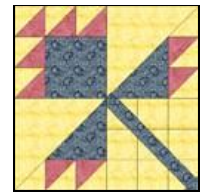


Foothills Quilters Guild

Newsletter



May 2008



May Meeting
Thurs., May 22
Ascension Lutheran Church
7:00 PM

Program by
Grace Howes

"The Evolution of a Fiber Artist: The Life and Times of a Quilt Addict"

I have been sewing since I was 9 years old and have always loved the tactile feel of fabric. In high school I started sewing my own clothes which later evolved into sewing clothes for others.

After a move to North Carolina from my hometown of Freeport in the Bahamas I needed to try something new and taught myself to quilt, sometimes reconfiguring patterns I came upon. Not long after, I began designing my own quilts on commission.



In taking an in depth look at where I wanted to go with my work, I found that I have a need to create quilts for myself, to nourish my creativity and make artwork that speaks to my soul.

Over the years I have continued to refine my artistic vision through workshops learning new techniques and finding ways to incorporate different media in my work. My cultural heritage plays a big role in the artwork I produce, particularly in my love and use of colour.

Making art quilts affords me the opportunity to express myself through a unique and creative process, to create pieces that sing with colour and simple design. I still love the look and feel of traditional quilts. Designing quilt patterns through my company RedBarn-Studios keeps my fingers on the pulse and grounded in my original passion.

A Note from your President . . .



Hello everyone!

For everyone who missed Martine House last month, you really missed an incredible program! We have had such great speakers all year so far, and I've enjoyed every one of them, but I have to say Martine just left me speechless! She is so skilled and creates such wonderful pieces; she is truly an artist with fabric and beads.

Just a reminder that the Cleveland County Arts Council has a super opportunity for you to create your own work of art in the Altar for your Spirit class with Sue Alvarez, who spoke to us last fall. This is a great chance to complete a project in a few days rather than several weeks, and I know everyone would enjoy learning with Sue.

Also in June, Paula Barringer will hold a Boutique workshop at Alley Quilts in Uptown Shelby. Please try to join her and spend a fun day learning a new technique and creating pieces for the 2009 Boutique. We all need to participate in order to have a successful quilt show. Paula and I are counting on you!

Have a wonderful May and see you on the 22nd!

Ellen

Deadline for June Newsletter is
June 9, 2008

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Foothills Quilter's Guild Minutes

The Foothills Quilters Guild met on 24 April 2008 at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Shelby, North Carolina. President Ellen Yunker began the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Since the Vice-President Membership had to leave early, Ellen introduced visitor Linda McMeary. Ellen asked that any information that needed to go to Vice-President Membership be given to Linda Davis. Ellen also announced that the updated email address for Barbara Lynch (barbaralynch5@hotmail.com) would be in the next newsletter.

Minutes for the last meeting were approved as written. The prayer list was updated. Linda Green gave an update on her grandson, Jeremy. Jeremy is recovering from his injuries and the box the guild sends him is packed full. Jeremy shares his items with the children.

Holly Greene, Vice-President Programs announced that 13 people had signed up for Linda Cantrell's July workshop. There is still room in the workshop and if you wish to attend, please give Shirley Runyans your money. Shirley is standing in for Robin as treasurer tonight.

Holly then announced that she had talked with Colleen Wise, Quilt Artist, who is coming to speak to an Asheville guild in September. Holly said that Ms. Wise indicated she would be interested in speaking at our guild and would be willing to do a workshop. Holly asked that members that would be interested in a workshop from Ms. Wise to please let her know. In order to have Colleen Wise speak to our guild we would have to move our meeting night to the third week of Sept. The web site for Colleen Wise is www.colleenwise.com.

As Holly searches for speakers for the guild, she said that very few traditional quilters are giving lectures and workshops. But she is attempting to find lectures that show a variety of techniques.

