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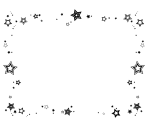
We had a wonderful Pieceable Retreat in early October, attended by 286 members. Our co-chairs, Sue and Jodi Spillane did an outstanding job organizing the weekend. We had a guest speaker, Martha File, who is promoting the National Quilt Trail for South Carolina. I encourage you to visit the group's website (www.oconeheritagequilttrail.com) to learn more about how you and your community can get involved in this incredible activity.

Susan Cleveland will be our featured speaker at Spring Meeting 2011 to be held in Orangeburg on March 12th. Our theme this year is "Roses along the River" and our block challenge is "Strolling through a Rose Garden." Kits are available for \$2.00 each or two for \$3.00 and are available from Pat Bartholomew, Spring Meeting Chair. In addition to our regular show and tell of quilts and garments we will have a Purse Parade. Registration packets for this meeting will be sent later this month. I sincerely hope will be able to join us for this fun filled day.

I wish all of you the best during the coming holiday season and a healthy and happy new year.

As a closing thought, remember that "obstacles are the things people see when they take their eyes off the goal." Robert Thorpe

Happy Quilting!
Diane

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2011 Spring Meeting

The Quilters of South Carolina Spring Meeting for 2011, "Roses Along the River" will be held March 12, 2011 at the Family Life Center in Orangeburg, SC. District IV is hosting the meeting and looking forward to seeing all of you there. Our speaker will be Susan K. Cleveland of Minnesota. She is best known for her Piping Hot Curves and Piping Hot Binding. She has appeared with Alex Anderson and Ricky Timms on The Quilt Show and recently was a winner at the 2010 International Quilt Festival in Houston for her Psychedelic Big Bang quilt. Susan has invented tools to assist quilters and written several books. She will give classes in Orangeburg on Friday and Sunday and will present a lecture and trunk show, My Eclectic Quilt Pageant, at our meeting on Saturday.



The QSC Newsletter

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If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the fall retreat or sprint meeting, you must be a QSC member in good standing; must have your business location in the State of south Carolina and must have advertised in a QSC publication (newsletter or directory) In the 12 months prior to the event.

The **next issue is Spring 2011. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the next newsletter is**

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2011 Pieceable Retreat – Planning is Underway!

Let me start by sending Sue and Jodi a HUGE thank you for such a successful 2010 Pieceable Retreat! If you weren't there, you really missed a great time and accolades go to them both for two years of hard work that really paid off in a fun event.

Planning is underway for another great Retreat in 2011. For those who attended and filled out an evaluation, please know that your comments were read, summarized and noted. For those issues that can be addressed, they will be – for those that are beyond our control, we will try our best to reconcile differences.

The QSC Board makes every effort to give you the best value for your Retreat dollars. For your registration fee you receive seven meals, two night's lodging, teacher's fees, facility insurance, access to all facilities and space, administrative cost, a goodie, staff support, behind the scenes work, and a priceless supply countless volunteer hours by many members of QSC and their spouses.

Our teachers are members of QSC and if you'd like to propose a class to teach, please submit to the address below – the deadline is December 15th. Members are looking for new techniques, new classes, new ideas to make their quilting life exciting and up to date. Classes will be unveiled during the March 2011 Spring Meeting, so make your plans to attend!

Are the accommodations the Ritz Carlton? No. Are the meals all gourmet? Not all. Can one piece and work until mid-night? Yes, for two nights if you can! Are the bunk beds designed for 55+ year old women? Not on your life! Is Retreat a fun, worthwhile, warm environment where you can share your enjoyment of quilting with your friends? You better believe it! Are you going to miss it next year? You'd better not!!

Until the next newsletter update on Retreat 2011, go ahead and mark your calendar for October 20 – 23, 2011, and as one member so eloquently wrote on her evaluation, "This was absolutely the most enjoyable time I have had with 274 of my closest quilting friends! I can't wait until next year!" Can you?

