

THE SUGAR BOWL



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March – Comes in like scraps, goes out like quilts



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March is
Women's History Month
How have you quilted
your history?

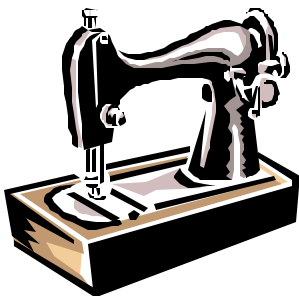
We celebrate
Our Founders
Nancy Franklin and
Jocelyn Carter

PROGRAM NOTES –

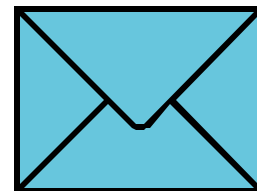
I am writing this before February's program and I am sorry to have missed the program, but I am sure that it was successful and those that participated in the workshop had a good time. Please bring your dyed pieces to March's meeting to share with the rest of the guild.

This month we are celebrating the founding of our guild by Nancy Franklin and Jocelyn Carter. They will give a little "presentation" on how our guild came about, and show us some of their finished and in-progress works. We will also be making a special presentation to a special member of our guild! Afterward, we will have a chance to learn a few techniques from demo presentations from some of our own guild members and a local sewing store. 4 demo presentation tables will be set up around the room and members will start at the table of their choice. The presentation at each table will last 15 to 20 minutes, and after the timer goes off, everyone will move clockwise to the next presentation table and observe the offering there and then move again after the timer. Our presenters are: Nancy Franklin - crazy quilting by hand; Renee Allen - hand beading; Lynette Jackson - hand-piecing; Atlanta Sewing Machine Company - machine embellishment. I am looking forward to having a great time!

Atlanta Sewing Machine Company is a local, black-owned sewing store that offers machine service, and sewing classes. They also sell new and used sewing machines, and fabrics. They have two locations: 1323 Metropolitan Parkway 404-752-7817 and in the shopping center across the train tracks from Southlake Mall, next to Burlington Coat Factory 770-968-9911.



CARDS, cards, cards....If you agreed to add to the guild card "stash" by contributing a handmade creation, please remember to bring your masterpiece to Nina at the next meeting. Thanks!



Bits from the Bylaws

The Nominating Committee is appointed by the President in time to recruit members for presentation of the slate of nominees at the April meeting. This slate of nominees is published in the May newsletter, voted upon at the May meeting and new officers are installed into office at the July meeting/annual event.

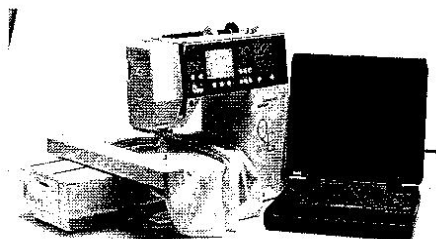


Reminders!

The deadline date for sending names and addresses for the gallery publicity mailout has been extended until April 25. Please make sure you send them to Myla Chapman by e-mail (quiltmyla@aol.com) Please don't wait until the last minute and send all at the same time! Addresses have been received from approximately 5 people. We can do better than that!

In April, Edie Wilbur will give a fabulous trunk entitled VARIATIONS ON THE NINE PATCH. Edie says that there are so many ways to make beautiful quilt designs with this basic block and she's going to share some with us.

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From the Editor:

What Inspires You?

Sister Stitchers,

Spring is a time for new beginnings. I find that during the spring months, I look for brighter colors. I choose more fabric with nature themes. Flowers and butterflies cover the material I buy. I use my excursions outside to inspire my piecework. The blue of the sky on a cloudless day, or the azure of the sea each inspire in their own unique way. A floor pattern, a picture, or a passage in a book will inspire my work. I am inspired by the work of my fellow quilters as well. It's important that we know what we find inspiring so that we can further our exposure to those things that "spark our muse." Last year, there was a Chihuly Exhibit at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. The juxtaposition of the glass artwork of Chihuly against the plants in the gardens was breathtaking. I came home inspired by the colors which played off the greenery and the shapes which flowed so smoothly into each other. Our vacations are wonderful sources of inspiration. The photography of VanDerZee, as well as that of Gordon Parks can ignite our creative flame. What do you use to inspire your quilting? Where do you get your next quilt pattern? Do you create it yourself? Do you blend several traditional ones to create a new pattern? Do you turn a triangle to give an old pattern a new twist? Do you let the fabric set the tone for your inspiration? Do batiks light your fire? Or is it the African fabrics that set your creative juices flowing? While we ponder this month's question, let's also look for new inspirations. The sky is the limit with what our imaginations, combined with our inspirations, can produce.

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Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 10:20am by Abel Williams.

