



Quilters of South Carolina

Dedicated to recognizing individual quilt makers and quilt groups throughout South Carolina; to providing opportunities for communication, education, and participation; and to promoting the history, art, and craft of quilt making.

A Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2011

From the President

I know that every day is made up of 24 hours; every week has 7 days, etc. Each have the same duration they had when I was a child. Why do they seem to be going so much faster the older I get? These last two years as President of Quilters of South Carolina have been no exception. The time has flown by ever so quickly.

During my tenure I have been fortunate to travel all over our state to see your quilt shows, visit your guilds, attend our State Fair, and gather at our functions—Spring Meeting and Fall Pieceable Retreat. At each venue I have had wonderful experiences in meeting you and making friends. I've learned new techniques and have seen many beautiful quilts. I had terrific time and appreciate the confidence you have shown in my efforts and abilities to lead this fine organization.

Once again QSC has planned for you an outstanding Spring Meeting. We will gather in Orangeburg on March 12th with Susan K. Cleveland as our guest speaker. It will be a fun filled day and I hope you will join us. Class samples for our 2011 Pieceable Retreat will be unveiled and I'm sure they will spark your interest.

Remember that the Board of Directors is an all volunteer board. If you would like to get involved, please speak to any one of us. Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless but because they're priceless!

The three essentials of happiness are something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for.

Happy Quilting!

Diane Schonauer

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ROSES ALONG THE RIVER QSC Spring Meeting 2011 Orangeburg, SC

This year's spring meeting is just around the corner. You have until February 18, to make your reservation. The meeting will be held in Orangeburg at the Family Life Center on Columbia Road. You must be a member of Quilters of South Carolina to attend.

The quilters of District Four are working hard to make this a fun, interesting and informative time for everyone. The meeting will include, election of officers, a look at the Fall Retreat class samples, vendors, demonstrations, a visit from Priscilla Hair and her "Ugly Fabric Challenge", the drawing for the beautiful crazy quilt made by Judy Twitty, fellowship with quilters from across the state, door prizes, show and tell, lunch and this year's speaker, Susan K. Cleveland. Susan will be bringing many of her fantastic quilts. Her lecture is entitled *My Eclectic Quilt Pageant*.

The QSC Newsletter

This is the quarterly newsletter for members of the Quilters of South Carolina, a nonprofit organization. The QSC Newsletter is published four times a year.

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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**

May 5, 2011. All Advertising fees must be included with any submitted advertising. Quilt Shop, Professional Quilt Instructors, and Long-arm Quilt Service providers may place ads in the QSC Newsletter at a cost of:

--Advertising Rates--

Business Card\$ 15

1/4 Page Ad\$ 30

1/2 Page Ad\$ 50

Please make checks for advertising payable to QSC and send to:

Pat Kerko
7530 Highway 11
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Please email ads themselves in *.jpg or *.gif format.

2011 Pieceable Retreat Update

Do you have the Retreat on your calendar? If not, you'd better do it now! Mark off October 21, 22, and 23rd for three fun filled days of quilting and shopping and sharing. An exciting schedule of classes has been prepared and samples will be presented during the Annual Spring Meeting in Orangeburg. Come make your selections and be prepared to send in your registration.

Speaking of registrations if you can't make it to the meeting, pictures will be posted on the QSC web site as well as the class descriptions shortly after the Spring Meeting. Registration packets for Pieceable Retreat will be mailed to the membership, first class, on March 22th so be looking for yours in the mail that very next week.

You will note on the registration form there is a selection for the Murphy Bed rooms. Why Murphy beds? White Oak staff have responded to this question. The SC Baptist Convention has a comprehensive broad based ministry focused on children with programs that include many opportunities for overnight stays at White Oak. During these events every child must have their own bed and to maximize the chaperone:child ratio, rooms are fitted for 4 single beds and 1 double bed. The operative word here is "child".

Not every room has the Murphy bed option and unless requested on the registration form, QSC does not plan to house 4 or even 5 participants in these rooms.

