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Beam Me Aboard, Scotty!

Back in the mid 1960's I was a devotee of the television show Star Trek. It was an entertaining quasi-scientific series that proclaimed the Starship Enterprise and crew would boldly go where no man had gone before. What was enthralling to me as a young viewer was that it seemed so totally believable. Capt. James T. Kirk could tap the insignia on his breast pocket and communicate with any member of the crew. When he walked by a door, it automatically eased open with perfect crispness. Eschewing elevator buttons, he simply stated "sick bay" and voila- there he was. He could command his engineer to proceed at warp speed when threatened by invading aliens, providing the dylithium crystals held. When new planets were encountered ,he could be energized in shimmering tubes and instantaneously transported off ship to a new location. Upon the completion of his planetary visits, he would command that Scotty beam him back aboard ship.

No one has beamed me aboard, but I have become a techie of sorts. After years of a dull ,gray,flip style, punch the number phone, I am now in the 21st century. I bought a new Droid X2 cell phone. I asked my circle of friends if I sounded any smarter (because these gadgets are called "smart phones") and got a resounding NO! Never mind that I cannot seem to master sliding the screen with my finger or pounding the answer icon to connect with a call. Hint- one is supposed to lightly tap. Did you know you can pinch your fingers together on the screen surface and the picture will shrink? I would like to do both to telephone solicitors who always ring in at dinner time. Heck, I thought text was something one used for college classes. Apps?? If that stands for aptitude, I am hopelessly lost and if it means apples, then I should have bought an I-phone or a coconut for the gossip grapevine.

Despite the frustration and aggravation of learning how

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Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, biweekly 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 at 562-0681.

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

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to use this thing, there was a silver lining. There are "apps" for quilters!!! All by myself, I actually loaded an app from the Robert Kaufmann site called *The Quilter's Little Helper*. It can be used to look at their collection, or actually figure out how much fabric one needs for any size quilt, the backing or the binding. There are color pictures of set-in triangles and opportunities to flickr, tweet or facebook. I think those are current lingo for a horse, a bird sound and the jacket cover of a book on beauty tips and cucumber facials.

Quilters, we have arrived. My smart phone will allow me to surf fabric collections, search for quilt books, locate out of production fabric, and by golly read the web pages of Quilter's Unlimited! I can even talk into the tiny speakers and the phone will actually concatenate the words for me.! My first command was "make me a quilt". I am still waiting.

I concluded they are smart after all, because my Droid recognized that despite technology, there is no substitute for human interpretation, comprehension and execution. If my smart phone could make me a quilt, I might as well go to the department store and buy mass produced. Give me the tools to develop a quilt, but allow me the freedom to make it uniquely my own... only then can I boldly go where no man has gone before.

Shelley Bertels 2011 QU President

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: July 30th

Please submit materials to Selena Foo via email at

qutlhnews@gmail.com

or call me at 668-5727.

QU has received an autographed copy of the book *Threading the Needle* by Marie Bostwick. She selects "a few guilds across the country" and donates a copy This year she selected Quilter's Unlimited. This novel is the latest in her Cobbled Court series. If you are interested in reading this fictional novel, please stop by the library table.

Upcoming Programs ...

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.

August - Pam Poffek presents:

Fabriholic Dreams: How I organized my fabric collection and lived (and you can too.) After 35 years of fabric collecting, I got organized and so can YOU. In this 1 lecture/demonstration hear what it took to get motivated, learn 3 simple ways to fold ALL your fabrics so you know at a glance how much you have in a stack, and hear a wonderful poem based on Hamlet's great soliloguy.

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



No Crying Babies....

Social hour stretches from about 6:15 to 7:00, at which time the meeting begins. We are a friendly bunch and all of us love to talk. We have our social time to cut down on the chatter during the program. Please be mindful that some of your neighbors cannot enjoy the program or speakers because they cannot hear over neighborly talking. Thanks for observing quiet time during presentations.

~ The Whisper Patrol

Don't forget to make your

July Block of the Month!

