



Lake Quilters' Tidings



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Ripples From Our President

By Sharon Pafford

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I am fully recovered from my emergency appendectomy on June 29th. That was quite an experience. Lots of pain! Just want to pass on a couple words of advice. Keep your robe and slippers clean at all times and have a nice inventory of gowns (throw away the grungy ones). It's nice too, to have a loose fitting dress to wear during the recovery period. And last but not least, let your husband know where all those neat tote bags are kept that you have made over the years so he doesn't bring your clothes to the hospital in a paper bag. Needless to say, I was not prepared!



Eloise Vass, chairwoman of the Nominating committee, has her committee ready to go. Do consider serving as an officer for the Guild. We need a new President and VP for Programs. I have served in both positions and enjoyed both.

Also, **we need a new Newsletter Editor**. Marnie has served in this position for two years and continued the high quality of our newsletter. She is willing to train anyone who will undertake this job. The editor compiles the articles that are provided by the various officers and committee chairwomen and puts them in the format that we receive. Please consider taking this position. Marnie will answer any questions you may have.

I have been busy typing instructions for two "Christmas in July" projects. Now I need to get the story boards ready for our July meeting before I leave on July 21. I'm sorry I will miss this meeting but want to thank Jean Hensley and Stephanie Schaefer for helping with my projects.

Before I head out of town I want to go to the Peaks & Pieces Quilt Show at the Bedford Library from July 11-23. I also want to check out the Star Quilters Guild schedule to see what time the show opens on Friday, July 20th and maybe get to see that show. You really get a lot of ideas at these shows and I need to get started on my challenge project. **I'm looking for really neat borders!**

Sharon Pafford, President

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NEXT MEETING

August 28th

Quilt in a Year
12:00 Noon

Guild Meeting
1:00 PM

Program Information by Bette Stubbs

Monthly Doings

JULY

Today's program features demonstrations by our Guild members-our traditional "**Christmas in July**". A booklet of patterns will be furnished to those attending today's presentation. Among the exhibits are a log cabin Santa Claus ornament, applique pillow, sewing bags, tote bags, mini quilts, needle holders, fabric bowls and many more. Start on your Christmas sewing in July.

The project for our September workshop will be on display and signups will begin today. Cost is only \$15.00 for members. This is an easy project for those who enjoy creating several patterns from one simple nine patch.

AUGUST

VIP/Cranston Village Printworks representatives Ruby Batra from Cranston Printworks fabric design department in New York and Richard Malachowski from the lab department in Massachusetts will be coming to our Guild to explain the fabric making, inspecting and selling process. Their slides explain in detail the process involved and problems inherent in creating their collections.

Rumor also has it that they will be bringing along free fat quarters for our Guild members and their guests. Since this program costs our Guild no money, please try to support your Guild by attending this program. These representatives indicate that they are looking forward to visiting beautiful Virginia; let's show these folks our Southern hospitality .

Our beekeeper, Alma Carter, has indicated that this is a great program, very informative, and lots of fun. If you have made any quilts/wearables using Cranston/VIP fabric, please bring these items to show and tell.

Signup for the September workshop will continue with a supply list given in the next newsletter.

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Guidelines for Workshops

Workshops are special opportunities for a small group of people (usually only 20) to have instruction from a guest teacher. Please follow these guidelines when signing up for a workshop.

- * Sign-up will begin at 12:30 at the guild meeting in the month announced for the workshop sign-up. Only people who have signed-up AND paid can attend the workshop. You are not considered "signed-up" until you pay your money!
- * If you are unable to attend the guild meeting at which the sign-up occurs, have a friend sign you up and pay your money. We will **NOT** be taking phone sign-ups before this time.....Please don't ask us to break this rule.
- * Once the workshop is filled, a waiting list will be formed. If someone drops out of the class, the next person on the waiting list will be called. Please do not by-pass the waiting list by selling your spot to a friend. It is not fair to those who have been put on the waiting list.
- * Once you are on the list, and find you will be unable to attend, you will not get a refund unless someone is found to take your place. Please call **Bette Stubbs** at **721.4858** as soon as you know you can't come and the next person on the waiting list will be called. If there is no one on the waiting list, you may then find your own replacement.

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July

Katherine Lewis

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August

Peggy Jeans

Melba Smith

Marilyn Doble

Our Christmas Luncheon will be December 11, 2007. It will be catered again this year (different caterer if that matters to anyone) so please budget an extra \$10-\$12 for lunch in December. More information will be listed in future newsletters.