Welcome to all by Abel.

Visitors were introduced. Please see the visitor's sign in sheet.

- Abel-Roz has advised us that the Governor's Public Employees week is looking for artists for an exhibit. It will be held May 1st thru May 5th. It will take place in the twin towers and at 2 Peachtree St. They are looking for a quilt exhibit and it will be visited by some high end state officials and many other visitors. It is a high traffic area and our work can be seen by many people. Let Abel know if you are interested. We need someone to coordinate this.
- Nina-Minutes of the January meeting-Motion was made and seconded to accept the January minutes as published in the newsletter.
- Abel-flyers are being handed out about a retirement event for someone special. Shh, keep it a secret and read the flyer for more info. If you wish to speak you can let Jocelyn know and you can be put on the program. The event costs \$15.00.
- Abel-Please see Sonia Mack if you want to participate in the "Proverbial Quilt Challenge". It is due in November. Proverbs, cliché, old sayings, etc are all allowed.
- Jocelyn-Publicity for the Art Station-get your names and addresses in to Myla for those you would like to be on the mailing list. Email Myla by March 1st. We can also go today at 1:00pm to view the facility and have a meeting there to clarify any issues we may have.
- Vickie-Block of the month is available at the Hospitality Table.
- Michelle Jones has brought in fabric donated by her Mom who is no longer sewing. Thanks to Michelle and her Mom.
- Laura-The Fernbank exhibit was wonderful. Thanks to all who helped. We made about 80 pin sharpeners. We should also think about making them as a gift to visitors who visit our meetings. The Fernbank has asked to keep the quilts for another month and will return them at our March meeting. If anyone needs theirs back before this please let Laura know.
- Belinda-We can go to the Art Station today at 1:00pm to view the space and have a meeting with them. The 2007 Quilt show-she had a meeting with the DeKalb County Commissioners and was advised that we should apply for a \$5000.00 grant to promote our show, get stands, conduct the show, etc. She will work with anyone who wants to help. The application will be due in September. She will send an email at a later date. The Commissioners have offered the Maloof Auditorium for us to use. The concerns are security, insurance, size of the facility and the charging of money for admission. We may be able to offer quilts for sale as well, but it would have to be indirectly. It is an opportunity to have a bigger venue to display our work. We may also be able to do more than one day and she has blocked the whole week for us just

in case. She will find out the costs of security and insurance. This event will also be a part of the National Black Arts Festival websites.

- Raffle-winner #1 Ellawease Trimble, winner #2 Roz Newell.
- Little Treasure winner is visitor Elaine Parker.
- Abel-Marquetta Bell Johnson is having a children's quilt activity at Spelman on February 25, 2006.
- Show and Tell-many wonderful quilts were shown.
- Patricia-please pick up the new quilt ribbon forms from the Hospitality Table.
- There will be a fabric dyeing workshop after the meeting with Cleo Ward.

Those who re signed up and have paid the fee can participate.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20am by Abel.

Respectfully Submitted

Nina Moore

Guild Secretary

Commemorative Quilt Standards Offered

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild members have made a decision to have our own custom-built Quilt Standards made for hanging our quilts at the 2006 Show and beyond.

The dates of this year's show are June 10-11, 2006. You can find out more information about the show "A Galaxy of Stars" at our website,

www.quiltsites.com/CES/ces2006show.htm.

In order to fund this undertaking, the Guild is offering Commemorative Quilt Standards to our quilting friends. For a minimal fee of \$35, you are able to contribute a standard in honor or memory of a loved one. What a great way to honor your friends and family!

If you are interested in contributing a Standard, visit www.quiltsites.com/CES/QuiltStandards.html. Don't delay if you're interested, as supplies are limited.

Have a quilt you'd like to enter in our Show? All Quilt Entry Rules and Timetables are listed on our website.

And please, mark the dates of our Quilt Show on your calendar!

Sheila D. Miller,
2006 CES Quilt Show Chair

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Meeting Date:
 Third Saturday of each
 month
Next Meeting:
 March 18, 2006

The Brown Sugar Stitchers Quilt Guild is a diverse group of African American Quilters in Metropolitan Atlanta. If you would like to become a part of the **Brown Sugar Stitchers** we extend a warm invitation to join us one Saturday morning. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the William C. Brown Wesley Chapel Branch of the DeKalb County Public Library. For more information about our activities and mission, please contact us.
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LITTLE TREASURE
 2005-2006
 3/06 - Renee' Allen
 4/06 - Paulette Strain
 5/06 - Akilah M. Hill
 6/06 - Anita B. Crosby
 8/06 - Nina Moore
 9/06 - Aleathia Chisolm
 10/06 - Sonia Mack
 11/06 - Abel Williams

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