



Foothills Quilters Guild



Newsletter

February, 2008



**February Meeting
Thurs., February 28
Ascension Lutheran Church
7:00 PM**

Program by Linda Cantrell

Linda Cantrell was a painter before she was a quilter. She is a quilt show judge and teaches nationally. She has works in private collections as well as, the Governor's Western Residence, the Duke University, Southern Highlands Craft Guild and Winston Salem and Duke Hospitals.

Her specialty is humors pictorial appliqué of her own designs. Her award-winning work has been exhibited nationally and published in many magazines and books.

APPLIQUÉ.....I DID IT MY WAY

This lecture is a lighthearted look at my twenty years of quilting.

If you have wanted to try appliqué but are fearful of making mistakes, don't worry I will show you how to make mistakes you never even thought you could make, and how to hide them too.....If you don't listen when you are told how to do a new technique, don't worry.... I will show you how to make what you thought the instructor said work for you anyway..... I will show you quick and easy organizational tips that anyone can do.... If you never have the right supplies and your fabrics are always wrong for your new project.... Well, I will tell you how to get around that.... Don't be afraid to ask questions. I may not answer the question you ask... but do go ahead and ask. It is my hope to show you that appliqué is for those of us who can not follow the rules.... Maybe after this lecture you too will be listening to a different drummer.

A Note from your President . . .



Dear Quilters,

Wow! Did we have an inspiring program last month or what?! Molly, Pat was really a gem, and thank you so much for bringing her art to us. I was amazed and in awe as each successive piece came up - what a wonderful talent she has. I predict that between the inspiration of those wonderful quilts and the beading workshop with Mary Stori, we will have lots of gorgeous embellished pieces for the 2009 show!

Speaking of the workshop, be sure to contact Holly Greene if you haven't yet signed up. We are so fortunate to be able to take workshops with nationally-known quilters for such a nominal fee, and I hope everyone takes advantage of this benefit. We would certainly have to pay a lot more at Paducah or Houston, and we don't even have to travel anywhere! By the way, don't forget that if you have an idea for a program or workshop, Holly Greene is anxious to speak with you. Please let her know if there's a particular speaker or technique in which you're interested.

I hope to see all of you at the February meeting. We had a great turnout in January in spite of the cold and rain, so let's keep that trend going. Maybe we will break a record for meeting attendance in 2008! Thanks, and see you on the 29th. Happy Leap Year!

Ellen

SUE ALVAREZ WORKSHOP

On Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9, please join us at the Arts Council for a workshop with Sue Alvarez. Sue spoke to our guild last fall, describing her "memory" or "grief" quilts, and also showed samples of her altars and shrines. She donated an altar to the guild to sell in our Boutique, and Ellen Warlick was the lucky purchaser. Now Sue is teaching a two-day workshop on making your own "Altar for your Spirit." The cost is \$75.00 for the two days, and includes a kit containing pre-cut fomecore, batting and muslin, as well as the use of theme fabrics like dogs, cats, people, maps, etc.) brought by Sue. Bring hand- and machine-sewing supplies, beads, buttons, ribbons, laces, fibers, findings like broken jewelry, charms, theme fabric, fabric and old patchwork to cut up, bias binding. Here is Sue's description of her class:

Making an altar has many steps, and I'll be there with you all the way. We'll work together finding our way to express a special feeling or remember a time, gather fabric to patch and appliqué, then learn some beading tricks. We'll help each other and work as fast as we can, with goals to reach throughout each day. This class helps us find a special place within ourselves. As we work, we will focus and perhaps hear my words: "Stitches are prayers and beads are blessings." Please come and spend two days with us and find your spirit in your stitching.

Deadline for March Newsletter is
March 10, 2008

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5 Visitors
1 New Member

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Foothills Quilter's Guild Minutes

The Foothills Quilters Guild met on January 31, 2008 at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Shelby, North Carolina.

President Ellen Yunker began the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Suzy Bridges, Vice President-Membership, introduced visitors Pam Mason, Doris Keller, Mary Jarvis, Nancy Jolly, and Barbara Lynch. Suzy then introduced new member Karen Bishop.

Minutes for the last meeting were approved as written. The prayer list was updated.

Ellen announced that for members to be included in the directory and get the February newsletter the guild dues needed to be paid now.

Members were reminded that items for Jeremy, Linda Green's grandson, should be placed on the back table. Jeremy has been deployed to Iraq and the guild is sending "care packages" to him each month.

Vice-President Programs, Holly Greene announced that our speaker at the March 28 meeting is Mary Stori and the workshop is on Saturday March 29. The workshop will start at 9:00 and end at 4:00. The signup sheet for the workshop is in the back and the cost is \$35. There is also a \$10 kit fee. Holly asked members to let her know if you have a suggestion for a speaker and/or workshop.

Holly also announced that it was easier on the speaker if the chairs were arranged in rows at the front of the room rather than being spread out around the tables. Therefore, members that have a birthday during the month of the meeting are asked to help set up and take down the chairs for that meeting.

