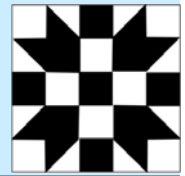


The Friendship Note

Newsletter of the Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild, Inc. Sarasota, Florida



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it is August already? Soon our snowbird friends will be back with us. When it starts getting cold up there, we'll see them here.

There's also only one month left to get your "Ugly Fabric" Challenge finished and ready for judging at the September meeting. I can't wait to see what everyone has done. We also have our Stash Sale at the September meeting. It gives us all the opportunity to buy one another's fabric, books and notions. At the last Stash Sale, someone marked her items down to half price as it got later and then gave them away at the end of the sale! Maybe she'll have a table again.

This year, I went to UFO Camp and it was great fun!! I even got a few projects done. DaySpring is a wonderful place to get away from the rat race and enjoy a serene setting to do what you like.

We have a winter retreat coming up in February. This gives our winter friends a chance to enjoy a retreat. Ellen will be giving us all the details.

See you at the August meeting.

Karla



Look what Karla finished!

FRIENDSHIP

If you know of a member who is ill, has suffered the loss of a loved one or otherwise should be remembered by our Guild, please let me know so I can send a card from the Guild. beverly.wiberg@yahoo.com

Monthly Membership Meetings

- August 15 - Pat Kumericich Trunk Show
- September 19 - Stash Sale
- October 17 - Jo-Ann Jensen "Silk Batik"

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- October - Double Vision Jo-Ann Jensen
- November 19/21 - Arrowhead/Scrappy Pineapple - Anita Grossman Solomon

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THE AUGUST MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 9TH 12:-15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. FRUITVILLE LIBRARY

At the July Meeting, 15 quilters brought 45 quilts to be donated to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sarasota Memorial. This brings our 2011 donation count to 447. Donations of fabric and batting would be most welcomed.

Please join us!



Coffee, Tea or Not?

Karen Brennan

A volunteer is needed to set up and clean up the coffee table for the October Meeting. If you are willing, please notify Karen Brennan via email at pwbklv@yahoo.com. She will show you "the ropes" and give you the supplies to use.



MEMBER NEWS & NOTES

EDUCATION NOTES

Ellen Simon

What a wonderful trunk show Jean Smith presented at the July Meeting. I loved it when she said she free-motion quilted her first quilt with all kinds of designs because no one told her machine quilting was supposed to be hard! Sometimes, we let mental roadblocks hold us back. After fourteen years of watching my husband machine quilt on our longarm, I decided it was time for me to learn. I don't know why I thought it would be so hard.

Our August program is a trunk show by Pat Kumicich, from Naples. Here is what she says on her website:

“Like so many artists throughout history, I find it difficult to articulate my feelings in a conventional way. Fabric has given me my voice. I am often inspired by women in the news...and they are reflected in the strong textures, vibrant colors, and wide variety of fabric and thread that characterize my work. Working in the art quilt medium allows me to express my innermost feelings about our world, the times we live in, and the human condition.”

Pat's quilts have been widely published and included in prestigious traveling shows. Pat blogs under “The Artful Diva”. *You do not want to miss this program.*

Table rental for the Stash Sale in September is \$10. This fee will be donated to KidzQuilts. More “vendors” are needed. You can send me a check (made out to FKQG) or bring your payment to the August Meeting. I will be at the workshop table.

Several members have completed their ugly fabric challenge and turned back the excess fabrics. I was able to hand out three more packets. That brings the total to seventeen. The challenge projects will be shown in September.

Barbara Shapiro and Karen Brennan are organizing the November 12th bus trip to the World Quilt Show in West Palm Beach. Save on gas - take the bus. You also get the group rate on admission - \$10 instead of \$12. Non-members are welcome.

Summer UFO Camp was a great success and had record attendance. Now, you snowbirds will get a chance to enjoy the camaraderie, fun and relaxation of a retreat at DaySpring. *Mark your Calendar for Monday, February 6th through Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.* Three days to sew, sew, sew! Mary Nissan has volunteered to help plan the retreat. Details will be published soon.

