

Prickly Fingers Quilt Guild Newsletter *March 2009*

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Anderson County Museum
9:30 a.m.

Robin Kaja will be the greeter at the door from 9:00 until 9:30.

Museum Notes: We will be setting up the room starting at 8:30 - please come early to help if you can. If you tend to come early, please enter the museum number in your cell phone - it's 864-260-4737. Call and ask someone to come unlock the door. Also, the gate to the upper parking lot is not locked and is pretty easy to open, so anyone can do it.



March Program: Jane Garrison of the YLI Thread Company in Rock Hill will talk to us on the use of various threads. Jane will bring bins of thread for sale, so bring your checkbooks ☺

Dues of \$25 are due in March - the membership voted at the last meeting to increase the dues to allow funds to get some wonderful new speakers who charge for programs/workshops. Debby Stone has taken over programs and is planning some really neat stuff! There's a new membership form attached to this newsletter - for both new and renewing members. Please complete the form and bring your check to the March meeting (or mail it please if you won't be attending).

Don't forget the special reception for the opening of the quilt exhibit next Friday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the museum. Wonderful food and fellowship will be enjoyed by members and their families. Bring finger food that doesn't require utensils. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Jones. Thanks to Pat & her committee for all their work and planning - it's going to be spectacular!

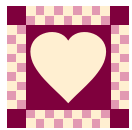
Upcoming programs include Pat Kerko in May. Pat's presentation will be "Color Theory and Fabric Selection". Debby Stone has also arranged for Pat to teach two Machine Quilting workshops. We will enjoy our summer social in July and the Christmas brunch in December. Debby is planning on a presentation on designing quilts using Electric Quilt 6 in January or February next year.

Attendance & Guests Last Month: We had 40 members present plus 2 guests. Cecilia Lewis and Dawn Meyers were the guests of Annette Kesler. We hope they come again and join us!

NOTE: Our new Membership Chair will be Judy Fields. Please let Judy and me know of any address, phone, or e-mail changes so I can include them in the newsletter.

Care & Concern (Janice Bean, Chair): A card was sent to Elda Oder, who fell and injured her knee. A card was also sent to Dee Ross, who broke her foot on a mission trip.

NOTE: Please let Janice know of any member health concerns so she can send a card from the guild and that includes any health concerns you yourself may have - let us know if you need help or visitors ☺



Philanthropy Quilts (from Suzanne Walters, Chair): Thirteen charity quilts were donated last month bringing this year's total to eighteen. Great work! Thank you to Connie Bennett, Tonita Thompson, Lynn Brill, Sue Twilley, Suzanne Walter, Donna Pike, Robin Kaja (2), Judy Fields, Barb Scott, and Jeri Malloy (2). We have one quilt from February unaccounted for - please remember to sign the "Linus" book and add a block to the poster to help us maintain an accurate count. The Committee will be meeting March 17th at 10 a.m. at the Museum - all are welcome to join us (wear green for St. Patrick's Day ☺).

We all have a great feeling of accomplishment when we have created a beautiful quilt to share and feel even better when we have done so using our scraps. Check out this website for some fun, interesting and FREE patterns to download for making scrappy quilts. Go to www.maryquilts.com and look under the heading Quilt Instructions.



Other News/Information:

- **New Officers:** The new officers were elected at the February meeting. They are: Pat Jones, President; Debby Stone, Vice President- Programs; Cindy Starowesky, Secretary; and Diane Schonauer, Treasurer.
- **Challenge Quilt:** Kathy Weeks will be leading this endeavor. The challenge will be to use Black and White with one other color to be chosen out of a Crayon Box. The minimum size will be 18" x 18". We will vote on these quilts at the December meeting. Sounds like fun!
- **Mystery Quilt:** Kathy Sowder will provide the pattern. More information later.
- **Charm Squares:** It was decided to discontinue this activity for lack of participation.
- **Artful Bras Exhibit from QSC:** The exhibit will be at the ANMED Cancer Center for two weeks in June. Diane Schonauer will share more information with us as it's available.
- **New Web Site:** Debby Stone has done a terrific job on this. Check it out at www.pricklyfingers.com Thanks, Debby!

- ***"Pieces of Our Lives" Exhibit Update, March 7 thru July 11:***
 - Connie Bennett will continue to pass around sign-up sheets for volunteers at the museum. Please bring your calendars to the meeting and sign up for at least one day. It's a great place to come and sew!
 - Twelve members have agreed to present mini-demonstrations in various quilting techniques on **National Quilting Day, March 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**. If you have a handout for your demo, contact Diane Schonauer for copies. Items have appeared in the newsletters for other area guilds, so make sure to come and enjoy the demonstrations and spend time with other quilters from throughout the Upstate. Great job, Diane! Thanks for planning this wonderful event!

- ***Upcoming Quilt Events:***
 - March 5-8 - Original Sewing & Quilting Expo, Gwinnett Center, Duluth, GA (take a car full for this one - you get in free if you bring 2 or more friends with you - ask for the Carpool Deal!)
 - March 6-8 - "Quilts For All Seasons" Show at the Oconee County Civic Center, 2661 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville, GA - sponsored by the Cotton Patch Quilters of Athens.
 - March 11-15, 12th Annual Quilt Festival in Bishopville.
 - March 21 - Swamp Fox Quilters Show, 135 Dargan Street in Florence.