Check back to this spot for a few more updates on Pieceable Retreat but in the meantime, if you have questions about Pieceable Retreat please send them to me at [Bowen.Anita@gmail.com](mailto: Bowen.Anita@gmail.com). See you then if not before!
Anita Bowen

Information on Teachers, Judges and Appraisers

We have a real opportunity for a central resource of information on Teachers, Judges and Appraisers in South Carolina. Pass your information along to Sandra Baker, our QSC past President. She is keeping a Database on this information.

Send your information about Lectures, workshops and services to sandra25@bellsouth.net.

A booklet for each district representative is being prepared for distribution at Pieceable Retreat. Be sure you are included in this Resource Book

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SPEAKER CHOSEN FOR 2012 SPRING MEETING

Gylen X. Fitzgerald has been chosen to be our speaker at the Quilters of South Carolina Spring Meeting in Sumter March 24, 2012. She has written four books featuring quilts and poetry. Her first book, *Dream*, was published in 2005.

Her quilts blend color, pattern and texture to provide a contemporary essence to traditional quilting. Stop by her website, www.ColourfulStitches.com to learn more.

Lets Stay in Touch!!!!

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.

Heart Quilts to Be Returned

After an exciting year of traveling, the Heart Quilts will be returned at the QSC Annual Spring Meeting. If you will not be there, please make arrangements for someone to pick yours up.

Sandra Baker

Quilters of South Carolina January 8, 2011, Board Meeting Minutes

The Quilters of SC board members met on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church in West Lexington, SC. Members present were: Karen Kendo, Diane Schonauer, Pat Bartholomew, Genny Lindler, Jodi Spillane, Dee Ross, Angela Faulkenberry, Sandra Baker, Anita Bowen, Pat Kerko, Corky Ledbetter, Amanda Brown, Mary Trimble, Linda Cassell, Vicki McCormick, Debby Stone, and June Fish.

Officer Reports:

President Diane Schonauer called the meeting to order and announced two board member changes. Donna Walters has resigned as membership chairperson and Jodi Spillane has been appointed to that position. Connie Richardson has stepped aside as Spring Registrar and Vicki McCormick will be filling that post for 2011 and 2012. Mary Trimble will continue as Historian through the 2011 Spring Meeting but we will need to find a new historian to fill her position. We are therefore looking for a publicity chairperson and a historian. Contact Diane Schonauer with suggestions.

The minutes of the Oct. 1 and Oct. 3, 2010 board meeting were accepted as published.

Pat Bartholomew, Vice-President reported that Susan Cleveland is looking forward to coming to SC. Pat reminded board members to bring a SC gift for the gift basket for Susan Cleveland if they have not already done so. Pat also reported that Gyleen X. Fitzgerald has been selected as the speaker and teacher for Spring Meeting 2012.

Linda Cassell distributed copies of the treasurer's report. She also presented the proposed QSC budget for 2011. Pat Bartholomew moved that the proposed budget be accepted as presented to the board. Jodi Spillane seconded the motion and the motion carried. The budget is printed elsewhere in the newsletter and will be voted on at the Spring Meeting.

Pat Kerko, newsletter editor, reminded the board that the deadline for the next newsletter is Jan. 15. Quilting articles for publication in the newsletter may be submitted to the president for consideration by any QSC member.

Jodi Spillane, membership chairperson, informed the board that she is placing a copy of the most current newsletter in the binder with the directory that goes out to all new members of QSC. Jodi has also begun sending out membership renewal reminders through the US postal service rather than by email. We currently have 597 members.

Vicki McCormick, Spring Meeting Registrar, reported that 86 members have already registered for the Spring Meeting. Both classes are full. The deadline for registration and for the hotel discount is February 18, 2011. Confirmation letters will be sent after the deadline.

June Fish, Ways and Means Chairperson, presented a sampling of items for the board's consideration as a Ways and Means item or a retreat give away. June also gave a report of sales at the Retreat.

Mary Trimble, Historian, presented the scrapbook from Spring Meeting and Fall Retreat 2010. She gave Debby Stone a CD of pictures for the website.

Debby Stone, Web Diva, reported that we have renewed our domain name. Please send her all upcoming events from your district.

