

# Grainlines

Western North Carolina Quilters Guild



## Happy Apple Quilts

April 15, 2010 - 9:30 a.m. Meeting



Karen Grof of *Happy Apple Quilts* will

present a lecture entitled "What Does A Designer Do,"

telling how she began her business, how patterns get from her head to you and some things she learned along the way. She will also offer technique tips as she describes her designs and kits. She will have patterns, fabrics, kits, etc., for sale. You can read more about her and her sister Sharen in the article "Sewing Double" in the January 2010 issue of Quilter's Home.

Happy Apple Quilts began in 2005 as the team effort of twin sisters, Karen Grof and Sharen Weber. The name "Happy Apple" comes from happy childhood memories of their parents' apple orchard in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Originally started as a pattern-design company, Happy Apple Quilts has grown far beyond pattern design. The sisters keep adding more to their website. Since January of 2008, they have been selling their fabrics at Sue's Bay Area Sewing in Palm Harbor, Florida.

Karen and Sharen also travel together to vendor at shows. Karen is a faculty member of the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo. Karen and her husband, Jim, moved to Safety Harbor, Florida in 1977. Karen has been quilting for over 30 years. With an art background and training in drawing and painting, she soon began creating her own quilt designs. Her sister, Sharen brings her business experience to the venture to provide excellent customer service and to handle the distribution of the patterns.

Both women have focused their lives on family, faith and home. Happy Apple Quilts embodies those values and they are grateful for the opportunity to share its products with you.

### URGENT MESSAGE

about the May 21st Linda M. Poole Workshop

As of March 18th we have only one person signed up for "Tulip Time," the workshop for May 21st to be taught by Linda M. Poole. Since Linda would require a plane trip from her Pennsylvania home, it is important that we have a bare minimum of 10 students with 15 needed to reach the breakeven point for her workshop fee. If there are other members who had planned to take this workshop and have not as yet registered, please let Kitty Etterman know as soon as possible. If the class does not have enough signed up, we will have to cancel the lecture and workshop and will have no lecturer or teacher for the May workshop.

Please call...

Kitty Etterman (890-2985 or [cetterma@bellsouth.net](mailto:cetterma@bellsouth.net))

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### 2010 Leadership

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## Workshop Registration

Workshop Registration is not complete until fees are received. The Supply List will be provided after registration. Please make checks payable to: **WNCQG Workshops**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed with Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

Give this form to or mail to:

Kitty Etterman

100 Kindy Forest Drive

Hendersonville, NC 28739

## Early 2010 Workshops

All 2010 workshops are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Etowah United Methodist Church, Brickyard Road, Etowah. All workshop fees are \$35.

**Bring your own lunch.**

Call Kitty Etterman at 890-2985 ([cetterma@bellsouth.net](mailto:cetterma@bellsouth.net)) or Mary Anne Patrie at 698-6395 ([patries1@bellsouth.net](mailto:patries1@bellsouth.net)) for more information. If you cancel your registration for a workshop by phone to one of the Program Chairs at least 14 days before the workshop is held, your registration fee will be refunded; otherwise, you forfeit the workshop fee.

**May 21, 2010:** Linda M. Poole—"Tulip Time" See Urgent Note about this workshop

**July 16, 2010:** Chris Eichner—"Landscape Thread Painting"

## 2010 Calendar of Events\*

\*There are many sources for the information printed below but may not be the latest correct information.

Please confirm all posts before you plan a trip to any event listed below.

**April 1 - Asheboro, NC:** The Randolph Quilters Guild of Asheboro, NC, is hosting Cathy Miller, "The Singing Quilter", on Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5. Her program will be held at Central Carolina Community Church, 1128 North Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27203.

**April 16 -17 - Greenville, SC:** "Making History Quilts-Then and Now," Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild; Friday, 10am-5:30pm, Saturday, April 17 10am-4pm; Morningside Baptist Church, 1115 Pelham Rd., Greenville, SC 29615; info: email to [2010foothills@gmail.com](mailto:2010foothills@gmail.com). Connie Brown, a certified quilt appraiser will be in attendance. Cost for written appraisal is \$45.00 or \$20.00 for oral evaluation. Call Kate Weston@864-675-0515 to make an appointment. Walk-in appointments may be available.

