

www.friendshipquilters.net

September Meeting:

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Place: Glenn City Community Center
(10th Avenue & 16th Street,
near Duran South School)

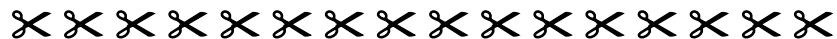
Time: 9:30 AM Refreshments
& Social Time
10:00 AM Meeting

Fat Quarter for September:

Thimbleberries

Block of the month for September: Sew Saw

(can be found at www.quilterscache.com)



September begins to tease us with hints of cooler weather, and we begin to think about snuggling under one of our quilts. September also promises to be a busy month as we change our weekly sewing days from Mondays to Thursdays. Our Sew-In days are Thursday, September 15 – Saturday, September 17. On the 17th Lura Campbell will teach her Convergence Quilt to those who have signed up. And the quilt show is only a few months away – plenty of “busyness” for Friendship Quilters.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PEGGY WILLIAMS

Greetings from Oklahoma. I had an opportunity to come visit Daddy and Patsy, so jumped on it. We are having a nice visit and are planning a road trip to Oklahoma's largest quilt shop. Now, I've been told that ... it's our patriotic duty to buy more fabric and help the economy.

Friendship Quilters had a great meeting in August and I am really excited about our September meeting. We are expecting a special guest so you won't want to miss this meeting.

We have Quilts of Valor coming in from all around the state. I know it will enhance our quilt show in November.

Don't forget to complete an entry form for all the quilts you plan to show (including any QOV) and submit them to Irene Dison even though you may not have them completed just yet. This will encourage us to move along to completion.

Catherine Roberts, the founder of Quilts of Valor Foundation, from Seaford, DE, will be in our area next week, and thanks to Margaret Rose, will be joining us on Saturday. What a Treat!

Florence has received the shipment of "Convergence Quilts" books. They will be available at the meeting.

"Friends of Jane" meet on Monday to show their completed blocks and share tips on construction. Thanks.

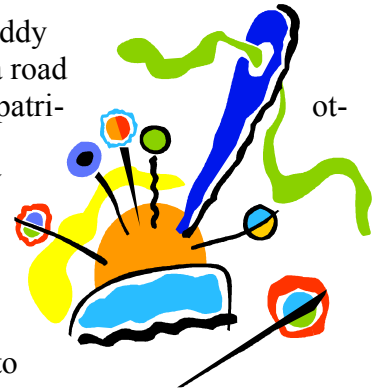
Gary Batson has agreed to accept any quilts you would like to enter in the show in Gadsden September 23rd. Bring them in a pillow case with the entry forms to the guild meeting Saturday. Thanks Gary.

Our Sew-In is coming up real soon (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) September 15, 16 and 17). We will have a grand time visiting and sewing on projects of your choosing. Remember to bring your fabrics for the Convergence Quilt class on Saturday along with your supplies, etc. Lura Campbell will be returning to teach this class. Lunch, as always, will be provided.

"The best quilters know that their lessons never truly end. There is always another pattern or quilting stitch to pick up or pass on. It's the duty and pleasure of seasoned quilters to share their knowledge and expertise with beginners, so that the age-old-art of the quilt continues for generations to come." ([Crazy for Quilts](#) by Margaret Aldrich). I believe this reflects many of the Friendship Quilters' views, don't you?

Remember to bring your secret pal gift, your fat quarter, BOM, and name tag to the next meeting.

Happy Quilting,
Peggy



PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

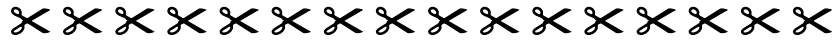
Catherine Roberts, the founder of Quilts of Valor Foundation, from Seaford, DE, will be joining us on Saturday. Linda Giddens, our newest member, will have patriotic fabric for sale.

6 Vicky
9 Denise
13 Irene
17 Peggy
22 Shirley
23 Jackie
27 Mary



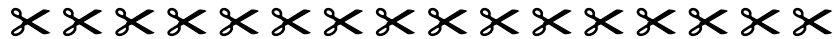
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Morrison
Boshell
Dison
White
Sargent
Crumley
Casey



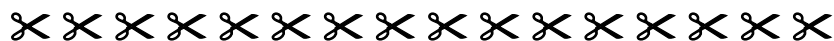
BOM & FAT QUARTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

All blocks of the month are taken from www.quilterscache.com. This year you make all or any of the blocks in your own color choices and then make and keep the quilt yourself (that is after showing it off at our annual Christmas party). The September block is Sew Saw (12 1/2"), and completed blocks will be displayed at the September meeting. The September fat quarter is Thimbleberries. If you have any questions about the BOM or fat quarters, or have not received the lists of those for the year, see Shirley Sargent.



