

AUGUST

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS NEWS



AUGUST 8—YARD

FLORENCE KERR WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE YARD SALE ON OUR NEXT MEETING DATE, AUGUST 8. IT WILL BE ON HIGHWAY 231 NEXT DOOR TO THE POST OFFICE FROM 7:00 AM — NOON. THOSE PARTICIPATING WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEIR OWN TABLES AND CHAIRS. IF ANYONE WANTS TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THE GUILD, FLORENCE WILL BE TAKING UP THOSE ITEMS.

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President Notes

I can't believe it is August already. Where did the year go????? You realize that our guild will be VERY busy until the end of the year.

Our August meeting will be held over until September. If anyone has any information to pass on please use or e-mail accounts. We are still planning a flea market sale on Saturday August 8th. Florence Kerr is in charge of the flea market so if you have any questions, please call her. I have to get to the basement and get some stuff ready. If you do not have anything to sell, please stop by and see us. Peggy Williams will have retreat forms with her.

Our regular September meeting will be September 12th. I can't be there because I HAVE to go the General Dynamics family picnic. :) Please read Peggy's note and get ready to bring what she is asking. I think Brownie will be in charge of the meeting and she will have more info on what is going on in the guild. Please consider joining us on our retreat. We had so much fun and those of you that did not go were really missed.

October will be a crazy month. Donna Nicholson will be tying things up for the Quilt Show and we really need to rally around her and make this a great success. I'm sure she will be in touch with EVERYONE.

Maybe in November we can catch our breath and have time to do some quilting for Christmas. Yes, I said Christmas. We will be having our Christmas Party on December 12. We are hoping that the Recreation Center is done by then.

Speaking of the Recreation Center, I have not heard anything, but I know the people at the Civic Center have been accommodating all the groups that have been displaced. Please check with us to find out where our meetings are being held.

We have had some sad times in the guild. We are still praying for Jackie Crumley. I talked to her this week and she is now feeling the chemo. Please send her a card or call her. She can use the thoughts. Judy Boozer has had surgery on her shoulder; can you imagine not being able to move your arm??? She is as chipper as usual, but is having a hard time with the fatigue and pain. She could use some TLC also. As you know Jackie Crumley lost her mother-in-law last month. Donna Crow's brother-in law passed away last week, Jo Buttner lost her son-in-law very suddenly a few weeks ago and my husband's brother passed away two weeks ago. So keep these people in your thoughts and prayers. Our quilting family is important to us and we need to keep the hurting ones close in our hearts.

I hope everyone supports the flea market. Please bring your August secret pal, fat quarter, block of the month and silent auction (quilting items only) along with you September secret pal, etc. to the September meeting.

Keep quilting and be happy.
Carole DeGrenier

Quilt Show Planning Update

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for **August 15, 10:00 AM** for the Quilt Show All-Committee meeting at Nana's Workshop. ALL GUILD MEMBERS are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This will be a status check for all committees to report where they are in their planning/preparation activities and set Next Step Action Plans. **If you can't attend, submit your report to me prior to the meeting.**

JUST SOME OF THE TASKS TO BE COMPLETED

- Complete and return your quilt entry forms ASAP. Bring them to the August meeting or mail to Irene Dison. One form required for each entry.
- Recruit helpers for quilt show setup (Friday October 23, 7:30 am). We need 40 (or more) able-bodied adults. While there is physical work involved, some tasks won't require excess physical activity. All members are expected to help that day, but we'll need more workers, too.
- Publicity
- Schedule the demonstrations and determine special needs.
- Finalize the show's work schedule.
- Type up labels, entry receipts (for quilters to pick up their quilts), size of quilts list.
- Assign show numbers to quilts and quilters.
- Design show layout for placement of each quilt and to get count of display racks (poles) needed from Birmingham Quilters.
- Outline the "intake" and "return" process to ensure accuracy and efficiency.
- Obtain quilt show insurance.
- Sign up for Crafts Table and get your products ready.
- Purchase white gloves for our use and plastic gloves for visitors.