The workshop on October 17th, Double Vision, has not met minimum registration. I need six more students to sign up by the August Meeting. If you are interested in taking this class, please get your check to Pam Zeck. Jo-Ann will be demonstrating soy wax batik in addition to teaching her fabric-collage and silk overlay technique.

Charity Project

Ellen Simons

The Guild has donated about sixty quilts to Sarasota Memorial Hospital for chemotherapy patients. The original goal was to produce eighty quilts. This project will end in December.



Please help us reach our goal.

Quilts should be approximately 45" x 60". Keep in mind that some patients are men. Quilts should include a label that says:

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Use a drapery-type batting (not Warm and Natural). Questions? Contact Ellen at 941-723-8727 or cqmaker@tampabay.rr.com.

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UFO Camp

Joy Abbott & Lynne Miguez (reporting)

If the evaluations and the email feedback we received are any indication, UFO Camp was a great success. We had 31 people who attended, and we were amazed at the projects that were completed. Lynne asked everyone to give her a number of projects that they finished at camp. Most people finished anywhere from 2 to 4 projects. Two people started new projects from scratch. Joy Abbott started and finished two new Halloween quilt tops and Marie Snyder started five new projects and finished all of them. I think when I grow up, I want to be able to quilt like Joy and Marie. Since there were 31 people at camp, that means we averaged anywhere from 62 as a low estimate to over 100 projects finished as the high end of the estimate.

The Jelly Roll Race was fun and nineteen people participated and finished a "lasagna quilt". It was probably the cheapest, fastest quilt any of us



has ever made. According to the internet, the fastest time for completing this quilt was 35 minutes. We did not manage to beat that time but Marie Snyder finished it in just 36 minutes. Mary Sue DeHart came in second and Joy Abbott came in third. Nineteen lasagna quilts were finished in a time frame of 36 minutes to two hours.

We also played a fat quarter game and the lucky winner, Linda Pearce, went home with about 90 fat quarters.

Thank You's: As with any event, there are al-



ways people who helped to make the event go smoothly. Joy and I would like to thank the following:

Our past retreat chairperson, **Cathy Washburn**, who kept us on track and was always willing to answer any questions we had. It was Cathy's idea to have the Jelly Roll Race which was a great success. She also helped out at the retreat by managing the other games.

Thank you to **Cass Bowen** and **Janet Krail** who made yo-yos and put together the badges.

Kathy Dotson who took photographs of all the UFO's that were completed and is burning the pictures to a CD for anyone who would like a copy. If you are interested in receiving a copy, Kathy is charging \$2.00 to cover the cost of the CD plus postage if she has to mail it.

Susan Walker who acted as our exercise guru and would periodically make us all get up and stretch and do a few exercises to keep our muscles from getting stiff so we could sew, sew, sew and sew some more.

Vendors: Our local shops, as usual, were very generous in their donations and we would like to thank the following shops (in alphabetical order):

Alma Sue's in Sarasota

Cotton Patch in Sarasota

Deborah's Quilt Basket in Venice

Quilter's Cottage in Englewood

Quilter's Haven & More in Palmetto

We would also like to ask those who attended UFO Camp to thank the shop owners or managers in person when they visit the shops. Individual thank you cards were signed by everyone and sent to the shops.

There is a Chinese proverb that says: "When someone shares something with you and you ben-

efit from it, you have a moral obligation to share it with others".

I know I personally benefited from attending UFO camp with quality sewing time with other quilters who share the same passion and in getting some of my projects done. We think all the people who attended the "Unbelievably Fun Outing", benefited from it also and we hope that they will share the experience they had with others to help promote it in future years.



Cass Bowen helps Phoebe Trumpler display her finished quilt top.



Linda Kirby displays a finished baby quilt that was made using applique bunnies made by her mom...what one generation starts another generation finishes!

A yellow rotary cutter was found when cleaning up from the retreat. If it is your rotary cutter, contact Cass Bowen at cbcassiecat@gmail.com.

