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**"Quilters  
don't make  
mistakes.  
They make  
Variations."**

# Swamp Fox Quilters



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## A Note from your President...



Quilt top made by Leah M.

After mentioning Project Linus at our May meeting, I felt compelled to share a bit more information about this wonderful non-profit cause. Project Linus began in 1998 and its national headquarters are based in Bloomington, IL. To date, over 5 million blankets and quilts have been delivered to seriously ill and traumatized children from ages 0-18. All sizes of blankets, quilts and afghans are accepted with a few restrictions: they must be handmade (of excellent quality), washable, and come from smoke-free environments (due to allergy concerns). Project Linus supported by a large number of corporations and businesses including Brother, Fons and Porter and Joann Fabrics. For more information, please check out their website at [ProjectLinus.org](http://ProjectLinus.org).

~Dawn

## Monthly Meeting Presentations

**June 4, 2015 10:00am**—We are meeting at the Hartsville Museum at 10 am for the quilt show and awarding of ribbons. Afterward, we will have lunch at the Hartsville Country Club for those who have signed up. We are also challenging everyone to dress in black and white plus their color; those who didn't make a quilt and guests can just choose a color. This is just for fun and those who participate can enter their name to win a small prize.

**July: No Meeting**

**August 6, 2015  
9:30am** - Presentation and class by Candice Hassen "A trip around the world."

Also upcoming is the UFO Challenge Meeting

### REMEMBER TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

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

## Dates to Remember

**August 21-23, 2015 - A Celebration of Quilts**

Electric City & Prickly Fingers

Quilt Guild Show

Anderson Civic Center, Anderson, SC

<http://www.andersonscquilters.com/>

**October 16 & 17, 2015**

CATAWBA VALLEY QUILT SHOW -

Hickory Metro Convention Center,

Hickory, NC

[www.catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com](http://www.catawbavalleyquiltersguild.com)

**August 14 - 15, 2015** - 2015 Quilt Show

Lake Norman Quilters

Talbert Recreation Center

Mooreville, NC

[lknquilters.wordpress.com](http://lknquilters.wordpress.com)

**October 16 -18, 2015**

Annual Pieceable Retreat

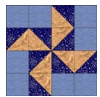
Quilters of South Carolina

White Oak Conference Center

633 Mobley Hwy, Winnsboro, SC 29180

[www.quiltersofsc.org/Retreat.htm](http://www.quiltersofsc.org/Retreat.htm)





## Minutes of the Meeting of Swamp Fox Quilters Guild



May 7, 2015

President Dawn Myers called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

Treasure Martha Herbert reported current balance of \$4,339.44.

Rita Studdard reported 38 members present and one visitor.

Dawn announced that Elaine Holmes will fill the vacant position of secretary for the remainder of the year. There were no corrections to the minutes from last month's meeting.

Dawn also reminded members that community projects should reflect our best work.



**2015 Challenge:** Susan Rayment reminded members that the June meeting will be at the Hartsville Museum. Time 10:00 am. Voting will stop at 10:45am. She suggested that members, who submitted quilts, wear the colors in their quilt.

**2016 Challenge:** Joan Goodsell reported the theme "It's a Small World". Quilts are limited in size to no less than 60 inches in circumference and no greater than 120 inches. Limit 2 entries per person, no wearables and must be made in 2014, 2015 or 2016.

**Workday:** Wanda Moody reported groups continue to work on their community quilts.

**Community:** We currently have 11 kids and 3 adult quilts. 55 pillowcases were given to Dawn. She will take them to Carolina Pines Hospital.

**Programs:** Beth Twedell reminded members that there is no meeting or workday in July. She has Candace Hassen scheduled for a class, "Trip around the world," in August and UFO show in September.

**QSC:** Frances Kelley Announced that Karen Kirkland is the new President of QSC and encouraged everyone to join and support Karen: Cost is \$20.00 a year. Lorene Arnette suggested that we host a spring meeting. Frances will look into it and report back.

**Block of the Month:** Dawn Myers was the winner this month. Next month's block is a string block, Black, White and Red. Red as the center strip. Muslin must be used as the foundation. Size 12 ½ x 12 ½.

**Library:** Drawing won by Timmi Bronson.

Dawn brought up the idea of having an honorary membership. Martha Herbert and Tish Von Hagel will be a committee to investigate the possibility and report back.

Dawn said a friend asked her to see if someone from Swamp Fox guild would be interested in working with the Linus Project. Check with Dawn if interested. Dawn also reported that Elaine Tanner and Timmi Bronson have quilts in the Southern Accent Show in Melbourne Florida.

