

Quilters' Chatter – January 2017

Burke Quilt Guild meets at the Burke Senior Center on the fourth Monday of each Month at 10:00 AM, except for the December meeting.



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From the President's Desk

Welcome, Everyone to the New Year
2017 Wow!

I hope everyone enjoyed your Christmas, I find it a wonderful time to pause, and remember family and friends and the joyous spirit of the season. Of course, then there is the New Year, which always shocks me back to the reality of the real world.

I look forward to seeing you all, and want to remind our new members that Hospitality is working hard to provide a proper, delicious welcome to our group- that will be in February, during our normal therapy day. If you can, everyone is invited to join us, this is a good way to meet and greet our newbies.

Wishing all a fun, adventurous year, filled with fabulous quilts that you will share in our show in 2017!



Birthdays in January

01 Patsy Caraway
07 Phyllis Beck Fox
21 Thelma Luciana
27 Hope Estepan

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Burke Quilters' Guild General Meeting December 19, 2016

Welcome: Debbie Mangold opened the meeting at 11:00AM by welcoming everyone for the annual Christmas Luncheon. Deb shared a personal observation. She had just received a newsletter from the Foothills Conservancy which had a lead story about the organization being able to purchase 32 acres in the mountains to be able to forever protect the Bear Den Overview. Our Guild was a part of that because of the generous contribution from Opal to their money-making auction. Deb also reflected on the dedicated work of all our Guild members who contribute to the Wee Care Drive and the Veterans Quilts. Our Guild is such an important part of the community, and our sharing goes beyond the holiday season and continues throughout the year. Deb said it is truly a pleasure to be part of this Guild and thanked everyone for their generosity.

New Members: Diane Hubbard, who visited last month, introduced herself as a new member. She lives locally.

Announcements: Linda Henson will be doing the Yearbook again this year along with Carol MacKinney. Linda announced that the Yearbook will be out in February. She would like all the information sent to her by the January Therapy Day.

Committee Reports:

Quilt Projects: Susan Briggs announced the totals of the quilts donated this year by the Guild: 24 for South Mountain; 62 to the Hospital; 40 to Burke County Sheriff's Office; 40 to Morganton Public Safety; and 15 to Valdese Public Safety and Fire Department for a total of 181 quilts given this year. The Guild had made 154 of them in this calendar year – others were from our previous stock pile. Opal Woody had made 61 of them and received a prize. The random drawing winner was Pat Kokoszka.

UFO's: Pat Bell announced that Martha Annas donated two \$25 gift certificates to the Guild for our support of her business, The Cotton Quilt, located in Granite Falls. Pat Bell had a drawing for them and the winners were Jan Hunt and Sandra Triplett. For the UFO's, the member who finished the most was Opal Woody followed by Karel Johnson and JoAnn Jennings. The winners of the drawings were Opal Woody and JoAnn Jennings.

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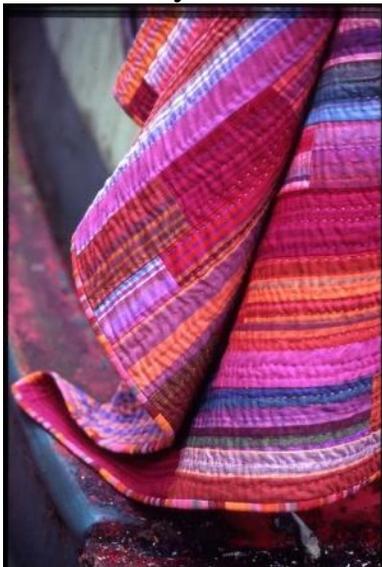
Programs: Karel Johnson gave a report for Mary Stang. Therapy Day in January is a Sit and Sew. Karel suggested we bring in squares like those learned from the Pizza Girls and sew them all together to make of 2017's donation quilts. If you can bring squares in batik greens, that would be great. If you don't have the templates for them, just bring in some material and you will be shown how to make the squares. Karel also announced that there is a signup sheet for a bus trip in July on the back table. It is not a commitment – rather, Mary is gathering information to see if this trip would have enough participation. The bus used in the past cannot go out of state so another bus would have to be found.

Freda Berry announced that The Quilting and Needle Arts Extravaganza is in Statesville at the end of January. Freda has cards with the information.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: There was a spelling correction for the November Minutes. The bus trip is to Wytheville, VA (not Whitfield). The minutes, as corrected, were approved.

The business meeting was followed by great food and fellowship thanks to the organization of the Hospitality Committee and all the delicious dishes brought by our members. After the lunch, there was Show and Tell followed by a Quilting Trivia Game. The meeting broke up around 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda L. Myers



If you happen across a quilt that you like to share, please forward the picture to me.

As you can see, the quilt to the left is a strip quilt done in colors I happened to like.

The quilt to the right is called a "Stack and Whack" and if anyone knows why, would you please let me know!

Thanks,
Terry (roamnesia@yahoo.com)



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Please Note: Collection of 2017 Dues

Reminder We are now collecting membership dues for 2017 and will continue to do so until the January meeting. Dues are \$25.00 and payable to the Burke Quilters' Guild. Please see Carol MacKinney to pay your dues. If you need to mail your dues, please send to Carol MacKinney. If you do not plan to renew your membership for 2017 please contact Carol MacKinney. Also, if you have any changes to your contact information for our new yearbook please let us know. All members who pay their dues by the January meeting will be included in the yearbook which will be distributed in February.

