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Hall County Quilters Guild

April 2023



Quilt presented to Lisa Vieira for her service as Guild President

From our President

Happy Spring! I love to see the spring flowers and new leaves starting to show their colors this time of year. I am always amazed at how many shades of green I can see in nature and it always makes me want to gather all those shades of green fabrics and bring them together in a beautiful quilt. I hope the changing season has inspired you to start a new project.

We are off to a great start of the new year for Hall County Quilt Guild. Welcome to our new members and welcome back if you have not been in a while. We have a great program set for April 3 with Nancy Mahoney and a workshop the following day.

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Upcoming Dates

April 3 - Nancy Mahoney

April 4 - Wild Waves
Workshop w/Nancy
Mahoney

April 17 - Project Day

May 1 - How To Finish
Your Quilt Program

May 15 - Project Day

June 5 - Picnic @ Eagle
Ranch

June 19 - Project Day

FROM OUR PRESIDENT CONTINUED -

Be sure to mark your calendar for this meeting/workshop and Project Day on April 17. I look forward to seeing everyone on April 3rd.

Happy Quilting!

Bobby Martin
President

PROGRAMS

The speaker for our April 3rd Guild program will be nationally recognized quilter, Nancy Mahoney. She will also teach a workshop using her "Wild Waves" pattern on April 4th.

Nancy has enjoyed making quilts for over 35 years, during which time an impressive range of her beautiful quilts have been featured in over 250 quilt magazines. Nancy has authored 15 books since 2002; her newest book, *A New Twist*, will be available March, 2022. She has taught many workshops nationwide for guilds, shops and conferences. This year she will be at AQS Quiltweek in Paducah; Shipshewana, Indiana and Stitchin' Heaven Retreat in Texas! When she's not designing and making quilts, Nancy enjoys traveling, sharing her quilts, teaching her piecing techniques, and visiting gardens.

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 3 - Rona Herman, the Traveling Quilter
August 7 - Trunk Show, local quilter Carolyn
Keller



April *birthdays!*

4/9 Elaine Peachey

4/14 Jean Edwards

4/21 Barbara Kinney

4/27 Lynette Croy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ATTN ALL CRIB SHEET RIPPERS!!

Connie Murphy can use any cardboard inserts AND plastic covers from those many, many crib sheets we are deconstructing for Quilts for Kids. They are very helpful with many of the Community Service kits being made. Please bring them to either the next meeting on 4/3 or to the next Project Day and give to Connie.

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.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Suzette Bowen

Beth Drummond

Dianne Smith

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

Do you have any UFO's? How old do you think is your oldest UFO?

Janice Brooks - I have a Christmas quilt that is about 5 years old.

Debbie Dill - Of course, I have UFOs! Luckily, I only started back quilting in 2020 so my UFO's only number in the double digits. My oldest UFOs are 4 quilt tops from my great grandmother that I was given in the 1980's (when I was a youngster who quilted by hand!). There was one top for me and each of my sisters. I finally finished one this past Fall and plan to get the others quilted this year. It didn't mean near as much to me when I was in my 30's but now I see nothing but beauty and sewing with love in these quilt tops dating back to the 1960s.

Peggy Johnson - I do have UFO's....in abundance. I'm usually working on at least 3 quilt tops at a time and have many patterns waiting to start on. My oldest UFO is from 16 years ago... I was enrolled in a class in Seattle before I retired making quilt blocks using all the fancy stitch designs built into my Pfaff Creative Vision sewing machine. I probably have half the blocks completed and the other half of the blocks in various stages in work.

Roxan Brown - I have lots of UFOs. I was interested in quilts in high school. I tried my hand at it but didn't know what exactly to do. In 1999 my last child was a senior and I cut out these diamond looking thing and I still have them . Some are sewed together.

Charlotte Payne - I have too many UFO's to count! Most are from past guild workshops, where I was more interested in the process than the project, thinking I might get back to it one of these days (ha!). My most recent finished UFO was a project I started in 2003 or 2004. I have projects in various stages of completion going back at least to 2004. But my oldest would be a sampler quilt top from my advanced quilting class (as in beginner, intermediate, and advanced) from 1981 or 1982, so long ago I can't remember exactly. I guess some day I should quilt it! There's such a big time gap, because I didn't quilt from 1983 until about 2000.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and other Happenings

ALONSIUS FAMILY QUILTERS ESTATE SALE

Tuesday April 4th - Starting at 10 am
4680 Sewell Rd.
Cumming, GA 30028

CALL FOR ENTRIES IN THE 2023 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS OF TENNESSEE SHOW

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will offer more than \$6,000 in awards at their show on June 23 and 24, 2023 at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. There will be 14 categories, and an additional 13 special awards. Deadline for entries is April 22, 2023, so you have plenty of time to complete your masterpiece. Please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com for more information.

