in Macon and Med-West in Jackson—the currently state-recognized services for the counties.

_____ Grants to the Jackson County and Macon County Arts Councils for art programs for kids working with fiber arts.