

Landrum Quilters

Celebrating 30 Years of Quilting

OFFICERS

President.....Sue Burton
VP/Membership.....Denise Cwik
VP/Programs..... Debbie Williams, Violet Widmyer
Secretary.....Kathleen Warmack
Treasurer.....Betty Fortner
Sunshine Chair.....Marilyn Hagopian
Newsletter Editor.....Debbie Spiers

MEETINGS

9:30 A.M. - 2nd Thursday of each month
Gowensville Community Center

Intersection of Hwys 14 & 11

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Friday week after meeting

MARCH MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 11 – 9:30 a.m.

4TH MONDAY BEE – March 22 -9:30 A.M.



MARCH'S HOSTESSES

Linda Bennett
Karla Glova
Mary Bradey
Lee Stehlik
Eva Nicklaw



FEBRUARY 11, 2010 Minutes

President Sue Burton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Betty Greene, Quote of the Month Chair, read “Kelly’s Law for Quilters” and offered two tips. One, that you should wash scraps of a quilt along with the quilt so that if repairs are needed later, the coloring and texture of the material will be the same as the quilt. Two, in making a label for a wedding quilt, scan the wedding

invitation, adding the name of the maker of the quilt and the date, and then attach to the back of the quilt.

Old Business

The minutes for the January meeting had one correction to them. Eileen Ash, Hostess Chairman, who thanked her January hostesses, Denise Cwik, Linda West, Janine Allen, Dot Reid and Della De Santis was inadvertently omitted from the minutes. The minutes and treasurer’s report were then approved as printed in the newsletter.

President Sue Burton received a letter from Susan Gamble of First Citizens Bank and Diane Lee of Hemcor, Inc. summarizing their financial review findings. They noted that we have already instituted recommendations from our previous review by David Glova and John Brooks, including having two people involved in cash transactions. They did not find it necessary that we have separate records for pass-through funds and carry-over funds from one year to the next, as these are minimal. Recommendations included: creating a separate line item in the budget for postage; not including our treasury balances in the monthly report for the newsletter (this was a concern regarding privacy now that our newsletter is online); closing out our savings account and reinvesting those funds in the quilt show; and sharing these recommendations with the members. Overall, they indicated that they were most impressed with how our finances are being handled.

President Burton reported that she had not received any follow-up from the Tryon Historical Festival people regarding our involvement, so it was decided that we would not participate.

National Quilting Day will be March 20, 2010 at the Landrum Library from 9:00 to 3:00. President Burton reported that we will once again have the side room and that we can also use the library display case from March 1st through the 20th to advertise our club and our activities. Sue asked for one or more volunteers to assist her with the display and this event.

Sue Burton reminded officers and committee chairs of the board meeting scheduled during the February bee on February 22nd at 10:00 at the Community Center. She asked that they bring any questions and/or information they will need as they adjust to their new duties. She will send out an agenda prior to the meeting.

President Burton showed the members the 8” square made by Mary Pikoraitis for the Ellis County

Quilters in Texas, who had requested a block from many quilt groups for their "Stitches Around the World" quilt. The block was ready and would be mailed immediately. Mary was thanked for making this block on our behalf.

Sue Burton also reminded everyone to look at the trifold at the front for a recent picture by Ellen Henderson. She also informed everyone that there were still seats available for the March 23rd trip for the Amish Quilters Show.

Secretary, Kathleen Warmack displayed a sample lap quilt which had been presented to her by the volunteer coordinator of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills. She also reported that she had received some material and a little batting from them, both of which will be examined at the February board meeting.

President Burton reported that she was advised that, in addition we will also have access to any fabric donations made to their thrift store in Landrum. She will be meeting with them to see what they have and to get more specifics. Debbie Williams will be setting up at least one bee day to work on these. Sue is still trying to track down the source of the request from a hospice to provide quilts to cover gurneys as patients leave the hospice house to go to the funeral home.

New Business/Announcements

Shirley Elliot and Denise Cwik were thanked for their hard work in completing our 2010 Membership Directory which was available to members. Thanks also went out to all those who submitted their information in a timely fashion.

Lee Stehlik reported that her husband, Jim, will be giving a talk at the Landrum Library on Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be "The Forgotten Ones of Glassy Mountain and the Preservation of the Land Around Us".

Committee Chair Reports

There was no report by the Treasurer, Betty Fortner.

Newsletter Chair Debbie Spiers asked that everyone check the new Membership Directory for accuracies concerning name, address, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. It is important that e-mail addresses are correct, as special notices may be sent by e-mail. The deadline for the March newsletter information is February 19th.

