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Table Runner by Leah M.

Swamp Fox Quilters



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Quilt by Leah M.

A Note from your President...

I find that trunk shows generally make me feel one of two things: either I am so inspired that I can't wait to try something new, or I feel completely out-classed and wonder why I even try. Happily, Sandra Baker's trunk show at the October meeting was the former - inspiring and beautiful! What a gorgeous presentation! Sandra's more traditional pieces had a "twist" and her non-traditional pieces were amazing. I especially loved her creative use of embellishments. Thank you, Sandra for sharing your work. And thank you, Beth, for the variety of programs and classes that you have arranged this year. Well done, ladies!

~Dawn

Monthly Meeting Presentations

November 5, 2015 9:30am - November's meeting will feature a Christmas Bazaar style auction fund raiser event. Check the internet and your book shelves for and project ideas and Remember to invite your friends!

December 3, 2015 Time to be announced - Annual Christmas Luncheon. Please bring your favorite pot luck dish and your Show and Tell.

REMEMBER TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- Name Tag
- Paper for Taking Notes
- Show and Tell
- Block of the Month
- \$1 for the Library Fund
- Camera

January 7, 2016 - 9:30am - TBA

Chairpersons for 2015

2016 Challenge: Martha Herbert, Joan Goodsell

2016 Opportunity Quilt: Rita Studdard & Team

Block of the Month: Joan Goodsell

Civil War Re-enactment: Tish Von Hagel

Community Service: Elaine Holmes

Correspondence: Sara Simons

Historian: Naomi Narita

Library: Bonnie Marsee

Membership: Rita Studdard

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QSC Liaison: Frances Kelley

Workday: Wanda Moody



Quilt Shows and Dates to Remember

February 26-27, 2016 - 22nd Annual Quilt Gala presented by the Horry County Museum. 10am-4pm both days. Anyone may participate in the Gala by entering a quilt. This is not a judged or juried show, however, viewer's choice voting will take place.
www.horrycountymuseum.org

March 4-5 2016 - "Low Country Threads" presented by Cobblestone Quilters Guild. Omar Shrine Temple, 176 Patriots Point St, Mt Pleasant, SC
www.cobblestonequilters.com

Meatballs from the October Meeting



Ingredients:

From Food Lion, buy:

- 2 bags (104 pieces) Rosina home style frozen meatballs
- 1 small (12 oz) jar Smuckers grape jelly (not jam or preserves)
- 1 giant (40 oz) bottle Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce original flavor

Directions:

1. Mix sauce and jelly and heat until jelly melts.
2. Add meatballs and sauce to crock pot and stir several times until the meatballs are hot

Recipe from Tish VonHagel



Minutes of the Meeting of Swamp Fox Quilters Guild



October 1,
2015

President Dawn Myers called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. She gave the members an update on Martha's Herbert's condition. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Timi Bronson reported a current balance of \$3,633.60.

Membership: Johnnie Britton, substituting for Rita Studdard, reported 33 members and 2 guests present.

2016 Challenge: Joan Goodsell reminded members the theme is "It's a Small World." Entries are limited in size to no smaller than 60 inches and no larger than 120 inches in circumference.

Opportunity Quilt: Tickets are available for sale. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The quilt will be on display at the November meeting.

Workday: Wanda reported that since all the groups have turned in their quilts for the community project there is nothing specific planned for workday. She encouraged members to bring their own projects to work on or if they need help on a technique come and get help from one of the members.

Community: Dawn reported that she delivered 122 pillowcases to the hospital and gave 15 kids and 7 adult quilts to Naomi House. The Storybook quilt was given to Plainview Elementary School in memory of Donna Chapman. The quilt will be displayed in the Library.

Program: Beth Twedell handed out information sheets for the Christmas Bazaar. She included entry forms to be filled out in advance. If members have any questions please give Beth a call. Please only donate items appropriate for gifts or baked goods.

QSC: Joan Goodsell displayed the donation basket for the fall retreat. She thanked everyone for their contributions.

Block of the Month: Joan Goodsell reported 11 blocks were turned in. Next month's Block is called Puss in the Corner. Please use blue and white fabrics. Winner of this month's blocks was Jonnie Britton.

Library: Bonnie Marsee informed the membership that due to work schedule she will need help with the Library duties. Pam Bishop volunteered to assist her. Nancy Wright won the drawing.

Old Business: Dawn reported that all the necessary work has been completed with the bank for transferring control of bank account to the new treasurer (Timi Bronson). One issue that was discussed at the September meeting was to require more than one signature on checks over a certain amount. Dawn reported that the bank officer told her it would require changing all the paperwork currently on file and recommended that the Guild not institute this change given the relatively small balance carried from month to month. The members voted to drop this issue.

