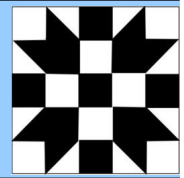


The Friendship Note

Newsletter of the Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild, Inc. Sarasota, Florida



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September in Florida is still hot, hot, hot! But in spite of the heat, Linda Swanson and her Membership Committee have continued to add new members to the Guild all summer. We now have a total membership of 320. That is an impressive number of quilters who support the Guild and its objectives. These are:

To cultivate the knowledge, appreciation, making, and collecting of fine quality quilts (Check!)

To sponsor quilting activities (Check!)

To promote friendship among quilters (Check and double Check!!)

Be sure to welcome these new members and feel free to join them at Der Dutchman for dinner on Guild meeting nights. Just let Lynn know to count you. Hopefully some of you got to go on the New Member Road Trip August 23rd to visit and support some great quilt shops and enhance your stashes. Thanks, Lynn Purple, for pulling that trip together. These activities support the second and third objectives above.

To support the first objective, the good news is that the 2014-2015 Guild education program schedule comes out this month. Yeah! Elva Farrell and the Education Committee have worked very hard to secure a wonderful lineup of teachers for our edification and enjoyment. They will offer new techniques and skills to be learned, new approaches to design and color and for me, new unfinished projects to add to the collection in my sewing room.

The Guild also offers many opportunities for service to both the Guild and our community. Some of these are detailed in this newsletter.

Stay informed about classes, Quilt Show information, participation opportunities and more through the newsletter and also our web site. So whether you are a new or seasoned member of FKQG be sure and take advantage of all we have to offer.

Karen



Monthly Membership Meetings

- Sept 15 **Education Kick Off**
See the new classes for 2015
- **Hoffman Quilts Trunk Show**
- October 20 **Virginia Swanson**
Journal Quilting
- Nov 17 **Pat Sloan**
Quilting with Espresso-Quilts, Creativity and Fun!

Workshop Details on Page 4 & 5

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MEETING/MEMBER NEWS

Quilts for Cruisers

Cass Bowen

I received 11 more quilts at the August meeting. That brings our total so far to 23. For our new members, the quilts will be delivered to the Sarasota Police Department for distribution to the police cruisers. Quilts will be used to give a little comfort to a child who has to be removed from the home.

The quilts should be 36" x 36" and made with all cotton or natural fiber batting. No synthetic battings. The quilt will not necessarily be used as a coverlet but more of a "security" blanket for the child. Please use bright cheerful kid colors appropriate for either a boy or girl. I would like everyone to sign their first name and Friendship Knot Quilters on the back. Please wash the quilts if you have not prewashed your fabrics. We want them soft and cuddly. Since the quilts need to be in a dirt-proof bag (they'll be kept in the trunks of the police cruisers), please put them in a 2 gallon ziplock bag so the quilts lie flat.

From now on, the guild will supply the bags. If you bought a box of these large bags and you think you will not use anymore of them, please share with your fellow members or bring them in to donate.

I will deliver this first batch of quilts to the Police Department next week. Thank you all for your participation.



Membership

Linda Swanson

Eighty members and numerous guests pitched in to make pillowcases for kids with cancer at the August meeting.

Six new members have joined the guild this month. This brings our total membership to 320.

Please welcome the following ladies: Penny Cull, Suzanne Manzi, Donna Pieszala, Milena Quill, Janet Simmons and Susan Singer.

Pet Bed Work Group

Jane Sanks

The American Red Cross has graciously agreed to let us use their space for a monthly work group for this project. I suggest we use the 4th Friday of the month. This should ensure we have gotten the bags of quilt scraps from the guild meetings.

I have tentatively set Friday, September 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (which we can adjust to try to meet everyone's commitments). At the ARC we have a few sewing machines and a conference table to use.

The ARC is located on Cantu Court near the intersection of Cattleman and Bee Ridge Roads. If you are familiar with the area, the ARC is just north of the Federal Express building. Call or e-mail me for directions or to simply let me know if you plan to attend. I will be there with as much fabric for the covers that I can get my hands on.

Jane Sanks 941-924-4240 (home); 941-726-2849 (cell); rasanks22@aol.com.