Sunshine Chair Marilyn Hagopian reported that a sympathy card was sent to Donna Edwards on the death of her husband. February and first of March birthdays were then recognized.

Karla Glova, Ronald McDonald Chair reported that she is in need of donated material for the quilts. She has enough batting at this time. Also, be sure to not overlook the small Landrum Quilters label, to be sewn on the quilt back, when you receive your individual packets. She reminded everyone that this year as each person turns in a quilt, that person will be given a point, and the 3 individuals receiving the most points will then receive a gift certificate at the end of the year.

Karla also talked to us about the needs of foster children in Spartanburg County. When they are taken away from their homes, they leave with few or none of their personal effects. They are given new items of clothing, toilet articles, etc. as needed. They are in desperate need of bags that will hold their personal effects and these new items. She showed examples of bags that could be made. Members were encouraged to contact Debi Miller or Karla if additional information regarding this project is needed.

President Sue Burton was asked by Steps to Hope Co-Chairs, Ruth Gagliardi and Margaret Freedman to announce that the completion of the antique quilt will not be costing the club any money. Jean McRay is donating the batting, Shirley Elliot the backing, and Margaret Freedman the binding. Sue thanked these ladies for their generosity. A can for Steps to HOPE monetary donation is at the back table, and the box for other donations is at the front.

Barbara Versnick, substituting for Debi Miller, 10" Block Swap and Coffee Can Block Swap Chair, reported that she was taking up the 10" blocks for Debi and was also redistributing the coffee cans.

Ellen Henderson, Publicity/Website Chair asked everyone to check the trifold for the picture of the new 2010 officers which appeared in the News-Leader. Also on it, was a wonderful article about the new Polk County Care Center being named after Betsy and Don Freeman. Librarian and 2010 Fundraiser Quilt Chair, Kathy Rivenbark, showed new books that she had purchased. For the 2010 fundraiser quilt, she stated that she had received three borders back, but needed the fourth, and that she had received patterns for birds and now needed ladies to volunteer to work on them.

Eileen Ash, Hostesses Chair, thanked February hostesses Lynn Grable, Carol Hediger, Sue Burton, Debbie Williams, and stated she was passing around a clipboard for signing up for last minute hostesses and hostesses for April and May.

Denise Cwik, Membership Chair, reported there were 62 members present, five guests, and 2 new members, Ann Allen and Darlene Sanford.

Debbie Williams, reported for that the theme for the 2010 challenge will be a quilt inspired by one or more of the top 10 songs from the year you graduated from high school. These will be due in November, and please, only one entry per person. Debbie handed back the cards filled out in January with our graduation date. On the back she had printed songs for that year. If you did not receive a card, just Google hit songs for the year you graduated.

Show and Tell followed with an assortment of beautiful quilts.

A refreshment break was then taken, followed by our guest speaker, Jim Kankula, who gave a fun and informative talk and demonstration on fabric dyeing.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Warmack



REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE. We have so many new members and it makes for such a friendlier group when we can tell each others' name right away. So, please, ladies, *show off your skills and wear those name badges!!!* **BRING YOUR SHOW-&-TELL.** And don't forget to sign in when you come in.

Ronald McDonald Quilts



We are very low on fabric and kits. I am looking for donations of 100% cotton fabrics that are suitable for children.

Also, we will give prizes at the end of the year to the 3 people who make and donate the most quilts.

Thank you for your help.

Karla Glova



STEPS TO HOPE

For March, Steps to Hope would like to have some afternoon snacks for the children who are staying at the shelter with their moms. They asked for juice boxes and granola bars.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thanks *Ruth Gagliardi*

President's column

I so enjoyed our January presentation by Jim Kankula!

Besides being just a fun and funny presenter, he had some wonderful information about home dyeing of fabric.

I have taken just one class on fabric dyeing,

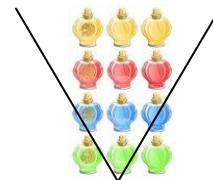
and I loved it – and came out with some gorgeous fabrics. I find that I still pull out some of my own hand-dyed fabrics as I work on new projects. These can't be replicated.

If you find a local class, or are interested in following Jim's "recipe," I'd suggest that you do it! There's really nothing to lose, and it might be a wonderful way to expand your creativity in quilting.

Consider getting together with some of your quilt friends, sharing the "ingredients" and having a "dye-in"!

Sue

Sue Burton, President



Thanks for remembering
that our meetings and bees are now
fragrance-free.



