Plans for Thursday, February 20, 2013
Letting the basics of art improve your creativity.
I have had several requests about presenting basics of color and elements of art for creating more interesting quilts. I would like to do a presentation of famous artworks for inspiration and understanding basic art principles. Looking at the questions: How do you use a color wheel when constructing a design and choosing colors? How can I use color more effectively? How can I add perspective to my artwork? Where do I begin when I want to design my own quilt pattern? I will provide handouts for members on Thursday night. Thursday will be more informational and Saturday will be hands on.
Saturday
Creating a “My World” Wall hanging
Participants will be involved in creating an original design for quilting or wall hanging using copyright free images and their own patterns and drawing. We will be involved in activities to enhance the knowledge of color basics and design principles. For those interested, we can critique quilts to make them more interesting, more powerful in color and design. Participants can bring different color fabrics, patterns, ideas, etc. photos, inspirational pieces, etc. I will send a more detailed list to those who are attending.

Renee Pitts Supply list for Workshop class February 22nd:

1. 1 sketchbook (Your preference, but something that you can continue to use. A small hard-cover can be found at Michaels (use your coupon), Barnes and Noble (in the bargain book section) Tuesday Mornings, Wal-Mart, even TJ Maxx. If you would rather purchase a journal type book that is fine. We will just ignore the lines.
2. A pen, pencil, marker, anything you might want to doodle, write, draw with.
3. Different colors of fabrics. It can be scraps, fat quarters, and any size really. The more fabrics we have the more fun. (Please be sure and bring some we can cut into small squares and share)
4. A variety of fabrics in different colors cut into 1, 2 and 4 inch squares. How many squares? (20) 1 inch squares of one color, (20) 2 inch colors of different fabric colors, variety of 1, 2, and 4 inch squares of fabric that you will share with others and use in your sketchbook. (We can cut more at the workshop)
5. Several glue sticks (just regular glue sticks)
6. Any magazines that you have on hand that we can use for cutting and tearing.
7. Any embroidery floss you might have on hand, colorful buttons, notions, etc.
8. Cutting boards and cutters, scissors
9. If you have on hand please bring the following. (If not don’t worry, I will bring enough to share) Watercolor paint set (the kind you buy for a child), and a few brushes, sharpie, anything else you want to make color with.
10. A yard of stitch witchery
We are going to have a great time learning about color, begin our own color and design resource sketchbook and leave with the beginnings of a color project that will be your own unique design.
Leave your inhibitions at home and bring your childlike curiosity and creativity.

If time allows I will share with you a technique for printing your design on freezer paper.

I don’t know if we will have time to use sewing machines. However, we might. It depends on how fast and how long we work on each activity. If you want to bring your sewing machine please feel free to do so.

My Bio: Renee Pitts was born and raised in the Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee with an introduction to the arts by a grandmother who loved to piece designs and sew wonderful concoctions from throwaway fabrics or stashes of castaway clothing, a father who taught her to notice the way a stand of trees stood on a hillside or the shape of the hills against the sky, and a mother who painted dishes for the Blue Ridge Pottery in Erwin TN. The pursuit of art has been a lifelong adventure and one that has enriched her life immensely as it has opened doors of friendship, greater understanding of culture and a greater respect and awe for the Great Creator who is the Master Artist of all that we understand as beauty, order, design and purpose. Committed to allowing God to use her imperfect, spontaneous, and quirky self, she is excited to bring to you a workshop that will help you better understand color and design principles so you can enhance your role as an artist and quilt maker extraordinaire.

Graduate of Science Hill High School
ETSU BS degree in Elementary and Special Education
Certified in Art Education
Masters Degree in Art
Has studied at Savannah College of Art and Design, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Ghost Ranch Retreat Center, NM
Public and Private School educator for the arts for over 30 years
Workshop leader
Blogger: www.renees-artineverydaylife.blogspot.com
Bring one “Fat Quarter” to our meeting and you will be eligible to win a stack of Fat Quarters. Each meeting someone will choose a theme or color fabric for our next meeting.

**FEBRUARY FAT QUARTER DRAWING**

“RED”

January WINNERS for “Green” Carolyn Larkins, Robin Noel, & Annas Clarke

Remember a fat quarter is a fabric cut 18” x 22”.

