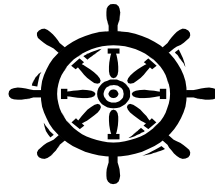




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### President's Message

December was a fun month and passed quickly. The Guild Christmas party was the best one I've attended. There was good food, fun games and lots of prizes. Thank you to the Special Events committee for our chapter party. Making each member a magnetic memo pad/pen holder was a very thoughtful of them. The games were a challenge and fun with prizes to boot. A special thank you to Nancy O. and her friends for the beautiful music. All our events have been outstanding this year. The 28th sixteen members car pooled to Leesburg for brunch and shopping at Quilters Dream. Everyone seemed to have a fun time. We spent time with members we may not have know well and learned more about each other. If the amount of purchases is any indication Connie was a happy camper when we left. I hope every one is looking forward to the coming year and new ideas, trips, demos, our sister chapter, Chatham and volunteering ( thought I'd sneak that in).  
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President- Bev Jahn  
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 Secretary /Treasurer-Teresa Hatfield  
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*Charity Projects - Betty Knudson  
 Kathy Lofy and Sue Rivers*

*Historian- Joyce McKee  
 Newsletter Editor- Nancy Wildzunas  
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 Beverly Riley, Linda Ruter Ann  
 Boudrot, and Pat Francese  
 Showcase Committee:  
 Carol Goldman and Sue Kriek  
 50/50  
 Marlene Serra , Fran Scheitler*

Special Events Committee  
 Ellen Miller, Jan Collom, Mary Loux  
 and Nancy Oberliesen

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 Nominating Committee  
 Nancy Wildzunas ,Nancy Oberliesen  
 Demonstration

Chatham/Lake Miona liaison  
 Nancy Wildzunas  
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Board meetings Rep  
 Donna Kudner  
 Programs-  
 Joyce Doig  
 Quilt Show  
 -Chinese Auction -Rosa Barber,  
 Boutique- Fran Schieler  
 Webster  
 Nancy Wildzunas

### EVENTS FOR

### JANUARY 2011

#### January 18

Charity Committee Presentation

**NEED A DEMO CHAIR-  
 MAN and A COMMITTEE  
 For demos**

Sewing  
 Lunch-Cane Garden

#### January 25

Sewing  
 Lunch-Light House

#### February 1

Business-meeting  
 50/50  
 Give and Take  
 Show and Tell  
 Lunch-Crispers

#### January 4

Business meeting  
 50/50  
 Give & Take  
 Show & Tell  
 Breakfast Munchies will be  
 there for us  
 Lunch-Cody's

#### January 11

Special guest with demo  
 Lunch-Subway

# January 2011 Events

## **Guild meeting January 4**

LEIGH MCDONALD LECTURE AND TRUNK SHOW

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Business meeting

50/50

Give & Take

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### **January 25, 2011**

### **February 1, 2011**

Business meeting

Show-N-Tell

50/50

Lunch-Cody's

## **Quilt Retreat at Lake Yale -dee Burns, Mary Ann Caggiano, Beth Dombek**

Retreat - February 8, 9 and 10, 2011

We feel that everything is falling into place and that we will have a great Retreat. Within the next two weeks you will receive information regarding each class and a note covering other pertinent issues. .... and hope that you will enjoy three days of fun and camaraderie!!

We wish you a very happy holiday season and a happy New Year.

### **Showcase: Carol Goldman and Sue Kriek**

Thank you to The showcase ladies for December. They are Kathy Lofy, Teresa Hatfield, and Sue Kriek. Marlene Serra will be doing the showcase for January.

### **Quilting Lil**

Has anyone (a MAN?) ever assumed you can sew by virtue of the fact that you carry XX chromosomes? (Ed being the exception here). Boy, does that set me off on a tirade! How can anyone posit that a hard earned and practiced skill can be genetically encoded? Do we assume they know their way around a jig saw or a router because they are missing a wee tail on their Y? If I'm really in a snit I will suggest that they are missing more than that, like common sense or even a brain capable of higher capacity than maintaining life sustaining bodily functions. I am aware that there are men who sew and that some even make a darned good living, but did they just wake up one morning and start threading needles, laying out patterns and cutting away? I'd be surprised.

I have a brother who made that mistake once. After showing off some of my home decorating accomplishments he turned to his wife and chastised her for not taking on some of these projects for their home. Now, this little mouse ( who is no longer part of our family) wouldn't recognize a sewing machine if she fell over one, much less how to thread and successfully use it. When I confronted him on why he thought that these skills were just something that came with my birth package he was truly without an answer. Was he capable, I demanded to know, of accomplishing some historically male dominated field task like brain surgery or roofing without the required education or apprenticeship, and tools? He got the point, I think.

The other assumption that gets me going, but not to the same extent, is that home sewing saves money. What a hoot! Maybe early in the last century this was true, however this is a myth that has been lost in the mist of time. But maybe, just maybe, we should keep this a little secret among us. Do THEY really need to know that there is no more inexpensive fabric worth buying and spending hours and hours of time sewing? Do THEY really need to know that without a JoAnn's 50% coupon patterns start at around \$12? (Remember when they were \$.65? ) We won't even start on the cost of a good sewing machine, that would be sure to cause apoplexy. None of that even approaches the necessary purchase of endless must have notions and tools.

So, after some consideration, perhaps I'll cool it on my soapbox lecture about intrinsic ability and not raise suspicions concerning my stash and entire room full of essential equipment. It's always better to stop and think before spouting off and planting the old size 9 1/2 in my oral cavity. An audit of my sewing room and habit is not something to incite or look forward to.

January is a good month to cocoon and create. Happy piecing and remember, SHHH, THEY don't need to know.