Please Email Class proposals – Bowen.anita@gmail.com

Lets Chat!!!

A "Yahoo Groups" site has been set up for the general membership of QSC. This will be a communication site where those of us with the common interest in Quilting can discuss, chat, show pictures, ask who is taking what at retreat, and other QSC stuff.

Vicki McCormick will be the Moderator.

To sign up: go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/quiltersofsc/> read the page and click on the blue Join Now button and follow the directions. Everyone will have to be approved to keep this limited to QSC members only. Once approved you can chat up a storm.

Any questions, call or email, Vicki McCormick at 803-531-37614 or vmccormick@sc.rr.com.

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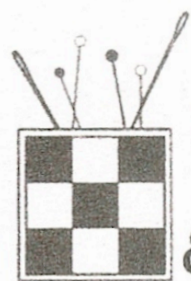
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Quilters of South Carolina October 1, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Quilters of South Carolina Board Meeting, Friday, October 1, 2010

The board members of Quilters of South Carolina met at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 1, 2010 in the auditorium of the White Oak Camp and Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC. Members in attendance were: Karen Kendo, Pat Bartholomew, Verity Creekmore, Amanda Brown, Vicki McCormick, Robin Cleveland, Dee Ross, Connie Richardson, Angela Faulkenberry, Debby Stone, June Fish, Corky Ledbetter, Sandra Baker, Sue Spillane, Jodi Spillane, Anita Bowen, Genny Lindler, Donna Walters, Diane Schonauer, Linda Cassell, and Mary Trimble.

President Diane Schonauer opened the meeting. The minutes of the August 7, 2010 meeting were approved as published. Linda Cassell distributed the treasurer's report. Linda stated that she did not have a record of how many scholarships were issued for Pieceable Retreat 2009. Genny Lindler, Fall Registrar, said she would research that figure and report to Linda with it.

Donna Walters, Membership Chair, stated that we currently have 586 members.

Genny Lindler reported that we have 289 members registered for retreat. Members need to be reminded to fill out their registration forms completely so that nametags, etc can be complete and accurate.\

Sue Spillane, Retreat Co-Chair, thanked everyone for their assistance on Thursday night.

June Fish, Ways and Means Chair, suggested that we charge \$10 for extra padfolios. The board agreed. It was suggested that we order additional pens. June also stated that she had samples of polo shirts and asked the board members to stop by the Ways and Means table and check them out.

Pat Bartholomew, Vice-President, announced that Susan Cleveland, our speaker and teacher for Spring Meeting 2011 was just named Teacher of the Year for the State of Minnesota. Pat also reported that the Spring Meeting committee had kits for challenge blocks at one for \$2 or 2 for \$3. The theme of the challenge is Strolling through a Rose Garden and the blocks can have any garden theme. Pat also requested that at Spring Meeting 2011 we have a special purse/tote show and tell in addition to our regular show and tell.

The Nominating Committee is working to fill all open positions and will have a complete report at the January, 2011 meeting.

Computer Projector – Debby Stone reported on her research into the advisability of QSC purchasing a computer projector. Most venues now have one available for use or lease. The size needed for program presentation to large audiences and the cost of replacing the bulbs is a serious consideration. We would also need to consider storage of the projector and training for anyone using it. After discussion, Corky Ledbetter moved that QSC lease audiovisual equipment rather than purchase. Karen Kendo seconded the motion and the motion carried.

State-wide Quilt Show – Karen Kendo reported that she has not had any success in locating a venue large enough to house a state-wide quilt show for a long exhibit time such as three to four weeks. June Fish suggested that we look to doing a traditional weekend quilt show. The matter was tabled until the January, 2011 meeting.

Diane Schonauer announced that the QSC Day at the State Fair is Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Connie Richardson announced that she had located a venue for Spring Meeting 2012 at Central Carolina Tech School of Nursing in Sumter. March 24 or March 31, 2012 is available. The board selected March 24, 2012 for the date for Spring Meeting 2012.

The meeting was adjourned by Diane Schonauer.