Reminders

- It's flu season, so follow recommended hygiene procedures if you have the sniffles and stay home if you are ill!
- If you haven't renewed your LQ membership, do it now! The form is available on the website: www.landrumquilters.com. You can mail it with check to PO Box 396, Landrum, SC 29356.
- If you missed the February meeting, be sure to pick up your new 2010 directory at the March meeting

Club to consider changes to Bylaws and standing rules

The Executive Board recommends the following changes to the bylaws and standing rules. These were discussed at the February 22 meeting and will be presented to the club at the March 11 meeting.

Bylaw changes

- Article IV. D- “The First Vice President *shall assume the duties of the President in her absence* and is responsible for membership records.” The Board recommends that the phrase “*shall assume the duties of the President in her absence*” be omitted. The reason for this change is to avoid having the First VP for Membership conduct the business meeting, as her duties require her to conduct membership activities at all meetings, and she would have to find a substitute for her own position. Also, the Second VP for Program is already involved in the operation of the meeting, having arranged the program/speaker.
- Article IV. E. “The Second Vice President shall plan monthly programs and an annual workshop.” The Board recommends that “*and shall assume the duties of the President in her absence*” be added. The reason for this change includes the reasoning given in the previous article amendment and that the Program VP is more readily available to conduct the meetings, as she is familiar with the program and the speaker, so she can transition into this role more easily than can the Membership VP.
- Article V. A. “The President, or in the President’s absence, the First Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the membership.” The Board recommends that “*the First Vice President*” be changed to “*the Second Vice President*”. The reasons are the same as for the previous two article changes.
- Article VII. – Change the title of “*Committees*” to “*Activities Chairs*”. Most of the areas in this category are managed by one person and not a committee. This change more accurately reflects our actual operation.
- Article VII. E. – “Newsletter – *shall write, mail and/or e-mail* a monthly newsletter to club members...” Recommendation is that this be changed to “*shall write, include on the club’s website, and /or mail* a monthly newsletter...””. This updates our current practice of making the newsletter available on the club’s website rather than sending individual emails. Mailing by post continues where needed.
- Article VII. K. – *Web site – Shall maintain and update the club’s web site as needed and follow club-approved guidelines for posting personal information.* This is a new description since the club started its Web site in 2009.

Standing Rules of Operation

1. “*The President shall appoint an ad hoc committee in December to audit and review the club’s*

financial records...” Recommendation that “audit and” be removed, due to the expense of an actual audit, and the fact that the current financial review process meets our needs.

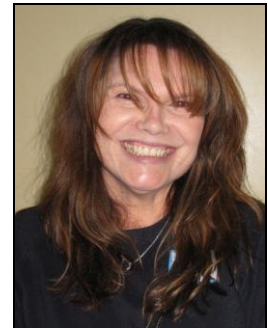


Membership update

New members



Darleen Sanford



Solec Thompson



Mary Pikoraitis made a Landrum Quilters square for the Stitches Around the World quilt in response to a request from the Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County, TX. The guild’s quilt show takes place July 16-17.



Dianne Barnhill, far right, shows off the beautiful quilt she made using the *Not A Green Leaf* challenge blocks from the 2009 LQ quilt show. Dianne won first place in the challenge and received first choice of 15 blocks entered in the challenge.



Jim Kankula's entertaining program on *Fabric Dyeing* was a hit with those attending the February meeting.



MARCH Treasurer's Report

Income:	
Dues	210.00
Ads	100.00
Expenses:	
T-shirt quilt	25.00
Dues Refund	15.00
Program	150.00
Library	98.76
Directory	235.51
Insurance	484.00

Respectfully Submitted
Betty Fortner



What happens when we have bad weather on a meeting day?
 We follow the Spartanburg School District One policy when bad weather occurs on either a meeting or a bee day. If the schools are closed or delayed, our meeting is cancelled. Listen to your radio or television for announcements.



NATIONAL QUILTING DAY

March 20 – Landrum Library
 9:30 a. m. – 1:30 p.m.

Let's show how quilting has changed since the club was founded 30 years ago. If you have something from that era, bring it, along with a recent design.

We have room to hang quite a few quilts and wall hangings. Also bring a quilting project to work on, along with your own snacks or bag lunch.

Questions? Call Mary Margaret Lejeune.

Note: This is a change from the time in the minutes.



