



COTTON PATCH DISPATCH

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Presidents' Note

"Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings,
These are a few of my favorite things."

Thanks to Oscar Hammerstein for my quote for this month's musing. There are many other items from that Sound of Music song that are also favorite things of mine but this popped into my head as I approached writing this column.

We are now into that crazy, busy time of the year. I love it. I look forward to digging out my favorite decorations. Each year I have to pick and choose which ones I put out since I have been collecting cherished pieces for decades. I could probably over-decorate three or four houses! I miss not having "snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes" but then again I don't have to shovel.

Our CPQ potluck is a favorite thing. Unfortunately, a conflict is forcing me to miss it this year – for the first time since joining the guild. I will miss seeing everyone, eating too much great food, and especially seeing the challenges. I hope someone takes pictures and will forward them to me. Challenges are another of my favorite things. They make me stretch myself either in technique, color palette, or design criteria. What fun this ombre challenge has been.

Back to geese and moons – the latter will be clear when you see my challenge quilt. One of my very early quilts employed lots of traditional flying geese blocks. I fought those and became quite frustrated when points did not quite match and a lot of compensating ensued. Fast forward a few years. For a recent round robin, I worked out a serpentine flying goose pattern and also used a double flying goose border. And this time they all worked out – after some practice with scraps! Progress, learning, and challenges.

Now we are all off and running for the holidays. I hope you enjoy your particular pleasure. This is a time of advertised great joy but can also be a very difficult season for many. If you know of someone who is having a rough time or just does not like the frenetic activity of the season, try to give them a call, send a note, give them an extra hug, or just be there for them. That is one gift each of us can give.

Looking forward to a new year and many new sewing adventures.

Pat Schroder,
Co-President

2017 - 2018

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Member Survey

Have you filled out your Member Survey?

The executive board wants to hear from you! They hope to learn the preferences of the membership, which will guide the current officers through June of 2018 and also help the new officers in 2018-2019.

You can find the survey here. Thank you!

December

December Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Potluck! Meal starts at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your Challenge Quilts!

Minutes

The November meeting minutes will be sent out by a separate email this month.

-Hanna Chupp

Programs

December: Potluck and Quilt Challenge due



Sally Manke

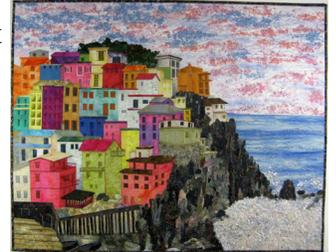
January: Sally Manke

We will also be having a workshop on January 10 with Sally Manke. It will be at Green Acres Baptist church. The cost is \$30. A sign up sheet will be available at the December meeting with more information.

For questions, please contact Sheila Shepherd by text or email.

678-488-3960

mrs.sshepherd@yahoo.com



Sally Manke

For Sale

I have a 2008 sit down Handiquilter with a table, bobbin winder, and manual. It was recently serviced by a Handiquilter mechanic and is in good working order. It was updated to the all the programs that are available for this machine. I was advised by the Handiquilter dealer in Franklin, NC that it is worth \$2,500. They are now sold new for over \$5,000. If you are interested in making an offer, please contact me.

- Jodie Seila, 706 424 2599



December Birthdays

December 3: Marlena Deck

December 27: Anne Hill

December 31: Phyllis Rother

December 25: Shary Karlin

December 30: Hanna Chupp

CHALLENGE

Fifty shades of Play: The Ombré Quilt Challenge



Challenge: Your ombre challenge quilts are due at the December potluck meeting. I will be ready and waiting to receive them with open arms. If you still haven't started your challenge quilt and would like to make, remember there are still a couple of weekends in which to do it :) Details of the challenge are here:

<http://www.cpquilters.org/category/challenges/>

Have fun! – Nupur Questions? E-mail nupur.kittur@gmail.com

Cotton Patch Retreat

April 24-27, 2018

Where: Future Farmers of America, Covington, GA

When: Tuesday Thru Friday April 24 to 27, 2018

Cost: \$170.00

Four days, three nights. 10 meals

Semi private hotel style bedroom with a private bath in each room.

If you are interested in having a few fun-filled days with your friends, and an opportunity to get some of your projects done, join us for this upcoming retreat.

I will need a \$70.00 deposit then the balance of \$100.00 due by March 2018.

Payments made to Cotton Patch Quilt Guild.

Cancellations are accepted but there is a 15% bookkeeping fee taken if you cancel up to the last 2 weeks and no refund if cancelled the week before up to retreat day as payment will have already been made to FFA.

We play a gift swap game. Basically you will make or purchase a \$15.00 to \$20.00 quilt related gift, wrapped. When your number or name is called you pick a gift, but someone can "steal" it, then you get to go again, either pick or steal from someone else.