Create the Name Tags.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR SETUP

We need to identify members who can loan (or borrow from a neighbor) the following equipment to use on Friday, October 23 and Sunday October 25:

- Ladders 6' or 8': We need eight more of these.
- Rolling carts: We need four more of these.
- Hand trucks/dollies: We need three or four more.

Saw horses (sets of 2): We need two more sets.

If you have any of these items that can be used for show setup and/or takedown, please contact me asap. If we are unable to get enough, we'll have to rent them and that will get \$\$expensive\$\$.

There is a lot of work yet to be done, and most of it can't wait until October to be completed if we're to be successful. Please let me know if you have any questions or are running into ANY issues on your committee.

Donna Nicholson

Quilt Show Planning Coordinator

2009 Friendship Quilters' Fall Retreat, September 25, 26, & 27, Update/Reminders

As we all know, there will be no August Meeting, however, we will be accepting Retreat Registrations and \$50 deposits at the Yard Sale event on Saturday, August 8th. If you are not planning to participate in the Yard Sale, please contact me or send your registration before this date as we need to confirm our reservation with The Cottage and mail our deposit to Diane by mid-August. If you did not obtain a Registration Form at the July meeting, they will be available at the Yard Sale **(All balances will be due at the September 12th meeting, thanks.)**

Please contact me if you are able to help with the Retreat. The committee will gather at least once in August and again in September before the monthly meeting on the 12th. (THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP.)

Remember to bring your 36 5-inch charms of Christmas fabric for the Charm Exchange to take place during the September meeting. If you contribute 36 charms, you will walk away with 36 exchange charms. Remember to pack these charms with your retreat supplies as they will be used in a special mystery quilt project on Friday evening. The project should not take up much of your retreat time, so bring other project(s) to play with. The supply list for this project will be provided at the September meeting.

Some have asked about having a Quilt Walk on Saturday evening after dinner. So if you would like to decorate your bed/room, bring a quilt, etc.....

I also have learned that Collinsville will be holding their Annual Quilt Walk this week end, so when we stop at "A Time 2 Sew" on Friday morning, we will be able to enjoy this event. Bring your camera.

Any questions, please call my cell number, 205-602-6055 or 205-763-2479.

:) Keep Smiling.

Peggy Williams

Retreat Chairman

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Friendship Quilters Quilt Show Entrance Application
Saturday, October 24 – Sunday, October 25, 2009
Pell City Civic Center, 2801 Stemley Bridge Road Cropwell, Pell City, AL
Deadline for entering is September 12, 2009.
Please complete one application per quilt.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of quilt: _____

Quilted by: _____

Circle the category for this entry:

Pieced, large

Baby quilt

Appliqué

Pieced, twin or lap size

Wall hanging or miniature

Miscellaneous

Quilt dimensions (in inches): Width: _____ Length: _____

Please give us some brief information about your quilt. This could be your inspiration for the quilt, if it is an original pattern, i.e., anything that would be of interest to others. This information will be put on a card and attached to your quilt for others to read and enjoy.

Quilts will be received at the Pell City Civic Center on Friday morning, October 23, from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. If it is necessary to make other arrangements, please contact Irene Dison, 205-699-8642, 205-451-8893, or e-mail irene.dison@yahoo.com. This form may be mailed to Irene at 7453 Mountain View Lane, Leeds, AL 35094.

- EACH quilt/entry must be brought in a pillowcase, and the pillowcase must be labeled with the quilt name, quilter's name, and phone number.
- Quilts should also have a label sewn onto the back and include a 4" hanging sleeve (2" hanging sleeve for miniature quilts).
- Quilts will be returned to the quilter or designee at the Civic Center on Sunday from 5:30 – 6:30 PM.

Friendship Quilters Guild will take all possible care in the handling of all entries. However, it will assume no responsibility for any damage or loss.