



House Calls

Bulloch Hall Quilt Guild Newsletter
February 2021

February ZOOM Meeting
Thursday, February 4
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Program:

Trunk show by Nancy Hutchinson
Fancy Nancy Quilts
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From our President. . .

Life is all about making choices.

Always do your best to make the right ones,

and always do your best to learn from the wrong ones.

A year ago, we were living life in the fast lane. We had no choice but to be in several places, do multiple things, and see many people. The choice we made in 2020 was to move to a beat that never slowed down Until we had no choice to do so. As we begin 2021, we should choose to learn from our past choices and make better ones in this New Year.

Choose to dance to the music that is playing with the partners that are most important to you; choose to be happy without making others sad; choose to release your concerns and have faith that HE will bring you peace; and choose to grow and discover as you walk your path instead of being fearful of what is around the corner.

We are together by choice and can be an example of how much fun a group can have when dancing to 'our own' beat. We choose to be who we are and support one another in our likes and strengths. We choose to make memories that fill our heart with the love we need. I am personally grateful for choosing to spend time and energy with all of you.

Happy New Year!

Berber

Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you have made.

If you want a different result, make a different choice.



February Program - Nancy Hutchinson

Laura Heine Certified Instructor

Our program will be provided by Nancy Hutchinson, of FancyNancy Quilts, who is a Laura Heine certified instructor. Nancy has been a sewer and lover of fabrics since childhood. Quilt making, teaching others, and judging quilt shows are her passions. Her quilts have been accepted to the Paducah AQS shows, as well as the Houston IQA show. Recently, like many of us, she has spent a lot of time sewing masks, hunting for 1/4" good elastic and pony beads. She says "Not my favorite use of precious sewing time, but glad to play with fabric in a most needed and appreciated way. And I did buy some great novelty fabrics to use in masks!"



Nancy will be providing us with a trunk show of her work. She will share with us her personal quilting journey but focus mainly on her collage work including both Laura Heine techniques and patterns, and show some of her own original designs as well.

Note: We would like to offer a Laura Heine technique workshop but believe this type of workshop needs to be "instructor in person" so will consider scheduling this with Nancy once we are meeting again at the church.

April 1 meeting - Sandy Fitzpatrick

HissyFitz Designs

"Why Didn't I think of That"

Our program will be provided by Sandy Fitzpatrick of HissyfitzDesigns "A Light-hearted Look at Applique Quilts". Sandy is an applique' quilt pattern designer whose goal is to get her quirky designs down on paper for us to enjoy. Her designs are full of whimsy and are intended to bring a smile to your face.

She will be sharing with us her "Why Didn't I Think of That" lecture – tips, tricks, and shortcuts to make your sewing and quilting easier and more enjoyable. Her lecture includes how to sew a sleeve to your quilt quickly and easily, tricks to add dimension to your quilts, and organizational tips. Also included are ideas for small group projects to do with friends or bee members.



Workshop Friday. April 2 via Zoom

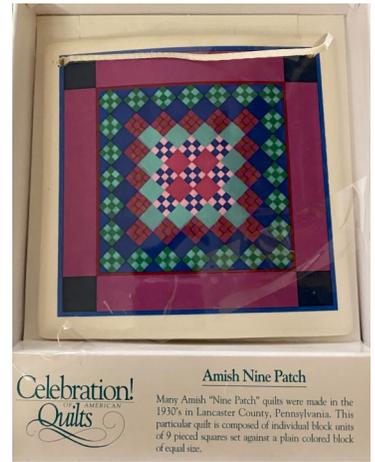
Sandy will also be leading our workshop on Friday, April 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be meeting via Zoom (no need to pack up your machine and bring it to the church, you will join us from your sewing room!) To sign up, send your \$35 registration fee to Lisa Walker. Check out Sandy's website at www.hissyfitzdesigns.com and choose any of her patterns from the Patterns or PDF Patterns tab. If you are interested in a kit check out the Laser Cut Kits tab. (Workshop attendees will be responsible to get their patterns directly from Sandy.)

Hospitality Committee



Virtual elbow bumps to all our members for February from your Hospitality Committee!!

This month's designer tile is an Amish Nine Patch. We hope you are able to join us for the drawing!!



