

CHURN DASH

September 2023

Hall County Quilters Guild



Pieced and quilted by Jenny Grandfield

From our President

Do you have a favorite quilt block? Maybe a star, log cabin or a nine patch. Do you have a favorite color for your quilts? I love the color red but, nothing else in my house is red. Sometimes I find a pattern or fabric that I like and just make the quilt for the satisfaction of making it. Usually, these quilts are given to a charity or donated to a good cause.

What do you do with the quilts that you make? Are they made for children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews? I think we can all agree that we make quilts of any color or block pattern because we love to quilt.

Happy Quilting,
Bobby Martin

Upcoming Dates

September 11 - Diane Knott,
Butterfly Threads,

"Celebrating With Quilts"

September 18 - Project Day -
Eagle Ranch Charity Sew

October 2 - Amy Walsh,
owner of Shirt Off Your Back
shop in Alpharetta, T-Shirt
Quilts

November - Frances Arnold,
quilt teacher from Athens

PROGRAMS

Our speaker for September will be Diane Knott, from Cumming, GA, who has been quilting since 1997. Diane created Butterfly Threads Quilting website and pattern company in 2015. She has published many patterns and books and also designs fabric for Blank Quilt Fabric Company. Diane travels often around the country, teaching and sharing her love of quilting. Her topic for our program this month will be "Celebrating With Quilts."

Margaret Johnson



Upcoming Programs

October - "T-Shirt Quilts and Other Memorabilia," with Amy Walsh, owner of Shirt Off Your Back quilt shop in Alpharetta, GA.

November - "The Challenge of Challenges," with Frances Arnold, quilt teacher from Athens and member of Cotton Patch Guild.

December - Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon

Help Us Save Money on Eagle Ranch Quilts

Hobbs Bonded Fibers company has a Charity Batting Program for guilds to receive a discounted cost on **Hobbs 80/20 batting**.

Please save the UPC labels and the paper labels showing the size and Hobbs name and turn into Peggy Johnson so we can order Hobbs batting through this Program. Peggy will handle all the work from there so we can get a huge discount on batting for our charity quilts!

PROJECT DAY

Our September 18 Project Day will feature Eagle Ranch quilts.

A Fabric Pinwheel Ornament workshop will be taught by our own Dean Ray at Project Day October 16th. The cost will be \$10.00 for the pattern. A sample will be available at our September meeting; you can sign up and pay then...cash or check made to HCOG. See below for Dean's notes for the workshop.

We hope you come to all of the Project Days to work on your own projects as well as the guild community service projects. As a group, we can make a huge difference with the items we sew.

Lisa Vieira

PINWHEEL ORNAMENT CLASS

ITEMS YOU NEED TO BRING:

12 3.5 inch squares - this can be Christmas Fabric or any fabric of your choice - three coordinating colors. I have also made them using just two colors.

1 - 5 X 10 inch scrap of cotton fabric or 2 - 4" squares - this can be scrap material

Hand sewing needle

Strong Thread 30 wt quilting thread

2 - buttons (larger than shirt button this is needed to cover the center where you have sewn the fabric to the disc you will be making)

4-5 Quilting Clips

If you have trouble pushing a needle through many layers of fabric you might need small pliers to help pull the needle through.

I will provide the following:

Polyester stuffing

Ribbon

September birthdays!

9/10	Pat Morgan
9/14	Sharon Weir
9/17	Faye Curlee
9/19	Lisa Vieira
9/21	Cheryl Cutchin
9/29	Rita Clifton

MEMBERSHIP

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

Glenda Kahlor

Don't forget to wear your name tag at our meetings. You never know what you might win!

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.

Time to get excited! Are you ready?

Retreat is around the corner. Don't miss out on the best fun you could have all year. Mark your calendar for the 2024 Retreat – February 13-16, 2024. The cost is \$210.00 per double occupancy. Bobby Martin will start taking your paid reservations at the October meeting.

