



Quilt by Lorene Arnette



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Quilts-For-Sale

<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/quilts-for-sale>

A link Lucy Caldwell shared with us. She thought you'd enjoy watching it.



A Note from Your President:

We gathered together for our last meeting in 2016 and were treated to a wonderful time. The room was festooned with beautiful Christmas quilts, and the tables each held a special quilted Christmas table topper and a poinsettia that were later awarded as door prizes to the lucky recipients. The serving tables were laden with everyone's favorite dishes, food that was unbelievable and so bountiful. A special thanks for the committee for the hard work that they put into making the day a special and memorable one.

It was wonderful seeing Dawn Myers again as she installed the 2017 officers. We have missed her.

The dais was piled with the numerous tummy time quilts that we have made for the babies this year. It was a touching moment when the nurses from the program accepted them for their little patients. Thanks again for all the support with our special project. There will be 57 babies enjoying beautiful quilts this year.

The chatter around the room certainly showed how much we enjoy gathering together in the spirit of friendship, kinship, and creativity. We acknowledge the good will that our guild brings to our community through our projects, but let us not take for granted the camaraderie that we share with each other and the richness that we bring into each others' lives. Our end of the year luncheon reminds us that the Swamp Fox Guild is indeed a special organization and would not be the same without you.

I will be asking many of you to accept positions of leadership for 2017. Please think of ways you can help and be prepared to say yes when asked to serve.

Let's continue to have fun in 2017. We have classes, mini lessons, and events that will inspire us and tickle that creative bone in us. I look forward to working and playing with you all.

Have a wonderful holiday. Enjoy your time with your families and friends, and I'll see you in January.

Frances



Highlights of the meeting: delicious food, installation of officers, presentation of the Tummy Time quilts, and a special presentation of the Quilts of Valor to our two veterans.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Swamp Fox Quilt Guild
December 1, 2016**

**Financial Statement for
November 2016**

Operating Activities:

Net Income	\$1855.00
Net Cash provided by	
Operating Activities	1855.00
Net cash increase for month	1855.00
Cash at beginning of period	3223.52

Cash at end of period **\$5,078.52**

Reconciled Bank Balance

November 2016 \$5,078.52

Income:

Christmas Bazaar	\$1473.00
Burn Center Donations	50.00
Dues	285.00
Raffle Quilt	45.00
Name Tags	2.00
Total Income	\$1855.00

Expenses for October:

Total Expenses **0**

Net Profit **\$1855.00**

Chairpersons for 2016

Opportunity Quilt: Ray Vance, Timi Bronson

Block of the Month: Lorene Arnette

Community Service: Harry Sue Cockfield
Correspondence: Sara Simons

Historian: Naomi Narita
Library: Bonnie Marsee/ Pam Bishop

Membership: Rita Studdard
Newsletter: Harriett Whitlock

Website: Patti Hayes
Public Relations: Lorene Arnette

QSC Liaison: Karen Kirkland
Workday: Susan Rayment

President Frances Kelley called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. There were 8 guests and 45 members present.

Treasurer's Report: Timi Bronson was unable to give a report but will include a full report in the newsletter. She reminded members that it's time to pay dues for 2017. She also wanted clarification on donating 10% of the balance in our treasury to the church, as we have done each year in the past. Carol Lindler made a motion and Tish Von Hagel seconded. The motion carried. Last year members' charitable donation of \$5.00 added to their dues went to the Burn Center in Georgia. She asked where the members wanted the donations to go this year. Sara Simon made a motion to send donation to the Burn Center again and to round the amount donated to the next \$100.00, and Joan Goodsell seconded the motion. The motion passed. Timi also reminded members to get a packet of tickets for the opportunity quilt, which is on display today at the meeting.

Frances asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November meeting. There being none Judy Voss made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Susan Rayment seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Frances asked the guests from the Nurse-Family Partnership come forward to accept 47 tummy time quilts (10 quilts were given in October).

The meeting was suspended while lunch was served.

Workday: Susan Rayment explained workday to new members and thanked Beth Twedell, Harriett Whitlock, Ray Vance, Rita Studdard and Tish Von Hagel for teaching classes this year. Some classes planned for 2017 workdays include Harriett Whitlock free motion quilting, Rita Tompkins an Iron Mitt, Nancy Wright Fake binding and Carol Hobbs paper piecing.