It's lots of fun and there's always someone whose gift get stolen lots. If you are interested in playing, contact me for the details.

Need more information: contact Joan Garland, Jagar11@yahoo.com

You can mail your payment to me at:

Joan Garland
4438 Caney Fork Cir
Braselton GA 30517

Please make your checks out to Cotton Patch Quilters Guild.

As always you can email me or call me if you have any questions or concerns

jagarland@bellsouth.net or jagar11@yahoo.com

770-354-7978

– Joan Garland



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 31, 2017		
Operating Account:		
- Beginning Balance as of Sept. 30, 2017	\$ 8,015.17	
Income:	October	Year to Date
Community Service		-
Door Prize	165.50	215.50
Member Education	750.00	400.00
Membership	-	2,760.00
Rewards:	-	-
- Kroger Rewards	42.87	42.87
- Amazon Smile	-	19.23
Membership Fines	-	0.25
	\$ 958.37	3,437.85
Expenses:		
Community Service	-	278.03
Member Education	346.76	1,624.66
President Expenses	-	19.26
Treasurer Expenses	76.00	76.00
	\$ 422.76	1,997.95
Operating Income	\$ 535.61	1,439.90
Designated Funds - Retreat		
Beginning Balance	120.82	
- Income	650.00	
- Expenses	-	
Ending Balance	\$ 770.82	
- Bank Balance as of October 31, 2017	\$ 9,200.78	
Money Market Account:		
- Beginning Balance as of 09/30/17	\$ 15,632.69	
- Interest Earned	0.40	1.48
Ending Balance as of 10/31/17	\$ 15,633.09	



Newsletter articles (and pictures!) can be submitted to Nan Powell and are due by the 25th of each month.

Charity Bee



We thought we might need to introduce our Charity Bee to the members (as well as members of longer standing) of CPQ. We meet every Wednesday in the Fiber Room at the Lyndon House – usually until shortly after noon. Our attendance varies: from just a few to about a dozen or so. We see our function as providing quilts to charitable organizations in the community such as Project Safe (every child there gets a quilt), Prevent Child Abuse, both St. Mary's and Piedmont Athens Regional's neonatal units, Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Bigger Vision Homeless Shelter, Loran Smith Cancer Center, and for other groups as needed: Books for Keeps (fundraisers), Hospice, St. Mary's Auxiliary (fundraiser), Autism and other organizations that make requests of us. From last year's Cotton Patch budget source (\$1,000), along with fabrics generously donated by guild members, we donated 237 quilts. Calculating their value (as per internet sources) at 10 cent per square inch, the members of Cotton Patch Quilters, through the Charity Bee donated \$35,122 to the community.

The Charity Bee has embraced the local members of the Quilts of Valor chapter. The QOV chapter has its own budget that comes from local donations and the donations of the local members of the group (have you priced the cost of making a quilt lately?)., but the members share the quilting tools and Fiber Room space along with joint members of the Charity Bee. In its first year of operation in Athens/Oconee, the QOV presented 34 quilts to veterans valued at \$16,012. This included only quilts presented through May 28, 2016. An up-date total will be present as soon as the QOV coordinator can tally the numbers.

So, what do we do on Wednesdays in order to make the guild known throughout Athens? We work individually or with a partner(s) to sew during our meeting. We use our personal sewing machines or the ones purchased by the Charity Bee. Someone trims the excess fabric from quilts brought in from our long-armers (Joan Garland, Ellen Nelson, Jodie Seila), and those completed by guild and/or bee members. One or two people prepare backings to send with completed quilt tops to long-armers, while others cut binding strips to be applied either by machine in the Fiber Room or at home by members. Quilts provided for children are bound by machine because of their frequent washing. Fewer of our quilt bindings for Raffle Quilts are finished by hand at home by our members. Many members are engaged in sorting and making useful the fabric donations provided by Guild members. We cut and store our "cuttings" in usable block and/or strip sizes ready for sewing. What else do we do? We enjoy each other's company, swapping stories, quilting tips, quilt patterns, and sometimes even snacks—CHOCOLATE!!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP??? To put the the needs in a nutshell, we can use:

- 1. \$\$ donations**
- 2. tool donations**
- 3. quilt tops that have been completed by guild members**
- 4. orphan blocks (you'll be pleased to see the quilts we have created from orphans!)**
- 5. fabric (especially "reads as solids")**
- 6. batting**
- 7. you!**

If you don't work 9-5, come join us; if you can't make the meetings, you can participate with your donations. We continue to appreciate fabric donations – we have special needs of "reads-as-solids" to compliment our supplies. We spend ALMOST our entire budget exclusively on batting: 3 bolts of 25 yards, 90 inches wide, 100% cotton was purchased recently from JoAnn's with a 60% coupon (used separately three times) for \$117 per bolt. We shop for BARGAINS!! We have other expenses: replacement and supplement of scissors, rotary cutters and blades, cutting mats and rulers. We purchased two Baby Lock sewing machines to add to the machine donated, so we have maintenance costs. We supply our long-armers with batting (some donated, the rest purchased), but we really can't afford to supply all the coned thread that is used by the long-armers – even at wholesale cost, so that is paid for from the quilters' personal funds. Large machines create "dust/lint" because the machine moves so fast, so "canned air" is purchased by our volunteer's own funds.



