

THE SUGAR BOWL



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January - the start of a new year and new projects!



Hi Members,

I am working on something and I need your help.

I will be collecting scraps at the next few meetings. I will bring some sort of a collection container to upcoming meetings for you to place them in. No scrap is too large or too small. Any color will do. Any type of fabric will do.

What am I going to do with them? It's a surprise for later.

Thanks, Myla



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From the President's Desk

To all members,
I want to extend a very Happy New Year to each and every member of the guild.
The 2005 Guild year ended on a very positive note. We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon along with a very successful Christmas Raffle/fundraiser.

During the past year, we had a very exciting and varied array of programs and speakers. Their central theme was to motivate and challenge us to keep learning and to share our gifts with others. My personal favorite didn't involve quilting per se. The meeting revolved around fellowship and getting to know more about our sister quilters. This is what I believe the Guild should focus on, sharing our time and energies with others promoting our love for the art of quilting with our community.

The 2006 Quilt year is off to a fabulous start with our Guild being asked to hold an exhibit at the Art Station Gallery. This is a great honor and a wonderful opportunity for us. Myla and her committee have also scheduled other ambitious and exciting programs with various speakers that ensure a fun and informative year.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their guidance, support and patience extended to me as Guild Co-President. With your help and support, I can only become a stronger and better leader.

Let's have a great year!!

Abel Williams
Co - President
Brown Sugar Stitchers

** There will be an executive board meeting immediately following the general body meeting this month, January 21, 2006.



MYLA'S REMINDERS--

This month's program is the long awaited hosting of the Phoenix Quilt Guild for a BIG OLE SHOW AND TELL!! Bring your batik swap quilts and quilt tops. Taffy is going to introduce us to the new batik Strip Club-can't wait to see what that's about! There will be light refreshments (coffee, juice and donuts); anyone willing to bring some juice and/or donuts (or some other sweets) please let me know by January 14th.

February's program is a dyeing workshop with Cleo Ward. I haven't been able to find a short program for before the lecture. The cost for the workshop is \$10; please be sure to sign-up on the list at the meeting, and pay our treasurer, Aleathia. In this workshop we will use Procion MX dyes to dye fabric; see the supply list.

Our March meeting will celebrate our guild's founding and founders, Nancy Franklin and Jocelyn Carter. The program is still being developed, but we will have a few words from Nancy and Jocelyn, and we will have a few demonstrations of different quilt-making techniques. There are a few more things in the works; it's also National Quilting Day. Stay tuned for more info.

April brings us our first guest speaker for 2006. Edie Wilbur will bring us a lecture/trunk show entitled "Variations on the Nine-Patch". Edie says that there are numerous things we can do with this basic block and she can't wait to show us. Some of you may know Edie through classes she's taught in the area. She's "famous" for her sweatshirt jacket class. I'm looking forward to the program and I hope you will, too!

SUPPLY LIST FOR DYEING WORKSHOP

8 to 10 fat quarters of 100% cotton PFD (prepared for dyeing) fabric. If you buy fabric that is not PFD, it must be washed in hot water and detergent. Cleo will bring some PFD fabric for sale for \$1 per fat quarter if you wish to buy it from her.

Gloves to protect hands from dye
 8 to 10 1-gallon plastic freezer bags with zipper opening
 Garbage bag or large sealable container in which to carry dyed fabric home
 Plastic cups (16-ounce size or larger)
 Newspaper to cover tables
 Large bucket (1 or 2 gallon)
 Small bucket or milk jug (1/2 to 1 gallon)
 Several rubber bands
 Measuring spoons
 Measuring cups
 Paper towels
 Wear clothes you don't mind getting dye on

Please don't forget to send me the names and addresses of people that you would like to invite to the reception for the Guild's gallery opening. I need all these names and addresses no later than March 31. Please send by e-mail so they can be cut and pasted into a larger document.