CYBERQUILTING

Those who have been quilting awhile know they can rely on www.quilterscache.com for lots of great quilt blocks. They can be found by name or size, and for many years we have used that resource for making our blocks of the month. But if you are a new quilter, did you know there are also instructions for binding, paper piecing, or charts of how many of a certain size squares can be gotten out of a yard of fabric? Truly a wealth of information! Some blogs you might enjoy: cluckclucksew.blogspot.com, beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.com, cutiepinwheel.blogspot.com.



Looking ahead:

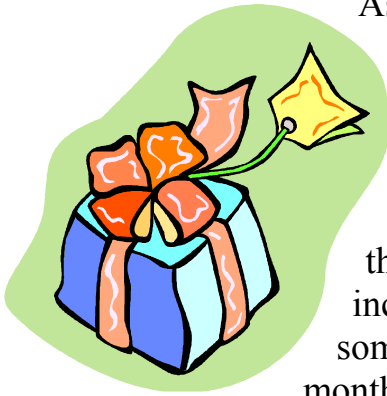
September 10 (regular guild meeting) – deadline for turning in quilt show registration forms

September 15, 16, 17 - Sew days at Glenn Community Center

September 23 - 24 - Quilt at the Falls, Gadsden Quilt Show

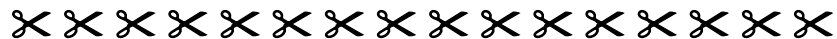
November 4 & 5 – Quilt Show

SECRET PAL GIFTS



As Secret Pal coordinator it has been brought to my attention a problem with insects has occurred at the Glen center. I am glad to report it has cleared up. When a secret pal is not there each gift has been being put in our storage closet for keeping. Beginning September, if you happen to bring a gift (and it contains candy/chocolate) and your pal is not there please take the gift back to bring it next month or to not include anything edible at all in your gift. Also, remember something for your secret pal does not have to be much each month could be a card, needles and thread or fat quarter(s).

With appreciation,
Jackie Crumley



QUILT SHOW NOTES

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: September 10 for quilt show entry forms.

If you are unable to attend the meeting to return your entry forms, please contact Irene Dison to make arrangements to get them to her. For your convenience, the entry form is included with this newsletter. Remember, even if you have a quilt in progress that isn't quite finished, you can submit the entry form anyway and give yourself a deadline to get it completed! We know you want to show off some of your creations since our last show, so don't let this opportunity pass you by. **Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales** - Please bring any old tickets and money to the September meeting. More tickets will be available at the meeting or contact a member of the Board if you need more and we'll get you more. **Committee Reports** - If you have anything to report, or have questions, please let me know ASAP. **All members work schedule** - It was mentioned at the last meeting that since we'll have the Quilts of Valor in a special place at the Civic Center, we'll need extra workers to ensure all who enter have paid admission. There will be more need for white glove workers, too. We're all going to be VERY busy that weekend and I appreciate your willingness to spend a little extra time "working" that weekend! I should have a preliminary work schedule available at the October meeting. If you have any special needs of preference as to work days/hours, please let me know at the September meeting. Donna Nicholson, Quilt Show Coordinator donna.nicholson49@gmail.com

Friendship Quilters Quilt Show Entry Form
Saturday, November 5 – Sunday, November 6, 2011
Pell City Civic Center, 2801 Stemley Bridge Road, Cropwell, Pell City, AL
Deadline for entering is September 10, 2011.
Please complete one form per quilt.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of quilt: _____

Quilted by: _____

Circle the category for this entry:

<u>Pieced, large</u>	<u>Baby quilt</u>	<u>Appliqué</u>	<u>Quilts of</u>
<u>Pieced, twin or lap</u>	<u>Wall hanging or</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Valor</u>
<u>size</u>	<u>miniature</u>	<u>s</u>	

Quilt dimensions (in inches): Width: _____ Length: _____

Please give us some brief information about your quilt. This could be your inspiration for the quilt, if it is an original pattern, i.e., anything that would be of interest to others. This information will be put on a card and attached to your quilt for others to read and enjoy.