**April 16-17 - Clemmons, NC:** "Piecing Generations Together," Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild, New Hope Presbyterian Church, 2570 Harper Rd.

**April 30 to May 1 - Hampton, GA:** "Down South Quilt Show," Busy Needle Quilt Guild of Henry County, 4361 Jonesboro Rd, Hampton, GA 30228, near Atlanta, GA

**May 14-16, 2010 - Greensboro, NC:** "First Quilt Show", Gate City Quilt Guild, St. Frances Episcopal Church, 3506 Lawndale Dr.

**June 3-6, 2010 - Charlotte, NC:** "North Carolina Quilt Symposium." Information at: [www.ncqsi.org](http://www.ncqsi.org). To receive a printed registration packet, send your mailing address and a \$4 check made payable to "CQG Symposium 2010" to: NCQS 2010, PO Box 7045, Charlotte, NC 28241-7045.

## WNCQG FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Operating Account

Beginning Balance February 1, 2010		\$4,876.50
Income		
Membership	62.50	
Vendor deposits	725.00	
NQD fabric sales	20.00	
Interest	0.20	
	+ 807.70	
Expenses		
Boys & Girls Club	22.75	
National Quilt Day	25.86	
	- 48.61	
Ending Balance February 28, 2010		\$5,635.59
CDs	\$13,796.31	

### Program Account

Beginning Balance February 1, 2010		\$6,535.80
Income		
Workshops	+ 210.00	
Expenses		
Rent for workshop	75.00	
Cindy Blackberg fees, expenses	980.00	
Cindy's meals	130.33	
	- 1,185.33	
Ending Balance February 28, 2010		\$5,560.47
CDs	\$39,749.32	

### Member of Area 1 E-Mail correction:

Madeline Farrell - [mwfarrell@morrisbb.net](mailto:mwfarrell@morrisbb.net)

## Block Challenge

Each month a packet will be "for sale" for participants to make a block, following directions that are included with the background and a focus fabric. The charge will be \$2 to cover the cost of the fabric.

The challenge is to use as much of the focus fabric as possible. Emphasize the background fabric so it is the prominent color of the block.

If you are interested in participating in the block of the month, please call Joanne Shafer - 698-2927. I have 4 block kits to be sewn this month for the drawing in April. The more people that participate, the more FUN!!!



COME EARLY AND PARTICIPATE!!!!!!!

## Quilt Show Update - March

The committee did an extensive revision of the show categories as promised. We agreed to categorize quilts as traditional, contemporary or innovative/art. A quilt in the innovative/art category must be contemporary, utilize innovative techniques and an original design. (I know my definition needs more work.) The juvenile/crib category is eliminated. Purses will be permitted only if part of an ensemble.

Traditional – pieced – quilted by maker  
Contemporary – pieced – quilted by maker  
Traditional – pieced - commission quilted  
Contemporary – pieced – commission quilted  
Traditional – appliqué – quilted by maker  
Contemporary – appliqué – quilted by maker  
Traditional – appliqué – commission quilted  
Contemporary – appliqué – commission quilted  
Innovative/art  
Wearables  
Group quilts  
Youth quilt (quilter under 18)

Notice that the categories don't mention size. After registration these groups will be sub-divided by size to balance the number of quilts in the groups. We want to avoid groups of three or four and groups of thirty.

### Awards:

Best of Show (group and commission quilted work not eligible.)  
Viewers' Choice  
Judges Choice  
Best Hand Workmanship  
Best Use of Embellishment  
Best Machine Quilting – amateur  
Best Use of Color  
Best Machine Quilting – professional  
Off the Wall award – for a quilt with originality, personality and thoughtfulness that will make the viewer smile, ponder and reflect. (This idea was plagiarized from a guild in North Dakota – it intrigued us.)  
Merit Awards – to be awarded at the discretion of the judge for any work that he deems worthy and not already recognized by another Special award.

## WNC Quilter's Guild Board Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2010

Cathy Choisser called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Etowah United Methodist Church.