Christmas Party Memories



It was such fun to see all the smiling faces and share a bit of laughter during our 'December to Remember' meeting! Everyone was ready for some fun and friendship sharing, and it did not disappoint! Thanks to the committee for all the time and effort put into making the morning so spirited and the special holiday surprises so delightful. The recipes were very festive and delicious and, hopefully, members tried out some new ones!

There were some special winners during the course of the meeting:

Pam Bohlander – winner of the quilt patterned ceramic tile drawing from the Hospitality Committee. Everyone present is eligible to win, so tune in in February!

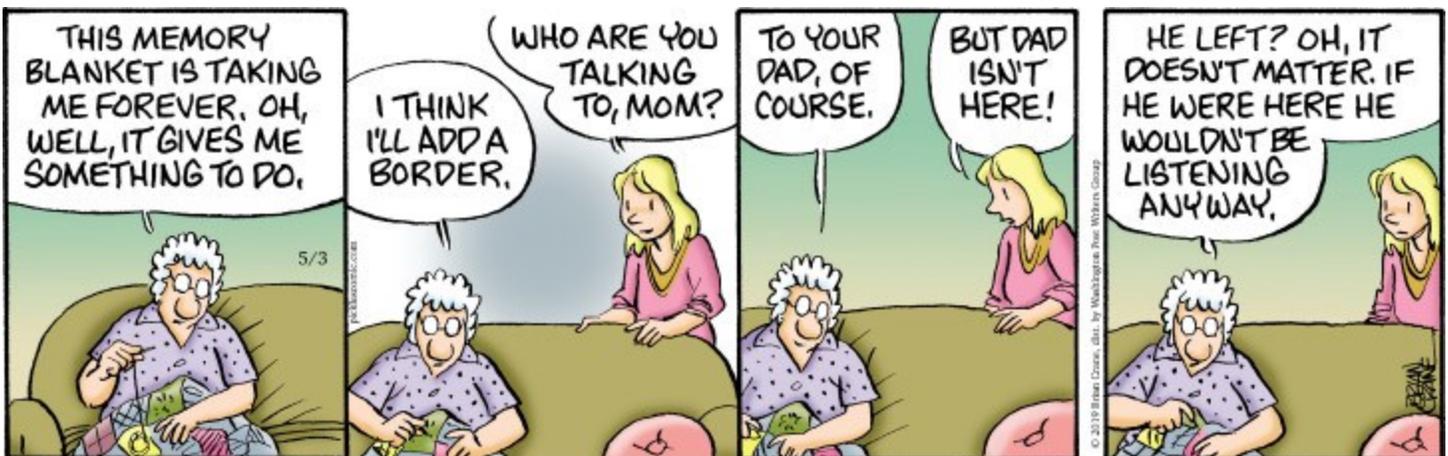
Meg Latimer – winner of a \$10 gift certificate to Cotton Farm Quilt Shop in Roswell for her festive attire and decorated sweater.

Debbie Scarimbolo – winner of a \$10 gift certificate to Thread Bear Fabrics in Cumming for her Worst Christmas Gift Ever story!

Priscilla Ordway – winner of 20 holiday themed red and green fat quarters for winning the trivia contest (she said, "It helps to be old!").

Here's to a time to gather in the new future and a happy and healthy new year!

Holly Anderson and the Social Committee





2021 CHALLENGE "Home Safe Home"

This year's challenge is to create a quilt that represents your time sheltering-in-place. You can focus on a single aspect or as many as you'd like. This is your interpretation of your experience so let your imagination run wild.

New Date!
April 2021

Rules for entering the challenge:

- ◆ Quilt must include a home on the front of the quilt. It can be the focus of the challenge or just a tiny addition.
- ◆ Categories: Quilts will be entered in one of these categories: Pieced or Appliqué. If using both techniques quilts will be entered into the predominant category.
- ◆ Quilt must be 3 layers (top, batting, and backing) and must have visible quilting.
- ◆ Maximum size is 100" total perimeter (this is all 4 sides added together). There is no minimum size.
- ◆ Entry: One entry per guild member

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AUCTION ACTION:

We know you've all been quarantining at home and two things have happened:

- 1) You've cleaned out or sorted out about every room in the house and
- 2) You've not been shopping in almost a year.

To socially distance and thoughtfully assist you in overcoming these obstacles, and to help the guild raise some funds for when we can gather and invite speakers, we are going to have a silent and live auction!

