

Celebrating  
the 40th year of  
quilting together!  
1978-2018

# CHURN DASH

## News

Hall County Quilt Guild  
July 2018



## What's Happening

**July 2 - Cynthia Berry -Trunk show**  
**July 16 - Project Day**

**August 6 - Guild Yard Sale**  
**August 20 - Project Day**

**Sept 10 - Fiber on a Whim**  
**Once you start you can't stop**  
**Guest fee will be \$10**  
Sept 11 - Landscape painting with  
fabric workshop \$35 supply fee \$15

**Sept 17 - Project Day**

**Oct 1 - Angela Gubler**  
**Log Cabin/Pineapple blocks**  
**Oct 15 - Project Day -Clothes line**  
**bows**

**Nov 5 - Shannon Armstrong**  
**Trunk show**  
**Nov 19 - Project Day**

**Dec 3 - Guild Christmas Party**  
**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**

During the July meeting Cynthia Berry will give us a amazing trunk show of her beautiful and creative quilts.

## TRUNK SHOW

*Coming in August....*

## Guild Yard Sale



Start gathering up all your treasures to sell in our garage sale!!! Our August guild meeting will be our garage sale this year. Sale tables can be reserved for \$10.

**Paula & Peggy**



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Celebrate your July birthdays with us at the July 2nd Guild Meeting - do that and there will be fireworks set off in your names two days later :) Am also including the June birthday folks in this reminder since we had the picnic last month and did not do the Birthday Raffle.

6/14 Martha Vandenbossche  
6/22 Nicki DeVillier  
6/27 Connie Cobb

7/5 Becky Bicknell  
7/7 Betty Garrett  
7/19 Susan Zarter  
7/30 Rita Clifton  
7/31 Mary Ann Cox  
7/31 Jenny Thomas

Please let me know if you will not be attending or are unable to bring a raffle contribution so that I can be prepared with enough 'prizes' to make the event appealing!

Thanks,

Connie Murphy  
Birthday Raffle Chairman  
murphycc@att.net  
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We haven't had any kits picked up since May due to the picnic. If you haven't picked up a kit this year this month would be a good time to do so! We have some new patterns using some great boy fabrics and colors.

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

Thanks!  
Jenny G, Jenny T and Peggy J





The retreat next year is February 12th-15th at the FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington. Sign-ups will begin at the September meeting. The cost this year is \$170, the same as last year, and a great bargain for all they do for us. You must be a member of the guild to attend. The first payment of \$70 is due at sign-up with \$50 due in October and the final \$50 in November. We're very excited to check out our new sewing space and dining room, Donna and I will be making a trip out there this fall and will share all we find out with you. The accommodations are motel like rooms, two double beds per room with a private bath. All linens and meals are provided for us. We're looking forward to another amazing time together. Donna and I are already busily planning lots of fun for us all. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Chris Anderson and Donna Proctor



## Doggie and Kitty Beds

Thanks to all of you who have filled the critter beds. The Northeast Georgia Humane Society staff and the doggies and Kitties greatly appreciate your generosity. In the last couple of months I have taken in around 40 beds. I have covers for the beds, all you need to do is put your little scraps into them, sew up the end, give them to me, and I'll deliver them. Please be careful that no pins or large pieces of fabric go in, batting is fine. The beasties like the beds soft and squishy so stuff them loosely. Thanks Again.

Chris Anderson

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## Hall County Quilt Guild challenge

1. Start after Picnic
2. Must be a paid member to participate
3. Due at Christmas luncheon
4. Voting will take place and prizes will be awarded
5. Categories to be determined - and we will let you know
6. The finished size to be 36" - 45" square
7. Must have 3 elements
  - a. 40 years of quilting
  - b. hit song or movie from 1978
  - c. State bird or flower
  - d. Churn dash
  - e. What we did
  - f. etc...
8. Must have label on back stating the three elements you used. Not your name for judging.
9. Must have three layers and be quilted.



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## **Hall County Quilt Guild June 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Hall County Quilt Guild met at the Eagle Ranch Pavillion on June 4th for our annual picnic. We had an absolutely perfect day and members brought a delicious assortment of food. Jean Parks, who is Eddie Staub's assistant, gave a talk about the work of Eagle Ranch and answered members' questions.

