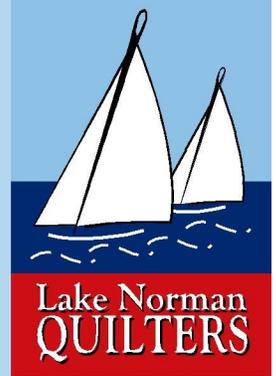


Sew it goes



February, 2016

Reminders...

Remember to wear your name tags.

Sit, Sew and Chat begins at 3:30pm before our meeting.

To bring:

- **Your completed Mystery Quilt blocks for show-and-tell**
- **Information on any completed UFOs**
- **Donation for Soup Kitchen**

Our Facebook group is Lake Norman Quilters.

Scrappy Trip Around the World blocks are still being accepted for Diana's Golden Needle.

**LNQ blog address:
<http://lknquilters.wordpress.com/>**

February's Program

On Tuesday, February 23, Lake Norman Quilters member Deanna Johnson. She'll be teaching us about Sashiko Pillow Quilting. The meeting starts at 7pm. Come and be ready to learn about a fun, beautiful technique that will help you brighten up your home just in time for spring!

Upcoming Programs

The March Program on Tuesday, March 22 is with Jane Godshall from Plainjane Threads. She'll be discussing A Quilter's Quandary: Hand or Machine.

The following day, Wednesday, March 23, Jane will offer a workshop on an Introduction to Foundation-less Piecing. She will be teaching this method of paper piecing, along with learning how to make our own patterns foundation-less.

Kathy Begin will need to know who is attending the workshop by the February meeting so that Jane can get the kits ready. Please sign up at the February guild meeting and bring your checkbook to pay for the class. (\$25.00) . Email or call Kathy if you're not at the meeting and want to go: begin01@gmail.com / 612-251-7190.

Note from the President...

Time flies when you're having fun!

The year is already well under way. By the time our meeting is held this month, we'll have gone through 14% of 2016! And as I sit here four days away from Valentine's Day writing this, my Valentine's placemats are as of yet unquilted.

I remember how I kept track of time as a child, not by the calendar, although that was relevant for school assignments, but by the holidays! New Years, Valentines, St. Patrick's Day, and so on. Apparently I still do that. Last year I made a table topper for Valentine's Day, as I did the year before that, and this year I have those unquilted placemats. My St. Patrick's Day lap quilt is ready to be quilted and then it will be time to think spring!

Of course, things have changed a little bit since my youth. Growing up in northeastern PA, the statement "beware the Ides of March" didn't refer to Shakespeare, but rather that inevitable blizzard we always got around then that you hoped you had something to keep you busy during. Down here, we don't worry as much about being snowed in for days on end and months of bad weather, we're lucky enough to live in a much milder climate. And yet I still find myself looking forward to making little quilted items to decorate with to mark the passage of time. Placemats and table toppers and baskets and lap quilts and pillows and, and, and.....the list just goes on and on while time flies past!

Happy Sewing!

Judy



Minutes from January's Meeting

Judy Whitehead, our new President, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, reminding us to turn off our cell phones, and to wear our name tags. She thanked Jean Langdon for her two years of service as our former President. Judy welcomed our two guests Judy Archer and Cindy Bray. We had 23 members and two guests in attendance.

January is our yearly business meeting. Judy started by recapping our accomplishments of last year:

19 baby and children's quilts donated

19 table runners donated to Habitat for Humanity

\$198.40 donated to the Mooresville Soup Kitchen

We had a successful quilt show and made \$4911.99

The guild has supported Dianna Jasany with her quilt project

371 UFOs were completed – a 36% success rate

Judy explained that we have 50 members and if every member donated a dollar a month we could raise \$600 for the Mooresville Soup Kitchen. The founding members of this guild picked that charity as it is giving back to our local community. Jean Langdon explained that the soup kitchen can purchase food from the Second Harvest Food Bank for 20 cents a pound. With \$600 the food bank could purchase 3,000 pounds of food to supplement their donated food. \$58.00 was collected for the soup kitchen at this meeting.

Delores Fobare, our Treasurer, passed out copies of the budget and explained it. We will end up in a shortfall but it will be made in the year we have a quilt show.

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Minutes from January's Meeting, Continued

The Publicity and Community Outreach Committee is new to the guild. This committee will find ways to let the area communities become aware of our guild. The goal is to recruit new members. If anyone would like to be on this committee please contact Judy Whitehead. The guild has had business cards printed which everyone can carry in their purse and pass out to anyone they meet that sounds interested in quilting.

The Charity Quilts will be headed by Colleen Thrailkill. This year we will split the charity work into 4 quarters. The first quarter will be baby and children's quilts, the 2nd quarter will be patriotic, the 3rd quarter will be table runners for Habitat for Humanity and the last quarter will be juvenile pillowcases.