Program Reports:

Spring Meeting 2011 - The host hotel, Country Inn and Suites has given QSC free use of their meeting room for both Friday and Saturday night. On Friday night the shop, A Stitch in Time, Too will host the activities. On Saturday night there will be a game night.

Spring Meeting 2012 - the speaker contract has been sent.

Pieceable Retreat 2011 - Oct. 21-23, 2011 - Anita Bowen reported that she had received many class proposals with a wide variety of offerings. Her goal is to offer new techniques and classes. Anita informed the board that White Oak has a new policy that does not allow outside food to be brought in and served for our evening refreshments. Anita recommended that we have White Oak prepare fruit trays/light snacks for the night time meetings. The board approved her recommendation.

District Reports:

Dee Ross, District I: Getting ready for the second annual district wide meeting in February.

Angela Faulkenberry, District II: One Stop Shop Hop is Feb. 19 in Lancaster with over 20 vendors.

Amanda Brown, District III: Newberry has a new quilting group called the Berry Patchers. Greenwood is looking to start a small group to meet on Saturday mornings for the quilters who work during the week.

Pat Bartholomew, District IV: There will be a district wide meeting on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the First Baptist Church in St. Matthews

Corky Ledbetter, District VII: Cobblestone Quilt Guild is hosting Flavin Glover in February and Susan Cleveland in March.

Old Business:

The Heart Challenge Quilts are on display for all of February at Palmetto Heart Health. The Menopause Challenge quilts will be on display in February at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church.

Statewide Quilt Show: Karen Kendo reported that she had been in contact with Brenda Schwarz about the renovation of the Tapps Dept. Store in Columbia into an artist gallery. The top floor will have 10, 000 square feet of exhibit place and would be perfect of a statewide quilt show.

New Business:

Proposed By-Law Amendment - Diane Schonauer presented the board with the proposed amendment to the QSC by-laws - printed elsewhere in the newsletter. The purpose of the amendment is to retain on the board experienced members with historical perspective who would otherwise rotate off the board. The changes are in bold print. Genny Lindler moved and Pat Bartholomew seconded that the QSC board accept the proposed by-law amendment as written. The proposed amendment will be published in the upcoming QSC newsletter and voted upon by the membership at the Spring 2011 meeting.

Nominating Committee: Corky Ledbetter reported that the nominating committee would be presenting the following slate of officers to the membership for approval at the Spring 2011 meeting:

President - Karen Kendo; Secretary - Frances Kelly; Newsletter - Pat Kerko; District I Rep - Carolyn Harris; District III Rep - Amanda Brown; District V Rep - Amanda Adams; District VII Rep - Marcie Vyse.

Moment of Silence: It has been suggested that a moment of silence be observed at a QSC event to remember and honor those members who have passed away in the past year. The board approved this to take place during the Sunday worship service conducted at Pieceable Retreat.

American Quilt Study Group: This organization is planning a meeting in Charleston in October of 2013. Laurel Horton is working with them and is looking for a volunteer from Charleston to assist her.

The next board meeting will take place immediately after Spring Meeting 2011 in Orangeburg on March 12, 2011. All new board members please plan to be present at this meeting and bring your calendars!

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Please Consider the following items as we will be voting on them at our Spring Meeting

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Nomination of Elected Officers for 2011/2012 Term

Position	Nomination
President	Karen Kendo
Recording Secretary	Frances Kelley
Newsletter	Pat Kerko
District I	Carolyn Harris
District III	Amanda Brown
District IV	Amanda Adams

Proposed By-Law Amendment

The following Bi Laws Amendment will be presented to the Membership at the March 12, 2011 Spring meeting for voting and approval. This amendment has been reviewed and approved by the QSC Board.

ARTICLE III: Officers and Board of Directors

Section I: The Governing Structure A Board of Directors consisting of seven elected officers, elected Representatives from all seven Districts, and Chairs of the Annual Spring Meeting, Pieceable Retreat, Publicity, Ways and Means, Website, Historian, Annual Spring Meeting Registrar and Fall Retreat Registrar Committees, and immediate past President shall govern QSC. **At the discretion of the President, no more than three at-large members may be appointed to the Board and will be part of the governing body.** Board members do not need to be a member of a local guild or other organized quilt group.

