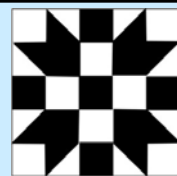


The Friendship Note

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you're working hard on your quilting projects. Remember our quilt show is only 20 months away! Some of our members belong to the Venice Guild and their show is only 9 months away. Then there's the "ugly fabric" challenge. We have until September to get that project finished. *Whew!! We're a busy bunch of quilters.*

I hope the batting presentation at our last meeting will help you with your choices. Debra Nielsen had a wealth of information and samples for all of us to look at. I never realized there were so many battings on the market.

The Dunedin Art Center is having a quilt exhibit starting July 8th and running through August 21st. It's called New Quilts from an Old Favorite: Sunflower. I've been to two exhibits in the past. One that featured the Rose of Sharon block and another that featured the Orange Peel block. It's a traveling exhibit with quilts from all over the country. It is well worth going to. For more information, go to www.dfac.org/exhibits.

While you're in Dunedin, visit the quilt shop and have lunch. There are lots of good restaurants in the area. My favorites are Kelly's (downtown) and the Lucky Dill (on the way to Tarpon Springs). It's a great way to spend a day.

Karla

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. bevwiberg@hotmail.com.

Monthly Membership Meetings

- July 18—Jean K. Smith - My Quilt Journey
- August 15 - Pat Kumicich Trunk Show
- September 19 - Stash Sale

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

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THE JULY MEETING WILL BE JULY 12TH

10:-00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. FRUITVILLE

LIBRARY

At the June Meeting, 21 quilters brought 67 quilts for the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at Sarasota Memorial. This brings our 2011 donation count to 402 quilts - *our highest number for a half-year period. See inspiring samples below:*



MEMBER NEWS & NOTES

EDUCATION NOTES

Ellen Simon

The Ugly Fabric Challenge is off to a great start. I was able to divvy up the fabric into fourteen packages. Each packet had six fabrics, and I tried to make them pretty equal - one large print, one floral, one batik, one neutral, one stinker (like the fabric with skeletons) and a final fabric that blended colorwise. If you got a packet that is really atrocious, remember: it was your fellow members that did this to you! All fourteen packets found volunteers to take them home. I can hardly wait until September to see what everyone comes up with.

The twelve-page guide to battings written by our June speaker, Debra Neilsen, will be available to those who missed the meeting. Thank you to Karen Brennan for printing them.

Looking ahead to September, we are going to hold a members' stash sale. Make time to clean out your sewing area. Tables will rent for \$10. If you don't have enough items to fill a table, share a table with your carpool friends or cottage group. We had a lot of fun at the last stash sale two years ago, and of course, I bought more than I sold.

This year, I am looking for fabrics in flesh tones for a portrait quilt. Maybe those fabrics are hiding in your stash, and you are willing to part with them. If anyone else has a specific request, let me know. I will post it in the next month's newsletter so other members can see if they have the item you want. To reserve a table, sign up at the July or August meeting, or mail me a \$10 check (made out to FKQG) at: Ellen Simon, 11410 56th Street Circle E., Parrish, FL 34219.

The July program will be a trunk show by Jean Smith, a former member of both the Sarasota and Venice guilds. Jean teaches quilting in the Fort Myers area. She has a love of ethnic fabrics and frequently uses circles and strip piecing in her quilts.



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

Call Pam Morris at 941-485-9755 or email at pam607@gmail.com for the following item:

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Ellen Simon

Len Damond



LIBRARY NEWS

Trish Bobeck

New Library additions include:

- Dancing with Thread by Ann Fahl - free-spirited quilting techniques add movement, personality and texture to your quilts.
- Fanciful Stitches Colorful Quilts by Laura Wasilowski - stitch new life into your fusible appliqué, 11 fun and easy projects.
- Organizing Solutions for Every Quilter by Carolyn Woods - an illustrated guide to the space of your dreams.
- Threads the Basics & Beyond by Debbie Bates & Liz Kettle - complete visual guide to thread techniques & creativity.

Come, read and enjoy!



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UFO Camp

Joy Abbott & Lynne Minguez

“Howdee...”, I am Minnie Pearl, and I am going to UFO camp!