**REPORTS:** Quilt Show: Kay Thomas discussed vendors who have already committed to be at the Show and changes to both categories and awards for the Quilt Show. Treasurer: Kay reported that 2 CDs are maturing. Kay will withdraw \$2000 from 1 CD and put the rest of the money in CDs again.

**OLD BUSINESS:** It was decided not to resume serving refreshments at the Guild meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Diana Walgreen pointed out it would be beneficial if the Program Chairmen could book a busy speaker now for a program a few years in the future.

Joanne Shafer made a motion that Program Chairmen can book speakers for programs which will take place a

few years in the future. The motion was seconded and passed.

Kay Francis requested opinions as to whether a program on developing a mystery quilt would be of interest.

Mary Anne Patrie will act as President for the March Guild meeting if Cathy is unable to attend.

Diana Walgreen suggested sharing speakers with the Asheville Quilt Guild in order to save money on traveling expenses.

Sponsoring a Symposium in the future was discussed. Joanne Shafer will talk to the membership regarding this at the March Guild meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ebert, Recording Sec.

### **Microwave Dyed Fabric - Complements of March Program Guest: Judy Simmons** - (edited for space)

You can create 2 yards of mottled fabric in less than 5 minutes using your microwave. This process takes away the flatness of the muslin. It makes wonderful "sky" fabric or an interesting background for a more sophisticated look to your appliqué or piecing.

Use a mask (Home depot) the kind used when mowing the lawn – (not a respirator) while measuring dyes. In powder form, dyes can become airborne. Dyes, once liquid are not airborne and you can remove the mask. Use rubber gloves to avoid "weird looking hands", however dyes don't absorb into the skin so if you get some on yourself, it's okay.

You will need:

- ◆ Rubber gloves
- ◆ 2 yards muslin - washed or not...see below
- ◆ ¼ tsp. Procion MX Fiber-reactive dye (this dye is in a powder form)
- ◆ ¼ tsp. soda ash or dye activator
- ◆ ¼ tsp. Table salt (can be iodized or not)

**A Designated Microwave...**don't use the one in your kitchen

\*\*\* You can purchase soda ash and Procion MX dyes at Earth Guild

#### **Procedure**

Dissolve the above 3 ingredients in 2 cups warm water and put in a Pyrex or microwaveable bowl.

Scrunch up wet or dry fabric (see bottom for hints), put in bowl with liquid and cover with plastic wrap. Seal tightly around the side of the bowl. Poke hole in center for air to escape.

Microwave on high for 4 – 5 minutes (depends of power of microwave)

Remove plastic (**VERY CAREFULLY**) and wash in washing machine by itself with plain water, mild detergent, **or** Synthrapol. You are rinsing out excess dye.

**Once you have used utensils for this process, do not use again in kitchen.**

Hints: The more fabric that touches the liquid, the less mottled it will be.

Fabric that is dry before putting in dye produces sharper dye lines; wet fabric is less mottled with softer areas of color. Fabrics that are prewashed produce softer color; fabric "right off the bolt" produces sharper dye lines. Using a light printed fabric in this procedure creates an interesting affect. A piece of fabric can be dyed, rinsed and over dyed in another color. You can also apply different techniques to surface once it has been microwave dyed – techniques such as stamping, stenciling, screening, etc.

For dyes, call Pro Chemical at 1-800-2BuyDye for a catalog

Judy Simmons, 104 Rilandwell Drive, Fletcher, NC 28732 [judysimmons@charter.net](mailto:judysimmons@charter.net) ©2010

## WNC QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES - March 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by acting president Mary Anne Patrie at 7:00 pm. at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Guests were welcomed. Ann Jacoby made a motion to accept last month's guild minutes as printed in the *Grainlines*. It was seconded and approved.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Carol Hanniffy asked members to volunteer to make banners for the "Do Tell Storyfest" in July.

### REPORTS:

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:** Joanne Shafer selected last month's winner and discussed this month's block.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Joanne Shafer put out a challenge to members to see who can sell the most raffle tickets. All members will receive 12 tickets to sell at \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

**NCQSI:** Joanne Shafer and Kay Francis discussed the possibility of WNC Quilters Guild sponsoring Symposium in 2015. Ann Klimstra made a motion to postpone voting on this issue until the local Areas have a chance to discuss this. The motion was seconded and passed.