Section V: Officers and their duties

p. At-large members attend all Board meetings, participate at all statewide and regular QSC meetings and special functions.

Proposed Budget for 2011

Quilters of South Carolina

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
General Administration	1,000.00
Membership	13,000.00
Spring Meeting	17,500.00
Pieceable Retreat	58,000.00
Ways and Means	1,500.00
Totals	91,000.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
General Administration	4,500.00
Membership	6,000.00
Spring Meeting	17,500.00
Pieceable Retreat	58,000.00
Ways and Means	1,200.00
Totals	87,200.00
Estimated Income over Expense	3,800.00

DISTRICT 1**OCONEE, PICKENS, ANDERSON, GREENVILLE COUNTIES**Dee Ross, 864-947-1213, ros@carol.net

PRICKLY FINGERS –Anderson The December meeting was a round robin of using all those rulers you bought but have forgotten how to use them. Rulers demonstrated were strip cut, wonder cut, square in a square, double diamond and square it up. January's meeting was to have been Anita Bowen presenting "Textiles and Blocks of a Religious Genealogy". However, this was canceled due to the "snowstorm of 2011". This is re-scheduled for February's meeting. She will also do a workshop on her now famous "Galaxy Stars" which the group is very excited about. A lot of philanthropy work has been done this year with a total of 78 quilts donated, not to mention Christmas stocking and pillowcases filled with stuffed animals. Several members attended a strategic planning meeting with the Upstate Quilt Trail & the South Carolina Heritage Corridor. The quilt trail is moving into Anderson county and the guild wants to be a part of this project.

BUSY BEES – Fountain Inn The Christmas social was enjoyed by members with a potholder exchange for fun. A fund raising Basket of Goodies is in the making with lots of goodies for the winner. Members are contributing to the basket. Marietta Louk gave a program on "How to Care for Your Machine" with lots of good information. The January program was "Twisted Sisters" presented by Margaret Johnson.

UPCOUNTRY – Pickens A Christmas social was held and everyone brought a \$10 gift to exchange. Great fellowship and good food make for a great get-together. New officers took over in January and a new web-site is being set up for the guild. A quilt show challenge was issued with the theme being "Journal of Life". The annual Fireside Quilting winter retreat was scheduled for January 14-16 at Table Rock State Park Lodge. The Quilt Show is scheduled for October 28-29, 2011. Preparations are under way for another great show.

ELECTRIC CITY In December, a Christmas social was held with an ornament exchange, good food and lots of fellowship. When quilters gather, there is always fun. New officers were elected and take charge in January. January's program will be a round robin of demonstrations as well as a time to sign up for activities in the new year. Several Focus Groups will be started as well as a mystery quilt.

NIMBLE THIMBLES – Mauldin The Christmas social was a great time for food, fellowship and fun. Three hundred dollars have been donated to God's Pantry, an outreach of the church where the meetings are held. Thanks guild members. The Quilt Show now has co-chairs for the 2011 show. January's program was cancelled due to the snow storm. A landscape workshop with Gail Sexton is scheduled for January 17 at the quilt shop in Central. A New Year's Resolution Challenge was issued by President Suzanne DiCarlo. With prizes for those who complete their resolutions and consequences for those who don't! The Mary Isbell Award was presented to Sue Davis and Susan Perham for their great work with organizing the Habitat for Humanity quilts that are donated to each new home recipient. They have attended all of the ceremonies and presented every member of the family who lives in the new home with a quilt made by members of the guild. Poinsettias used for table decorations were won by 10 people. A quilt was presented to the outgoing president.

Unfortunately, the snowstorm of 2011 hit the upstate hard and several quilting related meetings had to be cancelled. The second annual "Gathering of Quilters" will be held February 5 in Williamston at the First Baptist Church on Main Street. We hope to have a great number attend and enjoy being with quilters in District 1.