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Nominations

Karla Lynch

We are at that time of year when we need to start thinking about the FKQG Board for 2012. All positions are open for nominations. The positions are:

President

1st Vice President - Education Chair

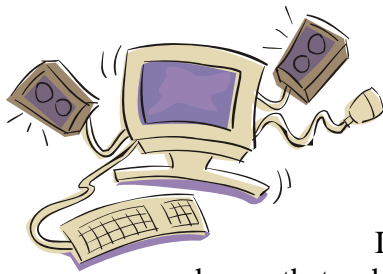
2nd Vice President - WILL BE VACANT

Treasurer

Secretary - WILL BE VACANT

The fifth voting member of the Board is the Past President who is automatically on the Board.

We need a volunteer to chair the Nominating Committee. The Committee members call all the members of FKQG to see if they would like to volunteer for the Board or recommend someone. A slate of officers is presented to the membership and then the membership votes for the 2012 Board. Think about whether you would like to be on the Board. **It is a wonderful way to support the Guild.**



The Web Queen Speaks! Cathy Washburn

Hi all!

I am going to be here each month to share things with you that I've found online. I know that might be an old idea and you've seen other people do it but there is so much on the web now, and I'm not sure all of you are aware of how fun some of that stuff can be!

I will also try to feature websites that are unique for some reason - not just the link to your favorite place to buy fabric in your jammies! Most of you who know me, know I surf - no, of course not in Sarasota Bay, but online. Recently I've been meeting lots of interesting people via their blogs. So each month I will give you a few places to look to find something fun and tell you why I think they are interesting. If you have some places you like to visit, send me an email with a link to CWash3266@aol.com.

<http://www.patchworktimes.com/>. This site is the blog of Judy Laquidara. I happened upon Judy and find her fun to read. She has been quilting for many years and has written two quilting books: "Nine Patch Extravaganza" and "Weekend Quilts". Judy writes on her blog every day but more likely, several times a day. Her husband has recently been transferred with his job so Judy and I are sharing that experience online - even though I've never met her. She has been a long arm quilter since 1998. She also loves to garden, cook and knit. Maybe I like her because we are both country girls at heart.

<http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2011/07/as-seen-around-sisters.html>. Bonnie Hunter - I have known about Bonnie's site "Quiltville" for many years. Her website has tons of free patterns. You will like them if you like to cut your fabric in little tiny pieces and sew it back together into really big quilts. I guess that is what I like about Bonnie. She also occasionally does online mys-

tery quilts that you can follow. She uses all kinds of fabrics including those from clothing she has purchased at Goodwill and boxes of fabric that show up on her doorstep. When you follow her blog, you will also get to follow her around the country as she teaches. The link above is from her time at the Sisters Quilt Show in Oregon. She always posts lots of photos from her classes so it is almost like being there. Bonnie is also a long arm quilter and has written three quilting books. She also writes a column in "Quiltmaker" Magazine called "Addicted to Scraps".

<http://thepioneerwoman.com/confessions/>. Some of you have heard me talk about Pioneer Woman. Her blog says she channels Ethel Merman, Vivian Leigh and Lucille Ball. Her name is Ree Drummond. She is a country club girl who married an Oklahoma cowboy. They have four children that she home schools. She has written cookbooks, a recent autobiography and a children's book about her Basset Hound named Charlie. You may have seen her on the "Today Show" or "The View" whipping up one of her yummy recipes. Ree has a fun and interesting outlook about life on the ranch. I read her mostly for a good laugh - and her really great recipes. Some of my favorites include Pig Cake and Iced Coffee.

<http://www.cafepress.com/+quilter+t-shirts>. Café



**Marcia Slocum displays
some Quilting T-shirts**

Press - When we were at the UFO Camp retreat in July, two members showed up in these really cute quilting T-shirts. Beth Grindal and Marsha Slocum found the shirts at this website. The site has t-shirts as well as totes, mugs, coasters, even underwear with cute sayings about quilting. They found the sizes were a bit small so you might want to check the online size charts. These items would also make great gifts for your quilting friends.

WORKSHOPS - 2011

Monday, October 17...9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Double Vision....Jo-Ann Jensen - Create a unique piece of fiber art with a fabric collage and a painted silk overlay. Finished piece will be matted and framed to create a 3-D, almost holographic effect. \$10 kit fee includes use of instructor's tools, brushes, silk paints and resists.