Paula Barringer, as librarian, asked that members return their overdue books and indicated that the library would be available after the meeting. Then Paula, as Quilt Show Boutique Chair, reminded members that for the boutique they are encouraged to donate an item or items that could bring in \$20. Or, if a member didn't want to make a boutique item, they could donate \$20 to the boutique. Paula said that there would be some boutique workshops, with one being held on June 7 from 10:00 to 2:00 at Alley Quilts. This workshop will be lead by Holly Greene and there would be kits available for making boutique items. If you wish to attend this workshop, please let Paula or Holly know. Paula then asked that if members had "orphan" blocks, please donate them to the boutique.

Ellen reminded members that the Art Council is having two sessions of "Altar for Your Spirit" workshop with Sue Alvarez. The dates are 24 and 25 May, more information can be found on the Art Council web site www.ccartscouncil.org.

Jenny Reed, as board member of Prevent Abuse Council, announced that for a \$10 donation, you could honor up to 3 women. Those you honor will receive a hand-addressed card and their name will be printed in the Shelby Star on Mother's Day. More information is on the back table.

Aileen Hamrick announced that she had a lot of second quality pre-cut quilt pieces that she would be glad to give to any guild member that would like some. These pieces could be used for making a donation quilt. Aileen said that the donor of these quilt pieces did not wish to be known.

Ellen announced that if any guild member was interested in going on a bus trip to the AQS Quilt show in Nashville in August, to please see Jean McRay for details.

Jane Ronan and Cornelia Sweezy won door prizes.

The following members had Show and Tell: Sandy Thomas and Peggy Poe.

Vice President-Programs, Holly Greene, introduced the program "My Work Is Me – slide/truck show of recent work" by Martine House.

Respectively Submitted
Dee Batayte
Recording Secretary

Workshop With LINDA CANTRELL

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WHEN: Saturday, July 19, 2008 9:00 - 4:00

COST: \$35.00

TO VIEW THE PROJECT WE WILL BE DOING, GO TO
www.southernhighlandquilt.org/lindafiber/ AND CHECK OUT "Still Life With Bottles.

Care Packages for Jeremy Wiggins

Just a reminder that we are collecting items to send to **Linda Greene's** grandson, **Jeremy**, who is deployed to Iraq. Ideas for things that Jeremy and his friends will enjoy are:

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Lip balm, chap-stick, blistex, etc
Sunblock SPF 30+
Non-medicated eye drops
Liquid hand soap, hand sanitizers
For the feet: Gold Bond Powder, Lotrimin, mole skin & blister packs, athletic tube socks both black & white
Shower shoes (flip-flops)
Emery boards, nail files, nail clippers, tweezers
Tooth brushes, toothpaste in small tubes, disposable razors

FOOD ITEMS

Important: no food with pork ingredients
Cold drink mixes such as Kool-Aid, Crystal Lite, Gatorade, Powerade
NO Lemon-Lime as the Army has tons of that
Fruits and puddings, the type that needs no refrigeration, with poptops
Dried fruits such as apples, banana chips, cherries, peaches, strawberries, apricots
Fruit roll-ups
Trail Mix
Cereal in individual boxes for snacks
Granola bars, Pop-Tarts, Power bars, snack & prepackaged foods of any kind, individually wrapped, such as cookies, snack cakes, Twinkies, Rice Krispy treats, oatmeal cookies, nutter butter cookies
Salsa & canned dips (not refrigerated)
Chip type snacks, such as Doritos, Pringles, Tostitos, potato sticks, pretzels
Flavored crackers, Chex mis & Cheese Nips
Nuts, all types
Gum
Hard candies individually wrapped (chocolate will melt)

FOR CLEANING WEAPONS

Pipe cleaners, old-fashioned shaving brushes, Q-tips both short and long,
Dental picks (can be used from dentist office)
Shop towels and paint brushes

NICE TO HAVE

Disposable cameras
Duct tape
Mechanics gloves
Fly swatters & fly paper
Rat traps
Laundry detergent in individual packets
Nerf footballs, volley ball & net, soccer balls, basketballs, whiffle ball & bat
Hand pumps and patch kits for all balls
Letters of support
Travel size games, DVDs (can be used)
Freezer weight Ziploc bags, especially gallon size
Brita sports bottles with filters
Small plastic containers for storing opened foods and keeping the sand out

In Our Prayers . . .