Quilters of South Carolina October 3, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The board members of Quilters of South Carolina met at 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 3, 2010 in the auditorium of the White Oak Camp and Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC. Members in attendance were: Karen Kendo, Pat Bartholomew, Verity Creekmore, Amanda Brown, Vicki McCormick, Robin Cleveland, Dee Ross, Connie Richardson, Angela Faulkenberry, Debby Stone, June Fish, Corky Ledbetter, Sandra Baker, Sue Spillane, Jodi Spillane, Anita Bowen, Genny Lindler, Donna Walters, Diane Schonauer, and Linda Cassell.

Diane Schonauer opened the meeting and a wrap-up of Pieceable Retreat 2010 was first on the agenda. Jodi and Sue Spillane were commended by the board for another successful retreat. Some areas of concern were discussed and suggestions for improvements were given. The biggest concern centered on room keys not working which is a White Oak problem. They are aware of the problem and are working to overcome it.

Corky Ledbetter, head of the nominating committee, reported that all positions had been filled except one and someone is considering accepting that position.

In Pat Kerko's absence, Diane Schonauer reminded the board that the deadline for the newsletter is November 5, 2010.

It was recommended that QSC purchase additional portable quilt racks for district displays, scholarship quilt display, etc. It was moved and seconded that QSC purchase the number of quilt racks necessary to bring out total number to ten. Karen Kendo will take care of making this purchase.

June Fish gave a report of items sold from the Ways and Means table. We also gave six padfolios to the White Oak staff as a thank you gift. June will try to reorder the pens.

The Book Sale table brought in \$284.34 for the scholarship fund.

District 3 has the scholarship quilt.

The next meeting of the QSC board will be on January 8, 2011 at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church in W. Columbia, SC at 10:00 AM.

Diane Schonauer adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Looking for Something Fun to do!!!!!!

Interested in a drive but quilts on your mind? You might take a tour of the **Oconee Heritage Quilt Trail**. The trail began with one quilt square mounted on the Oconee Heritage Center in Walhalla and has now spread to over 30 quilt squares in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties mounted on barns, businesses, homes and public buildings. Want more information visit their website <http://upstateheritagequilttrail.org/>



DISTRICT 1

OCONEE, PICKENS, ANDERSON, GREENVILLE COUNTIES

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BUSY BEES QUILT GUILD

The Busy Bees have been busy! In July, the annual picnic was held and a pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. A representative from the James Monroe Mission House talked about the goals of the mission. In August Joan Derylak presented a program on Figure Flattering Quilt Wear and she taught a class on September 7. At the meeting in September, Priscilla Hare presented a trunk show which was followed by a philanthropy workshop. Food items can also be brought and will be appreciated by the mission. In October a trunk show was presented by Margaret Caughman. The month of November meeting will be a program called Care of Your Sewing Machine by Marietta Louk followed by a yard sale. The annual Christmas social will be held in December.

PEACH PATCHERS QUILT GUILD

The 2010 raffle quilt was hung in the Viking shop this summer and tickets are still on sale. This is the major fund-raiser for the guild. The drawing for the quilt will be in November. In August, Anita Goodesigns presented a trunk show at Vacuum World. A thank you note was received from the Shriners Hospital for the pillowcases they received. The program for September was how to change the looks of a four patch by cutting at the center seam and was given by Pat Warder. A list of members' phone numbers was received by each attendee for use in case of emergency. The group leader will call those on the list in her group.

PRICKLY FINGERS QUILTER'S GUILD

In September the guild was given a tour of Europe and the traveling experiences of Florine Johnson. She is the designer of the "Radical Rooster" patterns. She told of her experiences traveling and teaching in various countries. A workshop was held the next day and everyone enjoyed making the roosters. Each year the guild tries to make more charity quilts than the year before. Also pillowcases were made and 35 were taken to Safe Harbor.

