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Hall County Quilters Guild

February 2024



A quilt made and quilted by Lisa Vieira.

Upcoming Dates

February 5 - Quilt Show by Linda O'Donnell and her sisters

February 19 - Project Day - Charity Sew

March 4 - Nick Mask

March 5 - Workshop (sign up in February!)

March 18 - Project Day

April 1 - Cottan Patch, Rosie Crockett

From our President

Have you found yourself praying for SNOW?! Just so you have an excuse to sew all day!!! I'm hoping you are working on a few new projects (no one starts just one, do they?). Can't wait to see Show & Tell in the next few months to see the projects you have finished as well.

When was the last time you tried something NEW? A technique, block, tool, pattern...that you've never tried before. As we're starting into a New Year, let's experiment with new things. Try some of the tools and tips offered at meetings by your fellow members. Let's all help one another be better this year.

Happy Quilting,
Bobby Martin

PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Linda O'Donnell, a former member of our Guild, and her sisters Penny and Sue, will present a trunk show and program featuring the quilts they have made, inspired by their travels overseas.

Many of you have shared suggestions for programs and speakers for future meetings.....thanks, and keep them coming!

Margaret Johnson

"FREE MOTION REVERSE APPLIQUE" WORKSHOP - TUESDAY, MARCH 5 - 9 am till 1 pm

This workshop will be led by Kay, from Sew Sew Studio in Bogart, GA. The cost is \$55.00, which includes the kit with all fabrics and use of templates for the designs. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PAY AT THE FEBRUARY GUILD MEETING. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO HCOQG. Sign up for the workshop will be available at this meeting if you did not do so in January.

You'll need to bring your own machine, power cord, foot pedal, extension cord or power strip if you have one. Bring the free motion foot for your machine, and other usual sewing accessories, thread, etc. Kay suggests small snips/scissors with sharp pointy tips for cutting away the fabric. You will need a WATER SOLUBLE OR HEAT ERASABLE MARKER for tracing the pattern onto the black fabric, so a lighter color works best. The shop will have a few extra supplies in case someone needs to purchase.

Hope you will sign up and join us for this "out of our box" experience!



February *birthdays!*

2/3	Marilyn Johnson
2/3	Rosemary Cushman
2/9	Rose King
2/19	Glenda Kahlor
2/25	Betty Conoly
2/26	Frances Brooks

DOG AND CAT BEDS

Hello all,

I took another carload of beds to the Humane Society. Remember that sheets, towels, and blankets are still desperately needed. This could be a great excuse to clean out your linen closet. With that in mind, I will collect beds and any other things you want to bring before the luncheon. I will bring more covers for you to use.

Thanks for all you do.

Chris Anderson

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The current slate of officers have all agreed to return for another year for Hall County Quilt Guild 2024-2025 as follows and voting will be in February.

President - Bobby Martin

Vice President/Programs - Margaret Johnson

Treasurer - Barbara Kinney

Secretary - Francis Allen

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.

NEW BUDGET!!

Please go to the website and look at the proposed BUDGET for 2024-2025. It will be voted on in February!



EAGLE RANCH

Has anyone seen me??? I'm lost and looking to return back to the Eagle Ranch committee. Please help me get back.



PROJECT DAY

February Project Day will be a Charity Sew! Kits from our various charities will be available for you to work on. And remember that you can come and free sew any of your own projects during Project Day. We will be there anytime from 9:30 am until 2 p.m. That's 4.5 hours of time to sew with friends! Every month!



Note: If Hall County Schools close due to inclement weather, guild meetings for that day will also be cancelled.

DON'T FORGET!

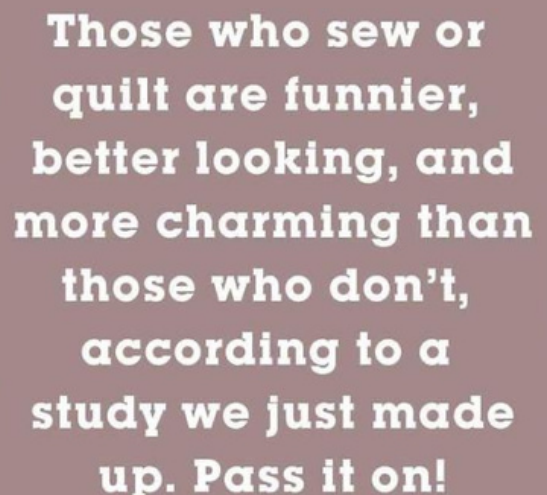
Just a friendly reminder our dues of \$50.00 will be due in March for our 2024-2025 year.