HCQG MYSTERY QUILT 2023

We are at our fifth installment (and next to last) of our Mystery Quilt. Can I get a WOO HOO? You should have all your Block A's done at this point. If not, you still have time to catch up. At the time I am writing this I am caught up (finally!) and have pulled slightly ahead. If I can do it, so can you!!! We still have a small bit of cutting to do this month to get all our B Block pieces cut and we will be putting our B Blocks together.

We also need to discuss borders. In the plan for the mystery quilt, we are supposed to do a 2 ½" border of Fabric A around the quilt, followed up with a 1 ½" border of Fabric B. This will complete the quilt at 56" x 76". This is where my instructions will end. Now for the discussion – I want to add an additional border to my quilt. I will probably add a 4" border to finish my quilt because I still have so much Kansas Troubles fabric (or rather Scott does 😊). This will make my final quilt 64" x 84". I want you to think about your borders. Do you have any remaining fabric and what do you want to do with it? Do you want an additional border?? Do you want to change up your borders from Fabric A and Fabric B? Do you want to change your borders from B to A and A to B? Would you rather have just one border? Do you want a scrappy border?? Check out your fabric and see what you would like to do at this point. You don't have to stick to my plan. Make this quilt your own!!!

Now, for the bad news, good news part. Bad news - Doesn't every pattern have a revision or a mistake?? Well, this one does. I believe I have asked you to cut too many Fabric A 2 ½" squares. In the second clue you were supposed to cut 48 2 ½" Fabric A squares for Block B-1. **Good news** - That is all you need. You do not need to do the Fabric A cutting in the fourth clue. If you have cut it already, put it aside and use it somewhere else. Good thing it's neutral!! But please accept my humble apologies.

Ok last message – A lot of you liked the checkerboard look of the A block in the fourth clue. I promised I would tell you how that changes Block B. I have included the different cutting and sewing instructions for that. If you have already completed the Third Clue, you will have additional cutting and sewing to do.

So, let's get at it!!

FIFTH CLUE –

CUTTING – Before you cut see note above about borders.

From Fabric A - Cut 6 strips 2 ½" x WOF for 1st border

From Fabric B - Cut 7 strips 1 ½" x WOF for 2nd border

From Fabric F - You will use the remaining fat quarter fabrics that you made the HST's from. You will need 9 - 2 1/2" squares for each B block. If you used 9 fat quarters for your Fabric F, you would need 18 - 2 1/2" blocks from each fat quarter. If you used 18 fat quarters, you only need 9 - 2 1/2" squares from each fat quarter. You need 162 total 2 1/2" blocks.

SEWING -

If you are following along with me and doing the NON checkerboard pattern, Block B is basically going to look like the pattern below. The only difference is 12 blocks will be made with Fabric A and 8 blocks will be made with Fabric B -

1st row - Fabric A 2 1/2" square, Fabric A and Fabric F HST, Fabric F 2 1/2" square, another Fabric A and Fabric F HST, and another Fabric A 2 1/2" square.

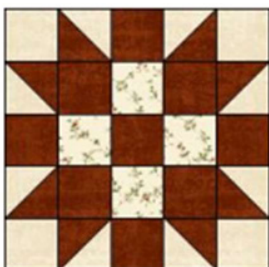
2nd row - Fabric A and F HST - Fabric F 2 1/2" square - Fabric E 2 1/2" square - Fabric F 2 1/2" square - Fabric A and F HST.

3rd row - Fabric F 2 1/2" square - Fabric E 2 1/2" square - Fabric F 2 1/2" square - Fabric E 2 1/2" square - Fabric F 2 1/2" square

4th row - Fabric A and F HST - Fabric F 2 1/2" square - Fabric E 2 1/2" square - Fabric F 2 1/2" square - Fabric A and F HST.