DISTRICT 2**SPARTANBURG, CHEROKEE, YORK, UNION, CHESTER, AND LANCASTER COUNTIES**Angela Faulkenberry, 803-417-2188
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Piecemakers Guild (Heath Springs) Co-Presidents-Iva Mintz and Martha Ussery
The Piecemakers Guild members have started the new year off with one of their many workshops. The 2 Fabric Applique class proves to be one that all level of quilters can accomplish. Along with workshops, they have many guest speakers planned for the coming year.

Magic Needle Guild(Lancaster) President-Lys Hart
Members in Magic Needle are busy making plans for the new year. They meet once a month at the First Presbyterian Church, but also meet one day a week to work on other projects. UFO's, ALS quilts and group projects are just some of the things they bring to work on. Both Magic Needle and Piecemakers Guilds are putting the finishing details on their annual One Stop Shop Hop.

York County Guild(Rock Hill) President-Shirlee Alfors
It was a big event for the York County Guild! In celebration of the guild's 15th Anniversary, they had their First Pajama Party. There were 27 or more ladies who enjoyed the day and 7 brave soles who spent the night. They had a great work space, good food to eat, and lots of activities that made the day (and night) lively! All those that participated in Mary Bell's Mystery Quilt had fun not only working on clues, but figuring out clues.

They have an exciting workshop planned for March 14, 2011. Susan Cleveland, guest speaker at the QSC Spring Retreat, will be with the guild before leaving South Carolina.
www.yorkcountyquilters.org

Landrum Guild(Spartanburg) President-Sue Burton
Countdown to the Landrum Quilt Show June 9-11!
Members are working hard on final plans for the event. The show which runs Thursday through Saturday will be located at the Landrum Middle School. If you need more information, check out their website.

In January 2011 they began a new block swap. The 10" block swap features batiks from around the world. They all say this is a great way to build up their stash.
www.landrumquilts.com

Piedmont Piecers(Spartanburg)
The members of the Piedmont Piecers look forward to a busy new year. Weather conditions don't seem to slow these girls down. Many new workshops and projects are planned for 2011, along with community projects already in the works.

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 always welcome to attend. The 2011 slate of officers are Patti Nelson for President, Ann Johnson for Vice President, Jackie Simpson for Secretary, and Debbie Grant for Treasurer. The January program will be more of an organizational meeting, the February program will be a trunk show from the "Quilt Gallery" in Gastonia, NC, and the March program will be from "Marietta'a Quilt and Sew" and will be a program on machine maintenance and a product demo on the Accu Cut.

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! The 2010 quilt show was a success with 80 entries last year. 1,350 people signed the visitor's book at the museum, representing 27 different states from Maine to Hawaii, and five countries including Canada, Spain, Denmark, France and The Netherlands. The Viewer's Choice award goes to Yvonne Walker for her "Wedding in the Sand" quilt. A new slate of officers have been chosen for the 2011 year: President – Diane Miller, Vice President – Sally King, Secretary – Donna Yeskey & Joyce Sinclair, Treasurer – Beverly Proffitt, Newsletter Editor – Karen Erickson. The guild already has the following programs scheduled for 2011: January's program is raw edge landscape appliqué, great small group demos, lots of info and fabulous fabrics used for two patterns by Edyta Sitar, February's program will be on thread painting, March's program will be a fun fabric swap of 2 ½ in strips, and April's program will be making fabric beads. Sounds like great programs! For more information 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

Take out your calendar and block off the 21st and 22nd of October 2011 for the next Pieceful Hearts Quilters Show. It will be held at the North Augusta Activities Center (directions are on the sidebar.) This is a judged show, with vendor, silent auction, and an opportunity quilt that supports Camp Rainbow. Like past guild shows expect to see a wide variety of quilting styles on exhibit! The theme for the show will be announced at the guild's September meeting. 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://phquiltshow.blogspot.com>

The Berry Patchers

The Berry Patchers Quilt Guild in Newberry meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Summer Memorial Lutheran Church. The church is located at 1609 Milligan Street, Newberry, SC. The Berry Patchers quilt guild had a wonderful Christmas party at the home of Teri Murdock and enjoyed some wonderful foods specialties that the members brought and had fun with a handmade ornament exchange. The January meeting was provided by Winona Gibson and was a very good lesson in "quilt-as-you-go", crazy quilt style.