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**Block of the Month**

“Home Sweet Home” #5

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We’re almost finished with our 2nd row of blocks in our “Block of the Month” (BOM) series at the January meeting. Sandy Sanders emailed the directions out the following day. If you have any questions or find any errors, please let me know. When you complete a block, please bring them to the upcoming meetings.

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**Prayer Requests: from Chaplain, Beth Blasinski**

Portia: I am finally out of the boot and off the crutches. Wearing two shoes that actually match. Still tender and still have plantar fasciitis. All I have now is one more month of therapy. God is good and I am walking better.

Linda Hawkins: decrease pain, doctor’s anesthesia for upcoming surgery 2/25th, sale of the shop.

Sandy’s cousin: Rob shattered hip, Daughter Robin Pregnant with first child. Kiss the cancer goodbye forever!!!!!!

Sue Smith: Knee surgery Feb 6th and rehab...back to our guild.

Jolene’s brother in law: Iraq and all service men.

Angie’s daughter, Becky: regain sight in one eye.

Fran’s niece’s baby-Simon and mom Lori: doing better.

Pat Freeman: get to feeling better.

Angie and Harvey: Harvey’s dad and traveling.

My brother -in-law, Mike: diagnosed with throat cancer (my husband’s last living relative).

All teachers, staff and children: the love of learning, less stress and safety

Our vets: their parents, spouses, extending families...bring everyone home.

Our parents: caring for them and the changes in roles.

Our guild: upcoming meetings and quilt show.

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*Quilts from Heaven* by Lucinda Secrest McDowell

“I continue to place my fragments, my leftovers, my pieces before the Master Quilter. Nothing is wasted with God. The same is true with quilters. They can take scraps, leftovers, mere pieces of fabric which look like they would be useless, and they can make them useful by piecing them together into a beautiful pattern. And that's what God does with all our experiences, loss, failure, and times we wish had never happened. He can use them for the pattern He is forming. He can make them beautiful.” page xi
NOTES FROM V.P. JEANETTE DUNCAN: It’s that time of year to let your hidden strengths and talents come to the forefront. That’s right ladies, it’s time to volunteer to become a board member and give back to those who have helped you so much throughout your time with AHQ. There are many benefits to volunteering: helping others, learning or developing a new skill, having a sense of accomplishment, discovering new interests and hobbies, and working with a diverse group of people. But perhaps most important is that we depend on each other for AHQ’s survival. Won’t you share your time and talents with us? No one is expecting perfection, just a willingness to get involved. Please let me know which position you’d like to be nominated for: President, VP Programs, VP Retreat, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary, Chaplain, or Historian. As the infamous saying goes, if you like your current board, you can keep them (if they want to serve again). Email Jeanette Duncan your nominations as soon as possible at tiki119@charter.net.

We are chartering a 47-passenger bus to take us to the American Quilters Society (AQS) quilt show in Charlotte, NC on Saturday, August 2, 2014. The Convention Center opens at 9:00 a.m. need to leave from the church by 5:30 a.m. Jeanette Duncan will have a sign-up sheet meeting (and the meetings beyond) for those who would like to sign up. As soon as the fee is established, it will be announced to the membership and those that have signed up will be expected to pay.

Ladies,

Our guest speaker in May is Sue Jones. She will do a trunk show on the 15th and a workshop on Saturday, May 17th. That means she will arrive in town from NC on the 15th and will spend 2 nights in our area. She would prefer to stay in the home of one of our members instead of a hotel. If you would be willing to host her, please let Jeanette Duncan know as soon as possible. If we cannot find a host, we’ll have to pay for a hotel. As an aside, the person who hosts our guests usually gets a little extra one-on-one instructional time with her. Please give this some prayerful consideration as you might just be the one we’re looking for.

Day Trip to Mountain Quiltfest Pigeon Forge TN

Hello to all you wonderful Quilters, Shari Brown and I are planning a “Day Trip” by Charter Bus, to Pigeon Forge, TN. Saturday, March 22, 2014 to the Mtn. Quiltfest Show. Bus Tickets are $25 per person. We are taking reservations and need to know ASAP if you want to join us.

We will leave Bristol, VA Exit 7 at 8:15 A.M. Pick up will be at Sam’s Parking Lot (next door to Wal-Mart). For those of you in Kingsport, JC area we can pick up at Ext 63 off 1-81 again or somewhere in the vicinity. Bring a friend along if you want. They don’t have to be a quilter, who knows, we might just turn them into one!