It was voted to table Block in the Box for this year. Judy Whitehead explained the progress on the Mystery Quilt. The instructions will be on the blog. Snow Wildsmith is the new newsletter editor. Judy thanked Jean Newman for her past work on the newsletter. Please send Snow information for the newsletter such as your favorite quilting websites, upcoming quilting events such as quilt shows and retreats, new quilts shops, etc. Jean Langdon will be the guild photographer, you can contact Barbara Barrier about the Scholarship Fund. Joyce Mullis had everyone interested draw their secret pal for 2016. She advised that you remember your secret pal several times a year. Bring your gift in a grocery bag so no one can watch the gifts come in. Rene Crowder gave an update on the UFO Challenge. The rules were in the last newsletter and are also on the blog. Mary Hildebrand will be manning the Welcome table this year. Laurie Jasany is the new librarian. She has a budget to purchase new books so if there is something you think the library can use please contact her.

Show and Tell: Show and tell items will be displayed on designated tables when you walk into the meeting so members can look at them up close before we have show and tell time.

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Minutes from January's Meeting, Continued

The Donation Quilt: Sue Cook, Julie Murphy and Jean Langdon have volunteered to coordinate the construction of the 2017 donation quilt. The pattern chosen by the executive board was contributed by Joyce Mullis, with the addition of appliqué elements by Jean Langdon. Judy Whitehead has volunteered to custom quilt it. Someone is needed to volunteer to bind the quilt. Please contact Judy Whitehead if you would do this job.

A very important volunteer is needed: This person would need to contact local quilt shows to request vending space for our donation quilt, head the volunteer list of members who are willing to sell tickets at these shows, coordinate ticket sales, have the tickets printed, etc. Please contact Judy Whitehead if you would like to do this important job.

Kathy Begin asked Judy Whitehead to announce that our own Deanna Johnson will be our guest speaker in February. In March our guest speaker will be Jane Godshall of Plain Jane Threads. She will lecture on paper piecing and hold a workshop the next day (23 March) from 9-4 at the church. The workshop costs \$35.00 and there will be a kit fee. See Kathy Begin to sign up for this workshop. After our Feb meeting if we do not have enough signups we will open the sign ups to other guilds.

This meeting was followed by a wonderful Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Hildebrand

The **Splendid Sampler Quilt** kicked off on Sunday, February 14th. This free quilt along will feature 100 different quilt blocks in a wide variety of techniques from designers all over the quilt world. The program is run by the Pat Sloan and Jane Davidson. The blocks will be posted every Sunday and Thursday and will be free until March 2017. Are you interested in joining? Get all the details on the designers and download the first block at <http://www.thesplendidsampler.com/>.

Snow

Secret Pals - There will be one more opportunity to sign up for Secret pals at the February meeting. If you are already a secret pal, please remember to bring your wrapped gift, place it inside a brown paper grocery bag and put on the designated table. If your pal is not at the meeting, take your gift home and bring it back the next month.

Joyce

Blogger Abby Glassenburg writes a variety of articles on the business of craft, but she also has more introspective posts. Recently she wrote about craft as art, inspired by the gift of a handmade wooden spoon. The short piece spoke to me quite deeply and I wanted to share it with you all: **“Art, Craft, and a Handmade Spoon”** <http://whilshenaps.com/2016/01/spoon.html>

Snow

2016-2017 UFO Challenge Rules

The challenge will run from January 2016 through June 2017.

AS YOU FINISH UFOs

When you finish a quilt please let Rene know the following information in an email:

Your Name, Number of the quilt on your list, Name of the quilt

I will respond back to you that I have updated your list with the finish within a couple of days. If you don't hear back in 3 or 4 days, please call me because I didn't get the email.

PRIZES

For each UFO that you finish your name will go into the Grand Prize Drawing. Also, you will receive a prize for each UFO you finish each month.

However, if you do not finish a UFO each quarter (January-March 2016, April-June 2016, July-September 2016, January-March 2017, and April-June 2017), you must pay me one fat quarter as a penalty for not finishing a UFO that quarter. If you have completed your list before the end of the challenge you will not be charged the penalty.

Along with the Grand Prize Drawing at the end of the challenge we will have prizes for:

- Quilters that finish half or more of their list
- Quilters that complete all of the UFOs on their list
- Most UFOs on a list
- Most UFOs completed

I hope that you will have fun with this. If you have any questions you can either call or email me at: Rene Crowder, renesquiltshop@hotmail.com, 704-682-2768

Happy Birthday to these guild members!

February

1st – Jean Cable
3rd – Phyllis Ferguson
5th – Barbara Barrier
9th – Mary Hildebrand
13th – Greta McCrea
19th – Sue Cook
20th – Dale French
24th – Cindy Bergmeyer



Upcoming Quilting Events

March 11-12, 2016

Just Spoolin' Around 2016
Charlotte Quilters' Guild Quilt Show
Metrolina Expo Fairgrounds
7100 Statesville Rd, Charlotte, NC

www.charlottequiltersguild.org/quilt-show

Over 150 quilts on display. 30 Vendors. Plan to visit our show and view the works of art and shop the vendors of various quilt related items.

quiltsow@charlottequiltersguild.org

November 10-13, 2016

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