Shared Recipes

This section is meant for recipes that our members have tried and served to great demand for more! Instead of making more, these members have decided to share their recipes. This month's recipe is from Terry Andrews-Kramer who gave it to friends during the holiday season.

Foolproof Chocolate Fudge

18 oz. chocolate chips

½ to 1 cup nuts (optional)

Dash of salt

14 oz. Sweetened Condensed Milk

1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract

Line 8 or 9-inch square pan with foil, being sure to extend foil over edges. Melt chocolate chips with the sweetened condensed milk and salt in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla and if desired, the nuts. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Chill for 2 hours or until firm. Remove from pan by pulling up foil. Cut into squares and serve.

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January Therapy Day - Sit and Sew and/or Donation Quilt Block

At the December Luncheon, it was agreed that those who would like to work on or contribute to a Donation Quilt are invited to do so at the “Sit and Sew.” This is entirely your choice! We would like to do blocks like the ones we learned at the Pizza Girls Workshop in November. This is the basic Drunkards Path block.

Even if you did not participate in the workshop you are welcome to make a block(s). There will be plenty of members at the Sit and Sew who were in the workshop and can assist you with any questions.

What you need to bring:

- (1) All your normal sewing equipment – machine, thread, 1/4” foot, needles etc.
- (2) If you have the Rainbow Curves templates, please bring them. We will be using template A&B (be sure your name is on them)
- (3) Batik fabrics – preferably greens and earth tones
 - a. A 9” strip/block will cut each of the templates A&B (barely). 10” would be better. Fat quarters are even better.
 - b. You need at least 2 different/contrasting/coordinating fabrics.
 - c. Fabric should be starched and pressed.
- (4) If you have the templates, feel free to cut them before the meeting!
- (5) If you are cutting at the meeting you will want a mat, scissors, rotary cutter, etc.

Questions? Since I will be out of town, please email or call Karel Johnson

2017 Challenge Quilt Rules

1. The Challenge is called “Home Sweet Home” and the rules are as follows:
2. The perimeter must not exceed 200 inches and cannot be less than 100 inches.
3. May be any shape.
4. Must have a house
5. Must have a tree or parts of a tree (trunk and leaves).
6. You must use 75% of yellow cutting of fabric given to members who want to do the challenge. Fabric may be cut to smaller pieces but you must still use 75% of the piece. See Phyllis Fox for the fabric.
7. Yellow must be used on the front of your challenge quilt.
8. Entry must have three layers and be quilted by the member by hand or machine.
9. Only one entry by each Guild member is permitted.

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Mark your Calendars Now!

Upcoming Program Days for 2017

January 23	Terri	Bill's Sewing Machine Maintenance
February 27	Patricia Lackey	Patterns, Picture Quilting
March 27	Lisa	Quilt Judge
April 24	Karel Johnson	Layered Patchwork Boarder
May 22		Game Day
June 26	Brenda Arrowood	School House Quilts, Creative Grid Rulers
July 24	Sharon Taylor	Update on Fire Quilts and demo, TBA
August 28		Challenge Luncheon
September 25	Melina Rose	<i>Sew Original</i> , Boone, NC
October 23	Shirley Hummell	<i>Morganton Sewing</i> , TBA
November 27		Silent Auction
December 18		Christmas Luncheon

Upcoming Therapy Days for 2017

January 9	Sit and Sew	
February 13	New Member Tea	
March 13	Disappearing Blocks	NancyLynn Sharpless
April 10	Community Service Day: Quilts of Valor & Wee Care Workshop	Susan & Cindy
May 8	Wreath/Candle Holder and Thread Picture	Terry Kramer/ Linda Johnson
June 12	Lemoyne Star	Karel Johnson
July 10	Bus Trip, TBD	
August 17	Half Square Triangles	Janet Hunt
September 11	Community Service Day: Quilts of Valor & Wee Care Workshop	Cindy & Susan
October 9	Let's Play Diva Dolls	Nora Chase
November 13	Pizza Girls Workshop	
December	No Therapy Day	

Visit our Website!! Go to www.burkequiltersguild.com and check it out. If you have suggestions for the site, please send Linda Henson a note at burkequiltersguild@yahoo.com.

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Upcoming Events Around the State:

Friday, January 13, 2017 9:00 AM - Saturday, 14 05:00 PM

The Quilt and Fiber Art Marketplace

Dennis A Wicker Civic Center

1801 Nash Street

Sanford North Carolina 27013

A great opportunity to find your quilting and sewing supplies all in one location.

Friday, January 27, 2017 9:00 AM - Saturday, 28 05:00 PM

The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza

Statesville Civic Center

300 South Center Street

Statesville North Carolina 28677

Your opportunity to shop numerous vendors all in one place. Fabrics, books, patterns, sewing machines, buttons, yarn, mixed media and more!



For Sale: Bernina 820 sewing machine in nice Horn cabinet. All around machine with BSR (Bernina Stitch Regulator), built -in dual feed, and 12" of space to the right of the needle. The machine is 3 years old, gently used and carefully maintained. Top of the line machine. \$6500 includes cabinet and all attachments. Karel Johnson, 584-3902.