Thanks, and I look forward to keeping this project in full tail wagging mode.



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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Cannot take a class that you have already paid for?

Go to the website and check the attendance roster for the class you signed up for. If you can't remember which class it was, keep checking attendance rosters until you find your name. At the bottom of your class will be a list of names on the waiting list. Start with the first name and work your way through the list to find a replacement. If the person's phone number is not listed look on your roster before emailing Faith for their phone number. Work out an arrangement with the person to exchange payment for the class. The guild does not get involved in the financial transaction. After finding a replacement, notify Faith Reynolds faithreynolds@me.com and Gayle Hages 941-504-3488 letting them know your name and the person's name who is taking your class. Also, include the name and date of the class. Finally, if you sign up for a lunch, remember there are no special menus available. If you have special dietary needs, you must bring your own lunch.

FOR A GOOD TIME CALL GAYLE HAGES

Be a Hostess for an upcoming workshop. You get to sit in on a class for free, and have a lunch on us. It is a fun job. Call me: 941-504-3488.

CLASS FEES: Full-day \$40, half day \$30 Members rate (Non-Members full day \$50 and half day \$35). Lunch included for full day classes at a cost of \$12.00. Class fees are non-refundable. Workshops are held at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, 4041 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota.

Workshop Registration form 2014-2015 Friendship Knot Quilt Guild

Teacher _____
Class Title _____ Class Date _____
Your Name _____ Telephone _____
Your e-mail address _____
Class Fee _____ Lunch (\$12) _____ Total Enclosed _____ Circle: Check or Cash

Make checks payable to: Friendship Knot Quilt Guild.
Only paid class participants are permitted in the classroom.
Supply lists are available on our website. If paying in person you will receive a supply list at that time.

If this class is full and you want to be on the **WAITING LIST** please check below:

- Yes, please put me on the waiting list for the above class.
- Yes, by checking this box, I give my permission for the guild to include my telephone number on the attendee list that is placed on the web site.

NOTE - When signing up for the waiting list, do not pay for the class at this time.

Please send to: Faith Reynolds, 750 N. Tamiami Tr. #801, Sarasota, FL 34236



WORKSHOPS

Monday, November 17, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$40.00
Pat Sloan. *Medallion Magic (Antique Mist)* - It's all about the Fabric. Pat's piecing and color workshop is all about the fabric you select to make this stunning Medallion quilt called 'Antique Mist'. Using two main colors, create this scrappy quilt from Pat's book "Focus on the Center". Pat shares her best fabric selecting tips. You will create a smashing color combo for your Antique Mist.

Skill level: Beginner and up.

Pat's Medallion pattern is included for each student

Pat Sloan's website: www.patsloan.com

SPACE AVAILABLE



Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$40.00
Pat Sloan. *Wild and Free* - create quilts with personality. Learn Pat's tricks to "punch up" your applique quilt backgrounds. No more neutral tan or beige backings. Bring on the color and the pattern to make your quilts sing! Pat's classic and popular "Mama's Garden" is the project quilt. Then we will spend the day making the most spectacular background for your applique.

Skill level: Intermediate and up.

Pat's *Mama's Garden* pattern Included Free for each student (\$8 value)

SPACE AVAILABLE

Take a class. It's fun! You'll learn something new and enjoy time with other quilt enthusiasts.

Education Notes

Elva Farrell

Happy New Year! Well, happy new program year for your quilt guild programs. It's time to begin planning for learning new skills in 2015. Before we sail into a brand, shiny new, year and set goals for the next year of learning, now is the perfect time to look back and take pride in all we've created. How many quilts were started last year? completed? how many new techniques were learned, or old ones honed?

Kathy McNeil, one of our 2015 teachers, says "The journey of creativity has to take us out of our comfort zone." As we launch the workshops for the coming year I challenge you to step outside your comfort zone, think outside the box, enroll in a class that teaches a technique you've never tried. I did that last year-I took an art quilt class-what, me? I never thought I liked art quilts and now I have new skills and a new love. Challenge yourself...and have fun while broadening your horizons!