Please print out and update the membership form that is found in the "Membership Information" section on the website.

If all your information has not changed -- home phone, cell, email address, home address, or emergency contact -- just write "same" next to your name and return with your dues.

Nimble Thimbles

Nimble Thimbles is a Guild Bee that meets once a month on the Fourth Thursday to work on hand sewing projects like cross stitching, English Paper Piecing or Binding. The Bee is open to all members of the Guild. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Trisha Brisbois or Jenny Grandfield.

A graphic featuring a quilted background with various patterns of dots and lines in shades of brown, black, and white. In the center, there is a light-colored rectangular box containing text. In the bottom right corner of the graphic, there is a small logo for the American Sewing Guild.

**Those who sew or
quilt are funnier,
better looking, and
more charming than
those who don't,
according to a
study we just made
up. Pass it on!**

Meeting called to order at 9:50 AM

Margaret Johnson introduced Sara Campbell, owner of Sew Sew Studio in Bogart, Georgia. Sara presented a program about how she started her business & how it has evolved into a full-service quilt shop. She showed examples of many of the quilted items they have patterns for. Then she talked about all the classes they have on their calendar. A sample of the free-motion reverse applique that will be taught in a class for our guild on March 5 was shown. The cost is \$55 and will include a kit.

Break

Welcome by Bobby Martin

Nominating Committee Report – Sharon Weir: Sharon announced that all current officers have agreed to continue serving for 2024-2025. A few members have expressed an interest in possibly serving as an officer in the future. It was suggested that if you are interested in a position that you shadow the current officer to learn about the position.

Minutes - No minutes were taken at the December luncheon.

Treasurer report – Reports through November have been posted to website – Barbara Kinney

Tip of the Month: Lisa Vieira explained how she cuts half-square triangles into smaller triangles and saves them for future projects. Sharon Weir showed us how she uses a numbering system for rows of blocks and how to keep them together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Eagle Ranch – Peggy Johnson

- Project is going well. She has sent several quilts to long-armers.

Membership – Stacey Crain

- Today's attendance: 48, 2 guests

Programs – Margaret Johnson

- If you're interested in the free-motion reverse applique class in March, sign-up will be held through the February meeting.
- Upcoming programs can be found on the website.

Project Day – Lisa Vieira

- Monday, January 15, we will be creating a valentine Twister quilt.
- February will be a charity sew day, kits will be available for all charity projects.

Community Service – Connie Murphy

- Kits are available for walker bags and breast cancer pillows.

Newsletter & Website – Jenny Grandfield

- Everything is going well. She appreciates the little submissions that people send her to fill in when needed.

Sunshine – Carol Johnson

- Carol is back in the hospital and will be there for a few weeks. If you want to send Carol a card, please send it to Frances Brooks and she will forward to Carol.

Welcome – Trisha Brisbois

- A drawing was held for 3 rewards.

OTHER REPORTS:

Pet beds – Chris Anderson

- Today she has a car full of pet beds to go to NE Georgia Humane Society. They are always glad to get them.

Quilts for Kids – Lisa Vieira

- 87 quilts were given to NE Georgia Hospital, and they ran out due to so many children having RSV.
- Last year 1,131 quilts were handed out and in the 12 years that Quilts for Kids has been operating, they have given 8,751.
- Kits are available

Retreat – Bobby Martin

- The retreat, 2/13-2/16, is full. We have a lot of fun things planned for retreat. An email will be going out soon with particulars about the retreat for those who are attending.

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

Show & Tell

Remember the Spirited Quilters of Duluth sale on January 30 at 6:30 pm.

If you bring something for the "free" table, you must take it home if it's there at the close of the meeting.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: A new study shows that buying fabric and sewing supplies prolongs your life. Looks like some of us are going to immortal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Allen
HCQG Secretary 2023-2024