

Around the Block

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Cotton & Candy

Our oldest daughter was married in May. The newlyweds chose Savannah, Georgia for their honeymoon site. The movie *Forrest Gump* was filmed partially in Savannah. You may recall the opening scene depicting Forrest sitting on a park bench in front of the Presbyterian Church while a single white feather floats down from high above. Forrest opines that "life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get". Throughout the movie, Forrest has many adventures- as a fast runner he ends up playing football at 'Bama. He enlists in the army and wins the Medal of Honor. He becomes a world class ping pong player and helps President Nixon coax the Chinese delegation to the diplomacy table. He meets John Lennon and shortly after the song *Imagine* is published. He buys a shrimp boat and restaurant in honor of his fallen army buddy "Bubba" and becomes a millionaire. He reunites with his childhood sweetheart and becomes a father. Forrest has one colorful experience after another. I suspect that he may have been a closet quilter as well.

I postulate this based upon the box of chocolates, shrimp and the geography of downtown Savannah. While Forrest is daydreaming about what chocolate square to pull from the box, we quilters repeat the same exercise, only our box is filled with fabric. Unless you are one of the few gifted quilters who have an easy knack for picking the right color with barely a thought, the rest of us pick up and put down multiple swatches, strips, squares and yards before we settle upon the final array. After all those machinations to pick the perfect combination of lights, mediums and darks, we still do not know quite what we are "gonna get" until well after the pieces are sewn together. Like picking chocolate flavors, sometimes we don't like our choices when we get to the taste phase. Envision half eaten chocolate squares resting in dark brown, fluted wax paper. Could this be why some of our quilt blocks/tops languish unfinished in the back of the closet?

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Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, bi-weekly or sometimes once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual project. Some groups meet at a specified location and work on a service project. We have several of both of these types of groups in our guild. If you are interested, please call Marsha Walper .

Meeting Time	Contact Person
Second Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Connie Beane
Lafayette Community Last Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Gertrude Shirley
McQuilters Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Ronald McDonald House	Carol Harrison
Big Bend Hospice Quilters Monday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Virginia Lewis
The Quilting Bees, Senior Center Monday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Katrina Jenkins
Havana Sit-n-Stitch 4th Saturday 1:00 p.m.	Martha Mitchell
Ladies of Leisure Every other Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Topi Henderson
Crazy Quilters Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Monticello Library	Barbara Sheats
Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety Thursdays 7:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Esther Weiner
Thimble Buddies 2nd Fridays, 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.	Wendy Stone
Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Janice Parker

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions
for the next issue is: **June 18th**

Please submit materials to
Selena Foo via email at

quthnews@gmail.com

or call me at 668-5727.

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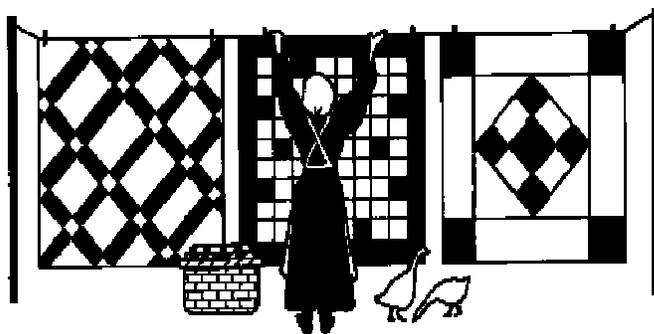
Bubba teaches Forrest about the many methods to prepare shrimp-paraphrasing, "thays barbeque, boiled, baked, sautéed, fried, then kabobs, Creole, gumbo lemon, coconut, soup, stew, salad or sandwich". In quilt worlds there would be crib quilts, wall quilts, lap or bed quilts; antique, challenge, child or miniature quilts, two color, string, embellished or painted quilts- all this before we talk about color! The quilt blocks from the selection box are virtually as unlimited as the preparation of Bubba's shrimp dishes.

Forrest's home city, Savannah, could be considered one master quilt. Downtown Savannah is made up of wards and squares as designed by James Oglethorpe. There were 24 original squares all in grid fashion. A picture from aerial photography shows a nice neat row of blocks and cornerstones. Considering Forrest's imagination, one could easily see a gigantic *turning twenty* or modified *nine patch*. Some squares are even named, consider (W)right square, Liberty square and Green square. Maybe Oglethorpe was a quilter too?

