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News

Hall County Quilt Guild

April 2018



What's Happening

April 2 - Guild Meeting - Pat Wys

Guest fee will be \$10

Vote on 2018 Budget

April 3 - Workshop

April 16 - Project Day - Hand pieced
Log Cabin block

May 7 - Marie Bostwick

Guest fee will be \$10

May 21 - Project Day

June 4 - Guild Picnic

June 18 - Project Day

July 9 - Guild Meeting

July 16 - Project Day

August 6 - Sewing School

August 20 - Project Day

Sept 10 - Fiber on a Whim

Guest fee will be \$10

Sept 11 - Workshop

Sept 17 - Project Day

Oct 1 - Guild Meeting

Oct 15 - Project Day

Nov 5 - Shannon Armstrong

Nov 19 - Project Day

Dec 3 - Guild Meeting

Dec 17 - Project Day

Jan 7 - Natalia Bonner

Guest fee will be \$10

Jan 8 - Workshop

Feb 4 - Guild Meeting

Feb 12-15 - 2019 Retreat

Pat Wys to speak and teach at HCQG

Nationally known quilting teacher to give workshop.

In April Pat Wys will wow us with her creations. She is a very talented nationally known speaker and instructor. She will be showing us her collection of amazing quilts during a trunk show.

Check out her website <http://www.silverthimblequilt.com/product-category/patterns/> Pat will also do a workshop on Tuesday, April 3. Pat is an amazing instructor and I heard one member say that she took a class from her and couldn't wait to sign up for this one. She is a great teacher. As you can see, she is a piecing master, amazing appliqué designer, wool fabric artist and more.....so much to learn....so little time.

Next Month...

This is a bio Marie has posted on her Amazon.com author page. Written by herself, I think it a wonderful insight to her fun personality. "Marie Bostwick was born and raised in the northwest, where, being an overweight and socially awkward child, she collected a whole closetful of imaginary friends that are with her to this day. She graduated from college in 1984 with a bachelors degree in Communications (because it was the only degree that didn't require a statistics course) and a double minor in self-loathing and procrastination. Marie married while she was young and extremely fertile, quickly giving birth to three sons, who are now grown up and don't call nearly as often as they should.

Marie is the published author of a bunch of books. No kidding, a bunch. Like ten. She continues to be amazed by this. So does her high-school English teacher.

When not writing, Marie spends way too much time on Facebook and window shopping for RV's on the internet. Marie loves to quilt. She really, really does. However, her enthusiasm for quilting outstrips her natural talent. This is at least partly because she has the attention span of a gnat and no math skills (see statistics course avoidance above). She is also pretty nearsighted which makes it hard to stitch a consistent quarter-inch seam. After sunset, it's darned near impossible.

Marie likes to garden but is too scattered to give her garden the attention it deserves. The same can be said of her other hobbies -- piano, knitting, guitar, punch-needle embroidery, cooking, and kayaking. (Marie doesn't actually own a kayak but she wants one.) Marie has killed every single houseplant that has ever had the misfortune of coming into her possession. She hasn't balanced her checkbook since the late 80's and can never find her purse, glasses, or car keys.

Fact is, the only thing thing Marie truly knows how to do well is write, so please buy this book, if only to keep her from becoming a burden to society."



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THIS IS A WARNING POTENTIAL DANGER

~ In recent press release, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in fabric. This substance, called "amo-bacter fabricicus" has been linked with the following symptoms in humans:

- *reluctance to cook
- *reluctance to perform housework
- *reluctance to wear anything not made of cotton
- *reluctance to work except in support of a sewing
- *physical craving for contact with fabric (may be an addiction)

Beware! if you come in contact with a human affected by this substance be prepared to talk about quilting for hours on end. This was a public service announcement ...

Surgeon General's Warning: Quilting is expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense



Hello to all FOUR of our April birthday members! Yes, indeed, this may be the shortest list of the whole year but we're celebrating you like you deserve!!

4/6 Judy Kessel
4/14 Jean Edwards
4/19 Gail Columbus
4/21 Kathy Ward

Because our list is so short this month ATTN: ALL YOU FOLKS WHO HAVEN'T BROUGHT A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR JAN. THRU APRIL!! This would be a great month to get caught up with this particular Guild responsibility for the year - just bring a quilt related item to raffle off and you're done for the entire year :) Thanks in advance for your highly valued participation in our Guild fundraiser. We do appreciate you!

