



Prickly Fingers Quilt Guild Newsletter *September 2009*

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
Anderson County Library (NOTE new location)

PLEASE DON'T FORGET to turn off your cell phones prior to the start of the meeting!



September Program (*Debby Stone, Chair*): Bonnie Ouellette of Seneca will give a presentation "Fun & Funky Quilts With a Story". Bonnie will present a trunk show illustrating her journey from beginning quilter to fabric artist. Her presentation will include examples of Hawaiian applique, surface design, and embellishments.

Upcoming Programs: Hand Applique presentation by Joan Korth in October. Our November meeting will be on the 4th, as the Library will be closed for Veteran's Day on our regular meeting day. We'll be having a workday to make Christmas stockings for the DCEC preschool with patterns and fabric provided by the guild. In December, we'll vote on our Challenge Quilts (see Kathy Weeks for details) and enjoy our Holiday Social.



Attendance & Guests Last Month (*Judy Fields, Chair*): We had 32 members present and 1 guest (Judith Polson, who came to ask about having a quilt repaired).

NOTE: Please let Judy know of any address, phone, or e-mail changes so they can be included in the newsletter.



Care & Concern (*Janice Bean, Chair*): Cards were sent to Connie Bennett and Phyllis Rossander. A card was also sent to Dixie Haywood just to let her know we were thinking about her. Dixie had to cancel her September presentation due to her husband's health

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): Eleven more quilts were donated at the August meeting, bringing our total for the year to 81 quilts. That is fantastic!! Thank you to Curtis Humphrey (3), Jerri Malloy (2), Barbara Scott (3), Sue Twilley, Greta Peden, and Suzanne Walter. The philanthropy group will be meeting at Donna Pike's home on Tuesday, September 1, at 9:30 to sew the bingo squares together. Please join us! Call Donna at 332-4685 for directions.



Other News/Information:

- **Road Trip!** Karen Augsburger has planned a field trip for guild members on Wednesday, September 16, to Mary Jo's Fabric, Long Creek, and the YLI Thread Company. Plans are to leave by 7:00 a.m. for the drive to YLI in Rock Hill for a tour of their facility, followed by shopping and lunch at Long Creek, and finishing up at Mary Jo's. If you're interested or can be a car pool driver, please contact Karen.
- **Elda Oder**, a long-time member, is looking for a table made to hold a Singer Featherweight machine. The table has a drop-in cutout that allows the machine to be level with the table surface. If you have or know where she could get such a table, please call Elda at 859-5754 or e-mail her at walkfast@charter.net.
- **Prickly Fingers / Electric City Quilt Show:** Dee Ross and Brandi Lewis have volunteered as co-chairs of a joint show in 2010. A planning committee has been formed. They are currently looking for a site at which to hold the show.
- **Raffle Quilt Fund Raiser:** Connie Bennett is donating a "Scrappy Quilt" to be used as a raffle quilt. Tickets will be distributed to all guild members to sell. More information to follow.
- **Guest Fee:** A guest fee of \$3 will be charged when the guild is having a presentation by a professional speaker. This is to help cover the cost of the speaker fee.

Ongoing

- **Door Prizes:** Doorprizes are awarded at each meeting. Members are asked to bring a \$10 value wrapped prize in your birthday month. This policy will change in March when we'll have tickets for sale for a purchased door prize.
- **Library:** Dee Ross is providing a library for members. The books are listed on the web site - there are about 150. If you'd like to borrow a book, e-mail Dee your selection.
- **Show & Share:** Ribbons are available at every meeting to pin on your nametag for each item you bring in for Show & Share. **When you hold up a quilt for Show & Share, please make sure to state your name.** Please also sign the sheet provided - this helps in doing the minutes. There is also a separate book to sign if you donate a Linus quilt.

Lynn Brill, Newsletter Editor

(Items for inclusion in the newsletter are due by the 25th of each month. E-mail me at glennlynn@bellsouth.net.)

Minutes for Prickly Fingers Quilters Guild Meeting
August 12, 2009

President Pat Jones called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. There were 32 members present and one guest, Judith Polson.

Judith brought her grandmother's Dresden Plate quilt seeking advice and/or help in repairing this much worn quilt. It was suggested she contact Ola Coombs who has assisted in this sort of repair in the past.

The Secretary's report from July was approved as published in the last newsletter.

Treasurer's report is \$1312.18

VP & Program Chair report indicated that the September program was being changed to have a presentation by Bonnie Ouellette entitled "My Quilting Journey." Bonnie has offered to teach 3 workshops which will be determined at a later date.

