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December Meeting:

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Place: Sunset Inn, Southside

Time: 10:00 AM - Meeting

Fat Quarter for December:

Christmas Theme

Block of the month for December:

Abstraction - (can be found at

www.quilterscache.com)

Christmas Challenger Block - Christmas star 2003

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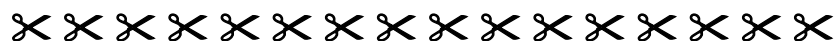
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Merry Christmas!

Guild Christmas Party, December 10, 10:00 AM

Sunset Inn in Southside

**Sharing quilts showing something you've learned at
guild this year!**

Christmas towel gift exchange

Lunch, and fun, fun, fun!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PEGGY WILLIAMS

Holiday Greetings,

Can you believe it, 2011 is quickly drawing to an end. What a busy year it has been for Friendship Quilters. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you. Your participation in all of the activities/events this year lets me know that we must be doing something right. We also had outstanding turnout for the three Sew-Ins and classes.

A big THANKS goes out to ALL our members and committee chairpersons for making 2011 a successful year. And to Shelia for organizing our programs and making them happen. Likewise, to Judy Boozer and her committee for organizing the Raffle Tables and coordinating the Sew-In meals. I do hope we will be able to continue this into 2012. What an enjoyable way to raise funds to minimize the cost of our Sew-In. Everyone was a winner.

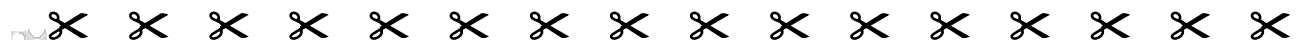
Of course you know that your efforts on the Project Linus Project and QOV Project for the new state veteran's home have both been outstanding. Congratulations! At the rate we are going, I feel certain that we will meet our goal by June. Likewise, thanks to all who worked steady to complete the beautiful Opportunity Quilt, another successful project for 2011.

We are anticipating another fun-filled, productive year in 2012. Committee Chairpersons are already preparing for the upcoming year. Consider what committee best suits you and jump right in. The water's fine!

Brenda tells me that we have record number of members planning to attend the Christmas Luncheon at the beautiful Sunset Inn. Be sure to read Shelia's Exchange idea of dressing up a kitchen dish towel. Let's all try to bring one. Full participation will make this a fun activity. We will not have much in the way of a business meeting in order to spend the time in fellowship. Remember to bring your 2011 Challenge Project for Show and Tell. (Any completed project in which you used a technique, class lesson, demonstration, etc. from 2011).

Have a warm and cozy Christmas.

Peggy



Directions to Sunset Inn (for the Christmas Party)

From Pell City, take I-20 East toward Atlanta. Take the Hwy 77 exit, 168. Turn left off the exit and drive 21.1 miles North on Hwy 77. Turn left at Leota Rd, (go 0.7 miles). Turn SHARP RIGHT onto Sunset Pl. Sunset Inn will be on your left. Peggy mentioned at the meeting that anyone wanting to park at my house and car pool are welcomed to do so. Please call Peggy Williams if you need her address or directions. She has a big open yard. The parking at Sunset Inn is not so great, so we might do well to drive up in groups.



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Hello Quilty Ladies,

The Christmas Party is approaching fast. We have just finished our time with family and friends, now we can concentrate on the next chance to gather with our friends and enjoy them. As all of you know, we have decided not to do the Ornament exchange at our party on December 10th. But, we have come up with another way for you to show off how creative you are.

Take a regular hand towel; embellish your towel for the holidays. It can be anything you like. Get all the creativity going. This is another chance to show how versatile you are and exchange with others and have a little fun as we go.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party and see all the unique ideas that you came up with.

Happy Stitching,
Shelia



2011 REPORT

We have given 58 quilts and 21 pillowcases to Project Linus. Thanks for helping put smiles on the faces of many children.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 10 – Judy Boozer



Mark your calendars!! We are currently planning sew-in days in February at the Pell City Civic Center, with the focus being making Quilts of Valor. There will be some fabric furnished, or you can bring your own. Have any UFO's that could be made into quilts for this cause? Bring them, too! More information will be available at the January meeting. If you are willing to help plan and organize this or any of our sew-in days in 2012, please contact Irene or Sheila.