Sandee Burt

DON'T FORGET...

MOUNTAIN COMFORTS QUILT SHOW

at the 34TH ANNUAL BLUE RIDGE FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007

9:00 to 5:00

ENTRIES INVITED (DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES- OCT. 1, 2007)

FOR MEMBERS you know who need a bit of cheer, please contact our Sunshine Chair Madeline Demchak at 334-3854 (madal@suddenlink.net).



Program Information (Cont'd from page 2)

SEPTEMBER

Connie Broy will be teaching a morning workshop from 9:00 a.m. to noon called "Camouflage Patchwork." In this workshop you will be able to design a variety of quilts from one traditional nine-patch block. The workshop consists of 16 blocks and will be available for you to view, beginning in July. Connie presents the workshop in two ways; for those who want to experiment with paste ups of different patterns and those who want to "get 'er done."

Connie has had her work published in quilting magazines, has published books and patterns and is known for her spin ruler invention. At our afternoon meeting Connie will present a trunk show of her quilts.

Book Reviews: by Pamela Skilton

QUILT IN A DAY-QUICK TRIP QUILTS

by Eleanor Burns

This is a "how to" book-a very detailed "how to", but do not be misled by the word "quick". "Quick" should not be equated with "easy". It is essential-and Eleanor Burns stresses this-to be accurate and precise throughout the project. Cutting must be accurate. Seaming must be accurate-she provides some hints to help achieve a 1/4" seam. Pressing must be accurate. Once accuracy in technique has been mastered, her method for composing a quilt top, by means of strips, may indeed become "quick".

The "how to" for the Trip Around the World quilts demonstrated in this book is clear and helpful. There are suggestions for selecting fabrics, their placement, and the recommended number of different fabrics for each size of quilt, along with yardage and cutting charts. Guidance is given all the way through to the borders and quilting (conventional machine and long arm).

In addition to quilts with the traditional Trip Around the World diamond layout, there are quarter quilts, (pieced with rows on the diagonal) and landscape designs with applique detailing. This is an encouraging book. I got the feeling Eleanor Burns wants us to try her techniques and make our own Trips Around the World. Accept the need for careful preparation and workmanship-then go for it!

(This book can be found in our Guild Library under "Strip Quilting".)

THE QUILTER'S HOMECOMING

by Jennifer Chiaverini

This is not a quilting book of designs, instructions and techniques. It is a novel, one in
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NINE MONTHS AND COUNTING

What takes nine months other than having a baby? Sometimes a house renovation project that is supposed to take six months takes nine. Some people take nine months to make a quilt. Well ladies, you are in luck because you have nine months before our Quilt Show. Now I know most of you have decided on what you are going to enter in the show and are busily working on it. But for those of you who haven't, you have nine months. So get started and I guarantee it is a lot easier than having a baby or a house renovation project. Don't forget to mark your 2008 calendar with April 4-5 for the show and of course we will need volunteers on April 3rd, as well. We still need a few "Good Ladies" to help on the planning committee. Several of you have volunteered to help but don't want to be on the committee. We will be calling on your help as we get closer to the show dates. We are still looking for a lady to handle the door prizes. All you have to do is ask around the local shops for some gift certificates. Or collect a few "goodies", stick them in little gift bags and you are all set. Hopefully, the Guild members will supply some quilted gift items. If you don't want to quilt anything to give away, consider making a few fat quarter bundles. Tie a ribbon around them and they will be great prizes. With everyone's help we know we will have a successful quilt show. Thanks and may all your quilts end up in our show.

Joyce Moorman and Joyce Noell

NOTICES

- ◆ Please take newsletter to a friend or neighbor who is absent today
- ◆ Trinity Ecumenical Parish requests No Smoking in its building or on the grounds
- ◆ Guild pins for sale through Marie Schoepke, Treasurer
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Treasurer's Report - by

Marie Schoepke

Balance (5/31/07) \$10105.16

June Income

Dues	40.00
Wooden Pins	24.00
Workshop	260.00
Guests	10.00
Total Income	\$334.00

June Expenses

Program	319.84
Rent	100.00
Workshop	250.00
Newsletter	28.56
Charity	400.00
Total Expenses	(\$1098.40)

Balance (6/30/07) \$ 9340.76

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FEATURED QUILTER OF THE MONTH



Jean Hensley

I started sewing when I was a small child, making doll clothes. I watched my mother and two grandmothers sew on their treadle sewing machines and soon they allowed me to sew on them. I made my first quilt at age 19, a "Grandmother's Flower Garden." Then there was the baby quilt for my first child with embroidered squares and the batting that "clumped" after many washings-a pattern I ordered from the newspaper.