Leading up to the June meeting which will be dedicated to a spirited live auction, we will have an on-line silent auction. The silent auction will be on-line two weeks before the June meeting, giving the membership plenty of opportunities to bid on posted items. You will have to check back in to make sure you still have the top bid for your select item(s). The silent auction will go live (on-line) May 14, so mark your calendars! It will close on Friday, May 28, to give the organizers time to get the remaining items ready for the "live" auction the following week. All items and payment will be due following the June meeting. Please have cash or check ready! Stay tuned for a possible meeting "in person" opportunity.

We need your "stuff".

As you are cleaning out, purging, or just feeling generous, we need your goodies for the auction. We are looking for tools (rulers, thread, scissors), patterns (gently used is ok), fabric (quilt shop quality) and any other items you think would interest some or all of your fellow members. Donations can be made after the guild meetings in February, March, and April, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. A member of the committee will be there to collect all the goodies! All proceeds will go into the treasury for use toward fun and adventure in 2021 and forward.

Have questions? Call or text Holly (404-401-0972) or Berber (770-880-8188).

March Newsletter

DEADLINE

Wednesday,
February 18
at 6 p.m.

Send information for the newsletter to
Pam Bohlander

pbohlander@comcast.net



Please, please, please
send photos as a jpeg
attachment.

February Birthdays

Kathy Nesler	Feb. 11
Angie Flom	Feb. 16
Katy King	Feb. 18
MaryRuth McDonald	Feb. 24



ASSORTED THREADS!
THANK YOU, HONEY!



ZOOM Meeting Instructions

For February we will be hosting another ZOOM meeting again. Login information will be sent out by email to all members 24-48 hours before the meeting. There is a log in number and passcode for every meeting.

- A computer works best but a tablet works very well and a phone will also work. If you wish to be able to talk, a device with microphone is needed. To be seen a camera is also needed. We will ask everyone to “mute” their device when the meeting starts as **ALL** background noises can be heard. When you wish to speak use the tool on the Zoom meeting to raise your hand and be called on to speak.
- An agenda will be emailed prior to the meeting for taking notes and following along. It is helpful for members with specific questions to email them to Berber at berberdebolt@yahoo.com so she can make sure they get answered during the meeting.
- Show and Tell will be the last part of the meeting before the program. Those wishing to participate please let Davi know at davikaecher@gmail.com so she can call the order in which you will display. Please keep your description short and to the point.



TIPS AND TRICKS For Quilters

Labeling Quilts

It is important to pass along the history and/or family lineage with the quilt you cherish. One of the easiest ways to insure that future generations and owners know about the life journey of the quilt is to take the time to make a label for the back of the quilt. The label should contain: Name of the quilt; Your Name; Date quilt was made (circa date is fine if actual date unknown); Location the quilt was made. You may also want to include more information such as how long it took to make the quilt, techniques used to construct, notes about special fabrics used (i.e. from a wedding dress, etc.), cleaning instructions, any special sentiments and for whom or what occasion the quilt was made. Always use full names for people and places. You are documenting information for future generations.

Labels are made by writing, typing, embroidery (by hand or machine) or printing from a computer or copy machine.

For writing on fabric you will need:

- Either muslin or a light shade of 100% cotton fabric
- Permanent marking pen: To write and/or fill in designs the following are recommended by a variety of sources:

Pigma Pens: 0.1, 0.3, 0-5 (Small, Medium, Large tips). Pens come in a variety of colors, but black is recommended for labeling. Brown is often used to give an "antique" look.

Jelly Roll Pens: Wide range of color and easy to use on fabric.

Identi-Pens: Wide range of colors. Each pen has a large and small tip.

- Marking Guide: This helps to keep your writing in a straight line. With a dark marker, draw a series of lines on paper. Place this marking guide under the label so that your lines of writing will be straight and no lines will be left on the finished project.
- Freezer Paper: Cut a piece of freezer paper the same size as the fabric to stabilize.
- Very Fine Sandpaper: If freezer paper is not used,

sandpaper helps to stabilize the fabric while you write.

- Light Box or Window: One of these may be needed if you are tracing a design onto the label fabric.