Connie Murphy
Birthday Raffle Coordinator



We had a good month with Eagle Ranch Quilts in February. 5 kits were picked up, 5 quilts were turned in for quilting and at least 4 quilts were turned in for storage!

Great job ladies!

Just as a reminder - We don't put binding fabric with the quilt until it is turned in for quilting. Also, make sure you read your patterns all the way through and note the changes we have made on the pattern.

Thanks!!

Jenny G, Peggy and Jenny T



A fellow Guild member, Linda Berbert, mentioned a way for us to do a little EASY fundraising by just shopping as we normally do with Amazon and Kroger! Instructional details will follow in our next newsletter as well as being presented at the next meeting. First, our Guild will register with Amazon Smile and Kroger, which we are doing now. Second, YOU go into your individual Amazon Smile and Kroger Rewards Program accounts to designate "Hall County Quilters Guild" as your recipient. Then like magic, every time you shop with Amazon and/or Kroger, the Guild is awarded a small percentage of each of your purchases. This costs NOTHING to implement, is NOTHING out of each of our pockets, and is an effortless way to bring money into our Guild!

Many thanks to Linda for bringing this to our attention :) Details to follow...



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Astronaut sews starry quilt block in space, invites quilters to add more stars



November 1, 2013 - A crafty astronaut has sewn a starry-quilt block aboard the space station, and is inviting others to join her in doing the same.

Karen Nyberg, who is in the final weeks of her five month stay on the International Space Station, recently revealed her handiwork a 9-by-9-inch (23-by-23-cm) red, white and blue square that she stitched together to create what may very well be the first example of quilting in space.

"This is what I've made," Nyberg said while holding up the sewn square in a recorded video released by NASA on Wednesday (Oct. 30). "It is far from being a masterpiece. I've discovered several challenges with cutting and piecing and stitching in weightlessness."

"But it was made in space," she stated.

Nyberg, who is serving as a flight engineer on the station, has used her limited free time in orbit to experiment with her hobby of sewing. In September, Nyberg showed off a small stuffed toy dinosaur she made for her 3-year-old son by stitching together the fabric lining scraps from Russian space food containers.

On Thursday, in addition to NASA announcing her exploits in quilting, Nyberg shared a photo of a small Texas state flag she "simply made" from red, white and blue fabric that she cut from t-shirts she had worn during her stay on the orbiting outpost. The flag, she said, is a memento for her husband, fellow astronaut Doug Hurley.



Like the dinosaur toy and the state banner, Nyberg plans to bring her star-themed quilt square back to Earth when she departs the space station on Nov. 10. Unlike the gifts for her family though, Nyberg has continuing intentions for the fabric block.

"I will be bringing this block back with me when I return to Earth and I'm inviting all of you to make your own star-themed quilt blocks," Nyberg said. "We will be combining them with my block to create a quilt for next year's 40th anniversary International Quilt Festival in Houston, where I hope to make a special appearance."

It's tricky

In trying her hand at sewing in space, Nyberg learned a lesson about crafting in orbit.

"I can say one thing with certainty — it's tricky," she said.

Nyberg added that it took her a long time, longer than one might expect, to stitch the star-themed square. On Earth, she was more accustomed to sewing with a machine than by hand, she said, but that was not the only difficulty she encountered while trying to create her quilt.

Nyberg said that it was important to keep things organized ("ziplock bags come in very handy") and velcro was useful for keeping her tools (scissors, needles, spools of thread) in place when not being used, but microgravity presented a problem other than just her supplies floating away.

"You can't lay things down and measure," she explained. "I found myself taping the fabric to a surface, trying to lay it out."

Even using a cardboard square to trace a pattern onto the fabric didn't quite work out.



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Astronaut sews continued

"It becomes very tricky when the pieces do not have the quarter-inch seam allowance that you really had hoped for. It's less than perfect," Nyberg remarked.

But, she said, the time and trouble was worth it.

"It will be neat to have a quilt block I can say was actually sewn during my time in space."

In cooperation with the International Quilt Festival, Nyberg and NASA have begun a "Star Block Challenge." Quilters are invited to create their own star-themed square by Aug. 1, 2014.

