

# CHURN DASH

*Hall County Quilters Guild*

April 2023



Quilt pieced by Kathy Stephan and quilted by Bobby Martin

## From our President

What's under your needle today? I'm sure you are working on something beautiful! Need ideas? You only have to look to internet for some great ideas. Pinterest has an endless supply of quilt ideas or you could look at fabric manufacturers websites and find many patterns you could download. In need of fabric for a quick quilt? Kits for Eagle Ranch, Community Service projects or Quilts for Kids are always available. Be sure to pick one up at the next meeting.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the next meeting on May 1.

Happy Quilting,

Bobby Martin

## Upcoming Dates

May 1 - How To Finish Your Quilt Program

May 15 - Project Day

June 5 - Picnic @ Eagle Ranch

June 19 - Project Day

July 10 - Rona Herman  
The Traveling Quilter

July 17 - Project Day

August 7th - Carolyn  
Keller

August 21 - Project Day

# PROGRAMS

The program for our May meeting will be "How To Finish Your Quilt", with ideas, tips and tricks presented by three of our members, Denise Ulrich, Lindsay Martin and Jenny Grandfield. We will enjoy hearing from these talented quilters.

Margaret Johnson  
Programs

## Upcoming Programs

May 1 - "How To Finish Your Quilt", presenters:  
Denise Ulrich, Jenny Grandfield, Lindsay Martin  
June 5 - Picnic at Eagle Ranch, bring your own  
lunch, presentation by Staff and short tour  
July 10 - Rona Herman, the Traveling Quilter  
August 7 - Trunk Show, local quilter Carolyn  
Keller

## NANCY MAHONEY CLASS



Nancy Mahoney class participants showing off their progress on Wild Waves.

Everyone learned something and had a great time. Check out all those beautiful colors We can't wait to see those finished projects Ladies and Gentleman! Not all participants are shown.

## May birthdays!

5/1	Kathy Stephan
5/13	Janice Brooks
5/18	Becky Munteanu
5/27	Judy Wangemann

## MEMBERSHIP

Please extend a special welcome to our new members. We are so excited to have you join the guild!

A big thank you to Carol Harting for all your hard work during the membership renewal process.

We appreciate you being apart of the Membership Committee

*Welcome*

## NEW MEMBERS

Dennice Kopp

Mavis Rosbach

Mark Vieira

## SEWING BEE

We are trying to start up a Hand Sewing Bee. This isn't something that you have to regularly attend. If you have binding to do, or cross stitch, or wool applique' and you would like to be with fellow members, this is the place for you!!

If you are interested, please let Jenny Grandfield or Trisha Brisbois know.

Emails will be going out shortly to members who have signed up to decide a date and time to meet.

## SUNSHINE

Please remember - if you hear of a member that is sick or hasn't been to a meeting in awhile, let Carol Johnson know so that she can send a Get Well or a Thinking of You card from the Guild.

# HCQG MYSTERY QUILT 2023

It's time for a new challenge! This time we are doing a mystery quilt! Please join along!

## INFORMATION -

The quilt is a free pattern that has been approved by the Executive Board. We will be creating the quilt in sections to create the mystery.

The quilt is an Advanced Beginner quilt, mainly because we will be working with some small parts, but if you cut with care and sew accurate quarter inch seams, I think beginners will be fine.

This Mystery Quilt will last 6 months. We will be cutting and sewing the different parts as we go. By September's newsletter you will know what the blocks will look like. Make sure you label your fabrics, so you won't get your different parts mixed up.

I'm going to be giving you instructions and fabric requirements on how to make a 64" x 84" but it can easily be made into an 87 ½" x 87 ½" or bigger quilt by adding additional blocks and changing your border sizes.

The quilt can be scrappy, controlled scrappy or just controlled with a limited color palette. It is fat quarter friendly, so if you have a fat quarter bundle you've been wanting to cut into but didn't know how you were going to use it, this is the time.

## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS -

- Fabric A - 2 ½ yards** White/Cream/Light tone on tone (background)
- Fabric B - 1 ¼ yards** Medium Value Fabric - Darker than Fabric A
- Fabric C - 1/3-yard** Accent Color #1 - Solid Color or reads as a solid  
Accent Color needs to coordinate with all fabrics chosen.
- Fabric D - 1/3-yard** Accent Color #2 - Solid Color or reads as a solid  
Accent Color needs to coordinate with all fabrics chosen.
- Fabric E - 12.5"** Light Neutral Value - contrast to all FQs, can be a small non-directional fabric
- Fabric F - Fat Qtrs** You can make 3 blocks from a fat quarter. So, you will need to chose if you want to use 18 FQ's - 1 for each block, 9 FQ's - 1 for 2 blocks, or 6 FQ's - 1 for 3 blocks. This will depend on how scrappy you want it to be. If you decide to use yardage instead of Fat Quarters the total yardage will be 1 ½ yards. **NOTE:** Most of the FQs will be used with Fabric A, BUT some will be used with Fabric B.