Precut fabric to size, leaving enough fabric around the edge (1/4" recommended) to turn the edges under when applying the label to the back of the quilt. Cut a piece of freezer paper slightly larger than the fabric. Iron the shiny side of the freezer paper onto the back side of the fabric with a dry iron on a high setting. The freezer paper prevents the fabric from shifting, sliding, or wrinkling while you trace, write, or color. It is removed before applying the label to the back of the quilt. Place your fabric on top of the marking guide. Before marking your information onto the fabric, you may want to practice on a sheet of paper to insure proper spacing and spelling. Write your information directly onto the fabric. When complete, gently peel the freezer paper off the back of the fabric. Press to "set" the inks. Apply finished label to the back of the quilt by hand.

Using a copier: Type or write information onto a sheet of paper and place on the copy machine. Cut a piece of freezer paper 8 1/2" x 11". Cut fabric slightly smaller than the freezer paper. Iron shiny side of the freezer paper to the back of the fabric, making sure that none of the fabric goes beyond the edges of the freezer paper. When the design is ready to be copied, gently feed the freezer paper/fabric into the straight feed slot of the copier. Remove the freezer paper backing and cut label to size, being sure to leave about 1/4" seam allowance to turn under raw edges. Apply to back of quilt by hand.

Using a computer: Type your information using your favorite document process. You may even incorporate photos, borders, or other copyright free images. When you have your label information completed, cut a piece of freezer paper to 8 1/2" x 11" and a piece of light colored cotton fabric just slightly smaller. Iron the fabric to the shiny side of the freezer paper, making sure that none of the fabric goes beyond the freezer paper. Place the paper/fabric on the paper tray of your printer. Be sure that it is oriented so that the printing goes onto the fabric side. Print as you would any other document. When completed, press again to heat set the ink. Remove the paper backing from the fabric. Cut the label to size, allowing enough around the edges for a 1/4" seam allowance. Apply to back of quilt by hand.

Using a sewing machine: Many of the newer models of sewing machines have the capacity to print the alphabet and embroider designs. Prepare the fabric on freezer paper or tear-away stabilizer and follow manufacturer's directions.

Using preprinted quilt labels: Follow directions as for writing on fabric.

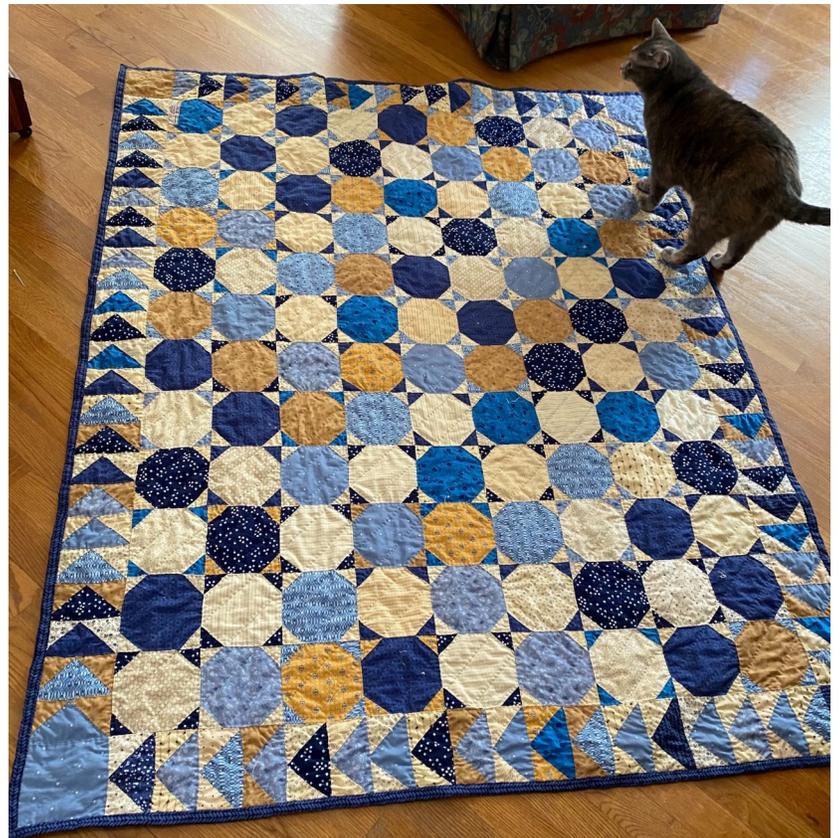
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Members Show and Tell