The first biennial quilt show was a huge success. Workers were tired but extremely happy with the results. A lot was learned and all are eager to do it again. In October, the meeting was held at Jo Brown Senior Center due to a conflict with the library. Jean Bryant, Linda Lock, and Dee Ross shared their experiences of making a jacket using a sweatshirt for the foundation as taught to them by Lynn Parker. If there is enough interest, Lynn will come and do a workshop later. In November, a work day to work on UFOs and/or philanthropy quilts will be held. Several members presented a program on quilting at the Morningside of Anderson Assisted Living facility. Some of the residents shared their own quilts. In December, the guild will have a social and a round robin of how to use those specialty rulers we bought but have been afraid to use. Those attending the annual joint retreat at Lake Junaluska had a great time as usual.

District 1 cont'

ELECTRIC CITY QUILTER'S GUILD

In September, the guild was treated to a hands-on program using the Quilt As You Sew method explained to us by Lynn Parker. She showed how to revise old quilt patterns to become a sew as you go project. A pattern for a basket block was given to each person. In October, Martha File, director of the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail, talked about the expansion of the trail into Pickens and Anderson counties. She told us about the beginning of the trail in Oconee county and how each block is chosen and hung on specific buildings and homes. The two Anderson guilds hope to be involved in this process in Anderson county. November will be a work day for the guild to finish their own projects or to finish philanthropy quilts. The guild will hold its' annual Christmas party in December. .

FOOTHILLS PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD – no report but an apology for the wrong name last newsletter.

NIMBLE THIMBLES QUILT GUILD

A new year began for the guild and new officers took over their duties. The meeting has changed from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Monday. This change provided a larger meeting place as the guild had grown too big for the space allowed. In August, the new quilt shop "Southern Charm" came to provide the guild with information on what the shop has to offer and the classes available. Habitat for Humanity president, Monroe Free discussed how Habitat for Humanity works and gave thanks for the many quilts already provided by the guild. In September, the challenge quilts were due and voted on. They were on display at the quilt show in October. Members were challenged to donate items/cash to God's Pantry, a mission of Messiah Lutheran Church were the guild meets.

Four bees are held monthly for further learning and creating. One of them is open to all members all day before the monthly meeting. The annual quilt show was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended. The 2010 Opportunity Quilt winner will be drawn at the December meeting. Half of the money raised will be donated to Honor Flight Upstate SC and the other half will go to the guild. The December meeting will be the annual Christmas party.

UPCOUNTRY QUILTER'S GUILD

Congratulations to two members who won ribbons at the Lake & Mountains quilt show in Seneca. So far this year, the guild has donated 73 quilts to be given to Head Start. In September, Cathy Coster presented a program on care and restoration of quilts. In October, Gail Sexton presented a trunk show of wonderful quilts and all were inspired by her creations. In December the annual Christmas party will take place.

LAKE AND MOUNTAIN QUILT GUILD

Another great quilt show has come and gone. Many wonderful quilts were on display. It always makes September a busy month. A new slate of officers was presented in November with voting to take place in December. Gail Blate presented a program on mandala quilts and explained what mandalas are. In December, the annual Christmas party will be held. The proceeds from the monthly door prizes goes to Lakeside Assisted Living and \$150.00 in gift cards was also given. The annual Hospice Craft Sale and Tree Viewing will be held November 30 – December 3.

105 comfort quilts have been donated so far this year. Christmas stockings are on the agenda again. Canned goods for the Golden Corner Food Bank were brought to the August meeting.

DISTRICT 2

SPARTANBURG, CHEROKEE, YORK, UNION, CHESTER, AND LANCASTER COUNTIES

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Piecemakers Guild (Heath Springs) Co-Presidents-Iva Mintz and Martha Ussery. For their quilt show in November, guild members are busy adding the finishing touches to their projects. They look forward to all their workshops this fall. Cathi Gainey will be the guest speaker at the October meeting. She will demonstrate working with wool.