Quilts will be received at the Pell City Civic Center on Friday morning, Nov. 4, from 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

If it is necessary to make other arrangements, please contact Irene Dison, 205-699-8642, 205-451-8893, or e-mail irene.dison@yahoo.com. This form may be mailed to Irene at 7453 Mountain View Lane, Leeds, AL 35094.

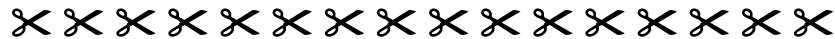
- EACH quilt/entry must be brought in a pillowcase, and the pillowcase must be labeled with the quilt name, quilter's name, and phone number.
- Quilts should also have a label sewn onto the back and include a 4" hanging sleeve (2" hanging sleeve for miniature quilts).
- Quilts will be returned to the quilter or designee at the Civic Center on Sunday from 5:30 – 6:30 PM.

Friendship Quilters Guild will take all possible care in the handling of all entries. However, it will assume no responsibility for any damage or loss.

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR MEETINGS

September Meeting
Sally Day, Esther Sears & Terry Ware

October Meeting
Antonette MacMurdo, Terry Andrews & Nancy Arial



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HELP WANTED: 2-3 people willing to serve on the Quilt Symposium Board. Terms are for 3 years. Meetings are only 4 times per year. (January, April, July, & October) The board's goal is to promote the art of quilting in the state of Alabama. There is an immediate opening for 2 people and my term is ending soon and I will need a replacement. Anyone interest should contact me.

Thanks,
Paige

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS MEETING, SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011 GLENN COMMUNITY CENTER, PELL CITY

Friendship Quilters meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. August 13, 2011 and everyone was welcomed by President Peggy Williams. Visitors were especially welcomed: Gary Batson (who is actually a long-absent member), Lura Campbell, and Linda Giddens (who sells fabric).

Shirley Sargent inspired us with a reading about 42 daughters and handwork. Peggy thanked Shelia Robertson and Peggy White for our refreshments. Next month's refreshments will be provided by Sally Day, Esther Sear, and Terry Ware. She thanked Jackie White and Irene Dison for a timely newsletter.

Florence Kerr recognized the August birthdays of Linda Jimerson, Jackie White, Brownie Drummonds, Aline Gardner, and Carole DeGrenier.

Judy Boozer announced the items available on the raffle table, the proceeds of which will fund our lunches during next month's sew-in. (September 15, 16, & 17). The raffle table has been a successful fundraiser this year.

Paige moved and Betsy Batson seconded that the minutes be accepted as posted on the web page. Motion carried.

Donna Nicholson gave the treasurer's report. She provided information on a P.A. system which we are testing out today. Margaret Rose moved and Terry Andrews seconded that we reimburse Donna for the purchase of the P.A. system. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Donna provided an update on the web site account which expires on August 24. Since the rate has increased considerably, the executive board moved to pay for only one year for this service then look into other options. The members voted to pay for one year. Bernee' Long will be transitioning in as our 2012 webmaster.

Margaret Rose gave an update on the Quilts of Valor Project. The Veterans' Home will actually have 230 beds to include 24 Alzheimer beds, 126 other skilled nursing beds, and 80 domiciliary beds. Some of the veterans may be transferring in from the home in Huntsville or Alexander City and will already have a quilt. The Pell City facility is scheduled to open May or June of 2012. Fort Rucker will be having a Quilt of Valor presentation in November 2011. If a quilt doesn't fit the Veterans' Home quilt dimensions, Margaret will send it to Fort Rucker.

Donna Nicholson presented an update on the November 5th and 6th quilt show. Lunches will be available for our members and will cost \$5 for vendors. She advised that the entry form for quilts to be displayed is on the web home page. Every quilt needs an entry form. If you have one or more in progress, you should go ahead and submit entry forms so you will have the inspiration to finish by the time of the show. All Quilts of Valor will also need an entry form. We discussed telling other guilds about the quilt show. The members from the JOY Quilters, Lick Skillet, Birmingham, Gadsden, and Evening Star guilds that are here should carry the information to those guilds. Sally Day will see that information is available for *A Time to Sew* before the Collinsville Quilt Walk in September. Jackie White is developing a flyer for the show to be available by the next meeting.