With his simple approach to all things life, I suspect that Forrest could have been a phenomenal quilter. When his love, Jenny, asked him "who you gonna be", he replied "aren't I gonna be me"? As for me, I'm "gonna" be a quilter.

Shelley Bertels

2011 QU President



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Have you hugged your sewing machine today?

Upcoming Programs ...

June – Quilts of Valor and Ice Cream Social

Bring your Quilt of Valor quilt to the June meeting to show the group and tell us a little about your inspiration. Because the Museum show will open in August, the Challenge Quilt presentation and voting will take place in July so the Quilts of Valor presentation will be in June.

Birthdays in June? Bring toppings for the Ice Cream!

July – Challenge Quilt Presentation and Voting

The Challenge Quilt entries will be on display and the membership will vote on their choice for best overall, theme, etc.

If you have any ideas or would like to suggest a future program subject or presenter, please call or email Michele Hackmeyer, program chairperson.

Quilt Challenge for 2011

“Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend”

Judging of our 2011 Challenge Quilts will be at the July Guild Meeting. Anyone who missed getting their two photos and museum application in by the May deadline may still participate in the Challenge Quilt judging, but your entry can not be hung at the museum. Please e-mail me by June 15th if you are bringing an entry.

Esther Weiner
Challenge Chair for 2011

E-mail estherd616@comcast.net (You may contact me through my e-mail as I will be taking my computer with me.)

Opportunity Quilt 2012

“Tomorrow’s Quilts Today”

To those of you who volunteered to make the log cabin blocks for the 2012 Opportunity Quilt, please bring your finished block(s) to the meeting. We need them either at the June or July meeting, so this is just a reminder. Linda O'Sullivan is enjoying the nice, cool weather in Wales and Marcia Walper and Marilyn Kelley will be taking the finished blocks. Thank you so much for making these blocks! If you have any questions before the meeting, please call Marilyn at 668-9317.

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Door Prizes

Door prize winners at the May guild meeting were Selena Foo, Brenda Harp, Penny Blaszczyk, Janet Pierce, Vickie Hooks and Margaret Boeth. Dawn Griffin won the Grand Prize basket which was donated by The Caring Quilters of Big Bend Hospice.

We always need suggestions for door prize items. If you know of an item we should have as a prize, by all means, let us know.

Jeanne Billings and Lillian Anthamatten
Door Prize Chairpersons

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From the Travel Desk ...

The Jacksonville Quiltfest bus trip will be September 24th, 2011.

We will meet at 7:30 AM at the back Food Court entrance to the Tallahassee Mall and will leave at 8:00 AM sharp. We usually get back to Tallahassee around 6:00 PM, but we will be discussing a possible change to this at the meeting.

We will begin taking reservations at the June Guild meeting. The cost is \$28, which includes show admission. Payment must be made at the time of your reservation in order to hold your seat on the bus, so don't forget your checkbook or cash this month.

Happy Trails,
Marilyn Kelley

LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch Reminder to ALL:

You are very welcome to attend the LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch. The group meets from 2:00pm until 5:00pm on the last Saturday of each month at the LaFayette Park Community Center. This is a great opportunity for new members to get to know some other member. Remember, if we don't utilize this facility, we will lose the privilege of using it. The Lafayette Park Community Center is the perfect place to sandwich and baste your next quilt. There are plenty of tables and lots of space. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marsha Walper.

Upcoming dates are:
June 25th & July 30th

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Featherweight Owners:

We love our machines and want to keep them running forever. Learn how to keep yours happy from a quilter who's also a certified machine repair person.



McKenna Linn will teach Featherweight Maintenance on Saturday, June 18 in Moultrie. Details on her website:

<http://www.mckennalinn.com/classes.html>

Diamonds Are a Girls Best Friend

Capital City Quilt Show Update

The entry forms/pictures are in the quilts are absolutely, positively beautiful! To all of those who have entered a quilt – thank you. To all who did not have an entry this year --- get sewing. It is great fun to see something that you have made hang at the Museum of Florida History.