**Show and Tell:** 17 members showed their work.

Submitted by  
Elaine Holmes, Secretary



Photo taken at the 2014 Charleston Quilt show.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Starting Balance - Apr** \$ 4339.40

#### Credits

Interest	\$ .04
Library (2 Months)	\$13.00
Name Tags	\$2.50

#### Debits

Photos	\$12.11
Fabrics, Naomi Project	\$16.75

**Ending Balance** \$4310.58

## Chairpersons for 2015

**2015 Challenge :** Susan Rayment

**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

**Newsletter and Website:** Leah Malasky

**Public Relations:** Lorene Arnette

**QSC Liaison:** Frances Kelley

**Workday:** Wanda Moody





## Opportunity Quilt for 2016

This year the guild is going to do things a little different in regards to the quilting of the Opportunity Quilt. Instead of choosing someone to quilt the 2016 Raffle Quilt, we are going to ask anyone interested in the job to take a package. It will include a color picture and a graph drawing of the quilt. We would like you to draw your idea for quilting with a colored pen and tell us what you would charge. We plan to have the quilt top ready by the middle of July. See Rita Studdard at the June meeting, or call her at 383-9345 if you are interested in this project.

## Challenge Quilt Theme 2016

### It's A Small World

What small part of your world makes a big impression on you? Can you translate this into a small quilt? Focus on some tiny part and the challenge is on to make a quilt depicting this!

Quilts should have outer dimensions no smaller than 60 inches and no larger than 120 inches. This means if you are making a square quilt, each side of the quilt would be between 15 and 30 inches. However, don't limit yourself to a square shape. It can be oblong, round, or free-form as long as the sum total of the outside falls within the 60 and 120 inch limit.

You can enter a maximum of two quilts in this challenge.

Quilts should be completed in 2014, 2015, or 2016.

## Block of the Month May 2015

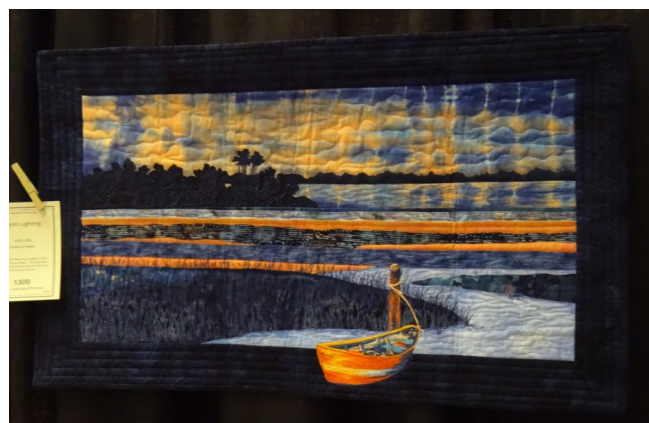
**Theme:** String Block  
**Size:** 12 1/2 inches  
**Colors:** Black, White, and Red

**Directions:** Cut a piece of muslin to make your block. Cut this slightly larger than the final block size. Draw a diagonal line across the block from corner to corner. Take a 2 inch wide strip of red fabric and center it on that line. Put a black and white strip over this, right sides together and sew down. Continue to add black and white strips until your entire square is covered. Use a mic of 1 1/2 and 2 inch wide black and white strips. When finished, trim block to 12 1/2 inches square.

**NOTE:** The only red should be the center strip. Everything else is black and white.



Photo of quilt at the 2014 Charleston Quilt show by Judy Lilly, titled, "Marsh Lighting".



## Three Berry Pie

### Ingredients:

#### Pastry for a Double-Crust Pie:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup shortening, chilled
- 6 tablespoons cold water

#### Three-Berry Filling:

- 1 cup fresh strawberries, halved
- 2 cups fresh raspberries
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch

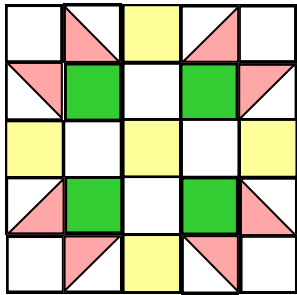
Recipe from Allrecipes.com

### Directions:

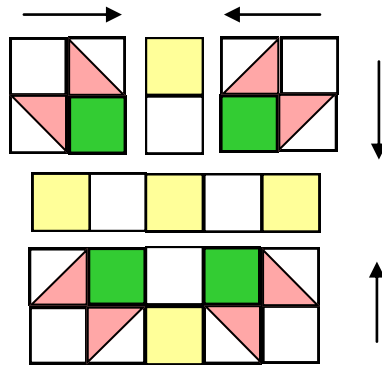
1. Combine the flour and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut in the shortening until the pieces are the size of small peas. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the water over part of the mixture, then gently toss with a fork. Push moistened portion to the side of the bowl. Repeat, using 1 tablespoon of water at a time, until all is moistened. Divide the dough in half. Form each half into a ball and flatten slightly. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.
2. Transfer one piece of dough to a lightly floured surface. Roll the dough from the center to the edges to form a 12-inch circle. Wrap the crust around the rolling pin. Unroll it onto a 9-inch pie plate. Ease the crust into the pie plate, being careful not to stretch it. Trim the bottom crust evenly with the rim of the pie plate, and return the pastry-lined pie plate to the refrigerator.
3. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the sugar and cornstarch. Add the strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries; gently toss until berries are coated. Allow fruit mixture to stand for about 15 minutes.
4. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Place a baking sheet in the oven to preheat.
5. Roll out the remaining pastry for the top crust. Stir the berry mixture and pour the filling into the pastry-lined pie plate. Place the top crust over the pie and trim the edges, leaving a 1/2-inch overhang. Fold the top crust under the bottom crust, pressing lightly to seal. Crimp the edges of the crust and cut vents in the top to allow steam to escape. To prevent over-browning, cover the edge of the pie with foil.
6. Bake in the preheated oven on the baking tray for 25 minutes. Remove the foil.
7. Bake for an additional 20 to 30 minutes, or until the filling is bubbling and the crust is golden. Cool on a wire rack.