After a short recess, Florence Kerr demonstrated the Accu-Quilt-Go. It does die cuts, so it is a true cut. Members discussed purchasing this equipment for use by our members. We could share dies. She explained the cost. It will be especially useful for cutting blocks and strips for the Quilts of Valor Project and prayer quilts. It would be available at sew-days, sew-ins, and even on meeting days for member's use. Shirley Sargent suggested that the guild buy the basic and most commonly used dies; (2 ½ inch strips and 6 ½ inch strips). Gary Batson asked about the durability of the dies. Florence said that they last a very long time when used properly. Celisia Burke suggested we buy a 3 inch die, because it is also useful and there are a few members that already have 2 ½ inch dies. Margaret Rose suggested that members with dies e-mail Florence Kerr to let her know which dies

they have and are willing to make available for use. Betsy Batson moved and Jackie Crumley seconded that we purchase the Accu-Quilt-Go and some dies not already available. A \$300 limit was set for the equipment and dies. Peggy called for a vote. Motion carried.

Gary Batson was recognized and invited us to the 12th Annual Quilts at the Falls” show September 23 and 24. There is a \$3 admission. He also invited us to enter quilts in the show. No fee for entering a quilt. Their guild does not charge dues because they are an entity of the city of Gadsden. They meet on Tuesdays. Their raffle quilt and the show proceeds are their only source of income. The Gadsden Museum of Arts gets about ½ of their show proceeds. Gary also volunteered to pick up and deliver quilts that we want to enter in the show. He will be here at our September guild meeting to pick up our quilts for display. Please mail him the entry forms as soon as possible to that he can process the entries.

Shelia Robertson introduced Lura Campbell. Lura is an award winning quilter whose quilts have shown around the United States and Japan. She showed us some Convergence Quilts she has made using Ricky Tims’ inspiration. She told us about some of the things that make a successful convergence (large prints) and things that will enhance them. Lura will teach the method at our sew-in on Saturday, September 17th. Lura buys 1 ½ to 3 yards of her focus fabric, but it is possible to make a convergence quilt with just 4 fat quarters. Lura showed us several quilts one of which was a stack-in-whack 4 convergence with three fabrics to make a beautiful queen-size quilt.

Florence Kerr can order Ricky Tims’ *Convergence Quilt* book, but it is not necessary for the class. There is no pre-cutting and no pre-sewing. Lura’s class is \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members (space permitting). All interested in taking the class should sign up with Shelia today. Those interested in purchasing the book, see Florence today.

Linda Giddens brought some red, white, and blue fabrics in case anyone needs some today. She will also be here next month with more fabric.

Beginning Thursday, September 1st, we are moving our sew-days from Mondays to Thursday each week (9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.) This will coordinate nicely with our 3-day sew-ins.

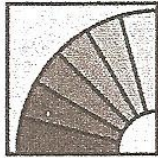
After Show and Tell (see facebook page) and prize drawings, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

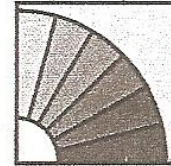
Margaret Rose, Secretary

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QUILTS AT THE FALLS - 2011

September 23 & 24

GADSDEN QUILTERS GUILD

ENTRY FORM

Registrant's Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Street _____ Evening Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Title of Quilt _____ Width _____ Length _____

Note: Size is important. Needed for hanging display.

Circle appropriate category for your entry, only one entry per form:

Note: Categories 1, 2 and 3 refer to principle construction technique.

1) Pieced Large (72x90 or larger)

2) Pieced Twin/Lap (perimeter smaller than 320")

3) Appliqué (All sizes)

4) Baby Quilt (50x70 or smaller)

5) Wall Hanging (40x40 or smaller)

6) Miscellaneous Construction (clothing, place mats, yo-yos, etc.)

Write something of interest about your entry: _____

Please MAIL completed form by September 13, 2011, to: Gary Batson, 2647 Rabbittown Road, Piedmont, AL 36272 phone (256) 435 - 7007 A receipt will be given when you deliver your entry. You or your representative must present this RECEIPT in order to pick up the quilt. Quilts may be delivered to any Gadsden Quilters Guild member, or mailed to the above address prior to 09-23-2011, or to a quilt guild member at the Gadsden Sr. Activity Bldg., 600 Broad St. on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, from 10am to 2pm. Quilts may be picked up on September 24, 2011, from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

RELEASE STATEMENT: Gadsden Quilters Guild will take all possible care in the handling of all entries. However, it will assume no responsibility for any damage of loss. Gadsden Quilters Guild may combine quilt categories and/or re-assign a submitted quilt to a different category.

I have read, understand and agree with the show rules.

Signature _____ Date _____