5th row - Fabric A 2 1/2" square, Fabric A and Fabric F HST, Fabric F 2 1/2" square, another Fabric A and Fabric F HST, and another Fabric A 2 1/2" square.

Make 12 total blocks with Fabric A. Make 8 blocks using Fabric B instead of A. So, 12 light blocks and 8 dark blocks.



CHECKBOARD INSTRUCTIONS –

We must go back to the THIRD CLUE – Cut 18 - 7" x 7" Fabric A squares. You will not need any of the Fabric B 7" x 7" squares. If you have 12 fabric A squares already cut, you will only need an additional 6. All your HST's will be made from Fabric A to complete the checkerboard look. ***** if you have completed this clue already and have made all of your HST's, I think it will still look great if you complete your block as above with the non-checkerboard finish. I will leave this up to you.

FOURTH CLUE – stays the same except you don't need to cut any Fabric A. You already have it from the Second Clue.

FIFTH CLUE - You will still make 12 blocks like above using your Fabric A. The difference is your B Block will look like the block below. You will need to make 8 blocks.



Okay, now that I think I have thoroughly confused myself, let's conclude this clue so I can go get a glass of wine. Read your instructions! I will be at the monthly meeting to answer any questions. Next month we will be putting our blocks together and putting on our borders!!! Like I said earlier, you still have time to catch up!!

Meeting called to order by Bobby Martin at 10 AM

Margaret Johnson introduced her friend, Carolyn Keller, who showed us many of the quilts she has made over the years including T-shirt quilts, embroidered Looney Toons characters and many large quilts.

Break

Welcome by Bobby Martin

Minutes from July meeting approved; motion by Becky Munteanu; seconded by Kate Bathe

Treasurer report – July report has been posted to website

Tip of the Month: Kathy Stephan showed us a mini suction grip for small rulers. These can be found at Harbor Freight. Connie Murphy shared her way of seam ripping. Only clip every 4th or 5th stitch, pull the thread from the back and it will all come loose.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Eagle Ranch – Peggy Johnson

- They will have some blocks to make at the Project Day charity sew on September 18.
- She said that there are 20 to 30 children in residence but there are others that attend school or get counseling. We will continue to provide them with 50 quilts/year for them to distribute as they see fit.
- She also reminded us that the binding on these quilts must be machine stitched, not hand stitched, for durability.
- Peggy requested that we save & bring UPC labels from Hobbs batting so we can get a discount on rolls of batting.

Membership – Stacey Crain

- Today's attendance: 47, 6 guests

Programs – Margaret Johnson

- Please read the newsletter for upcoming programs
- December will be a potluck lunch

Project Day – Lisa Vieira

- Monday, August 21, will be Quilts for Kids charity sew, 10-2. Lunch will be provided; bring your drink.
- You may work on the kids quilts or on your own projects.

Community Service – Connie Murphy

- Connie delivered breast cancer pillows and seatbelt cushions to 3 locations and 31 walker caddies to Manor Lake Nursing Home.
- Please continue to make these items so we can stay ahead of the need.

Newsletter & Website – Jenny Grandfield

- Jenny thanked Debbie Dill for her work in getting the newsletter out.
- The membership list will be updated soon.
- The newsletter is sent out on Monday, the week before the guild meeting.

OTHER REPORTS:

Pet beds – Chris Anderson

- She has a trunk full of beds to deliver. The NEGA Humane Society was excited to also receive towels & sheets.
- Chris has bed covers ready for your to take and fill with your batting & fabric scraps.

Mystery Quilt – Jenny Grandfield

- Block A is complete; only 2 more months to go

Name Tag Drawing – Trisha Brisbois

- A drawing was held for 3 rewards

Retreat 2024 – Bobby Martin

- February 13-16, cost will be \$210, limited to 26
- Signup will start next month (September)

Guild t-shirts are available through Becky Munteanu.

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 have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses hope.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Allen
HCQG Secretary 2023-2024