"The theme should be any variation on a star," the festival organizers' noted of the desired squares. "We welcome all types — traditional, modern, and artsy variations."

The 9.5-inch (24 cm) squares will be sewn together and combined with Nyberg's made-in-space block to create a quilt that will be displayed at next year's gathering.

To help get the word out, NASA is exhibiting at this year's festival, which started on Thursday and runs through the weekend at the Brown Convention Center in Houston. In addition to distributing information about the challenge, the agency is displaying sewn samples from spacesuits and parachutes, a cargo transfer bag and other soft-goods from the Johnson Space Center.

<http://www.collectspace.com/news/news-110113a.html>

Finished quilt was displayed at the 2014 International Quilt Festival in Houston



Photo of complete quilt with all of the donated quilt blocks.



We all enjoy the refreshments as we visit with each other at guild meetings. Please remember this is only possible because members volunteer to make/buy and bring food. Please consider signing up for refreshments.

We look forward to trying your favorite recipe.



Thank you to those who will be bringing refreshments for our next meeting

Coordinator Charlotte Payne
Trixie Comfort
Roxan Brown
Ginny Hendrix
Linda O'Donnell
Barbara Wyatt
Rose King

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QUILTCON

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PASADENA, CA | FEB 22-25, 2018

So many inspiring quilts have shown up on Instagram and Facebook from the quilts shown at Quiltcon 2018. Here are some of the winning quilts. For full list of winning quilts see <https://www.quiltcon.com/winners/>

Quiltcon 2019 is February 21-24 in Nashville, TN. <https://www.quiltcon.com/quiltcon-2019/>



Best in Show

Going Up
52" x 64"

Pieced and quilted by Stephanie Skardal,
Individual member, Clemmons, NC

"Inspired to create unexpected shapes with negative space in traditional (but large) log cabin blocks, Going Up mixes the hard of high contrast and graphic lines with the organic look of Essex linen and straight-line quilting. This original design was created in Photoshop and machine quilted on a domestic machine."

American Patchwork & Quilting Flying Geese Challenge



1st Place: FREE MOTION

54" x 68"

Pieced and quilted by Mary Keasler
Chattanooga MQG, Chattanooga, TN



2nd Place: Northern Obsession

56" x 70"

Pieced and quilted by Christine Perrigo
Denver Metro MQG, Erie, CO



3rd Place: Finding Home

51" x 55"

Pieced and quilted by Colleen McFarlin
Charleston MQG, Mount Pleasant, SC

Appliqué



1st Place: Canterbury #2
38" x 38"
Pieced and quilted by Debbie Grifka
Ann Arbor MQG, Ann Arbor, MI



2nd Place: Black, Brown, and White in Orange
78" x 78"
Pieced and quilted by Karen Maple
Individual member, Portola Valley, CA



3rd Place: Fauchet
62" x 61"
Pieced by Virginia Robinson
Triangle MQG, Chapel Hill, NC
Quilted by Suzan deSerres

Group or Bee Quilts



1st Place: The Here & Elsewhere Bee
117" x 114"
Pieced by Andrea Tsang Jackson and visitors to the Canadian Museum of Immigration
Maritime MQG, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Quilted by Sheri Lund



2nd Place: Reflections 67" x 58"
Pieced by members of BeeSewcial: Karen Foster, Stephanie Ruyle, Leanne Chahley, Debbie Jeske, Hillary Goodwin, Felicity Ronaghan, Marci Debetaz, Kari Voitechovsky, Melissa Richie, Diane Stanley
Quilted by Karen Foster



3rd Place: Prairie Silk
89" x 90"
Pieced and quilted by Agnes Stadler, Ann Solinski, Debbie Wanzer, Elizabeth Richards, Katie Cox
Oklahoma City MQG, Edmond, Oklahoma