Sue Padgett
Hazel Wilson
Miriam Glenn
Wayne Hyder - Carolyn Sipes' son-in-law
Inez Koontz sister, Jean
Marjorie Busby's granddaughter
Barbara Toney
Jerry Rabb - Hollis's husband
Susan McCarty's mother
Muriel Southard's brother
Nancy Horner's husband, Jack
Linda Greene's grandson, Jeremy Wiggins - deployed to Iraq
Jenny Reed & husband
April Van Dyke
Susan Rose Taylor, daughter of Claudia Rose
Richard Styers



*Sincerest condolences are extended to
Brenda Arrowood and her
family upon the loss of
her mother
Maude Daniel*



2008 UFO Days

We will be meeting at SANDY'S COUNTRY CHRISTMAS store on highway 74 west of Shelby. She is moving her store there over the holidays. (If any member can help the week after Christmas with the move, please give her a call or go by the present store)

The room is 20' by 40' and has 10 tables in it. If you are planning to attend and would like to participate in lunch, you will need to bring a food item. We usually have sandwiches, soup(cold months), salads, and desserts. Each member furnishes their own drinks.

We will be meeting on second Saturday of each month from 9:30-until store closes or you need to leave. We encourage you to attend.

The dates are as follows.

June 14	Sept 13	Dec 13
June 14	Oct 11	
Aug 9	Nov 8	

If you have any questions please me at 704-487-1960 or email ginnhuntley@bellsouth.net
Ginny Huntley

Welcome Visitor!

It was great to have Linda McMeary visit at our April meeting. Hope she will join us again, soon!

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- 20 Elizabeth Strong
- 21 Eula Crews
- 26 Brenda Benfield
- 26 Harriett Grigg
- 30 Shirley Runyans



Happy Birthday Ladies!



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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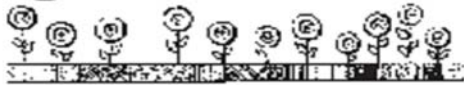
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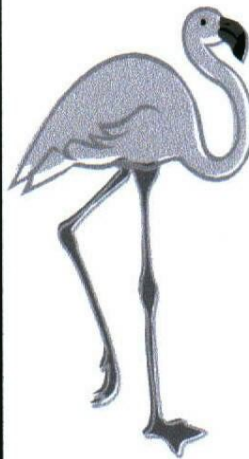
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"The Evolution of a Fiber Artist:
The Life and Times of a Quilt
Addict" |
| Jul 19 | Linda Cantrell Workshop
"Still Life With Bottles" |
| Jul 24 | Susan Brubaker Knapp
"The Artist in You"
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| Oct 23 | Pattiy Torno
"Living in the Material World"
Lecture |
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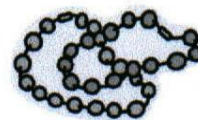


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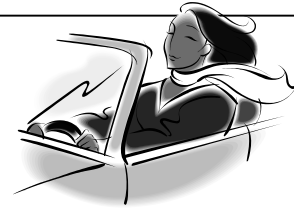
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May 16 – 17, 2008

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.

May 30 – June 1, 2008

"Lake Logan Reflections – Quilt Art by the Shady Ladies" (5th Annual). Lake Logan Episcopal Center, Lake Logan Road (Hwy 215) Haywood County. \$3.00 admission fee to benefit the Episcopal Center. Lunch available/dining hall/picnic area. More info: www.slquilts.kickme.to or contact Michelle Blatt, phone 828-452-0844, email llqs@mac.com.

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