President, **Roxan Brown**, announced a Quilt Challenge to celebrate this year's 40th anniversary of the guild. More information about the challenge will be coming soon. Entries will be due in December, and you must be a guild member to enter.

At our July 2nd meeting Cynthia Berry will have a trunk show of quilts for us to see.

Sign up for the quilt retreat will begin in September and take place February 12-15, 2019. Fee for the retreat will be \$170.

The meeting concluded with Show and Tell.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Julie Monroe, Secretary**

The Treasurer's report has been posted in the members only section of our website.

**Sally Zook**



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# What Every Quilter Needs to Know About Sewing With a Walking Foot

If you're already friends with your walking foot, you know how useful this specialty sewing machine presser foot can be for tasks like straight-line quilting or adding a binding. If you haven't used a walking foot yet, we highly recommend it — it's one of the best investments you'll make as a quilter!

## WHAT IS A WALKING FOOT?

A walking foot, also called a quilting foot or an even-feed foot, is a sewing machine accessory with built-in feed dogs to guide two or more layers of fabric evenly through your machine. It feeds the backing, batting and quilt top through the machine evenly, and can be used to quilt gentle curves or to machine quilt in the ditch.



## WHEN TO USE A WALKING FOOT

### STRAIGHT LINE QUILTING

Without a walking foot, the layers of your quilt sandwich would bunch and pucker, even if you're only sewing straight lines. This happens because the feed dogs on your machine pull the fabric from the bottom, a regular presser foot encourages the top layer to move in the opposite direction.

Because a walking foot pulls the fabric from the top of the work as well, your project will feed evenly through your machine as you sew. If your quilt is basted properly, all three layers work under the needle at the same rate.

### SEWING LONG SEAMS

A regular presser foot always feeds fabrics slightly unevenly. This isn't a problem when sewing short seams in patchwork, garments and bags. But over the course of a long seam, the uneven feed accumulates and becomes an issue.

When sewing long seams on your quilt (such as sewing sashing, borders and backs), use your walking foot to help the fabrics feed evenly. In all these instances you should also use pins to encourage an even feed. A walking foot in conjunction with pins will create the best results.

### ATTACHING BINDING

The last step of quilt-making is attaching your binding along the edges, where you'll add two layers of binding fabric to the already bulky three-layered quilt top! Again, the walking foot will provide that essential even feed so that binding is attached without puckers and gathers.

### ANYTIME YOU LIKE!

Since a walking foot provides an even feed, why not use it all the time? Actually, there's no reason you shouldn't use it for regular piecing and sewing.



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN PURCHASING A WALKING FOOT

It's most important to buy a walking foot that's compatible with your sewing machine, so make sure you know your machine's make and model.

If you can't get the correct foot from your manufacturer, a generic model might work. You'll want to know if your machine is a high-shank or low-shank machine, so check the manual.

Some walking feet also come with a channel guide attachment, which fits on the side and helps quilters with parallel lines.

Finally, look for an open-toe walking foot if you do a lot of stitch-in-the-ditch, because this will help you see exactly where the needle hits the fabric.

## DOES A WALKING FOOT EVER WEAR OUT OR BREAK?

Because a walking foot is a mechanical foot, yes, it can wear out or break with use. The bottom part of the foot may break off, part of the plastic may chip, or the foot itself can break if you try to sew in reverse. If you notice a crack in the plastic housing that surrounds the walking foot, you may be able to replace just the plastic case.

## WALKING FOOT MAINTENANCE

Just as a sewing machine should be cleaned, a walking foot can be cleaned to keep it free of fabric dust and other remnants. If you have persistent problems with your walking foot or your sewing machine, it may be time to take it to your local sewing machine dealer or repair shop to be cleaned and serviced.

By Lindsay Conner and Rachel Hauser

<https://www.craftsy.com/quilting/article/how-to-use-a-walking-foot/>



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## Door Prize Raffle

### A Moda bonanza of precuts!

#### ***Tula Pink - True Colors***

20 Fat Qtrs - retail \$59.98  
2 Jelly Rolls - retail \$39.98 each  
3 Charm Packs - retail \$9.98 each

***Total retail value \$169.88***

***Be sure to bring your DOLLARS  
for a chance to win  
this awesome prize.***



#### ***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](http://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.