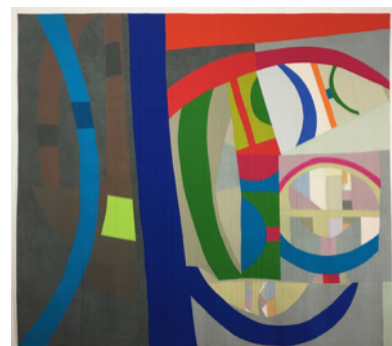
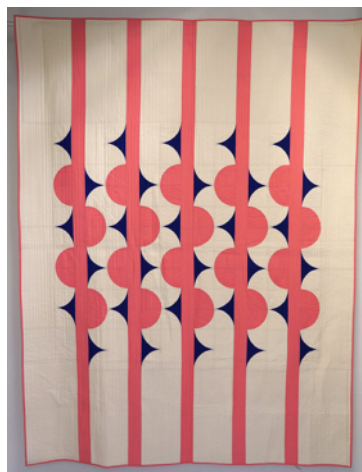
Judges Choice



Blue Jean Butterflies
60" x 92"
Pieced and quilted by Charlotte Noll
South Florida MQG, Lauderhill, FL



Hard to Handle
76" x 99"
Pieced and quilted by Daisy Aschehoug
Individual member, Oslo, Norway



Nests and Vessels #1: The House Protects the Dreamer 78" x 69.5"
Pieced by Leslie Tucker Jenison
San Antonio MQG, San Antonio, TX
Quilted by Joanna Marsh

March 2018 Minutes – Hall County Quilt Guild

Program Chairman, **Denise Ulrich**, introduced our speaker, **Christine Carlson**, who talked about making Miniature Quilts. She showed us some of her beautiful examples. She said that in making miniatures an accurate quarter inch seam is essential. She suggested using the “Baby Bias Square” method and ruler, and staying with the same sewing machine for every project. She recommended using spray sizing instead of starch and pressing seams open.

Our speaker in April will be **Pat Wys**, and in May we will hear from **Marie Bostwick**.

Jenny Thomas presided over the business meeting. Pat Shepard moved and Mary Lou Chastain seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Membership Chairman, **Charlotte Payne**, said we had 61 membership renewals and 2 new members.

Jenny Grandfield showed us some recently completed Eagle Ranch quilts and said that kits are available for making more.

Betty Heathman reported that our next Project Day is March 19 **Sally Zook** will be teaching us to make microwavable bowls. We have plenty of batting. Just bring 2 (10 1/2”) squares of 100% cotton fabric if you wish to make one.

In other news - Hall County Quilt Guild now has a Facebook page.

Chris Anderson gave the dates for next year’s quilt retreat – February 12-15. Registration begins in September.

Rose King needs volunteers for refreshments.

2018 is the 40th Anniversary of Hall County Quilt Guild. We will be thinking of some special way to celebrate.

The meeting concluded with a lot of great “Show and Tell” and the birthday and door prize raffles.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Monroe, Secretary



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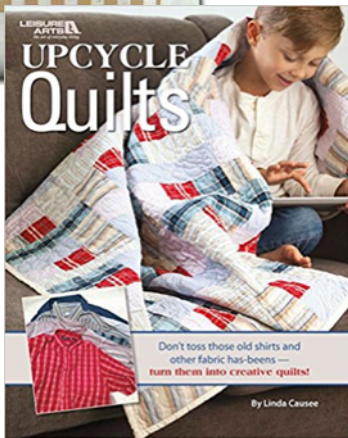


Door Prize Raffle

This month the door prize is valued at \$110.
Be sure to try your luck on this month's raffle.
Tickets are a dollar each.

Door Prize Raffle includes the following:

Warm & Natural Queen size batting
Dritz Spray Basting Adhesive
"Upcycle Quilts" book
Four one yard, fabric cuts
Vintage sewing Chair w/ storage in seat



**2018 HCQG
Executive Board**

Co-Presidents

Roxan Brown
Jenny Thomas

Vice President

Peggy Johnson
Paula Johnson

Secretary

Julie Monroe

Treasurer

Sally Zook

HCQG meetings are on the **FIRST** Monday of each month
unless that day is a holiday (then the meeting is the second Monday of the month)
Social Hour is at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00

Project Day is held **THIRD** Monday of each month at the church at 10:00 a.m.

bring anything you are working on as well as a dish to share (or just bring your own lunch if that works better for you).



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Are you new to the Hall County Quilters Guild?

Check out our website at HCQG.org for valuable information like how to make a name badge, our policies and procedures, how to make a quilt for Eagle Ranch and even photos of quilts that our members have made.