Magic Needle Guild (Lancaster) President-Lys Hart Magic Needle members are hard at work for the November 6 quilt show, "Across Generations". Piecemakers and Magic Needle are sponsoring a show that promises to cover all types of quilting. Traditional, Modern and Art quilts will be displayed. Congratulations to Magic Needle Guild! Quilters Dream announced this guild as the winner for most quilts donated to the ALS Quilters Dream Challenge. Over 247 quilts are posted on the Quilters Dream website. www.quiltersdreambatting.com

York County Quilters (Rock Hill) President-Wynell Shows. 15 years and still growing strong! It started with 56 quilters and now has grown to over 165 members. The guild continues to support the community. Their 7th quilt show, "A Stitch In Time", is October 8-9 at the First Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill. Over 130 quilts will be on display. The guild is busy making final plans for this special celebration. www.yorkcountyquilters.org

Landrum Guild (Gowensville) President-Sue Burton Landrum members and guest enjoyed a fun evening at the Landrum Library on Sept. 25. Georgia Bonesteel showed some of her beautiful projects. It's official! June 9-11, 2011 is Landrum's date for the Landrum Quilt Show. Ladies are busy with details to make this another great event. www.landrumquilts.com

Piedmont Piecers (Spartanburg) President-Renee Dugan Piedmont Piecers continue to work on unfinished projects and tackle new ones as well. Being a group made up of beginner, intermediate and advanced quilters, they continue to support each other in all projects. No matter what the skill level, they have fun and make new friends.

DISTRICT 3

ABBEVILLE, LAURENS, NEWBERRY, GREENWOOD, McCORMICK, SALUDA, EDGEFIELD, AND AIKEN COUNTIES

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Loose Threads Quilt Guild

The Loose Threads Quilt Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month between 6:30pm and 8:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church Christian Life Center. The address is: 303 East Centennial St, Clinton, SC, 29325. Guests are Welcome to attend. This year has gone by so fast and we have had a great year of programs. Sharon Golden, a guild member gave a presentation on the history of the pincushion, she also shared her vast collection of pincushions from the past and present. Dorothy Young, a member of the Berry Patchers Quilt Guild in Newberry gave a presentation on using the opportunity of quilting online. She shared some of the "Mystery Challenges" that she has shared with quilters from around the world by using online quilt groups. The quilters in the guild have made and donated 40 quilts for a philanthropy project to Jaime's Treehouse, a grieving camp for children held in the spring and fall in Greenwood, SC. The quilters also set up a night of show and share at the Lauren's County Library, displays of guild members quilts, a photo show, and demonstrations were given. This was an awesome opportunity for us to share our love of quilting with the community.

Submitted by the Loose Threads Vice President- Amanda Brown Please visit our local quilt shop in Laurens, SC; *Stitches*. You can visit their website at: <http://www.stitchesinc.net>

Carolina Pine Quilters of Aiken

The Carolina Pine Quilters meet the second Monday of each month at 7PM at Trinity United Methodist Church. The address is 2724 Whiskey Road, Aiken, SC. Guests are always welcome!!! Please check out the Carolina Pine Quilters website at:

http://www.geocities.com/carolinapinequilters/Carolina_Pine_Quilters.html

Aiken also has a wonderful quilt shop downtown, check out their website at: http://www.aikenquiltshoppe.com/Home_Page.html

Pieceful Hearts Quilters

The Pieceful Hearts Quilters have announced their upcoming quilt show to be in October of 2011. The dates and theme of the show should be announced soon. To be held at the North Augusta Activities Center, 100 Riverview Park Dr., North Augusta, SC 29841. Please follow their blog for up-to-date information at: http://pqquilts.blogspot.com/2010_03_01_archive.html

The Berry Patchers

The Berry Patchers Quilt Guild in Newberry is a new guild and the programs so far have been limited to those by members only. We have had an exciting and informative trunk show by Ellen Calloway using her antique quilts collection. She presented the quilts starting with the oldest and progressing to the most recent. It was interesting to see how quilting has evolved over time. Sharon Golden presented a program on pin cushions, showing a vast collection of pin cushions that she has collected and providing pin cushion patterns, so everyone could make a pin cushion and begin their own collection. In October, Jean Cushway presented a program on quilting tools that we have bought and found most helpful and those that we wished we hadn't bought. Our November program will be presented by Lou Anne Byars on chenille and we look forward to learning more about chenille quilts and items.