Myla

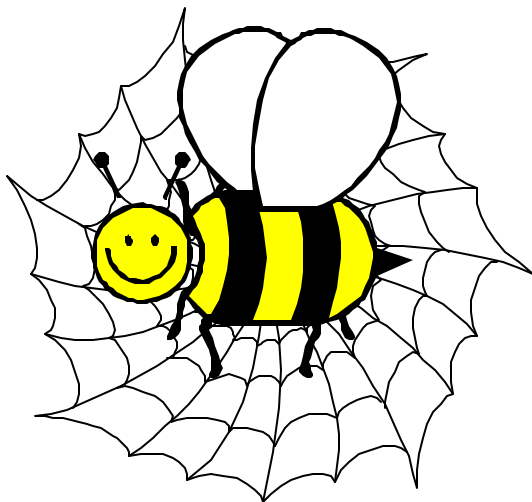
Letters to the Editor:

December Luncheon

Sister Stitchers,

The Christmas Luncheon was great. Everyone enjoyed the fun, fellowship and food-and the gifts, too! Thanks to Angela Hinton for putting it all together.

Sharon Gipson



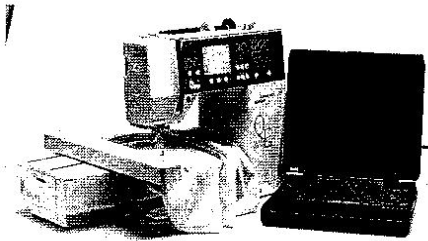
The Buzz from the Web

[Re: The Christmas Luncheon] ditto for me. my first time at the macaroni grill and I enjoyed it. Love my gift. lots of quilt projects in the calendar.

myla

I too enjoyed the luncheon, especially the conversation and the company. Kim told us how to get to Target, and in going that way we saw SAM's Club and actually spent all our time in there. All that money I spent in SAM's is Kim's fault! :-) Anita

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CARDS, cards, cards.... If you agreed to add to the guild card "stash" by contributing a handmade creation, please remember to bring your masterpiece to Nina at the next meeting. Thanks!

Bits from the Bylaws

The Executive Board consists of all elected officers. The Executive Committee includes the Executive Board and all Committee Chairpersons.

Notice of Executive Board meetings should be announced in the newsletter (and/or by e-mail). Any Guild member can attend the Executive Board meetings and are encouraged to do so and can participate in discussions; however, only Executive Committee members may vote at these meetings.



Hey Quilters, There is a new magazine on the store shelves called “**The \$100,000.00 Quilting Challenge (quiltingchallenge.com)**”, published by the folks at “**The Quilter**”. They claim to be the first “reality publishing” magazine. They are seeking entries for a judged quilt contest. Over the next year, entries will be narrowed down to a final few, and then the \$100,000.00 winner will be selected. The magazine offers tips from the pros, suggestions, examples, rules, and several categories of competition. There are several dates over the next year by which entries must be submitted. With all the talent in our guild, surely someone from BSS will enter the contest. **You** could be the first “reality publishing” winner!!

From the Editor:

What is an African American Quilter?

Sister Stitchers,

The Quilts of Gees Bend are coming to Atlanta. I begin the editorial with this note because they are, according to some “the quintessential African American quilts.” The large stitches, the asymmetrical block designs, the bright colors all fall into what is classified as African American quilting. What I find so interesting is that even when researched in its totality, the quilters from Gees Bend haven’t solely created quilts that fit into the mold labeled African American quilting. Although difficult to see, the photo below is from Gees Bend in the 30s. It shows a Dresden Plate pattern that does not resemble those quilts being touted as the only quilts from Gees Bend. It’s intriguing to see how we are being defined as quilters. Even more fascinating is that we are not the definers. I am often asked why I hand piece and hand quilt when the machine is so much faster. Beside a love for the connection working with my hands gives me, there is something in me that says, “Regardless of what is being said about our handwork, let the work of this quilter say to all who view it, African Americans do create handwork proficiently. African Americans do make symmetrical quilt patterns and small stitches. African American quilting is neat.” Yes, there is a beauty in all of our work, I would like for African Americans to be recognized for the vast array of work that we do *and have done historically* as craftspeople and artisans.

*Lynette S. Jackson**

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The Quilts of Gees Bend will be at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta from March 26 - June 18, 2006

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Meeting Date:Third Saturday of each
month**Next Meeting:**

January 21, 2006

The Brown Sugar Stitchers Quilt Guild is a diverse group of African American Quilters in Metropolitan Atlanta. If you would like to become a part of the **Brown Sugar Stitchers** we extend a warm invitation to join us one Saturday morning. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the William C. Brown Wesley Chapel Branch of the DeKalb County Public Library. For more information about our activities and mission, please contact us.

Sugar Bowl Editor

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1/06 - Sharon Gipson
 2/06 - Patricia Landry
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 10/06 - Sonia Mack
 11/06 - Abel Williams

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