Returning we will leave Pigeon Forge around 5 p.m. Which will put us back in Bristol around 7:30 p.m. Email me ASAP if you want to go bconnie100@yahoo.com. Reservations are first come first serve. More info to follow as we fill the bus.

Hope you can go! Nothing is more fun than a bus load of Quilters!!!

Connie Brown and Shari Brown

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**January 2014 Treasurer’s Report**

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**Quilt at the Gray Library:**

**“Stars Over Ormond by the Sea”**

Pattern: Shine On Bayou Cane from book entitled “Weekend Quilts” by Judy Laquidara

 Owned and Pieced by Portia Sams
Quilted by Sandy Sanders

I worked on this quilt while vacationing in Ormond Beach, FL. And enjoyed stargazing at night.
QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Quilt Show Q & A (from Wendy Oliver)
How are ticket sales going for the Opportunity Quilt? Our Opportunity Quilt, “A Star is Born”, has been valued at $1779 by quilt appraiser Candy St. Lawrence. The quilt has made the rounds of our local quilting guilds and ticket sales have been going well. In fact, we have a very healthy competition going between member Karen Yates and Portia Sams’ grand-daughter Courtney. Keep it up, girls! More tickets and Hershey’s kisses will be available at the next two guild meetings.

Please continue to bring your ticket money to meetings so that we get a running total of sales. We voted at the January meeting to give the proceeds (after expenses) to the Washington County Coalition for Kids.

Do we have judges and ribbons yet? Mischele Hart and Susan Scheer will once again be our judges for the Show. The award ribbons will be assembled on Feb. 20th at our Sit ‘n’ Sew, starting at 1pm. Join us for some fun and we can get these things finished in one afternoon!

What jobs still need to be filled? We are in critical need of volunteers to help set up the show. There will be students from the church Youth group to actually carry the quilt racks (each one has 5 large parts), but we need drivers with cars able to transport the racks and the students (from Linda Hawkins’ house where the racks are stored) to the church. In addition, Sandy Sanders will need volunteers to help take in quilts on Tuesday between 3 and 7pm as well. This is a critical task because we are being entrusted with people’s valuable quilts and we need to keep them in the correct categories while labeling and storing them. Please see Wendy Oliver if you will be able to help in any way on Tuesday afternoon, March 25th.

How will the Patchwork Café work this year? We will need a committee of members who will bring food – soups in crockpots, bread, meats, etc. – to feed the show workers and vendors. We will not sell food to the viewing public this year.

Do we still need quilts for the bed-turning? Yes! Please register them as you would any other quilt, and if you need more space for the story, please add another sheet. Also, be sure to indicate that it is a Vintage or Antique quilt.

More information will be available at the next meeting, on Feb. 20th.

Info from Sandy Sanders:
I would really appreciate it if I could get your registration forms ASAP. As you know, all your info has to be re-typed onto ‘tags’ for each entry and I’d like to avoid the mad rush of last minute entries. If you have your registration forms ready, please bring them to our February meeting. Also I have sent out an email so you can easily fill it out on-line and email it back to me.

AHQ PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES.
Please be ready to vote on the following 7 changes at the Feb. 20 meeting.

1. $20 will be the permanent yearly dues
2. The fiscal year will be June 1 - May 31 each year to match the year for officers
3. A “Proposed Budget” will be created by the Board each year and presented to the membership each fall.
4. All elected officers will serve 2 year terms beginning with the 2014-15 year.
5. A 4-member committee will conduct an audit of guild funds each May. The committee will include the current and new treasurer when possible.
6. Standing Committees will include: Quilt Show, Charity, Christmas Party, Guild Property, Retreat, Auction, and Website. Additional committees will be created by the Board as necessary.
7. The President will appoint a member to fill a position if the elected officer or chairman can not complete the year.