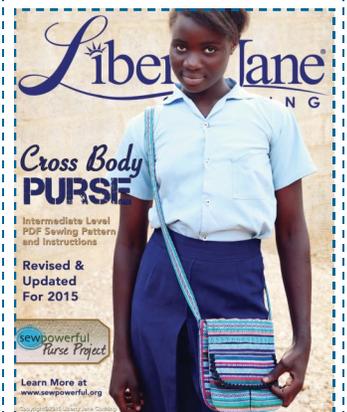
Show and Tell: 13 members shared their projects.

Program: Sandra Baker presented a trunk show of her work.

Submitted by: Elaine Holmes, Secretary

An article in the State paper a few Sundays ago mentioned a lady who is creating "purses with a purpose." She sews bags to help young women in Zambia who have reach puberty to carry feminine hygiene products (which are included when they are mailed). This might be a good project for those who want to make smaller items other than quilts. Check out their website for more information.

<http://sewpowerful.org/>



Block of the Month

Nov 2015

Theme: Puss in the Corner
Size: 12 1/2 inches
Colors: White Background with any shade of blue for the Focus



Directions:

From Blue - Cut two 3 1/2 inch squares and eight 2 inch squares.
 From White - Cut two 6 1/2 inch squares and eight 2x3 inch rectangles.

Sew 2 inch squares to either end of the four white rectangles. Sew the remaining rectangles to the sides of the 3 1/2 inch squares. Sew the three strips together as shown. Now, sew the 6 1/2 inch square to one side of each of the blue and white blocks. Sew these two units together so that the white 6 1/2 squares are next to a blue and white square.

“Buttons and patches and the cold wind blowing...the days pass quickly when i am sewing!”

What is a Mug Rug



<http://sochickhandbags.blogspot.com/>

Mug Rugs are small, fun to create, mini quilts that spiffy up your favorite space while they soak up your drink of choice's drips and condensation. They are also large enough to hold some sweet snacks to help put a pep in your step.

How big is a Mug Rug? Mug Rugs can be as big or as small as you want them to be. Usually falling between a useable size between the size of a coaster and a placemat.:4"x6" to 6"x10". They can be any shape you'd like: rectangles, triangles, hearts, octagons, parallelograms. The possibilities are endless.



http://patches.typepad.com/notes_from_the_patch/2013/10/tutorial-tuesday-58-mug-rugs.html



<http://wildolive.blogspot.com/2014/10/project-epp-halloween-ish-triangle-mug.html>

How do I make a Mug Rug? Just like you were making a quilt, but on a smaller scale. That doesn't necessarily mean super tiny pieces, but use the same technique: sew the top, baste it, quilt it, and then add your favorite type of binding. Of course you could use super tiny pieces for the top if you'd like, but you can also use your favorite quilt blocks, pieces of quilt blocks, and even cute little applique shapes.

Where did the name come from? A blogger named Amanda came up with the name in 2010 and it stuck, causing Mug Rugs to be created all over the world.

Where do I find patterns? Type "Mug Rug Tutorial" in your favorite internet search engine for free patterns. Several low cost patterns can be found on Etsy.com or Crafts.com. Or you can check out your favorite quilt shop for books with dedicated patterns just for mug rugs.



<http://www.pleasant-home.com/2010/12/mug-rug-for-santa.html>



<http://www.pleasant-home.com/2015/01/valentine-mug-rug.html>



<http://www.pleasant-home.com/2010/11/scrappy-tree-mug-rugs.html>

Quilt Inspiration Bazaar Edition

Our November meeting will be a Christmas Bazaar auction. This will be run similar to the Make It, Bake It, Grow It, Sew It. Items will be set up in rooms with a time limit for viewing and bidding, and with an auction to follow. Please come at least 30-45 minutes early with your items to allow time to set up before the meeting starts.

*All items donated should be handcrafted and something that you would give as a gift to someone, quilters or non-quilters, or keep for yourself. If you haven't made any items yet, check out some of the ideas on this page to get your creative juices flowing.



Decorated mason jars filled with goodies.

www.polkadotchair.com/2014/11/elf-christmas-mason-jar-gifts.html/



Chapstick holders - Quick and easy two make. Below are links to two different tutorials.

<http://www.littlebitfunky.com/2012/10/20-minute-crafter-chapstick-cozy-five.html>

<http://www.makeit-loveit.com/2015/03/diy-fabric-chapstick-holder.html>



Button Cluster Keyring

Sum of their Stories

Free instructions found here:
www.sumoftheirstories.com/2014/09/button-cluster-key-ring.html



Folded Pot Holders - Tutorial found at:
<https://quiltexpressions.wordpress.com/2013/11/26/gift-inspiration-day-ten-folded-pot-holder/>



Make your own **Stocking Advent Calendar**. Free Instructions at:
<http://busymomshelper.com/2014/11/make-stocking-advent-calendar.html>



Crayon Roll - Free tutorial at:
<https://skiptomylou.wordpress.com/2007/04/25/on-a-roll/>



Braided Rug Coasters - Free tutorial can be found at:
<http://627handworks.com/2014/10/braided-rag-rug-coaster/>