Now, some things and dates to remember. First, sew a 4" wide sleeve to the back top of your quilt. Be sure to leave an inch or a little more between the edge of the quilt and the beginning of the sleeve. Also, quilts need to have a label sewn on the back. Second, please bring quilts wrapped in a pillowcase to the Museum on August 6 between 10 am and 12. Opening night is August 18. Finally, we need lots of help during the show to meet, greet, sell raffle tickets, and to discuss quilting with guests. Please sign up for a "shift" or two when the sign-up clip boards are passed around. This year there will be an Ott Lamp to brighten up the desk so everyone can sew or read while at the Museum.

Thank you.

Questions? Call or e-mail Chary Root at 894-4279 or rootmom12@gmail.com

News from the Sunshine State Quilters Association

Submitted by Caroline Collins, Tallahassee Area Rep, with information provided by Pat Tribbey, Webmaster SSQA



Your part in SSQA

Dori Hawks is looking for a few good people to help run SSQA. Elected offices and committees are available for next year...let Dori know what you'd like to do! Dorihawks@gmail.com

Quilters Cruise in November

For more info, contact patlester9@gmail.com

Quilts for Japan

A total of 148 quilts were shipped. Thanks to all who participated in this special one-month project.

Dr. Frazer's Kids

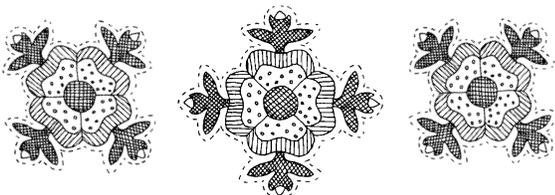
SSQA's new continuing Outreach Project is making small quilts and pillowcases for a very special clinic in south Florida. Full details are on the website.

Looking Ahead to 2012 Quilt Shows

- March 2 & 3, 2012 - Lakeland - Ladies of the Lakes QG
- March 16 & 17, 2012 - New Smyrna Beach - Pelican Piecemakers QG
- March 23 & 24, 2012 - Sarasota - Manatee Patchworkers QG

Website Updates

- New home page!
- See the stack of Quilts for Japan!
- See the raffle quilt winner!
- See lots of new pictures in the gallery!
- What are Quilt Discovery Days all about?
- Learn about the new outreach project!
- All this and more at www.ssqa.org



Don't forget to make your June Block of the Month!

Iris Garcia was the lucky winner of May's Raffle Blocks.....they were "very varied" and I can't wait to see the forest Iris creates with these wonderful tree blocks!

June's block is two triangular shaped "Pine Trees" side by side. It's a simple block, but I'm sure will make a striking and colorful collection for our next lucky winner. And don't forget, you have as many opportunities to win as the amount of blocks you make..... At year's end, one name will be drawn from all of the entries for 2011's Raffle Block entries.....That lucky winner will receive \$100. So keep on keepin' on!!! (That means making blocks!!)

See you in June.

Mona Snowden
2011 Block Raffle Chair

2011 City Hall Quilt Show

City Hall Quilt Show Entry Forms and Items are **Due at the June 9 QU Meeting!** Guidelines and Entry Form information available at the QU website. Contact Chair: Dawn Griffin at Griffindd@aol.com or Co-Chair Jennifer Moore email: jennfsu-law@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Schedule:

- June 9 Entry forms due – bring items to Guild Meeting.
- June 30 Optional date to turn in items only – must be prearranged with Chair or Co-Chair.
- July 12 Entries hung and City Hall Show opens – volunteers needed 10:00 - 11:00 am.
- Aug 19 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Reception at City Hall (volunteers needed and goodies donated).
- Sept 13 10:00-11:00 am, Exhibitors must pick up their entries at City Hall.

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Selena Foo
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June 9th QU Meeting

Don't Forget Your:

- \$\$\$ for Challenge Rules
- \$\$\$ for Jacksonville Bus Trip
- Library Books
- Block of the Month Blocks
- Hand made Name Badge

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Dates to Remember

June 9	Guild Meeting, 7:00pm
June 18	Newsletter Deadline
June 25	LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch
July 8	Guild Meeting, 7:00pm
July 30	Newsletter Deadline
July 30	LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch

Meetings are held at Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Road.
The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

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