SNOW SCHEDULE:
AHQ follows the Washington County School snow schedule, so if they are closed then we will not be meeting. Always remember, drive carefully in all weather conditions!
AHQ MEETING MINUTES JAN. 16, 2014

President, Fran Tafer, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Guests, Kathy Peterkin and Candace St. Lawrence, were welcomed. Beth Blasinski, Chaplain, took prayer requests and opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Annas Clark announced that fabric from Janelle Hart's stash was available for members. Donations for the fabric will be given to Janelle's church. Janelle was a founding member of AHQ and she passed away in 2013.
2. Portia Sams read a letter from Linda Hawkins announcing that she is selling her shop, Appalachian Crafters. Angela Harris announced that her business, Fellowship Quilters, will continue. More information on both businesses will follow as plans are finalized.
3. The Treasury Report was approved as it appeared in the Jan. newsletter.
4. The Nov. 21 Minutes were amended as follows: "The Mountain Messages Quilt Show" theme is "Gateways - Past, Present, and Future". They were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Members were encouraged to turn in their Blanket Stitch/Patriotic Quilt blocks to Robin Noel. Robin will put the blocks into a charity quilt.
2. Jeanette Duncan announced that the Jan. 16 meeting is being held at the regular meeting room at Crossroads because it was not possible to conduct the meeting at the new Sew and Vac business in Kingsport as previously planned. Members were notified of this change by e-mail prior to the meeting.
3. Fran Tafer reviewed all the committees and information concerning the March Quilt Show: The address for quilt entrees has been changed due to unforeseen circumstances. The website has an updated entry form and one will be sent to all members.
   The Opportunity Quilt is finished and ready to be taken to other guilds/locations in order to sell chances. Several members volunteered to take the quilt to other guild meetings. Members were given tickets and chocolate kisses to sell chances on the quilt. They are $1 each or 6 for $5.
   Judge Michele Hart has been confirmed and we are waiting on a response from Susa Scheer.
   Pat Bond has completed all first place, Judges Choice and Best of Show ribbons.
   A committee of members will complete 2nd, 3rd, and Challenge ribbons at the Sit and Sew before the Feb. meeting.

Sub-committee Chairmen are:
Registration - Sandy Sanders
Vendors - Fran Tafer
Demos - Jeanette Duncan
Take Down - Wendy Oliver
People's Choice Awards - Portia Sams/Sandy Sanders
Quilter's Yard Sale - ??
Bed Turning – Jolene Stratton
Publicity - Linda Hawkins/Portia Sams
Workers Schedule-Angie Harris
Opportunity Quilt - Coleen Falasca and Wendy Oliver
Charity Table - Wendy Oliver
Door Prizes – Jolene Stratton

Sub-committee Chairmen Needed:
Cafe - ?? (For Members Only)
Set Up - ?? Will need to coordinate with Linda Hawkins to get poles and with Crossroads Youth Minister to get volunteers

4. Linda Hawkins and Angie Harris and the Christmas Party Committee were thanked for a wonderful Christmas Party.
5. Jeanette Duncan introduced Renee Pitts who presented information on the program for the Feb. meeting. It will be a slide presentation on "Color and the Principles of Art". The Saturday, 2/22 workshop will cover more in-depth info on color and design. Members were asked to sign up for the workshop and they will be sent a supply list.
6. Accommodations are needed for Sue Jones in May when she conducts her workshop. Please contact Jeanette Duncan if you can help. Pictures and a supply list for her workshop will be sent out when it is received.
7. The Jan. 19 Sit and Sew was cancelled.
8. Members were reminded that the March meeting has been moved to 3/11 and Challenge Quilts are due at that time.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Beth Blasinski presented information on 2 charities: The Christian Record Services for the Blind and the Coalition for Kids. Members voted to give the money available this year from the Opportunity Quilt to The Coalition for Kids.
2. Jeanette Duncan will chair the Nominating Comm. Half of the officers will be elected this year in order to stagger the board if 2 year terms are approved by the membership at the Feb. meeting.
3. Candace St. Lawrence conducted an appraisal on the Opportunity Quilt and will send the guild a written appraisal. It is appraised at $1,780.
4. Members voted to approve the rental of a bus to go to the AQs Quilt Show in Charlotte, NC, on Aug. 2, 2014. Jeanette Duncan will coordinate the trip. Sign up for members will be at the April meeting and a payment of $20 will be required at that time. Non-members will be invited at a later date and will pay an additional charge.
5. AHQ Proposed By-Law Changes (see previous page) will be voted on at February meeting and will take effect starting June 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.
The program was "Gadgets, Rulers, and New Ideas" presented by the Board and many members.

Minutes submitted by Angie Harris, Recording Secretary