Kay announced that NCQSI is looking for a representative from this area to serve on the Board. The position requires 3 meetings a year and a 3-year commitment.

### PROGRAM:

Kitty Etterman announced that April's morning meeting program will be "What Does a Designer Do?" given by Karen Grof. May's workshop is an appliqué workshop given by Linda Pool.

**QUILT SHOW:** Kay Thomas discussed the 2010 Quilt Show and some changes that will take effect regarding judging, categories and awards.

1. Traditional, Contemporary and Art categories
2. Pieced or Appliquéd
3. Quilting - individual or commissioned
4. Wearables (no purses unless part of an ensemble)
5. Group quilts
6. Youth quilts (no juvenile or nursery category)
7. Small, medium and large categories will be flexible in order to eliminate a small number of quilts in one size category
8. Best machine quilting-amateur and commissioned
9. Off-the-Wall Award for originality
10. Best use of embellishments
11. Best use of color
12. Three awards which the judges have the discretion to give to special quilts
13. No separate category for miniature quilts
13. Display of National Quilt Day Challenge quilts and Elizabeth House quilts

**CHALLENGE QUILTS:** Barbara Ruff announced that 52 quilts have been entered. Volunteers are still needed to hang quilts, work as hostesses and sit and sew. The Viewers' Choice award will be announced at 4:00 p.m. and quilts should be picked up at 4:30 p.m.

**WNC STATE FAIR:** Carol Couse informed members that there is a sign-up sheet to work at the Fair. There will be 2 people working each 5-hour shift - one doing handwork and the other using the sewing machine.

### AREA REPORTS:

Area 1- Marian Gowan stated that Area 1 will have a machine quilting demonstration by Nancy Rogers.

Area 8 - Sarah Bookspan announced that the original program for Area 8 had to be canceled.

The business meeting ended with Show and Tell followed by a program on "A Creative Journey" by Judy Simmons.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ebert, Recording Secretary



## WNC STATE FAIR VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

Our purpose is to promote quilting with demos and providing information about The WNC Quilters Guild. Guild and Quilt Show information will be available for hand out. You are also asked to sell tickets for the Opportunity quilt, which will be on display.

A Singer Featherweight, an iron and board and cutting space will be provided. You need to bring your own tools.

There will be table space available for sale items; nothing can be hung from the wall. There should be space for a small quilt rack or other stand up displays. Members handle their own sales and take items home at the end of their shift.

Two persons are needed per shift. I plan to be there from 8-10 every night, and would welcome a volunteer.

Information on parking and passes will be provided at a later date.

Please complete and return to Carole Couse or Joanne Shafer.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA: \_\_\_\_\_

DEMO: BY HAND? \_\_\_\_\_ MACHINE? \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN TO SELL? \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED 5-HOUR SHIFT: \_\_\_\_\_

10am-3pm(wknds) or 3pm-8pm (wkdays+ wknds)

Stay until 10 PM? \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday September 10	Wednesday September 15
Saturday September 11	Thursday September 16
Sunday September 12	Friday September 17
Monday September 13	Saturday September 18
Tuesday September 14	Sunday September 19

Please respond by email to [carolebcouse@bellsouth.net](mailto:carolebcouse@bellsouth.net) or turn in sheet at Guild Meeting. Questions, call Carole Couse 685-8512

## National Quilt Day Challenge 2010

### "Yum! It's All About Food"

We hope that you had a chance to see our wonderful, wonderful show at the Blue Ridge Mall on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our 52 quilts showed an amazing array of creative talent and were a big hit with our many visitors. The show wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many of you.

#### Thanks to the following people.

1. to the 26 people who helped with set-up, take-down, and hostessing
2. to the 20 people who came for "Sit and Sew: some for the entire day
3. to Sally and David Fargo and Dawn and Glenn Bartholic for hauling all the equipment to and from the storage shed as well as helping to put up and take down the show
4. to Marian Gowan for a great job with publicity. There were several notices in various publications.
5. to Anne Napier, our webmaster, for taking photos and putting them on our website
6. to My Quilt Shoppe, Marti's Patchwork Cottage, and Material Things Quilt Shop for donating gift certificates as prizes for the Viewer's Choice winners
7. And, especially, thanks to all of you who spent hours making your delightful quilts. Without them there wouldn't have been a show.