Submitted by the Berry Patchers' president- Sharon Golden

DISTRICT 4

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

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APPLIQUE LOVERS meet the third Tuesday of each month at Clemson Extension at 10 am. Jeanette Jeffrey has been volunteering the FCL and 4H in the program Making the Best Better Together. Jeanette is one of the judges for 4H. Some of the group has donated to CCMO, CASSA, and MADD. The group will be working on the FCL program Taking it Off to avoid obesity and maintain good quilting health. In the spring some members will be doing FCL Yards and Neighborhoods to enhance the beauty of our community.

The DEVINE QUILT GUILD is looking forward to an exciting spring and summer. One of the many highlights will be the menopause quilts in May. We are so blest to have such a wonderful energetic group of ladies to share quilting tips, tricks and fun with. Our charity work continues to be important for all of us. Show and tell always is fabulous and is a great way to see some of the many diverse talents of our ladies. We meet the first Monday night of each month. Our meetings start at 7pm and we meet to visit and catch up with one another at 6 pm. We look forward to seeing you there call or email Lynn Lucas for details and directions at doozledo@windstream.net or 803-760-3160.

EDISTO QUILT SISTERS meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 am at the Family Life Center. We have been active with charity projects giving protector bibs to Tri County Hospice, lap quilts to a local nursing home and money to the Meal on Wheels program. Christmas was a huge success with Sherry White showing the group how to make our own Christmas cards. We are all looking forward to a wonderful new year.

The EVERY THURSDAY QUILTERS met at Sandy Whetstone's house for our Christmas party. A charitable contribution in lieu of gifts allowed us to send \$140 to CCMO. A challenge was made to all to complete one UFO this year and bring it for "show 'n tell" at our Christmas Party this year. A day trip was planned for sometime in February or March. It was decided that members would participate in presenting a monthly program as done last year. All enjoyed the different and informative programs. Each member eagerly signed up for their month. A group project was discussed and decided upon. It will be a block of the month challenge. George Ann will be presenting a program on English Paper Piecing at our Feb. meeting. We would like you to remember the following in prayer. Margaret McAlhany, who is having back surgery this month and Heather Hunter's husband also, had surgery

The charity event for LAKE MARION PIECEMAKERS at Magnolias' Nursing Home was a huge success. The one-on-one affect of offering quilts and seeing the residents selecting the one they wanted was inspiring. Guess what? The favorite color was BLUE for the men. Show and Tell for our Round Robin Project, in which half our members participated, arrived and what a wonderful surprise they were outstanding, both the ideas, colors and workmanship. Christmas was celebrated with a covered dish at our meeting place. Fat quarters were divided into two baskets and the winners were Irene Creighton and Susan Field. Heather Hunter won the Christmas blocks each member had made. And here we are in our "new" year – 2011.

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SOUTHERN PIECEMAKERS meet the second and fourth Tuesday at the Clemson Extension. We donated projects to Tricounty Hospice, MADD, and CCMO. We are now working on our donation quilt for the Orangeburg County Fair. We have elected a new president Shirley Hubbard and are excited about a wonderful new year.

The STARLIGHT QUILTERS have had an exciting fall. Our programs included making a sewing needle case; an apron with pockets for our sewing machines; doing a little paper piecing and a Noel wall hanging. We were involved in several events as well. There were 7 of our members that went to the QSC Fall Retreat to learn some new techniques and improve our skills. Several of our members entered items in the Orangeburg County Fair and walked away with some ribbons. Linda Coleman graciously opened her home for us to come together for a Christmas party. Each member brought an ornament and we held a Chinese Auction. What a blast! Our charity project was adopting a needy family with three children for Christmas. The members rallied and we presented this family with a blessed Christmas morning. December, 2010 was the 10th Anniversary of the Starlight Quilters Guild and we celebrated by having a Quilt Show at the Orangeburg County Fine Arts Center January 8, 2011. We were stunned when the entries came in because our final count was 79 quilts and/or wall hangings. If you missed this event, you really missed out on a wonderful show. We meet at the Arts Center the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. come visit us sometime!