Thanks for what you have done and will do!!

- Ellen Nelson
- Carol Ann Burns
- Anne Flippen, QOV



October 5, 2017

Cotton Patch Quilters
P. O. Box 49511
Athens, GA 30604

Dear Cotton Patch Quilters,

We want to express our most sincere thank you for your generous gift of the beautiful lap quilts you have given us recently and in the past. Your continued gift of these quilts brings such joy and comfort to the patients that we see in the Center and in the hospital

The quilts are given to women and men who are undergoing treatment for cancer and who need the comfort they bring. The patients use these lap quilts when they go for chemotherapy treatment, they also keep them in their cars and in their most favorite chair at home. The quilts become a well-loved, much used, and very deeply appreciated gift.

Some comments made by the patients who receive these gifts include, "you mean they made this for me", "I carry it with me to every treatment – it's so cold there," and "I keep it in the car so that it is always with me for my doctor appointments or if I get chilled".

The gift of the lap quilts and of your time and talent assists us in continuing the service we offer to these patients during the course of their cancer treatment.

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynne Nagy".

Lynne Nagy
Coordinator of Programs and Outreach
Loran Smith Center for Cancer Support

Cotton Patch Quilters Bees and Meetings, 2017

Charity Bee

Every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Fiber room at Lyndon House
Contact: Ellen Nelson & Carol Ann Burns

Night Owls

1st Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Denise Stanchek's home
Contact: Denise Stanchek

Handwork & Wool

1st Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
Downstairs lounge at Lyndon House
Contact: Nan Powell

Stitch and Bitch

1st Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fiber room at Lyndon House
Contact: Mary Grider

Monday Madness

2nd Monday & 4th Monday, 10:00 a.m.
Judi Caputi's home
Contact: Judi Caputi

Guild Meeting

2nd Tuesday 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Community Room at Lyndon House
Contact: Pat Schroder or Barbara Redmon

Travel Bee

Occasional
To be decided for each event
Contact: Chris Reynolds

*Please consult the member directory in the members' only section of our website for e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of the bee leaders.

The November meeting was called to order with 54 members and 2 visitors present. Birthdays were recognized as printed in the newsletter. Sharon Rockholt took over for Ginny Hunsinger and helped with refreshments. Thanks Sharon!

This month's program was from Fiber on a Whim, a mother daughter team. They shared their crafting journey and how it led them into quilting. It was fun to see such a variety of different styles and techniques. Next month is the December Pot Luck where we will share our Fifty Shades of Play challenges. There will also be a fat quarter drawing. If you would like to participate, bring some fat quarters to contribute to the drawing. The number of fat quarters you bring will equal the number of tickets you'll get for the drawing. Don't forget to bring a dish and we'll see you at 6:30!

October's minutes were approved by Carol Ann Burns and Kris Reynolds. The treasurer's report was approved by Carol Ann Burns and Jodi Seila. All business regarding shows will be addressed after the member survey data is received and analyzed and will be discussed after the first of the year.

Several committees made announcements as follows:

- Carol Ann thanked everyone for their donations to the Charity Bee.
- Deborah Wing will be taking pictures at meetings and other guild functions to post on social media. Please let her know if you don't want your picture on the internet.
- Pat Dwinell wanted to remind everyone of the Guild's library located in the Fiber Arts room.
- Denise Stancheck's bee will not meet until she has completed her move.
- Challenge information is on the website and is due at the December meeting.
- January's program will be from Sally Manke. There will also be a workshop at Green Acres on January 10th from 9am -1pm. You will be creating Manke's Looking Up quilt. If you're interested in participating, please contact Sheila Shepherd.
- There will also be a workshop on June 9th if you're interested in learning more about the Buggy Barn technique. You can pick any Buggy Barn design to make.
- Contact Joan Garland if you would like to attend the spring retreat April 24-27 at the FFA camp in Covington.

Door prizes were awarded to Diane Klonowski, Pat Schroder, and Joan Garland. We had lots of Show and Tell this month and participants were as follows:

Sharon Rockholt
Judy Cole
Claire Werner
Denise Stancheck
Joan Garland
Charles Nicolosi
Susan Van Eck
Fay Rawls
Sue Lawrence
Anne Hill
Pat Schroder

As always, thanks for sharing your work!

-Hanna Chupp