# HCQG Mystery Quilt 2023

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### FIRST CLUE -

- **From Fabric A** - Cut 10 strips  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Subcut strips into 272 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles. Label 136 rectangles Block A-1 and the other 136 as Block A-2. Cut 1 strip 4" x WOF. Subcut strip into 10 - 4" squares and label them Block A-3.
- **From Fabric C** - Cut 1 strip 4" x WOF. Subcut strip into 5 - 4" squares and label them Block A-3. From the remaining 4" strip subcut the strip into 2 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips WOF (discard remaining 1"). Subcut your 2 strips into 28 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Label your squares as Block A-1. Cut 4 strips  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Subcut strips into 108 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and label them Block A-1. Total  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares should be 136.
- **From Fabric D** - Cut 1 strip 4" x WOF. Subcut strip into 5 - 4" squares and label them Block A-3. From the remaining 4" strip subcut the strip into 2 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips WOF (discard remaining 1"). Subcut your 2 strips into 28 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Label your squares as Block A-2. Cut 4 strips  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF. Subcut strips into 108 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and label them Block A-2. Total  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares should be 136.

### SEWING -

From Block A-1 draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric C -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Place the square, right sides together at a corner of Fabric A -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Sew on the drawn line. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn line. Open and press to reveal corner triangle.



Put together 2 units as shown below for a total of 68 units



Label these units as A-1 and put aside until later.

That's all for this month! Happy Sewing!!

## HALL COUNTY QUILT GUILD MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 3, 2023

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Meeting called to order by Bobby Martin at 10 AM

Margaret Johnson introduced Nancy Mahoney, a published author, fabric & quilt designer who gave an informative and interesting presentation of her quilts, designs and journey to become a quilter. On Tuesday, April 4, she will hold a workshop for her “Wild Waves” paper pieced quilt.

Break

Welcome by Bobby Martin

Minutes from March meeting approved; motion by Nickie DeVillier; seconded by Sandy Pompey

Treasurer report – February report has been posted to website – Jenny Grandfield

Mystery Quilt – Jenny Grandfield is planning a mystery quilt. This quilt will be 87-1/2” x 87-1/2”. Details for fabric & cutting requirements will be in the next newsletter.

Handwork Bee – Jenny Grandfield is interested in starting a bee. Please contact her if you are interested.

PSA – All patterns that the guild will use as a whole need to be approved by the Executive Board.

Tip of the Month: Sharon Weir showed templates to make half-square triangles by Sunday Best Quiltworks and Clearly Perfect slotted trimmers. Bobby Martin shared a bobbin keeper that fits on the end of an Aurifil spool of thread or you can store the bobbin & spool in a small plastic bag.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – Stacey Crain

Today’s attendance: 47, 2 guests and 1 new member

Programs – Margaret Johnson

April 4 workshop by Nancy Mahoney; 21 members have signed up

No workshops planned for the remainder of the year

Project Day – Lisa Vieira

Monday, April 17, will be the Eagle Ranch charity sew. Peggy & Jenny will give tips & tricks for making blocks in their kits.

This is a reminder that each member of the guild is to make an Eagle Ranch quilt every year.

Community Service – Connie Murphy

Kits are available for walker bags and breast cancer pillows. There is also a new pattern available for walker bags.

She spoke to the nursing home and they are excited to get the walker bags.

Newsletter & Website – Jenny Grandfield

Please send anything for the website to her.

Retreat – Chris Anderson

Read a letter from the camp manager thanking us for the quilts that help with their fundraisers.

Eagle Ranch – Jenny Thomas

They will share techniques on making blocks and have some blocks to make at the Project Day charity sew on April 17.

Name Tag Raffle – Trisha Brisbois

A reward for wearing your name tag has been very well received.

A drawing was held for 3 rewards

OTHER REPORTS:

Pet beds – Chris Anderson

Took lots of pet beds to NE Georgia Humane Society and they were glad to get them.

If anyone has serviceable towels that they don't want or need, the Humane Society can always use them.

Quilts for Kids – Lisa Viera

This is the 11th year for the chapter and they have donated over 7,000 quilts to children.

Kits are available

Birthday Raffle – Joyce Pinson – Don't forget that when it is your birthday month, you are to bring a gift for the raffle table.

Show & Tell

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Always believe something wonderful is going to happen. Even with all the ups and downs, never take a day for granted. Smile and cherish the little things and remember to hug the ones you love.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Allen

HCQG Secretary 2023-2024