Frances asked Rita Tompkins to report on the program and class scheduled for the February meeting. Donna Royson will be teaching a class on Opposites Attract Quilt in a Day on Friday, February 3, 2017. Class will begin at 9:00 and the cost is \$25.00 which includes the pattern. A supply list will be provide for members who sign up for the class. Class limited to 20 people.

Block of the Month: Lorene Arnette explained that in January something different is planned. Instead of making a block, bring three 2 ½ x 42 inch strips one light, one medium and one dark in Christmas themed fabric. We will construct our own Jelly Roll for one lucky quilter. 8 blocks were turned in this month. They were won by Judy Voss.

Frances reminded members that during the July break members were asked to make a Quilt of Valor block. Enough blocks were turned in at the August meeting to make 2 quilts. Frances explained the Quilts of Valor program and said that these two quilts were going to be presented to two special veterans. She asked that Lauri Winburn and Ed Valentin come forward. These veterans are also members of Swamp Fox Quilters. The quilts were wrapped around each member.

Frances called each officer and chairperson who served this year to come forward. She thanked them for helping to make this year so successful and presented them each with a monogrammed key chain. Frances asked former President Dawn Myers to come forward and install the 2017 officers: President Frances Kelley, Vice President Karen Kirkland, Secretary Elaine Holmes and Treasurer Timi Bronson.

Newsletter: Harriett Whitlock reminded members who have not turned in a profile please do so. She also told members if they do not receive a newsletter by the 10th of the month to please call her.

Show and Tell: 12 people participated.

Table decorations were given as door prizes at the end of the Luncheon and meeting.

Submitted by Elaine Holmes Secretary

November workday: wrapping the Tummy Time quilts. The far right photo shows some of the long line of prime movers in the guild this year. They each received a beautiful personalized, embroidered key chain made by Frances. Thank you, Frances!



December Workday

As is our tradition, there is no December workday, but we will continue these mini lessons and get-togethers January.

Membership News

We have no changes in our membership list this month.

Please don't forget to pay your dues!

From Susan Rayment: Our special thanks go to Christine Fox, a woman I met in Sam's, who donated the large roll of baby paper for the Tummy Time quilts. She is not a member, nor a quilter, but wanted to contribute. We have angels all around us!

Block of the Month: January Christmas 2.5 inch strips

"JELLY ROLL" 'BOM'

For our January, 2017, Block of the Month, we will do something different. Instead of making a block – please bring three (3) 2-1/2" x 42" (width of fabric) strips.

Bring one dark, one light, and one medium in Christmas colors/motifs. You may bring as many sets of 3 strips as you like.

We will make our own "Jelly Roll" for one (or two?) lucky quilter for a Christmas project for next year – (? maybe for the Christmas Bazaar)

Refreshments

The refreshments for January will be provided by Judy Voss and Harriett Whitlock.

Please sign up with Judy for the upcoming months of 2017. After all, we do enjoy that midmorning treat!



SFQ Programs 2017

We're starting our new year with a spectacular program by Jerre Reese. This award winning quilter (she's had four quilts juried into the prestigious American Quilter's Society show) does it all. Her trunk show is so wonderful and inspirational! A fabulous way to begin our new year of quilting.

Our February program will be presented by Donna Royson, a certified (Eleanor Burns) *Quilt in a Day* instructor! Her program is titled "My Quilting Journey." On Thursday, we will hear her stories, enjoy her humor and see her quilts! She will have a supply of books, patterns and rulers for sale.

On Friday, Donna will be teaching the "Opposites Attract" pattern by *Quilt in a Day*. If you were at the December meeting, you had the opportunity to see pictures of this quilt in a couple of different color ways [Details and photos are on page 5]. You'll see these again at the January meeting. This quilt is made using positive/negative blocks to create the illusion the blocks are floating on the background. You know it's constructed quickly and simply because it's a *Quilt in a Day* pattern! Sign up by contacting Karen Kirkland or Rita Tompkins.

By the way, mark your calendars for the March meeting and class the following day. It will be royally fun!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you next year!

Some of our "Sew and Tell" this month



Sweet Potato Muffins

From The Williamsburg Cookbook – Served at
Christiana Campbell's Tavern

½ c. butter, softened
1-1/4 c. sugar
2 eggs
1-1/4 c. canned sweet potatoes, mashed
1-1/2 c. all purpose flour
¼ t. salt
2 t. baking powder
1 t. cinnamon
¼ t. nutmeg
1 c. milk
¼ c. pecans or walnuts, chopped
½ c. raisins, chopped

Preheat oven to 400° and grease 1-1/2" mini muffin tins. Cream butter and sugar; add eggs and mix well. Add sweet potatoes. Combine flour, salt, baking powder, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add flour mixture and milk alternately but do not overmix. Fold in the nuts and raisins. Fill the greased muffin tins 2/3rd full. Bake for 25 minutes at 400°. Makes 5-6 dozen.