#### Congratulations to our winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Betty Valentine for "The Swiss Chard Tree"

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Bonnie Lucas for "Corn Country"

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dawn Bartholic for "Ethan's Treat's - Bug-a-licious!"

At our April guild meeting we will have a special "Show and Tell" of challenge quilts and present awards to our winners.

Thanks again to everyone involved with our show.....Barbara and Ellen

# Area News

## Area 1

Area Rep: Marian Gowan 891-7180  
Nancy Rogers 891-5292  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: April 1st  
Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church on Blythe Rd.  
Time: 10 AM  
Agenda: Nancy Rogers will demonstrate free motion machine quilting patterns by Leah Day, and show us a new block. Remember those scraps for recycle.

## Area 3

Area Rep: Pat Yurick 693-5080  
When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: April 14th  
Where: Pine Park Retirement Center  
Time: 10 AM  
Agenda: No information available in time to publish.

## Area 4

Area Rep: Marti Cummins 669-9005  
When: Every Friday  
Where: Marti's Patchwork Cottage  
Time: 7 PM 'til...

## Area 5

Area Reps: Francia Tartar 891-8189  
Carol Preston 262-498-6060  
When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday: April 20th  
Where: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
Time: 9:30 AM  
Agenda: Community Quilt Workshop - volunteers need to bring sewing supplies for any or all steps useful in quilt assembly process with materials that will be prepared and ready for you to work on at the Church.

## Area 8

Reps: Sarah Bookspan 693-8085  
Elizabeth Cunningham 891-3562  
When: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: April 22nd  
Time: 9:30 AM  
Agenda: No information received in time to publish.

## Area 9

Area Rep: Ann Klimstra 693-6764  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening: April 7th  
Where: Henderson Co. Ext. Office in Jackson Park.  
Time: 6 - 9 PM  
Agenda: We will work on our Elizabeth House quilts and own projects. Feel free to bring your "dinner." For more information call Ann Klimstra at 674-0686.

# Coming Attractions

**Coming in June!** Marilyn Gore will be our speaker for the June 17 meeting. She has been sewing and quilting since the age of 14. Born and raised in the rural, farming community of Bolivia, NC, sewing and quilting were necessities. Marilyn's first sewing experience was probably helping her mother make woven and tied floor rugs from feed sacks and tobacco twine. Her mother, Mattie Pearl, also taught Marilyn how to embroider and decorate homemade pillowcases. Marilyn is an avid quilter, using such techniques as traditional, paper piecing and crazy quilting in her hand-quilted quilts. She has completed over 50 quilts. She is a member of the Charlotte Quilters Guild and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Quilting Ministry.

## Sunshine Report

Please help me stay in touch with our members who may need cards: Barbara Kinsey 681-5177 or [andekin@att.net](mailto:andekin@att.net). No information in time to publish.

## OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Area reps have most of the ticket packs for distribution. New members since February will need to call Joanne Shafer (698-2927) and she will arrange to get them to you.

Remember there is a challenge for HIGHEST ticket sales. Carole Couse has several donated grab bags that will be awarded in October to the people who sell the most tickets.

The quilt will soon be on display at Material Things and My Quilt Shoppe for your friends to view. We sold over 200 tickets on National Quilt Day at the mall.

Also, remember to contact Carole Couse and volunteer to work in September at the WNC Fair in the booth where the quilt will be on display and you can sell your tickets there as well.



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# April

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# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Area 1	2 Area 4 (Every Fri.)	3
4 Easter 	5	6	7 Area 9	8	9 Board Mtg. 10 am Etowah U. M. Church	10
11	12	13	14 Area 3	15 9:30 AM Guild Mtg.	16	17  Blah, Blah, Blah Day
18	19	20 Area 5	21	22 Area 8	23  Take a Chance Day	24
25	26  National Pretzel Day	27	28	29	30	