Saturday, November 19...9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Arrowhead....Anita Grossman Solomon - Make a traditional Arrowhead block entirely from only two 8" squares of fabric - it just takes two seams and three rotary strokes. Make it Simpler is Anita's motto.

Monday, November 21...9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Scrappy Pineapple - Advanced Beginner - Make it Simpler with Anita's sewing and cutting techniques. This block is not foundation pieced. On point set for a truly dynamic design.

CLASS FEES: Full day \$25, half day \$15 Members rate (Non-Members full day \$50 and half day \$35). Lunch included for full day classes at a cost of \$7.00. *Class fees are non-refundable.* Please be sure you can attend before you sign up. Workshops are held at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, 4041 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota.

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Make your check payable to Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild.
Supply lists are available from our website, by mail with a SASE or in person at the meetings.
Those paying in person will receive their supply list in person.

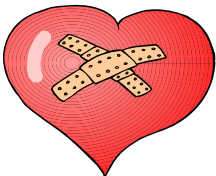
- **Fill out one registration form for each class you are signing up for.**
- **You may copy the form or use one from an old newsletter.**
- **Only paid class participants are permitted in classrooms.**



Remembering Betty

Cass Bowen

In June, we had the pleasure of a "Show and Tell" from Stanley Dale. He displayed a queen/king-sized quilt he had just finished hand-quilting. The quilt (I believe it was a Grandmother's Flower Garden) was one of the last quilts that his wife, Betty, had finished piecing before she passed away a year ago. Betty Dale was one of the founding members of the FKQG. She was 89 years old when she passed away and she was still making quilts up until the very end. She was a prolific contributor of baby quilts to the Kidzquilts group sometimes turning in as many as 8+ quilts per month. Betty was the very reason I became involved with the Guild as well as Kidzquilts (previously known as ABC Quilts). I had the pleasure of visiting Betty many times at her home because she was my best friend's aunt and taught my best friend to sew when she was a child. Betty always had several quilts going in her sewing room, and Stanley always had a quilt on the frame for as long as I can remember. She was much like my own mother and about the same age. My mom was a quilter too but passed away in 1990. I never got to show her a quilt but I got to show Betty all of them.



Thanks Betty, for always encouraging me to make those baby quilts. **I will miss you a lot.**



Did you know that members can advertise quilt-related items in the newsletter? If you have an item that you would like to advertise to buy or sell, please send the newsletter editor, Lynne Minguez, an email with FKQG in the subject line at min-gleinn@verizon.net by the 24th of the month and your ad will appear in the next month's newsletter.

Kathy Dotson - "Wanted to Buy" a Cheryl Ann 72" x 72" design wall. Call 423-6667 or 941-266-0877 or email kdkwilts@aol.com.

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Guild members always enjoy hearing about other guild members work. If you know of someone who deserves a "kudos", for a job well done, please email me at pam607@gmail.com.

This month, I am happy to report that Elaine Krajenke Ellison received Honorable Mention at the AQS in Knoxville, Tennessee in the Wall Quilts - Hand Quilted Division for her #302 Quilt Mathematical Harmony.

Congratulations Elaine!

Mancuso World Quilt Show—Florida III Bus Trip



FKQG is again sponsoring a bus trip to the World Quilt Show in West Palm Beach at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The bus trip is open to members and non-members. The exhibit includes over 450 quilts from 10 countries. There is also a Merchant Mall and a large eating area with a variety of hot and cold items for sale. Or you can save time and bring your own lunch. Water will be available on the bus. If needed there will be a pit stop. No dinner stop. Please bring snacks. Feel free to bring along some 'hand work'. A quilt related CD will be shown unless there is a revolt! No games or prizes this year. If you are not familiar with this show or the Mancuso Organization, you can check out their home page for a plethora of information, including the other sites they visit, an online gallery, their newsletter along with workshop and lecture information at www.quiltfest.com or www.worldquilt.com.

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BE ON TIME WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR LATE COMERS!

Send Form and check **NO** later than Monday, October 24, 2011 to:

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Bring \$10 entry fee. We will collect it as you enter the bus. **CASH ONLY AND EXACT CHANGE.**

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