The block for July is the Weeping Willow Tree.....a lovely old appliqué block. See you then......Mona

Mona Snowden
2011 Block Raffle Chair

Opportunity Quilt 2012

"Tomorrow's Quilts Today"

If you volunteered to make a block for next year's opportunity quilt, please don't forget to bring it to the July meeting. We need to get them at the July meeting so the top can be assembled in August when Linda O (our fearless and talented leader) returns.

~ Marilyn Kelley

"BY HAND XVII" QUILTERS UNLIMITED CITY HALL EXHIBIT JULY 12 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Chair: Dawn Griffin (850) 509-6103 / email Griffindd@aol.com
Co-Chair Jennifer Moore email: jennfsulaw@comcast.net.

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.



2011 CHALLENGE RULES

Dear QU Members,

The following is a copy of our Challenge Rules for your consideration for the July Guild Meeting judging. Please review to be prepared for judging and choosing your favorite quilt. A thank you to all members who purchased rules to support our annual challenge.

Quilters Unlimited Of Tallahassee Challenge Rules for 2011

THEME: Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend

Think diamond shapes, think weddings, jewelry stores, ladies wearing diamonds. Think brides, proposals and diamond ring or other diamond jewelry. Think of things that are a diamond shape. There are diamond shapes all around us...be observant...be inventive.

How you present your diamond(s) shape(s) in a unique and creative way is your challenge.

SIZE: No smaller than 60 inches round (miniature). No larger than 160 inches round.

REQUIREMENTS: Incorporate some embroidery AND some fabric with shine (silk, satin, lame). I also challenge you to add an element of dimension to your entry. It may be folded fabric or beadwork. You may decide to design parts of your design to stand out from the background. As I stated before "How you present your diamond(s) shape(s) in a unique and creative way is your challenge."

REMINDER: These rules, your ideas or any part of the construction of your quilt should not be shared with any other guild member.

JUDGING: July Guild Meeting

TURN IN: Come to the July Guild Meeting between 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm with your entry in a pillowcase (with your name on it) to remain anonymous.

MUSEUM SHOW DATES: August 19th through November 13th

QUESTIONS: Contact Esther Weiner, 2010 Challenge Quilt Chair Home: 894-0676 E-Mail: EstherD616@comcast.net



From the Travel Pesk ... We have 10 seats left on the bus to Quiltfest in Jacksonville. We will meet at the back food court entrance of the Tallahassee Mall at 7:30 AM on Saturday, September 24 and will leave promptly at 8:00 AM. We will be back around 6:00 PM. The cost is \$28.00, which includes the show entrance. Please bring your check or cash to the July meeting, or you may mail a check (made to Quilters Unlimited) to me at 7127 Lady Hawk Lane, Tallahassee, FL. 32309. This is a fun trip and there are lots of beautiful quilts and lots of wonderful vendors. Happy Trails, Marilyn Kelley 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: July 30th & August 27th

Diamonds Are a Girls Best Friend

Capital City Quilt Show

Dates to Remember

August 6 - Quilt drop off 10 to 12 at the Museum – follow the signs

August 18 – Opening Night Reception 5:30 - 7:30

November 6 – 3pm Silent Auction ends --4pm Opportunity Quilt drawing **Ouilt Show Ends**

Please remember to bring your calendars to the July meeting so that you will be able to sign up to sit with our quilts, sell tickets and talk about quilting to museum guests. Also, please remember to bring either an appetizer or sweet to the Opening Reception. For new members or old members who have not attended this event before – it is a very pleasant evening. Food, friends and lovely quilts life doesn't get much better than that!

Call or email with questions – Chary Root 894-4279 rootmom12@earthlink.net

Did you know that volunteering at the Museum Quilt Show is actually good for your health and wellbeing? It is true. A time to relax - no dishes, cleaning or laundry -- the museum is peaceful and calm. You can take a project to work on, your favorite book to read or just sit and enjoy the quiet. If you are lucky visitors to the museum will chat with you about quilting -I have met the nicest people. Please help the Guild by volunteering – it really is fun.

If you can't come to the July Guild meeting please call or e-mail Marge Norman 224- 1071 needlesandquilts@gmail.com



Selena Foo 6239 Myrtlewood Court Tallahassee, FL 32312

July 14th QU Meeting

Pon't Forget Your:

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

JULY BIRTHDAY!

Bring a Scrumptious Snack!



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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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