## 2015 Newsletter Mystery Quilt - Clue #5 Reveal

Clue five has us using all our pieces from the previous clues to make two different blocks. Block A and Block B will then alternate in a 5 x 7 grid. Three borders will be added to create the quilt seen below on the right.



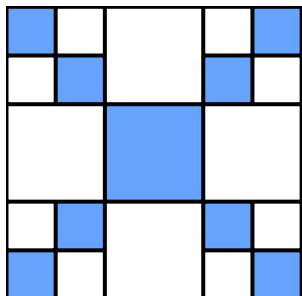
Block A



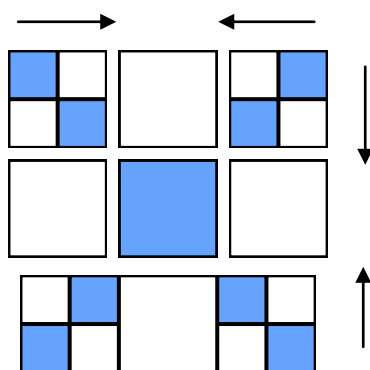
Take two of the green, pink, and neutral four patches created in February and sew them to one of the yellow and white two patches created in April. **Make sure the green squares are sewn next to the white square on the two patch.** See placement above. Sew 36 of these 4 patch rows.

Next, take two newly created rows and sew one on each side of the alternating yellow and white 5 patch strip that was created in April. **Again take note of the placement of the green squares.** The green squares should line up with the white squares on the 5 patch strip. See the image above for placement.

When finished you should have 18 of Block A.



Block B



Block B is sewn together like a nine patch.

Using four of the blue and white 4 patches made in March, four of the 4 x 4 neutral squares, and one 4 x 4 blue square, create block B by using the placement diagram above. **Take note of the placement of the blue squares on the 4 patches.** The blue fabrics should make an X when sewn together.

Make 17 of these blocks.

After you have sewn all the blocks together, create the top by laying out 7 rows of alternating blocks with 5 blocks in each row.

Odd rows start and end with Block A.

Even rows start and end with Block B.

You can add as many borders as you like. The quilt below has three borders. The inner blue border measures 2.5 inches. The yellow middle border is 1.5 inches wide, and the outer pink border is 4.5 inches wide. Due to variances in individual seam allowances, it is always best to measure your quilt in three places (across the top, middle, and bottom) and cut the length of your strips the average of the three measurements.

In a perfect piecing world, your border strips should measure approximately:

From blue:

Two strips 2.5 inches x 70.5 inches.

Two Strips 2.5 inches x 54.5 inches.

From Yellow:

Two strips 1.5 inches x 74.5 inches.

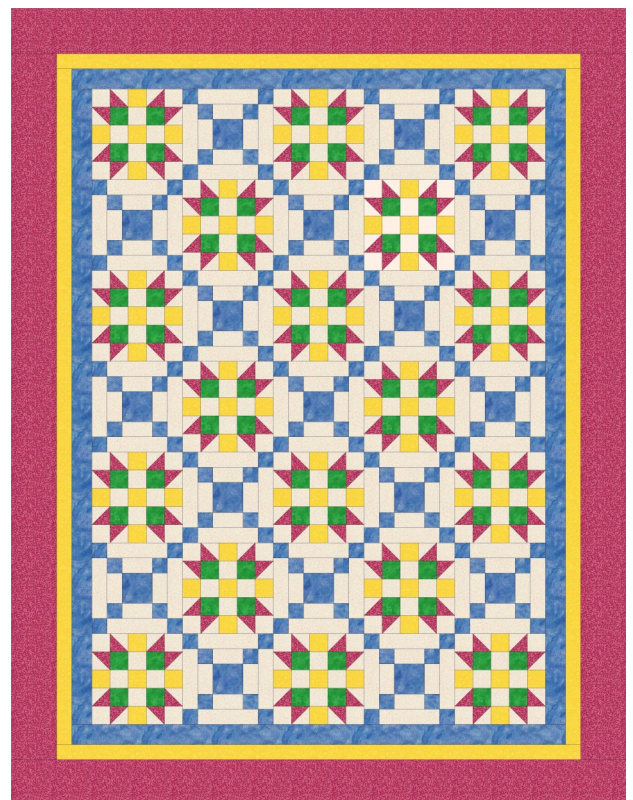
Two strips 1.5 inches x 57.5 inches.

From Pink:

Two strips 4.5 inches x 77.5 inches.

Two strips 4.5 inches x 66.5 inches.

Borders are all sewn with the longer side borders first followed by the shorter top and bottom border strips.



The top should measure approximately 66 x 86 inches.