Submitted by the Berry Patchers' president- Sharon Golden

DISTRICT 4

FAIRFIELD, RICHLAND, LEXINGTON, KERSHAW, ORANGEBURG, AND CALHOUN COUNTIES

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The **Appliqué Lovers** had class in doing small stockings for Christmas and we are gearing up for the Family Community Leaders (FCL) fall council meeting on October 21, 2010. We are working on our Rose Arbor Quilt to be displayed at the Orangeburg County Fair in 2012.

Devine Quilt Guild has, had a wonderful year in 2010 and we are looking forward to an equally wonderful new year in 2011! Lynn Buske is our program chair for 2011 and has a year full of exciting programs planned. Our January meeting will feature a program on tools used in quilting both common and uncommon. The theme for the 2011 challenge will also be revealed during our January meeting. The following months are also chocked full of fun, education and quest speakers.

We have wonderful show and tell each month from our very talented members and guests. Our charity work continues all year round and we will be working to exceed this year our efforts from last year.

We would love for you to join us for such an exciting time! We meet the first Monday night of every month at Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia, 607 Woodrow Street, a few blocks from five points. We gather at 6 pm for visiting and chatting, our meeting starts at 7 pm. Call or email Lynn Lucas with any questions that you may have. 803-760-3160 or doozledo@windstream.net

In October **Greater Columbia Quilters** answered the "Seeds of Inspiration" challenge with 14 members participating. The entries ranged from a miniature quilt with baskets of ¼ inch yo-yo flowers to a lap quilt and an eyeglass case to mask. Several pieces were embellished with 3D, beads and crystals. We elected officers and our new president is Deb Mencarelli. We will enjoy a social in December for the holiday season. Many exciting trunk shows and workshops are planned for the new year with member Penny Benner and national teachers Leah Day, Susan Cleveland, and Charlotte Angotti. We hope you will join us for the fun.

Quilters of Kershaw County have started our year with exciting news, we are going to hold our first Quilt Retreat this coming February! Hopefully this can become an annual event for our guild. During our September meeting we were visited by DSS representatives and Foster Families. They wanted to thank us for providing quilts for the children in their care. Carol Alprin visited the guild in October and taught the 2 Fabric Appliqué class. I'm sure we'll see lots of pretty wall hangings at our November show & tell

Southern Piecemakers are working on wheel chair caddies to turn in to a local nursing home. We have been collecting diapers, tops, pants and toiletries for MADD. The group has been busy working on our donation quilt to be displayed at the 2016 Orangeburg County Fair.

Starlight Quilters Guild had a good showing at the Orangeburg County Fair with several entries in the fair from our group. First place winners were: Allison Andrews - smocking; Kathleen Underwood - patch work pictures; Verity Creekmore – Heirloom garment bag, purse, pillow case, jewelry pouch, & ID pouch. Second place winners were: Verity Creekmore – purse, Christmas stocking. In the quilt division: Best Lap/Miniature – Jane Westbury; best use of color – Vicki McCormick; first place – Vicki McCormick; second place – Josie Tapia, Jane Westbury; honorable mention – Linda Coleman, Allison Andrews, Ann Bonette, Verity Creekmore, and Jean Hawks.

We blessed one of our own by giving her a good send-off as she left on a mission trip that will last several months. She has more needles and thread than she can possibly share while on her trip, but I know she will find a way. We trust that Kathleen will have a successful trip and return to us soon.

In preparation for the holidays, we fused together a wonderful "noel" wall hanging. A simple enough project to get us inspired for the coming hectic days. Verity shared an English paper piecing project with us to help us learn something new to do. As we come closer to the end of 2010, we are planning a celebration of our guild. Starlight Quilters will be 10 years old in December. We hope to have a special program to celebrate.