It was also noted that our November program will be making Christmas stockings for DCEC and will be held on November 4, 2009 since the Library will be closed on the 2nd Wednesday for Veterans Day. Patterns and fabric to make these stockings will be furnished by the guild. A list of suggested items to fill these stocking was provided by DCEC's director, and passed around to members. Also, a note from them was received thanking us for our quilt donations which the children use each day.

Announcements by Pat Jones included the following:

- 1) We will be meeting at the Anderson County Library beginning in September; we will endeavor to have two rooms for each meeting when they are available. Joan Korth will be our liaison with the Library to secure our room(s) and Debbie Stone will alert them as to the room set up we require for each meeting.
- 2) At the Executive Board meeting held on July 15th, several topics were discussed and approved. There has been a request from an Anderson University student (via our website) asking for help in making quilts for Belize. It was decided that our philanthropic efforts will remain in Anderson County. If anyone is interested in assisting in the Belize effort, they should contact Jane Mercer at 801-3049 or 567-2841 (cell); Jane has agreed to purchase batting and fabric required to make these quilts.
- 3) Money raising ideas have also been approved: a) Connie Bennett is donating a "Scrappy Quilt" which will be used as a raffle quilt. The guild will create envelopes with tickets to be distributed to all guild members to sell them. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. The raffle date will be determined at a later date. B) a rummage sale and auction will be held at the April 2010 meeting. c) Beginning in March 2010 we will eliminate the "Birthday month" door prize; in its place, the guild will purchase a more valuable door prize for which tickets will be sold at \$1 each. This is being done on a trial basis and we will convert to another method if it is desired by the majority of members. d) a guest fee of \$3 per person will be charged when there is a professional presenter at our meeting. This is to help defray the expense the guild pays for hiring the teacher. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to implement this policy.

A brochure for the UpCountry Quilt Guild show was received. It is scheduled for October 16-17 at the First Baptist Church in Pickens. Also received were flyers for the Sewing and Quilt Expo in Georgia for March, 2010. Information about entering the SC State Fair (www.scstatefair.org/competitive-exhibits/home) was presented.

Lynn Parker will hold a workshop of our choice in January 2010; two samples of the potential workshop are on display for members to select. The cost will be \$25/person.

The unclaimed Christmas 2009 challenge piece has yet to be claimed. It will be donated to our April 2010 auction if not picked up by the owner by that time.

Care and Concern: Phyllis Rossander had surgery two weeks ago, and Lois Collins returned to the guild after 3 months of Chemotherapy. Both ladies thanked the guild for their cards and prayers.

Historian: Mary Ouellette will bring our scrap books for the next meeting.

Library: call or email Dee Ross if there is a book you would like to borrow.

Dee Ross spoke about the District I display at the upcoming QSC Fall Retreat; she is looking for small wall hangings with a heart theme.

Mystery quilt step #4 was distributed.

Philanthropy: Per Suzanne Walter, 30 quilts were donated so far this year: 20 to DCEC and 10 to the Veterans Home. In the future, we will donate to both the Fire and Police Departments as they have expressed interest in receiving some quilts. Kits and two quilt tops are available from the Committee.

Door prizes were won by: Joan Korth, Joyce Wentzky, Mary Ouellette, Judy Fields, Pat Jones, and Betty Leddon.

Old Business:

Karen Ausberger presented the plans she has developed for a field trip to YLI, Long Creek, and Mary Jo's Fabric. The date will be Wednesday, September 16, 2009 and plans are to leave Anderson by 7:00 am for the drive to YLI in Rock Hill for a tour of their facility. Departure to Long Creek will be at noon; arrival there is estimated to be 1:00 pm and food and drink will be provided. At 2:00 we will depart for the short drive to Mary Jo's. Attendees will be free to go when they complete their shopping. Drivers and attendees are requested to sign in with Karen.

New Business:

By show of hands, the members present indicated that they will support a joint venture of Electric City and Prickly Fingers Quilt Guilds to hold a Quilt Show in the future. Dee Ross and Brandi Lewis will act as co-chairs and a planning committee met briefly after the salad luncheon. The first order of business for the committee will be to find a place to hold this event.

The following members had items for show and tell: Sue Twilley, Curtis Humphrey, Ann Williams, Dee Ross, Suzanne Walter, Judy Fields, Greeta Peden, Jeri Molloy, and Barbara Scott.

Several games of bingo were played after the conclusion of the business meeting. Lois Meseroll, Dee Ross, Barbara Scott, Judy Fields, and Phyllis Rossander were the lucky winners. Bingo "cards" were donated to the Philanthropy committee for use in the construction of charity quilts.

A salad and dessert luncheon followed.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Schonauer for Cindy Starowesky