STITCH 'N GRACE meets on the first and third Thursday night at Trinity Methodist Church on Russell Street. We were off the months of December and January but we have been busily working on our own projects.

Change is in the air at **THREADS OF TIME QUILT GUILD** in Lexington! Newly elected officers include President Shelley Schlenk, Vice-President Ann Smith, Secretary Sandra Snyder, and Treasurer Wilma Grubbs. Our members donated more than 120 quilts last year to the Linus Project, Quilts of Valor, and foster children processed by the Division of Social Services, and this year have voted to support a local hospice and Sistercare, an organization for battered women, as well. We've expanded our programming to include a number of well-known and diverse instructors, including workshops on dying fabric, YLI thread, and art quilts from photographs. And in addition to our meetings on the first Saturday of each month, we will begin gathering on the third Saturday as well to work on charity projects. We love guests at our meetings, so if you're in the area you are very welcome to stop by! We meet at the Lighthouse Building behind Saxe Gotha Church on Route 378 in Lexington, 10:00 AM (socializing starts at 9:30!). Please feel free to email Shelley Schlenk (schlenk@mailbox.sc.edu) for directions or more information!

The **ORANGEBURG QUILT GUILD** celebrated the holiday season with a luncheon at the home of Mary Ethel Dent. A gift exchange with many useful handmade items followed. Several members delivered a friendship quilt to a fellow member to show how much we missed her. Twenty one quilts were donated to the Children's Disability Board to use in their work with special needs boys and girls. A Carolina Lily quilt has been completed by the group to use as their donation quilt at the 2011 Orangeburg County Fair.

DISTRICT 5


CHESTERFIELD, MARLBORO, LEE, DARLINGTON, DILLON, SUMTER, FLORENCE, MARION, HORRY, CLARENDON, WILLIAMSBURG, AND GEORGETOWN COUNTIES

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District V is hosting the 2012 Spring Meeting. If you are in the district and would like to assist with the planning and execution of this event give me a call or email me at cmrichardson@sc.rr.com (note the new email address). Plans are to have the meetings around the district so everyone will have to opportunity to get involved. Your support matters and greatly appreciated.

Swan Lake Quilt Guild, Sumter Members are working diligently on the upcoming quilt show. New officers are in place and ready for a great year to come. The guild hosted Cindy Williams from N. Carolina. She gave a class on bordering your quilt and making it as nice as the quilt. Everyone enjoyed the class and we have asked her back for another one of her great classes.

Stitches of Love, Sumter Quilters are ready to get out of the house and back to the monthly meetings. Members are anticipating our welcome back luncheon at the end of the month and the beginning of a new year. Our Thimble Thursday group shared fellowship throughout the holiday season and met every Thursday.



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Sea Island Quilt Guild

The Sea Island Quilters November meeting featured a PBS film titled "The Art of Quilting." It explores the techniques and artistry reflected in contemporary quilts.

The installation of officers for 2011 was postponed to the December meeting which was our annual Christmas pot-luck supper and gift exchange. December also saw us making star ornaments and decorating our "Friends of Caroline Hospice" tree.

We're looking forward to our January meeting, Heirloom Quilts: A Trunk Show of Family Treasures by Sunnie Malesky of Jacksonville, FL. Our quilt is finished, the tickets are out and we are organizing the boutique and the final details for our May 7-8 quilt show. As usual, it will be held at the Lind Brown Center on the corner of Greene and HamarStreets. We'd love to see you there.

Palmetto Quilt Guild

The Palmetto Quilt Guild will hold its monthly meeting on February 17, 2011, at Christ Lutheran Church, 829 Wm. Hilton Pkwy, Hilton Head Island. Quilt teacher and lecturer Rita Fishel will share her expertise in machine applique. Trunk show and show-n-tell. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Guests are welcome, \$5 visitor fee. Come early to socialize!