We are happy to announce that we have a new quilt store in Orangeburg. It is "A Stitch in Time – Again" and is on St. Matthews Rd. in the Rainbow Plaza. The store hosted a Quilters Appreciation Day to say thanks for the patronage. If you haven't been in the store, you will enjoy visiting the shop.

We have our meetings starting at 6:30 p.m., the first and third Tuesdays, meeting at the Orangeburg Fine Arts Center. Come join us sometime!

Threads of Time of Lexington Quilt Guild has had a busy year with programs from National Teachers as well as from our own members, and what talent there has been on display. We have surpassed our targets for charity quilts and have been delighted by the response from DSS when we have delivered quilts and blankets to them. There will be a silent auction to raise funds for the guild at our November meeting, so there will be resources for more fantastic teachers next year. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at the Lighthouse Building, behind Saxe Gotha Church, off of 378 in Lexington and we always welcome visitors and new members.

DISTRICT 5

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WILLIAMSBURG, AND GEORGETOWN COUNTIES

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Swan Lake Quilt Guild, Sumter

This month, the Swan Lake Quilt Guild is proud to be able to present 75+ quilts to the personnel of DSS here in Sumter. This collection is the result of all the guild members working together this year so that each child taken into custody will have one of their very own. Of course, some prodding was necessary during the course of the year, and Janet Doby was good at keeping us busy. Chocolate may have been involved in her persuasions!

Judy Mayberry generously volunteered her time and talent by making and quilting the "Opportunity Quilt" which will be awarded at our March quilt show. It's very beautiful, has lots of wonderful workmanship. We are hoping to visit with guilds close to us so that your members can see it before the quilt show. Please keep Connie posted on when your meetings are so that we might plan to come. We're working very hard to get ready for the show, so be sure to put the date on your calendar: Saturday and Sunday, March 19th and 20th. As a plus, it is the same weekend as the show in Bishopville, which is only 20 miles from Sumter---a great opportunity for you to come and enjoy both these great shows.

As our year winds down we are planning our annual holiday party for Monday, December 13th. It is a great time of fellowship---not to mention good eats! Now that our guild has grown by leaps and bounds, our party place had to grow, too. A local crafter has a "club house" that she is generously allowing us to use---plenty of room to spread out and still be together. Our gift exchange does get a little wild at times, but all in good fun as the "Chinese Gift Exchange" gets people going. It is always a good time, filled with lots of party food and laughter. Let us know if you are in the area and come see for yourself!

Swamp Fox Quilters, Florence

Beth Twedell presented a program and trunk show on Jelly Roll quilts in April. In May we had an English Tea Party with instructions and demonstrations on English Paper Piecing. Hot teas, scones, and other goodies were enjoyed by all. Our challenge quilts were hung in June at the Hartsville Museum. They hung for 3 months and there were 1327 visitors at the museum during this time.

A mystery quilt was completed by a number of our members and thanks to Karen Kirkland for the pattern. On July 10th, a group of quilters exhibited and demonstrated quilting at the Peach Festival at McLeod's farm near McBee. In August a group of the SFQ went to the Asheville Quilt show where 8 of them had entered quilts. Rita Studdard received an Honorable Mention on her entry. September was the time for SFQuilters to exhibit quilts at the Florence Little Theater during the running of the play, A Big River. In September we had Margaret Watson and Vicki Perry with their quilt show of Whistle Stop Quilting. 18 members attended the Fall Retreat at White Oak and the District V Display was done by SFQ members. Also, in October, members attended the Ovis Hill Farms Fall Festival and again exhibited quilts and did demonstrations of quilting. October was the month for the annual Make it, Bake it, Sew it, or Grow it auction. Approximately \$848 dollars was made from this fund raising project.

Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry, Sumter Our group of Stitches of Love ladies are amazing in their hard work and giving spirit. This is evidenced by the huge number of quilts which have been made and donated to various organizations in Sumter. We have donated over 185 quilt items this year. One hundred of them were given to Shaw Air Force Base new parents, and over 40 were donated to several crisis pregnancy centers. We donated neck pillows, adult bibs and lap quilts to elderly shut ins. We are already planning for our Christmas party to be held in early November. This will be our last gathering until Jan. 2011 when we will again start making more baby quilts.

DISTRICT 6

BARNWELL, BAMBURG, ALLENDALE, HAMPTON,
COLLETON, JASPER, AND BEAUFORT COUNTIES

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Sea Island Quilt Guild

Our August fabric dyeing class given by Jeanne Flanagan of Boston produced wonderful colors and gradations. Many striped fabrics were also made: by painting as the cloth as it hung on a line as well as the favorite of many, pipe-wrapped Shibori. We work out side and were favored with fine weather.

Eileen Sullivan's September class had us making shaded crystal octagons using our hand-dyes or other fabrics which we will make into wall hangings and table runners. It was a good chance learn or to brush up on our paper piecing technique.

At our October meeting we voted in new officers for 2011 with Eva Risch as our President. They will be installed in November and take over in January.

The donation quilt for our May 7/8 "Southern Comforts" Quilt Show has been completed and our members have tickets available. It is a beautiful country look back to the 30's and 40's.

The Palmetto Quilt Guild on Hilton Head Island has reserved a block of rooms at the Courtyard by Marriott Paducah for the 2011 AQS Paducah Quilt Show, April 26-30, 2011 at \$199 per night. Double & king rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis. You will be responsible for supplying your own transportation. The Courtyard is on the Quilt Show Shuttle route with easy access to all the venues in Paducah. Rooms must be reserved before January 2, 2011 at which time they will be released to the general public.

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ISLAND QUILT GUILD

Island Quilt Guild has had a surge in membership this quarter! We are now 67 members strong. A new pictorial directory is in the works by Caroline Ferrar.

We recently enjoyed a retreat at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island with 24 in attendance.

Members continue to work on Quilts of Valor.

October's monthly program was a make and take Origami gift bag presented/taught by a member, Barbara Brenneman.

Members are looking forward to a Christmas party the first Wednesday in December. Committees are at work on plans for group activities, table decorations, door prizes, a gift basket raffle, a throw-sized quilt for raffle and gifts for Berkeley Electric Co-op employees. The group traditionally presents home baked cookies or pound cakes as an annual thank you to Berkeley Electric for allowing us to meet in their facility.

Island Quilt Guild meets on the first and third Wednesdays at the Berkeley Electric Co-op meeting room on Johns Island at 9:30A. Membership is open to anyone interested in having a good time and sharing quilting fellowship.

COBBLESTONE QUILTERS GUILD

In September we proudly presented over 130 quilts to Camp Happy Days! Thanks to Melissa Pate for her excellent organization of this year's Community Service Project.

In October the guild enjoyed Bonnie Hunter's trunk show and two days of classes. Bonnie always makes us look at our scraps differently.

Our November program will include an overview of all the guild's splinter groups as well as our ice cream social (postponed from an earlier date.) December will find us eating yet again at our annual potluck.

We're looking forward to lots of great programs in 2011 including programs with Flavin Glover, Susan Cleveland, Paula Nadelstern, Peggy Barkle, Charlotte Angotti, and Linda Poole

Cobblestone Quilters Guild meets the 2nd Thursday of the each month at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the West Ashley section of Charleston. Visitors are welcome.



Challenge!!!!

A sewing challenge is being offered by Creative Sewing in Columbia to celebrate their 10th anniversary. It begins October 1, 2010 and ends February 14, 2011. It is being done in a theme of "10". Go by the store, sign up, receive a 10 inch square of fabric to be included in your entry and begin creating something in repeats of "10". Entries can be home décor, wearable art, pocketbook, tote, scrapbooking using fabrics, doll clothing, etc. If you make a quilt project it needs to be wall hanging size.

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