 - From Pat Jones - Dates for the Currahee Quilt Guild Retreat are April 6, 7, and 8 at the Georgia Baptist Center in Toccoa, GA. They have 12 spaces available and here is their plan for the three days. Carolyn will teach three classes on strip quilting, "Streak of Lightning," "Roman Stripe," and she will give us the other one at a later date. Joan Aiken will teach a class in paper piecing, Trudy Kemp will teach a class in "How to Paint a Square" (a 12 month calendar?). Willie Loudermilk has a class planned, subject to be announced. Annie Mae Looney will teach how to make a tote bag. The last class is "How to Square Up Material," teacher to be announced. Kits will be available for \$2.00 each. Everyone who wishes to participate in drawing for door prizes are asked to bring a door prize. The total cost for the retreat is \$126.00 including lodging, food and classes. If you do not wish to participate in the classes, you are free to work on your own projects. Contact Carolyn Grubbs at 706-779-2893 if you are interested. If we have an interested group from our guild, contact Pat Jones at 864-224-4842 and we'll arrange roommates, travel, etc.

Ongoing

- ***Door Prizes:*** Doorprizes are awarded at each meeting. Members are asked to bring a \$10 value wrapped prize (gift bags are fine) in your birthday month.
- ***Library:*** Dee Ross is providing a library for members. All books are due back at the following meeting. If you have books you'd like to donate or loan to the library, please give them directly to Dee.
- ***Show & Tell:*** Ribbons are available at every meeting to pin on your nametag for each item you bring in for show & tell. When you hold up a quilt for show & tell, please make sure to state your name. Please also sign the sheet provided - this helps in doing the minutes.

Lynn Brill
Newsletter Editor

Note: Items for inclusion in the newsletter are due the 25th of each month. Please send items to me by e-mail at glennlynn@bellsouth.net

PRICKLY FINGERS QUILT GUILD MINUTES OF February 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President, Joan Korth

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** \$1028.30
- **GUESTS:** 2 – Cecilia Lewis and Dawn Meyers
- **NEW MEMBERS:** 0
- **MEMBERS PRESENT:** 40
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 1. Volunteer for Hostess/Greeter at the March meeting is Robin Kaja. Volunteers needed at 8:30 to help set up room.
 2. Committee is being formed for investigation of an Anderson Quilt Show put on by Prickly Fingers and Electric City Quilt Guilds. Dee Ross will set up a meeting for volunteers when she returns from a mission trip.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - Care and Concern:** (Janice Bean) None
 - Challenge:** (Kathy Weeks) Black and White with one color. Minimum size is 18”.
 - Historian:** (Mary Ouellette and Karen Augsburger)
 - Librarian:** (Dee Ross) Not present.
 - Mystery Quilt:** Kathy Sowder volunteered to do one for us.
 - Newsletter:** (Lynn Brill) Info for the newsletter needs to be in by the 25th of the month.
 - Philanthropy:** (Tonita Thompson) Thank you from Anderson Sunshine House.
 - Show and Tell:** Lynn Brill, Connie Bennett, Marcella Brown, Sue Twilley, Cheryl Rich, Greta Peden, Suzanne Walter, Barbara Gabe, Teri Walker, Robin Kaja, Donna Pike, Nancy Garman, Barbara Scott and Jeri Molloy.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Officers were elected as follows: Pat Jones–President, Debby Stone-VP/ Programs, Cindy Starowesky–Secretary, Diane Schonauer-Treasurer. March 21 demonstration at the Museum – sign-up sheet passed. Reception at the Museum is March 6th – sign-up sheet for food. A big thank you was given to all officers and committee heads who worked so hard this year. A motion was made to increase dues to \$25, and it was passed. Dues are due in March. New membership forms were available.
- **DOOR PRIZES:** (Marcella)
- **PROGRAM:** Turning in of show quilts. The upcoming show at the museum was discussed. Next month will be Jane Garrison with YLI. Debbie gave a line-up of programs for the upcoming year.
- **WEB SITE DESIGNER:** (Debbie Stone) Great Job! www.pricklyfingers.com

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Starowesky, Secretary

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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Birthday _____ (month/day only) New _____ Renewal _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please tell us about your quilting interests _____

Would you be interested in starting or joining a mini group? Day _____ Evening _____

Participation

There are many opportunities to serve the guild based upon your interest and skills. Would you be willing to serve on a committee or provide help for guild projects?

Please check areas of interest.

Hospitality Membership Programs Quilt Show
Historian Philanthropy Library Other _____

Would you host an out-of-town guest speaker or workshop teacher? Yes _____ No _____

Can you provide transportation to and from the airport, restaurant, workshop or meeting?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any special skills that might benefit our guild? Some examples are listed below:

Graphic Design Education Sales/Marketing Desktop Publishing
Accounting Law Other _____

Would you be willing to teach a workshop? Describe topic(s) _____

Dues are \$25 per year (March through February). Please make checks payable to Prickly Fingers Quilters Guild. Mail form and check to P. O. Box 545, Anderson SC 29622.

Information to: Treasurer Membership Newsletter Editor

Dues paid on: _____

Added to roster/email: _____