Eleanor Morgan announced that she and Kay Young are offering machine quilting workshops and flyers are on the back table for those interested in the February workshop.

Ellen said a woman who needed help in making a tee shirt quilt had contacted her. If a member is interested in helping with this quilt, please see Ellen.

Ellen asked for members to be thinking about volunteering for one of the following tasks for the 2009 quilt show: Quilt Show Chairman, Raffle Quilt Chair, and Judges Chair. These tasks need to be started soon and Ellen is asking for volunteers.

Ellen indicated that Kings Mountain would be doing a quilt show this year.

Suzy Bridges asked that members remember to sign in when they attend the guild meetings. This way she can get an accurate count of those present at the meeting.

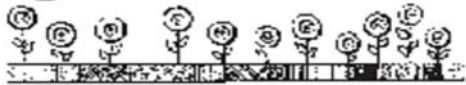
Door prizes were won by Sally Norman and Dee Batayte.

The following members had Show and Tell: Jane Ronan, Nancy Baxter, Mary Henry, Paula Barringer (quilt for South Mountain), and Wendy Pender.

Last year's Vice President-Programs, Molly Savage, introduced the January program, Pat Still with "Let's Play - Let's Appliqué".

Respectively Submitted
Dee Batayte
Recording Secretary

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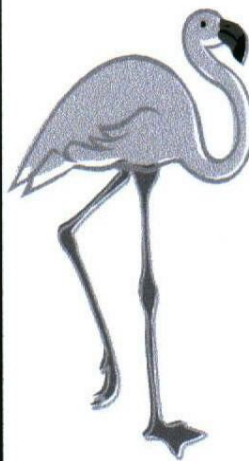
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- 6 Sylvia Lancaster
- 12 Donna Hartley
- 24 Barbara Wright



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We are reinstating the meeting room setup schedule: If your name appears in the birthday list please arrive at 6 pm to help set up the meeting room. Please plan to stay a few minutes late to return it to its original arrangement. If you are unable to attend please find a replacement. Your help and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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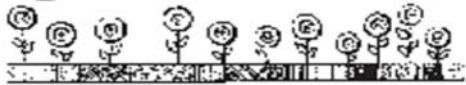
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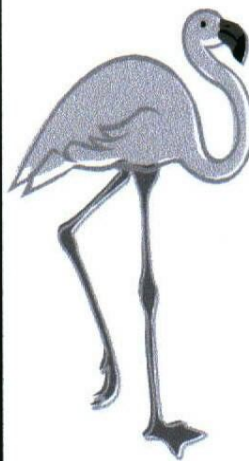
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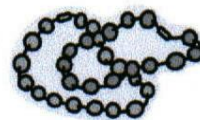


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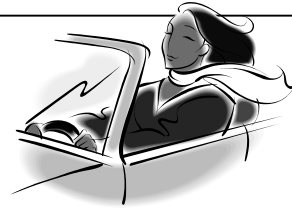
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A Celebration of Quilts, 2008, "Charleston Revisited", sponsored by Cobblestone Quilter's Guild. Gaillard Auditorium, 77 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC. Hours 10am-5pm. Contact June Bohac (843) 849-8315 or bohacquilts@yahoo.com.

Mar 8 – 9, 2008

"Just Spoolin' Around", Sponsored by Loose Threads Quilt Guild, Laurens Academy Gymnasium, 3515 Hwy 49, Laurens, SC. Sat 10-5, Sun 1-4. Contact M. Cooper (864) 684-0070 or marcooper45@hotmail.com.

Mar 14 – 15, 2008

Hilton Head Quilt Festival, sponsored by Palmetto Quilt Guild. St. Andrews By the Sea UMC Celebration Center, 20 Pope Ave., Hilton Head Island, SC. Hours 10-5. Contact Carol E. Paradis (843) 681-8077 or carolhhp@yahoo.com.

Apr 11 – 13, 2008

"Zing Goes Our Heart Strings", Sponsored by Charlotte Quilters' Guild, The Fletcher School, 8500 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC. Fri & Sat 10am – 5pm, Sun 1pm-4pm. Contact Melanie Paul at Paulhouse@aol.com.

Apr 23 – 26, 2008

2008 AQS Quilt Show, Paducah, Kentucky. Paducah Expo Center. www.AmericanQuilter.com or (270) 898-7903.

May 16 – 18, 2008

Smoky Mountain Quilters 28th Annual Quilt Show & competition. Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Rd., Knoxville, TN, 37933. Contact: Jean Lester, jeanlester@comcast.net, www.smokymtnquilters.com.

May 16 – 17, 2008

Coastal Stars Quilt Show, sponsored by Crystal Coast Quilter's Guild. Crystal Coast Civic Center, 2505 Arendell St., Morehead City, NC. Contact Pat Butler (252) 223-3789 or Alda Avens (252) 247-2316 or jopabu36@hotmail.com.

Brenda Arrowood reports that in 2009 - 2011 AQS will be moving the Nashville show to Knoxville – only three hours away. I can't wait, I'm packing my bags, already!

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