Lynne Minguez, Co-chair for the UFO Camp Retreat, did her best to impersonate Minnie Pearl and used the hat as a visual reminder of some of the items that UFO campers will need at the retreat...i.e., scissors, thread, ruler, pins, etc.

The retreat which is fast approaching is July 7th through the 10th at DaySpring in Parrish, Florida.

Other things to bring are your unfinished objects or some new projects to start; a jelly roll if you would like to participate in the Jelly Roll Race. (Cathy Washburn will be our “Race Master” and she described the race as a Mystery Quilt); three fat quarters that you are willing to part with so that you can participate in a game we will play and snacks for your Midnight Munchie Attacks.

Everyone that signed up was sent an email telling them everything they need to know and it included a map of DaySpring and a checklist to make sure you don't forget any items. If you didn't get the email, please email Lynne at [min- gleinn@verizon.net](mailto:mingleinn@verizon.net), and she will get you a copy.

All along we have been telling you that UFO Camp stands for UnFinished Objects, however, we also told you that you can bring along, start and make new unfinished objects so I thought maybe we should redefine the term UFO. Wikipedia defines the word “fun” as an “absolutely primary category of life”. Fun is such a big part of UFO camp that I tried to come up with a new definition to include fun. It wasn't an easy task...Unusually Fun Occasion...Unending Fascinating Options. My favorite one though is one I hope UFO campers will agree with when camp is over and that is that UFO Camp is an:

“Unbelievably Fun Outing”....See You There!****

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.

FOR A GOOD TIME CALL JUDY SCHMALZRIED

Be a Hostess for an upcoming workshop. You get to sit in on a class for free, and have a lunch on us. It is a fun job. Call me. Judy Schmalzried at 941-922-1237

FRIENDSHIP KNOT QUILTERS' GUILD WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

You must complete this form and return it with your check to register for classes.

Class Title _____ Class Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Class Fee _____ Lunch (if applicable) _____ Total Enclosed _____

**Please send to: Pam Zeck, 5613 Merrimac Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231
Ph. 941-925-3240 Email pamzeck@comcast.net**

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.**

MEMBERS NEWS & NOTES

FKQG MEMBER UPDATES MAY 2011

Ann Greene

Ann Greene, Membership Chair, reports rosters will still be available at the Membership Table if you did not receive one. Please check your listing for accuracy. Report any wrong listings to me, Ann Greene at annsews@verizon.net.

Membership Renewals

Marie Snyder Renewal

New Members

Pat Halperin	New Member
Katie Metheny	New Member

Email Address Change Joyce Suplica

Pat Halperin included a bio so that we could get to know her a little better. She began quilting in the 1970's when she made herself a patchwork denim skirt and used an old quilt top to make another skirt. As a child, she was a 4-H member and learned to sew by the rules. Pat really began quilting after her daughter reached high school, and she had time for a hobby! Her very first class was with Ricky Tims at the Maine Quilt Show which she found "very liberating!"

She and her husband, Ray have been visiting the Gulf Coast of Florida for a number of years. When they set out in 2007 from Robinhood Marina, in Maine (on our 34-foot trawler, Reflection), they knew they wanted to spend a month in this area during the holiday season. They had no idea at the time that they would be buying a townhome here 4 years later (after 3 years on the boat and 1 year in an RV)! Presently, they live in Bradenton full time - with occasional RV excursions.

Pat has utilized a variety of quilt styles but really likes handwork and art quilts and has rarely used a pattern. She has received a number of 2nd and 3rd place ribbons in the Maine Quilt Shows but never a first place (phooey)! Competing is not her favorite thing. She likes to make quilts for gifts and because "they call to me".

Other than quilting, she loves to travel, take photos and edit them and produce a blog. She blogs when traveling to stay in touch with family and friends. She is looking into having her dog become a "Therapy Dog". She isn't sure when she will want to join a cottage group - but she is sure that will come!

Kudos Pam Morris

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 Jane Crawford reports that she recently displayed four of her mini quilts at the "Quilts in the Garden" Show sponsored by the Kossuth Regional Health Center Auxiliary in Algona, Iowa. Over 100 quilts were displayed in the gardens of Bev and John Norman and Kyle and Farrah Wehrspan. To add to the color of the quilts, the spring tulips were in bloom.

Proceeds from the garden tour supported the purchase of a vein finder.

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