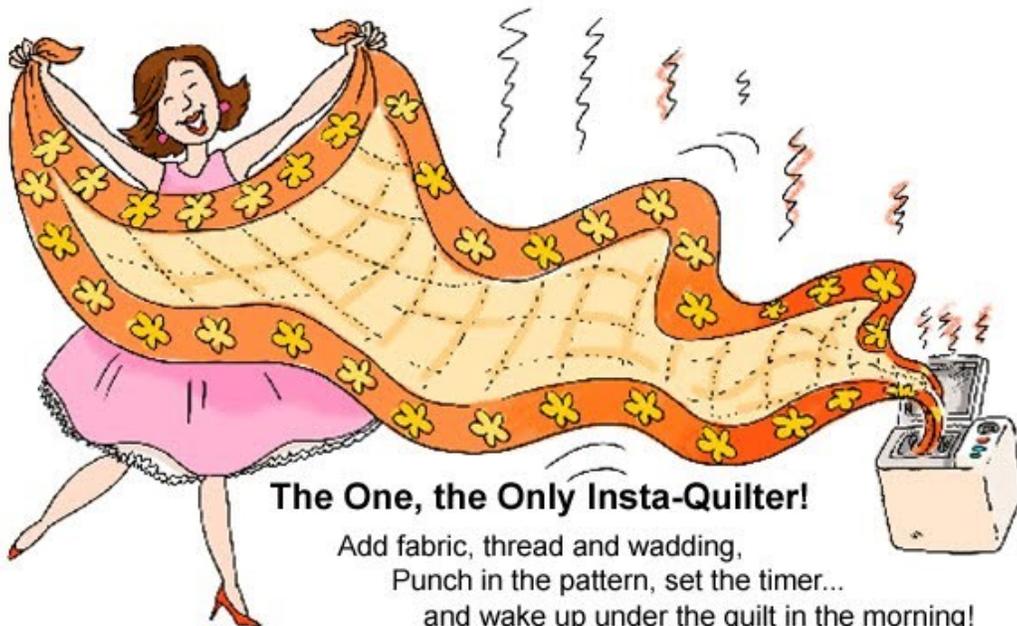
Ann Webb



'Snowball'
Bobette Robinson



Judy Russell



The One, the Only Insta-Quilter!

Add fabric, thread and wadding,
Punch in the pattern, set the timer...
and wake up under the quilt in the morning!

Bulloch Hall Quilt Guild

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by President Berber DeBolt. She thanked the Social Committee for their work on the Holiday party and reminded everyone to keep collecting items for the guild garage sale.

Treasurers Report- a report was given by Lisa Walker .

BH Liaison – Bobette Robinson reported that the houses are open for self-directed tours requiring masks and reservations. Limited numbers of people allowed in the house at one time.

BOM- Diane gave directions and showed some samples for the next step of our BOM. Check her website for the written directions. butterflythreadsquilting.com

Communications – Marcy advised that our guild email has received several offers of donations from families of deceased quilters disposing of fabric and other items. She is sifting through them and passing them on to the garage sale committee.

Community Service – Kathy Nesler announced that there will be 4 drop off sites to collect the lap quilts. She will send out details in an email. Drop off is scheduled for January 15-23.

Hospitality – A drawing was held for the Tile, it was won by Nancy French..

Social - Holly Anderson gave more detail on collection of items for the garage sale. She also mentioned that an online auction will be held in May and a live auction in June for more expensive items.

Old Business - Berber announced the January birthdays, and apologized for missing two of our December birthdays. She mentioned that she will be talking to the people at Charlie Elliott to make reservations for our 2022 retreat this month. She is hoping to reserve Jan 27-30. Next, Berber told that she and several others will be meeting with the city to discuss the new requirements and procedures for future quilt shows. Berber asked three members to be on the nominating committee and three people did volunteer.

Our next Zoom meeting will be February 4 at 10a.m.

Programs - Becky Windle first mentioned the April program and Zoom workshop, saying that she hadn't received enough responses to make decisions regarding the workshop, please respond.

The program was then presented discussing Longarm Quilters, what you need to know, what the LA Quilter needs from you. It was in panel format with Becky asking questions of our own Longarmers, Diane Knott, Kathy Nesler and Betty Alonsious. The meeting closed at 11:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Southwick