Before registration begins at the September meeting go to the instructor's websites and explore the possibilities. The teachers for 2015 are:

Kathy McNeil (kathymcneilquilts.com) – pictorial and landscape quilts, a mix of appliqué techniques

Saturday, January 17-9:00-4:00-Animal Boutique

Sunday, January 18-1:00-4:00-Design Dynamics

Monday, January 19-9:00-4:00-Landscape Quilts

Jane Davila (janedavila.com)-fiber and mixed media artist

Monday, February 16-9:00-4:00-Surface Design Sampler

Tuesday, February 17-9:00-4:00-Outer Limits

RaNae Merrill (ranaemerrillquilts.com)-simply amazing spiral quilts. If you can sew a straight line you can make a spiral quilt.

Monday, March 16-9:00-4:00-Spirals Boot Camp

Tuesday, March 17-9:00-4:00-Magic Mirror Mandala

Angela Walters (quiltingismytherapy.com) all about machine quilting. Please note, all are half day classes.

Sunday, April 19-1:00-4:00-Custom Class-Bring your quilt tops for quilting ideas

Monday, April 20-9:00-12:00-Machine Quilting for the Modern Quilt

Monday, April 20-1:00-4:00-Little Changes, Big Variety

Valerie Goodwin (quiltsbyvalerie.com) an artist and architect whose quilts are inspired by maps

Saturday, May 16-9:00-4:00-Favorite Places-1st day of two day class

Monday, May 18-9:00-4:00-Favorite Places-2nd day of two day class

Tuesday, May 19-9:00-4:00-Map Haiku (optional)

Flavin Glover (flavinglover.com) innovative log cabin and geometric patchwork quilts

Saturday, November 14-9:00-4:00-Introduction to Kaleidoscope Patchwork

Sunday, November 15-1:00-4:00-Denimania-Creating With Blue Jeans

Monday, November 16-9:00-4:00-Colorful and Creative Log Cabin Diamonds

Registration begins at the September meeting, no registrations will be accepted before the meeting day. Look over the workshop offerings and be prepared to sign up. Classes fill quickly so don't miss out. The registration form is in this newsletter. Bring a separate form for each class. Also, if you are paying by check, bring a separate check for each class (\$40 full day, \$30 half day) and if you want lunch include the lunch fee (\$) with the class check. If classes are not filled 3 months prior to the class registration will be opened to non-members.

Quilts In Paradise March 6 & 7, 2015

Quilt Show News

Lynn Purple

Magazines and Books

Kathy Samarasinghe is out of town until October, so Lynn Purple is collecting for her. Please put your magazines in bundles of 5 tied with string or a strip of fabric. We also are making bags for purchase so that show-goers can have something to carry their purchases. If you have any white, off white, white-on-white cotton fabric for the bags that you'd like to donate, we'll be collecting this also. Once the white bags are made they'll be hand dyed by Women to Dye 4.

Door Prizes

Sue Balazs is asking for donations for the Quilt Show's door prizes. She can use any new or like-new sewing notions, un-used patterns, good quality fat-quarters, anything quilting related that is in perfect condition, like mugs or plaques with cute sayings, fun aprons. She would like you to give things that you, yourself, would actually enjoy receiving as a door prize.

Challenge Quilt

Pinky Stewart and Pam Morris chose a wonderful challenge fabric and are expecting great quilts for the Challenge Quilt Display. Just in case you have forgotten, there will be cash awards given to first place, \$50, second place, \$20 and third place, \$10. So, keep sewing. Several gals have already indicated that they are almost finished with their quilts. Don't be left behind and don't miss out on the fun and the cash.

Block Auction

Pat Sefton is looking for those quilt blocks. Don't wait for the last minute the Quilt Show will quickly be upon us.