'Til next month,  
Quilting Lil

### **Tips By Robin -Here are the tips for December**

1. Double check all calculations before buying (or cutting) fabric so you don't have to make another trip to the store and risk that the fabric will be sold out.
2. Spray fabric with starch before cutting it. The starch keeps bias edges from stretching, which makes it easier to piece accurately.
3. Read all directions first. If using a kit double check that all fabrics in the proper yardages are included.

## **Guild Programs for 2010 and 2011—Joyce Doig**

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

JANUARY LEIGH MCDONALD LECTURE AND TRUNK SHOW

FEBRUARY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

MARCH GARAGE SALE

APRIL DAVID TAYLOR PICTORAL APPLIQUE

### **Classes at Oxford Methodist Church**

OXFORD METHODIST CHURCH CLASSES

DEC 7

Dale Angione- Christmas Tress snippets( filled)

JAN 4

Leigh McDonald national teacher sign up \$25

circle 4 patch machine appliqué

February Mystery Quilt 3 weeks \$10.00 a week

Teacher Doreen Hunter - FEB 8,15,22

MARCH 1

Jackie Whitehead \$10

needle turn appliqué

MARCH 8 &14

Molly Waddell National teacher sign up \$25

quilt show judge

adorable clown appliqué (2nd day not full day)

MARCH 15,22,29 & APRIL 1 \$10 EACH CLASS

Beth Bender

beginner quilting

APRIL 5

David Taylor National teacher

pictorial appliqué

### **Upcoming Events**

Look for your Lakeland, Florida Original Sewing & Quilt Expo class program online starting January 6, 2011 – we'll see you there! Change in location for 2011! Original Sewing & Quilt Expo moves inland, to **The Lakeland Center in Lakeland, Florida** on March 17, 18 & 19, 2011.

After the holidays we will all be ready for the wonderful Quilt Show & Event Season!

**Jan 17-22, 2011 Florida Breeze Shop Hop - visit 6 of your favorite central Florida shops for prizes, sales ,great quilting blocks & more!**

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Jan 21 & 22 Florida Cabin Fever Quilt-Central Florida Fair grounds, 4602 W. Colonial Drive. Orlando  
[www.cabinfeverquilts@aol.com](mailto:www.cabinfeverquilts@aol.com) for more info

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Jan 28 & 29 The Villages Quilt Show - Savannah Center-Villages Reception Center

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Feb. 11 & 12 Space Coast Quilters, Brevard Community College Titusville

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Mar 3 & 4 Lake County Quilters Guild- Lake Receptions Center  
Mt. Dora

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Mar. 18-20 Broward Expo - War Memorial Auditorium  
800 N.E. 8th St, Ft. Lauderdale 33304

## **Quilt Show 2011 Boutique–Fran Scheitler**

2011 QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE.....Beginning January 4 and each club day during the month I will bring in the tags and information needed to enter items in the boutique. You may bring your items in all during the month as I will be collecting for Lake Miona Club. I must turn them in on Thursday morning, January 26th.

Thanks, Fran Scheitler

### **Boutique Guidelines for the Showcase of Quilts 2011**

#### **Allowed items**

**Any sewn or quilted item. ( if the pattern is from a quilt shop, it's allowed)**

**Quilt kits– must have everything to complete it, except backing. Can be partially completed**

**Quilt patterns– if it's sold at a quilt shop, it's allowed. No copies and must be complete.**

**Quilt Books**

**Quilting Magazines– neatly bundled in group of six and wrapped neatly in both direction with fabric strips. ( no Strings) Must be quilting magazines. No catalogs or other fillers.**

**Used quilting supplies. Such as rulers, cutting boards, hangers, quilt rack, stencils, etc **No fabric****

#### **Not allowed**

**Sewing machines and sergers**

**Needlework, hand embroidery, cross-stitch**

**Knitted or crochet items**

**Fabric**

**Any item that is not made by a paid member of the Villages Quilting Guild.**

**Any Questions, call Judy Porter 259-2461 or Jackie Whitehead 750-5946**

## **Charity Committee Report– Betty Knudson**

**The charity committee has researched and agreed with the approval of the board, to present the Wounded Warriors as the charity project for 2011. On January 18<sup>th</sup> we will discuss the project and get ready to do the work in the month of March. This way we will be working on the project when we have the most members present. Be ready for an exciting project on the 18<sup>th</sup> !**

## **Board meeting for December**

Highlights of the Dec. 21 Quilting guild board meeting:

Our president, Jeanette, was not present, having been taken ill in the morning necessitating a trip to the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family, especially during this holiday season.

Our own Joyce McKee started the meeting with reading the minutes of the Nov. meeting and thus began her tenure as Executive guild board recording secretary. Welcome, Joyce! The minutes were amended and accepted.

Vice President's Report from the program committee:

A) A program committee newsletter has been sent to all Chapter presidents

B) Chapter members will be asked to vote by ballot for a time change of guild meetings to afternoon, morning or retain evening meetings. The results of the survey of the 2009 respondents was brought up by Joy Lynch and it has been decided that this portion of the survey be repeated.

C) Programs are still poorly attended. The Vice President asked for suggestions for more interesting classes.

Quilt Show Report:

A) The new "shadows" are doing well. It has been decided that the co-chairs for 2013 show will be Carol Schroeder and Ann Moroz. It was noted that they are from two different chapters.

B) Local mailbox posters were distributed for posting in different villages. Guild Meeting hosting duties will fall to Lake Miona for the month of April. There was a discussion concerning responsibility of hosting national teachers. Mulberry Chapter will assume these for the month of Jan. in lieu of Allamanda whom was originally assigned to that month. Allamanda will now help with the 2011 Christmas party. The new schedule planning will now be held in the month of October at the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kudner