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Message from the President



Quilters are truly amazing people. No matter how much we have going on in our lives, we manage to find time for quilting. Brown Sugar Stitchers are even more amazing because in the midst of all our never-ending busyness, we continue to find time to give back to others.

Last month Elisa Woods and her helpers (primarily Laura Sorton and Rosalind Newell) introduced a Girl Scout troop to the world of quilting. The girls and their leaders were inspired and engaged as they learned the basics of quilting. It was quite a joy to see the creative light bulbs go off, and I am sure they will never forget the experience. The class continues this month after the meeting if you want to help.

As is our custom, we will again display Carrie Steele Pitts quilts in our August 1, 2009 Quilt Show. While I know you are busy creating magnificent works of art that will blow everybody away, I know I can count on you to squeeze out some time to make a child in an orphanage happy.

Finally, don't forget the importance of service to your guild. We elect new officers this month, and we need volunteers. We would all prefer to be in our studios rather than dealing with guild issues, but we must all do our part to make sure our guild continues on its dynamic course forward. After all, it is the guild that delivers so much inspiration and knowledge to each of us. Please contact Billie Richardson to offer your time and talents as an officer.

Remember we are not just quilters; we are AMAZING quilters! We can quilt and serve others at the same time.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Guild members; as you should all know, we are having a quilt show in just about two months, so I hope that you are all preparing pieces for the show. This will be the first BSS quilt show off the library site and we hope for a successful show. There is more information on the upcoming quilt show in this newsletter.

This is also the time of year for nominations for Guild officers and then voting for the officers and appointment of new committee chairs. I encourage members to make a commitment to working for the Guild, especially new members. The Guild cannot continue to provide activities that members enjoy without the hard work of other members who make it happen; there is no Guild fairy, just US all. Positions are described in the by-laws and you can always ask the current or other past officers or chairs about any position that you are interested in. Please consider contributing your time and positive energy to the group that you enjoy so much.

**Happy Quilting,
Myla
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2010 TRI GUILD CHALLENGE

Theme: The Four Seasons, In Color

Rules:

- 1. Each entry must be the work of one current guild member. Participating guilds: Brown Sugar Stitchers, Phoenix Guild, Intown Guild, Sewjourners Guild**
- 2. The entry must be your interpretation of the theme shown above**
- 3. Entry must have been started and completed since January 2009**
- 4. The quilts should be finished, but quilt tops are allowed as in the past**
- 5. Quilt size: Minimum of 40 inches per side**

We hope to see you at the 2010 Tri-Guild Challenge (be thinking of a new name for this challenge) in January at the regular Brown Sugar meeting.



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2009 BROWN SUGAR STITCHERS QUILT SHOW

All Brown Sugar Stitchers are invited to share your quilts and your quilt stories in our 5th Bi-annual Quilt Show. The theme of the show is "*The Many Facets of African-American Quilting*," and we are thrilled about the changes you will see this year! We are in a new location and we have an exciting national speaker - Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi! All we need are your beautiful quilts!

2009 Guidelines for Entry

--Only quilts by Brown Sugar Stitchers in good standing are eligible.

--Quilts may not have been shown in a previous Brown Sugar show.

--Quilts up to 80 "x 80" will be accepted. Please limit the size of your quilts, as the quilt stands will not accommodate larger quilts. We have plenty of wall space for your wall hangings!

--All quilts must include a 4" hanging sleeve and a label with the quilter's name clearly visible on the back. Wall hangings do not require a sleeve.

--Quilts should be dropped off at the July meeting, or by arrangement with Marva Swanson.

--The Entry Form will be available at the May meeting.



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About the Show:

The *Many Facets of African-American Quilting* will run from August 1st through August 7th, and will take place at the South Fulton Arts Center (SFAC), 3645 Butner Rd, College Park, GA, 30349. Admission to the quilt show is free. The show is open 10am to 4pm daily.

Opening Reception on Friday, August 1, 4pm-6pm.

The Clara Ford Foundation and the Hammonds House Museum will kick off their first Lecture Series during our show by hosting Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi. A Lecture and Trunk Show will take place at the South Fulton Arts Center on Friday, August 1st, from 2pm - 4pm. Meet Dr. Mazloomi, buy her books and tickets for the raffle quilt drawing. The series continues on August 8th with Holly Anderson, who will speak from 10am - noon, and appraise quilts from noon until 3 pm at the Hammonds House.

We have many talented and creative quilters in our guild. Our show will take place during the National Black Arts Festival, so we expect to attract a larger audience. We look forward to seeing your beautiful works for display! Questions? Contact Jeanette Walton, Show Publicity Chair, jwal227@aol.com or 678-290-7583.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

BROWN SUGAR ACTIVITIES

June 20—Meeting

July 18—Meeting and Quilt Turn In

August 1 — August 7—Brown Sugar Stitchers Quilt Show

August 15—Annual BSS Tea—Details TBA

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Thru May 24— Uncommon Threads Quilt Exhibit, Southwest Arts Center

June 18-20 —National Quilting Association Quilt Show, Columbus, OH—www.nqaquilts.org

July 22-25 — AQS Quilt Show and Contest, Knoxville, TN—www.americanquilter.com

July 23-25—Gyleen Fitzgerald visits Quilters Guild of the Southern Crescent; write to qgsc@live.com for more info

September 18-20 – “Georgia Celebrates Quilts”—East Cobb Quilter’s Guild Quilt Show—entry deadline June 30. Go to www.ecqg.com for more information

Little Treasure

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May - Valerie Patterson

June - Anita Crosby

August - Inez Wilkerson



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The Brown Sugar Stitches Quilt Guild is a diverse group of African-American quilters in the metropolitan Atlanta area. We extend a warm welcome to visit us; monthly meetings are on the 3rd Saturday at 10:30A at the Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library, 2861 Wesley Chapel Road, Decatur, GA. Guests are welcomed at our meetings and encouraged to join after their second visit. Yearly dues are \$25 and the year starts in July. NOTE: IN JULY AND DECEMBER we participate in MEMBERS ONLY activities away from the library. Photos can be viewed at : <http://community.webshots.com/user/bssquiltguild?vhost=community> and <http://family.webshots.com/album/557120572VZsuq?vhost=family>.

THE MANY FACETS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUILTING

BSS QUILT SHOW

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AUGUST 1—AUGUST 7

SOUTH FULTON ARTS CENTER

3645 BUTNER ROAD

COLLEGE PARK, GA 30349