After retiring as secretary at Clearbrook Elementary School in 1997, I began taking classes from Jill Setchel at her store "Quilt Connection", where I learned the basics of rotary cutting, piecing and machine quilting. By then I had the "bug" and a collection of fabrics that was growing by leaps and bounds.

When I came to the Lake Quilters Guild I found other quilters who had the same enthusiasm as I did. I have enjoyed the many workshops, the annual retreats, the challenges and the monthly meetings with their wonderful "show and tell". Most of all I have enjoyed the many friendships I have found in this organization. Thank you all for being so open, so ready to share your love of quilting.

2007 LOG CHALLENGE

Challenge: Think Outside the Box

I'm sure you all are putting your ideas to work on the Challenge for the year. Last year's will be hard to beat, but I know you all will come through. Be sure to check out the library for ideas. Your challenge quilt can be a miniature or a full bed size. Mine is a wall hanging, and I've got to get busy and get the quilting done. I seem to find too many other things that I need to do, just like we all do. So, get busy. Put something else aside for the time being and get going on your challenge. Everyone is looking forward to seeing all the creative ideas you have.

Sandra Ferguson

QUILT IN A YEAR

This year's project is titled "Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown and our State of Virginia." We are leaving the fabric color and print choice up to each quilter. We do suggest that you pick a focus fabric and color before you begin to unify the various blocks. Also, consider using reproduction fabrics to achieve an aged look, but again, it's your choice.

We will be teaching 10 blocks...you may do all of them and have a bed sized quilt or some of them and have a wall hanging. Cindy Clark and JoAnna Renkowski will be teaching this month's block, Jacob's Ladder. Each teacher is making two blocks, one to keep and one to donate for a raffle quilt to benefit our guild. Please keep in mind that we do have our Guild Quilt Show in 2008, and it is hoped that many of these projects will be on display. Keep up with your blocks! We have almost all our blocks done for the raffle quilt so we'll be assembling it soon and getting raffle tickets ready to sell.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Janie Lawless

This month we welcome 1 new member.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mary Wiseman

mary24121@hotmail.com

Mary is a native Virginian.

CHANGES/RENEWALS:

Cindy Clark cindy49quilt@wildblue.net

Please be sure to submit any changes in your email address. Please pick up a change form at the sign-in desk if you need one.

Janie Lawless

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LQG MISSION STATEMENT

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JULY FEATURED BEE - by Marnie Brush

The BLUEWATER BEE is our featured bee this month. They meet the 1st Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Smith Mountain Lake Quilting. This is a new bee which is concentrating on perfecting techniques. One of their first projects has been making a 30 inch square table topper in a color-wash pattern. Each member has tried to make sure that all pieces are cut precisely and all quarter inch seams are sewn consistently so as to insure all blocks join together easily. All members have also completed at least one or two charity quilts which will be donated to a senior citizen home this fall. Stop by the Bee Table to view their handy work.

Sandra Ferguson has graciously acted as mentor to this group since forming in January. In the upcoming months each member will be choosing a project and teaching it to the group. Current members of the Bluewater Bee are Sandra Ferguson, Katherine Lewis, Terry McNichol, Kathy Gunderson and Marnie Brush. This Bee is open for new members, so if you are interested please call Marnie at 719-7845.



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Bits and Pieces

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- Singer Athena 2000 Electronic sewing machine
- Medium oak wood cabinet for sewing machine
- four other sewing machines-not sure what type
- Wool material...if any rug hookers are interested!

If interested, please call Wanda at 540-243-0820.

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Book Reviews (Cont'd from page 4)

the Elm Creek Quilts series. I am not going to spoil the story for you by revealing the plot, but as the dust jacket describes it, this is "another in a series that neatly stitches together social drama and the art of quilting". True.

Set in rural California, in the 1920's, land sale scams, drought, ruination of ranches, young love, disappointment and hope are all there, as are the quilts, revealing the anguish and love of their makers. The quilts are hidden, found, mended and restored, parts of them recognized, and finally returned to their rightful owners.