**FRIENDSHIP QUILT GUILD
OFFICERS FOR 2012**

PRESIDENT: Peggy Williams

VICE PRESIDENT: Shelia Robertson

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH AND FAT QUARTER: Terry Russell

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NEWSLETTER: Jackie White

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Shelia Robertson, Vicky Morrison

PUBLICITY: Margaret Rose & Carole DeGrenier

QUILT SHOW: Donna Nicholson & Denise Boshell

RETREAT: Irene Dison & Jackie Crumley

SECRET PAL COORDINATOR: Jill Dailey & Vicky Morrison

SUNSHINE TEAM: Mary Casey & Peggy White

WAYS & MEANS: Denise Boshell, Sherry Allan & Janice Luster

WEB MASTER: Brenée Long

SHOW & TELL: Jordan Huey

HOSPITALITY: Brenée Long

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS - 2012
BLOCK OF THE MONTH AND FAT QUARTER

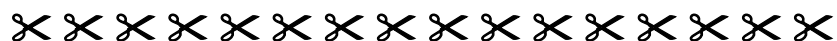
JANUARY.....	ARMY STAR.....	BLUE
FEBRUARY.....	BROKEN SUGAR BOWL.....	WHITE
MARCH.....	ATTIC WINDOWS.....	PURPLE
APRIL.....	BOX QUILT.....	DOTS
MAY.....	ANNIE'S CHOICE.....	BATIK
JUNE.....	AUTOGRAPH STAR.....	FLOWERS
JULY.....	BIRDS IN THE AIR.....	PATRIOTIC
AUGUST.....	BROKEN WHEEL.....	BUTTERFLIES
SEPTEMBER.....	ANOTHER STAR.....	BROWNS
OCTOBER.....	BEACON LIGHTS VAR.....	BLACK
NOVEMBER.....	ALBUM VARIATION.....	ORANGE
DECEMBER.....	BRASS TOWN STAR.....	RED

Block of Month patterns can be found at www.quilterscache.com. Blocks will not be exchanged. You can use whatever fabrics you like but you may want to use the same background fabric for all blocks.

Fat Quarters are mainly colors but you do not have to bring solids, just fabric that is primarily this color.

If someone wants to be on this committee with me, please give me a call or email. This will help if I'm not available or get behind.

Terry Russell



Check out www.discountembroiderysupply.com for Schmetz sewing machine needles. The prices are good and there is no shipping charge. If you want to contact Mr. Rodney Hanes for service on any non-computerized sewing machines, his number is 256-892-6320.

Our sympathy is extended to Shirley Sargent and her husband in the death of his father, Mr. George Sargent.

SECRET PAL INFORMATION

The Secret Pal program allows members the opportunity to support, encourage, and inspire other members through small, but thoughtful gifts and/or messages. Each month, for a set period, you do something nice for your Secret Pal, and your Secret Pal does something nice for you. At the end of the period we have the Secret Pal reveal where you get to find out who has been taking care of you.

Contact Jill Dailey (205-640-6622) or Vicky Morrison (256-831-9713) for more information on the Secret Pal program.

Overview

The secret pal program will be run in two sessions, each 6 months long. Members who want to participate in the secret pal program need to fill out the secret form at the Christmas Party for the first secret pal period of the year and by the June meeting for the second secret pal period of the year. The secret pal coordinator will match up secret pals. Each participating member will know the name of the person they give gifts to, but will not know the name of the person giving those gifts. Each participating member needs to do at least one nice thing for their secret pal each month. The nice thing could be: giving a gift, sending a card, baking cookies, etc. Gifts should not exceed \$10. At the end of the period there will be a revealing and participating members will learn who their secret pal was.

The Secret Pal Program is Voluntary

The Secret Pal program is a voluntary program. Please consider the following before joining. Gifts are typically around \$10 a month. If you join, you are expected to participate for the full six months. If you join and then quit, or you join and do not participate, it is unfair to your secret pal. Please consider this before joining.

Time Frame

There will be two secret pal periods a year. The first one will start in January and continue through June. After the reveal, we will be ready to draw for the second session. The second period will start in July and continue through November, with the reveal in December (at the Christmas Party).

Quitting

If participating members must quit before the end of the period, they need to let the Secret Pal coordinator know. At that point the Secret Pal coordinator will reassign the quitting member's pal, if one is available.

If You Don't Get Anything

If you are a participating member and you are not getting anything from your secret pal, let the secret pal coordinator know. The secret pal coordinator will call/email your secret sister and find out what is going on.

Please copy this form, fill it out and bring it to the meeting, December 10th, if you plan to participate in Secret Pals.

2012 FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS GUILD SECRET PAL

Name _____

Birth date (no year) _____

Address _____

Sewing Machine brand(s) you own _____

Favorite Fabric Designers/companies (RJR/Moda/etc.)

Favorite type(s) of fabric _____

Colors you like best _____

Colors you like least _____

Your favorite Holiday(s) _____

Flowers you like _____

Favorite Season(s) of the year _____

Favorite Animal(s) _____

Hobbies (other than quilting) _____

Things you collect: _____

Favorite food or candy _____

What type of quilts do you enjoy making? (pieced, appliqué, paper piecing, embellished, art quilts, etc.,) _____

Any other favorite's _____

Dislikes/allergies _____

Family Info/Anniversary (optional) _____