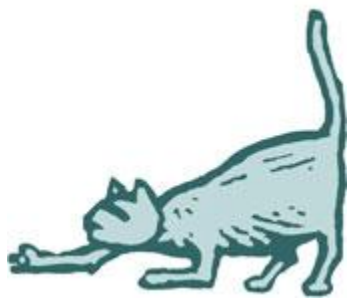
PROGRAM INFORMATION

"Georgia On My Mind"?

Well, she sure has been on my mind since we first met via email.

Our own Georgia Bonesteel will be visiting with us at our next meeting on March 11th. She will have a trunk show as well as tell us some of her new techniques.

We are in for a terrific hour. I can hardly wait for her visit.



SNEEK PEEK AT OUR PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR

Programs for 2010

Regular meeting dates, unless otherwise noted.

MARCH: Georgia Bonesteel - "Lap quilting"

APRIL: Patricia Knoechel - "More quilts from Eleanor Burns"

MAY: Taffy McLaughlin - "Bright and Beautiful" (bringing merchandise to sell)

JUNE: "Garage Sale"

JULY: "Christmas in July" (Ladies, bring your Christmas ideas as well as quilts to share with the group)

July Bee: Round Robin

AUGUST: "Spring Picnic" (refreshments provided by A-L)

SEPTEMBER: Jody Raines, Inman Quilt Cottage - "Not the same old Bindings" (bringing merchandise to sell)

OCTOBER: Judy Haynes from Judy's Sewing - "Needles, Threads and Embellishing"

NOVEMBER: Guild Challenge- "Rock Around the Clock"

DECEMBER: Christmas Party (Refreshments by M-Z)

Debbie Williams & Violet Widmyer



Other Upcoming Quilting Events

March 10-14

A Mountain Quiltfest, Smoky Mountain Convention Venter and Music Road Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Classes information and registration available at www.mountainquiltfest.com

March 23-28

American Quilters Show and Amish Country, Lancaster, PA. Lolly's Travel, Gaffney, is offering this tour which includes transportation, five nights lodging, some meals, multi-day tickets to the show and more. \$670 double occupancy. For complete information including deposit dates, 864.487. 0275.

April 21-25

American Quilt Show, Paducah, KY. Toney Tours offering a tour which includes transportation, four nights lodging and continental breakfasts and three days show admission. \$50 deposit due now. Double occupancy, \$529. If interested, contact LQ member Connie Wells.

April 20-23, 2010

Quilter's Spring Break – a SewFree Quilt Retreat in Toccoa, GA

An opportunity to sew free from responsibilities and interruptions. Patricia Knoechel will have an Eleanor Burns' Quilt in a Day trunk show on Thursday evening. More information at www.sewfree.net; contact susangordon@sewfree.net to make group arrangements.

June 3-6, 2010

Charlotte, NC-2010 NC Quilt Symposium. The teachers have been tentatively selected. Registration packets will be available in January. For more information contact: NCQSI www.ncqsi.org & Charlotte Quilters' Guild www.Charlottequiltersguild.org.



Let's Rock Around the Clock

This year's challenge started off kind of slow. Several ladies did not pick up their Top 10 songs. If you are going to participate, you will need an index card with the printed songs. Please pick up from Debbie Williams.



Members: Remember—ads are free for members and only \$5 for non-members; it's time to clean out those closets and get ready for Spring and a clean fresh house and sewing rooms. We can run your ads and even post a picture if you like!!!

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ADULT DAY CARE COULD OPEN IN APRIL

Polk County's new adult day care could be dedicated and open for business in April. Renovations to the rear building of the former Carolina Classical School building where the Meeting Place Senior Center is now located have been delayed due to rain and snow.

Commissioners met Monday and agreed for commissioner Warren Watson to chair a dedication committee, with county manager Ryan Whitson saying the building should be ready in April. The building is being named after Don and Betsy Freeman. Betsy is one of our original members.



2010 TEN INCH BLOCK SWAP

This year we will be doing birthstone gem colors.

March	Aquamarine
April	Pink Diamond
May	Emerald
June	Turquoise
July	Onyx
August	Peridot (yellow green)
September	Sapphire
October	Jasper (yellow brown)
November	Topaz
December	White Diamond

Rules

1. You will bring 12 10-inch squares in a zip lock bag with your name on it.
2. Use cotton – all pre-washed
3. You may do up to 5 sets of blocks but each must be a different fabric in a different bag.
4. No flannels, solids, plaids or stripes
5. No novelty fabrics

Remember there are no make-up squares. If you miss a month, it's ok.

If you have questions, call or e-mail me.

Debi Miller



Don't forget to tell your friends about our website. Other quilters might be interested in what we are doing!!!
www.landrumquilters.com