QUILT FEST - GREENVILLE, SC

Thursday April 20th - Saturday April 22nd

Go to Quiltfest.com for more info. Over 400 quilts with a Merchant Mall
Admission \$15

Greenville Convention Center
1 Exposition Dr., Greenville, SC



HALL COUNTY QUILT GUILD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2023

Meeting called to order by Lisa Viera at 10 AM

Speaker:

Grant Hughes, owner of Fit 4 Life LLC. Grant has a degree in Exercise Science and is also a nutrition coach. He does in-person & virtual training. He gave great tips for a long day of quilting along with exercises to relieve those aches & pains.

Break

Outgoing officers were presented with thank you gifts. It is customary for the guild to present the outgoing President with a quilt. This was presented to Lisa Viera by Peggy Johnson, Denise Ulrich, Trisha Brisbois, & Jenny Grandfield.

Installation of officers for 2023-2024 by Lisa Viera

President – Bobby Martin

Vice President – Margaret Johnson

Secretary – Frances Allen

Treasurer – Barbara Kinney (not in attendance, will be installed at April meeting)

Welcome by new president, Bobby Martin

Minutes from February meeting approved

Treasurer report will be updated & posted to website – Jenny Grandfield

2023-2024 budget approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – Stacey Crain

- Today's attendance: 48 with 2 new members
- Members who paid today will receive new cards at next meeting
- Password for members section of website has changed; contact Stacey Crain if you want the password before you receive your card.

Programs – Denise Ulrich

- Wool workshop will be held tomorrow (March 7).
- April 3 Guild Program - Nancy Mahoney, a nationally recognized quilter
- April 4 workshop by Nancy Mahoney. Contact Denise if you would like to participate.
- New program chair, Margaret Johnson, will announce future programs & workshops.

Project Day – Lisa Viera

- Project Day (3rd Monday, 10 am-2 pm) will focus on specific projects or charity sews. You may also bring your own project to sew.
- Monday, March 10, will also be a new member orientation.

Community Service – Connie Murphy

- Asking for more pillows & seat belt pads for breast cancer patients.
- Kits are available for walker bags.

Newsletter & Website – Jenny Grandfield

- Working on website to get it up-to-date.
- Asked that members look at and offer changes/suggestions.
- Jenny thanked members for their encouragement.

Sunshine – Carol Johnson

- Let Carol know if there is someone you would like her to send a card.

Retreat – Chris Anderson

- Thanked members for their help and to all the business who donated items for gifts/prizes. Chris is stepping down after 6 years of planning the retreat.

Eagle Ranch – Peggy Johnson

- Gave gifts of appreciation to all the members (longarmers) who have quilted Eagle Ranch quilts this past year.
- Peggy explained the process for making an Eagle Ranch quilt and has kits for both boys & girls available.
- Starting this month, Eagle Ranch will have its own “show & tell” when their report is given.

OTHER REPORTS:

Pet beds – Chris Anderson

- Hall County Humane Society is back up & running.
- Chris has received lots of pet beds but has more covers available for stuffing or you can make your own.

Quilts for Kids – Lisa Viera

- Several Quilts for Kids were turned in today
- Lisa has kits available.
 - These are small quilts, so she hopes you will quilt the ones you make and not have to send them to a longarmer.

NEW MEETING FEATURES:

Tip of the Month – Members are encouraged to sign up to make a 2–3 minute presentation of a tip or trick that you think should be shared with everyone. Today, Bobby showed a Clover 4910 Soft Touch Thread Pick and a Zirkle.

Name Tag Raffle – Trisha Brisbois or one of her welcome buddies will give each member a blue ticket when they enter the meeting wearing their name tag. This is to encourage everyone to make & wear your name tag so we can get to know more of you; especially our new members. A ticket will be drawn and the winner will take their pick of a gift from the special basket. As a special treat today, 3 tickets were drawn.

Both the Birthday Raffle table and the Free table have been moved to the wall closest to the hallway.

Remember, if you bring something for the Free table and it isn't taken, you must take it home.

Birthday Raffle

Show & Tell

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: If you have an ironing board set up but never iron clothes, you know you're a quilter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Allen
HCQG Secretary 2023-2024