These muffins are easy to make ahead and freeze. Just defrost, wrap in foil, and warm for a short time in a moderate oven. They also make a nice holiday gift! Personally, I'd add a bit more raisins and walnuts. —Sue Chinich

Thanks, Sue! These were a hit at a recent meeting.

**Black Eyed Pea and Collard Soup
(For that New Year's Luck!)****Ingredients:**

- 2 cups dried black-eyed peas
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 pound Wellshire Turkey Bacon, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 bunch collard greens, tough stems and ribs removed, leaves thinly sliced
- 4 carrots, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Hot sauce to taste

Method:

Place peas in a large bowl and cover by a few inches with water. Cover the bowl and let sit at room temperature for 8 hours or overnight; drain and rinse well.

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, bacon and celery and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is translucent, 5 to 8 minutes. Add peas and broth and bring to a boil, skimming off any foam on the surface. Reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, until peas are tender, about 45 minutes. Add collard greens and carrots and simmer until tender, 15 to 20 minutes more. Season with salt, pepper and hot sauce and serve.

Note: I omitted the oil and substituted a couple of slices of bacon for the 1/2 lb. of bacon —to keep calories down. I also doubled the recipe for a big pot. Instead of hot sauce, I added a small amount of chili flakes.—Harriett

Lauri Winburn reminds us all to join the Swamp Fox Facebook page if we have a Facebook account.

Tip of the Month

In response to our program on organizing our sewing room, Lucy Caldwell contributed an article on de-cluttering. A useful tip in it said to stop procrastinating and begin with baby steps. Take 20 minutes each day to tackle a clutter problem. "You'll be amazed what you can accomplish in that small amount of focused time." Thanks, Lucy.

**2017 Challenge**

Our 2017 Challenge theme is "Granny's Block Today." You will use a vintage or traditional block(s) for your challenge, but interpret it with a modern twist. To give your entry an updated or more modern look, you may want a layout with lots of white space, or use modern prints or colors (maybe batiks), or a contemporary layout. Please add a sketch of the original block along with a paragraph about your choice and how you used it to create your challenge. No wearables, no size restrictions. We want to see Challenge Quilts from every member at the Hartsville Museum next June!

Questions? Contact us!

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Rosemary Carroll

A Last Minute Christmas Project For You!

Free Pattern for this adorable table topper is on All People Quilt:

http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/holiday-quilts/christmas/festive-table-toppers?utm_source=apq-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=apq_120616&did=105885-20161206

You still have time!!

Come Join us in February 2017 at Swamp Fox Quilters

**Donna Royson will be teaching Opposites Attract- Quilt in a Day
on Friday February 3rd, 2017 Class begins at 9:00 AM
Located at the John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 200 Marsh Ave,
Florence SC 29501**



Opposites Attract
by Quilt in a Day.
This quilt is made using positive/negative blocks to create the illusion that the block is floating on the background fabric. Once the blocks are sewn together, a secondary pattern also appears adding even more charm and excitement to the quilt! In keeping with Eleanor Burn's belief in minimal waste, the small leftover pieces can be used for another project like a tummy time quilt.



Donna Royson is a Quilt in a Day Certified Instructor
Cost of the class is \$25.00 which includes the pattern that normally sells for \$9.00
A supply list will be provided to those who sign up for the class.

More "Sew and Tell"