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Like the rest of the state those of us here in District VII have been curled up with a quilt or two trying to get through this exception winter. Isn't it great that our hobby also serves an additional purpose? **ISLAND QUILTERS** Island Quilters is a group of 70 (give or take a few) members who are community service oriented. We recently donated a quilt to the ConKerr Cancer group at MUSC who work with terminally ill children. They used the quilt to raise funds for their organization. The quilt brought them \$1,488. Julio Chalela, an MUSC employee, was the lucky recipient of the quilt.

The group continues to work individually on Quilts of Valor. From July through January we have given 25 quilts.

Our work will continue until we select another charity in February.

The group enjoyed a delicious pot luck Christmas luncheon in December. We gave thank you gifts to Berkeley Electric employees for their generosity of offering us a meeting place free of charge throughout the year. Thirty-five home stitched Christmas stockings were filled with home baked cookies for the employees to share with their families. Ten to twelve Island Quilters will attend a Ricky Tims Seminar in Jacksonville, FL January 13-15th, 2011. Our group became a promotional sponsor to help promote the seminar locally. Our reward was a reduced group rate for the seminar, as well as, some free merchandise including DVDs, CDs and patterns from Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson. Libby Lehman will also be a presenter at the Seminar.

COBBLESTON QUILTERS

In December Cobblestone installed the following new officers:

President: Pat Schneider

Vice President: Judy Heyward

Secretary: Mary Majestic

Treasurer: Tammi Herin

Our January meeting included demonstrations by guild members on how to make pillowcases, prairie points and half square triangles. In February we will welcome Flavin Glover who will give a lecture followed the next day by a workshop. Our March meeting will be a lecture by Susan Cleveland. Future programs will include trunk shows by guild members and lectures and workshops with Peggy Barkle, Charlotte Angotti, and Susan Brubaker Knapp. Due to scheduling conflicts, Paula Nadelstern's visit has been postponed until 2012.

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

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Lynda also shared the following information with me:

How long have you been making quilts? I took a basic beginners class at People, Places, and Quilts in Summerville, SC about 25 years ago. I was hooked after that.

What is your favorite style of quilts? I love to piece a quilt. I sometimes feel I'm connected to quilters of the past especially when I had to use my treadle sewing machine after Hugo hit when I lived in Charleston.

What advice would you give to a new quilter? Don't get overwhelmed when looking at quilts and thinking you can't do the same. It's sort of like "How to you eat an elephant? One bite at a time." Look at the quilt and think "one block at a time". Pretty soon, you've eaten an elephant!

What advice would you give to a seasoned quilter? I can't think of anything I could advise a seasoned quilter. Every quilter I've ever met has always been so willing to share their knowledge, friendship, and compassion. Quilters are the most giving people and I'm privileged to be in the company of such a wonderful group of people.

Consider entering the 2011 State Fair which will take place from October 12th -23rd at the Fairgrounds in Columbia. Maybe you too will join the Winner's Circle!

Diane Schonauer, President
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“Copyright” What it Means to Quilters

Editorial written and compiled by Pat Kerko, QSC Newsletter editor

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We, as quilters are starting to hear and see more about the subject of “Copyright” as it relates to the Quilting industry. Whether it is regarding copying a pattern to let a friend use, providing copies of patterns for your guild or the sources of inspiration for a quilt that you might have done using an idea from someone else’s artwork. All of these are related copyright issues.

The subject is being raised more frequently and is becoming quite controversial. Not only does the subject broach moral and ethical issues, it is also a legal issue. Now at Major National Shows, they are requiring the contestant to provide Design Origin information in detail.

There are many components to this issue which can be confusing. Over the next several issues of the QSC Newsletter I will be providing information to help you understand this subject.

I am sure all of you have seen the little note on the bottom of your patterns, “Copyright” or “Do not reproduce”. This means that the work is the Original product of the author and is legally their property or Copyright. They are the only ones that have the right to make copies of this information without permission. There are several reasons for this. First and foremost, It takes a lot of time and effort to write a pattern or a book. By making copies without permission or purchase, you are denying the author remuneration for their hard work. And believe me, it takes a lot of work to write the detail for a pattern and test out your instructions. Additionally, copyright is done so that the integrity of the original product is protected.

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