Jennifer Chiaverini has written two parallel stories here and tied them together very neatly, with the help of quilting. If you enjoy this book look for other volumes by the same writer. She has a very wide interest in quilting and is also the designer of the Elm Creed Quilts fabric lines from Red Rooster fabrics. (This book can be found in our Guild Library under "Novel".)

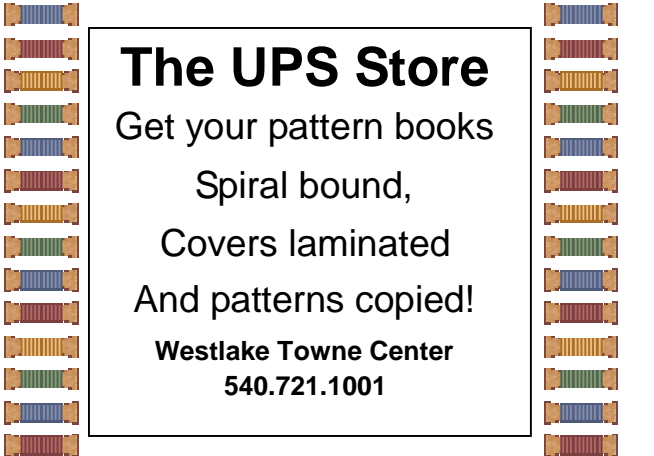
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Buzzings from the Bees by Alma Carter

THE BUZZIN BEES (*Boones Mill*) meet at **Velma Meador's** home (334-1957) **1st Thursday** of month, **9:00 am until ?** Bring works in progress or get help in quilting. Bring a sandwich. Will display in March.

THE SHADY LADIES (*Moneta*) have split into two Bees –Shady Ladies and The Hardy Bee with Eileen Gore mentoring both groups. **THE SHADY LADIES** meet at **Margaret Harmon's** home (721-6675) **1st Monday** of the month, **9:30 to 11:30 am**. Beginning quilting will be their focus. They will display in May. Bee will not meet in July and August.

THE HARDY BEE meets at **Dot Jackson's** home (721-4859) the **2nd Monday** of the month, **9:30 am until 11:30 am**. Various charity projects are being made by this more advanced quilting group. This bee is currently finishing an Attic Window Wall Hanging which will be donated to the Tour of Homes auction. Will display in August.

KEPT IN STITCHES (*Hillcrest Heights*) meets at **Alma Carter's** home (721-5671) **1st & 3rd Thursday 10:00 am to ???** Projects in progress: Quilt in a Year blocks and learning new techniques.. This bee will display in September.

SOUTHSIDE BEE (*Union Hall*) meet **second Thursday** of each month, from **10:00-2:00pm**. Bring a bag lunch. Call daytime hours only **Sandy Randall (576-2082)** for meeting info. New "worker bee" members welcome.

THE MATERIAL GIRLS meet the **first & third Tuesday** of the month, from **9:30-2:30 pm**. Call **Karen Arends (721-5449)** for information. Will display in February.

THE HAPPY HOOPERS meet the **third Tuesday** of the month at **10:00 am**. Contact **Lucy Ricardo (483-1039)**. Machine embroidery. Open to new members. This bee will display in November.

STITCHES IN TIME (*Goodview*) Appliqué bee, meets **2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am**. Call **Kinza Pickelsimer (297-4824)** for meeting location. Project for this year is a Kansas Album Quilt. Bring a sandwich. Open to new members. Will display in October.

RIVER QUEEN BEE (*Goodview*) meets the **3rd Tuesday at 12:30 pm** at **Jeanie Ireland's** home. Call (297-1173) for more info.

SUNSHINE BEE (White House Corner/Huddleston) meets at **Cindy Clark's** home (297-0043) **1st Thursday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Bring a bag lunch. Project plans to be made. Open to new members.

BLUEWATER BEE (*Moneta*) meets at **Smith Mountain Lake Quilting** (contact **Marnie Brush at 719-7845**) **1st Tuesday** of the month from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Bring a bag lunch. Open to new members. Will display in July. Bee will not meet in July and August.

THE BAG LADIES (MARY ANN'S BEE) meets the **1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 am** at **Mary Ann Spangler's** home (297-1335). Open to new members. Will display in June.

The Guild would like each Bee to exhibit some of their work one month during the next year. Call Beekeeper Alma Carter (721-5671) to sign up for a month and to announce any changes for your Bee.