Mini-Quilt Silent Auction

Cass Bowen

I received 4 more quilts at the August meeting so I now have 23 quilts for the Mini-Quilt Auction. Our goal is to have at least 100 quilts. We are not only accepting mini-quilts made of fabric, but also art quilts that are hard-mounted on a piece of rigid backing material. Use your imagination and bring me something unusual or different. Make sure if this is to be used as a wall piece that the buyer has some way to hang it. Not all the buyers will be quilters so a sleeve with a dowel would be nice. I do appreciate everything I receive but I beg you to please pin your name on the quilt if you're not going to sign it. I'm keeping a list so it's important. I received 2 without names at the last meeting. If you turned in a black and red pinwheel, call or e-mail me. I believe I know who turned in the other one. Remember maximum total perimeter should not exceed 80 inches. They can be square, rectangular or round, pieced, appliquéd, or painted – you decide. There is no minimum perimeter measurement. Please turn them in to me at any of the future meetings and call me with any questions you might have. Thanks to everyone for their participation.

Gift Basket Boutique

Karla Lynch and Mary Nissen

We need to receive all gift baskets or their contents by the **November 17th Guild Meeting** or before. The exception is food items that may go out of code before the quilt show dates.

We will need time to put the baskets together. Time will fly by as we get close to the end of the year and the quilt show. If this date is a problem for anyone please let one of us know.

There is still time to make a basket if you want to participate. Thanks!

KiDZQuilts

Jo Wiczynski, Coordinator

At our August 11th meeting attended by 21 gals we had 59 quilts donated, bringing our 2014 total to 590 given to the NICU at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Ellen Simon's tops were transformed into stunning quilts by Shirley Leitzen (1); Judy Rikard (3); Bunny Schermer (2) and Eva Winter (2).

Ginny Klotzbach reported that at the August Guild meeting, we received 4 quilts from Marty Berles and 1 each from Cass Bowen, Carolyn Eliason, Julie Robertson and Denise Saunders. Beverly Yaros sent fabric and batting.

These donations will be displayed and added to our count at our September 9th meeting at the Fruitville Library from 12:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please join us!

For more information contact Jo Wiczynski at j.wiczynski@comcast.net or 941-342-9778.



**Chat and Chew 5:00 p.m.
Der Dutchman Restaurant
Bahia Vista Street
Monthly Guild Meeting Night**

Chat and Chew

There were fifteen quilters at dinner before last month's Guild meeting at Der Dutchman. Everyone is welcome to come, you don't have to be a new member. This is a great opportunity to meet and chat while we chew.

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New Members

Lynn Purple

Twelve new members and not-so-new members went on a road trip visiting Inspire Quilt Shop, Crafty Threads, Happy Apple and Rainbow's End. Would you believe it if I told you that no one spent any money? I didn't think so. Well, we all had a great time, even if we are somewhat poorer, and decided that these shops richly deserve our return business.



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Thank you

Rose Ryan

I want to give a really big thank you to all who worked on the raffle quilt. It is beautiful! Thanks to all who did such great work, paper piecing, applique, putting the blocks together and everything else that went into the quilt. Nan did absolutely gorgeous quilting that brings out all the piecing and applique.

Many thanks to Nancy Richards, Mary Lewis, Donna Koenig, Linda West, Lynn Purple, Shelia Walker, Susan Ott, Tena Davis, Anna Tamburino, Marty Berles, Elaine Chapman, Jann Warfield, Jean Freestone, Elaine Ellison, Jane Perin, Karen Meyer and Nancy Soles-Fishpaw.

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KUDOS

Pam Morris



Our guild is full of talented artists who have their work hanging in venues other than our biennial quilt show and our members should know about it! So, if you know anyone (including yourself) who has their work juried into an exhibit, won an award, or deserves another type of KUDO, don't be shy. I want all our members to know about it. Thank you. pam607@gmail.com

Elaine Chapman and **Jann Warfield** had their quilts chosen to travel with the Cherrywood Fabrics WICKED challenge. The year-long tour will include an exhibition at NYC's Gershwin Theatre from Sept. 29 - Nov. 3, 2014.

Christine Ravish has three quilts set for publication in the spring issue of Generation Q Magazine, Modern Patchwork and Quilty Magazine.

Carole Lyles Shaw has two quilts published in Modern Patchwork Summer 2014. She is also hosting her annual retreat to which guild members are invited. For further details visit FloridaModernQuiltRetreat.com

Carole Lyles Shaw has also been selected to teach modern quilting workshops at the 2015 Pacific International Quilt Festival. This is a large national show in California with many classes, vendors and quilts.

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