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

Karen Kirkland

Vice President 2016

Joined 2007



I began quilting in 1991, a bit accidentally, after wandering into a quilt shop in Valley Junction, a trendy and “artsy” shopping district in West Des Moines, where I signed up for my first quilting class. After completing my “beginners’ project”, a table runner, and making many new friends, I signed up for another class. Which of course led to others, soon followed by the realization that I was going to need a new sewing machine! And accessories! And lots and lots of fabric!! Every machine stitch I made for the next 23 years was done on that first machine, a Bernina 1130S. I enjoy working with a variety of styles and techniques. Some quilts are a creative challenge, some are a technical challenge; and some are both, particularly original works where you need to figure it all out yourself. Over the years I’ve mostly chosen projects that look interesting or fun to do, many for gifts and/or to commemorate special events in the lives of family and friends. I have award-winning quilts that I’m very proud of, but I’m most gratified by the quilts I’ve made as gifts for family and friends. I have always quilted for my own enjoyment, as a fun, creative, stress-relieving hobby. After moving to South Carolina in 2007, I became much more active in local guilds and interest groups and now have a new group of quilting friends to learn and share with. I’m currently a member of Swamp Fox Quilters (since 2007), Coastal Carolina Quilters, AQS, and the Quilters of South Carolina. I have been quilting for a little over 13 years and I have made several hundred quilts. I started off mostly quilting for family, friends and charity work. I have given away hundreds of baby blankets to Military families over the last 10 years. I found that although I love to make quilts, I am enjoying stepping out of the box and trying new techniques and designing my own quilts. From dyeing fabrics and utilizing other fibers to creating unique “memory” quilts from clothing. I currently run a custom quilt and fiber art business, I am an active member of my local guilds as well as NQA and AQS. I am passionate about teaching and love to share the joy of quilting and the pride of accomplishment when they have finished their quilt. I love to make people happy with custom quilts. It never stops amazing me the joy that a quilt can bring. I have done several now that are from the clothes of a loved one that has passed, and while it is harder and more time consuming to use these fabrics, the look on their faces and the emotions that are evoked upon completion is not only gratifying but also humbling. I love to share quilting with as many people as I can. My favorite ways to do this are by participating in quilt shows, guest-speaking to other guilds, and making charity quilts. Military families are near and dear to my heart and I enjoy working with and for them which results in a lot of hero quilts, home of the brave quilts, Project Linus blankets, turtle pillows and quilts for children of domestic violence, as well as flannel blankets for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. I am addicted to quilting!

Patti Hayes

Website Manager

Joined recently



I grew up in the state of Maine where I was exposed at a very young age to various textile arts often being created by my mother, both of my grandmothers and many aunts and cousins. By the time I was eight I was crocheting, knitting and sewing, sometimes scoring my own patterns for stuffed animals.

I’ve enjoyed many other artsy things along the way such as drawing, creating art dolls, spinning yarn, loom weaving, painting furniture, playing guitar, violin and piano, dancing tap and ballet, and performing in competitive Irish Step dancing. Quilting started to become a serious hobby for me while working at a quilt shop in Kissimmee, FL where I took many quilt classes, as well as art doll classes. I got a lot of practice from making quilts for the ‘Project Linus’ organization there.

Some hobbies turned to business for me - riding and showing horses in dressage led to a horse boarding business as well as making custom horse blankets and luggage for equestrians to carry their horse show tack; and my love of photography led to commissions of pet portraits, and Getty Images stock photography. As an empty nester I went back to school with a focus on sciences and went on to specialize and work for a while in veterinary nursing.

My husband Greg and I met and married very young. We soon began traveling up and down the eastern part of this wonderful country during his 10 year stint in the U.S. Navy until he took his career to land with various power plants - one in southern Maine, one in central Florida, and currently in Hartsville, SC since 4 years ago. We’ve been married for 37 years and have a daughter and 2 sons, as well as a son-in-law and daughter-in-law.

We do love animals and sort of live in a zoo with 2 dogs, 4 cats, a lizard, and 8 birds. They keep us lively and provide for us at times, some great comic relief. We like to travel and take occasional ocean cruises, go off to explore undiscovered places and take lots of photographs of them.

I’ve enjoyed being a part of Swamp Fox Quilters’ Guild and look forward to meeting with more happy experiences and friendships there :)

Louise Miller

Joined 3 years ago



I took a class at Poynor two years ago. My favorite quilts are the old fashioned blocks and squares. Florence is my home. I have lived here always—over 50 years. I retired ten years ago. I am a grandmother of many grandkids and great-grands. My favorite interests are cooking and sewing. I love to go to the beach.

Rita Milizia

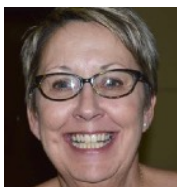
Joined many years ago



I have quilted for 15 years. I prefer to hand quilt and to hand appliqué. I have no favorites; I like all my quilts that I have made. My daughter and a great grand live with me. We have lived in the area for 27 years, after having lived in New York and Virginia. I am retired from IBM Manassa. I have no favorite vacation spot—any vacation is great!

Brenda Gregg

Joined May 2016



I am a new quilter but have always loved any kind of sewing, smocking, heirloom sewing, crocheting, and knitting. My husband and I have lived here in Florence our whole lives. We have 6 grandchildren ages 7 and under! I love to sew clothes for my grandchildren, reading, and going to the mountains.