



## Sycamore Stitchers Newsletter

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### *From my studio*

Hello Quilting Sisters!

What a "wet and humid" August we have had. Hopefully, it has given you the same excuse I am using to spend those days in my air conditioned studio. I have been able to complete a couple of small charity projects. My Challenge quilt is yet to be started and a second is nearing completion hopefully in time for the show.

The preparations are well under way for the upcoming Quilt show in October. I anticipate yet, another successful show. A special thank you to Pat Dobes and Carolyn Buckles for taking on the coordination of this year's show. Hopefully, many of you will be showing off your talents through your challenge or other quilts. Be sure to get your registration forms in by September 15.

We have full meeting planned September 13<sup>th</sup>. We need to complete elections of officers, discuss the upcoming quilt show, Christmas party and February retreat. Please be there before 9:30, so we can start the meeting on time, get our business completed, and move on the program planned by Betty Briscall. Look for details in this newsletter.

See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

Happy quilting,  
Kathie Peterkin

Reminder: Bring your checkbooks. Dues payable to treasurer at the Sept. meeting. \$12

### Quilt Show Information

All members are expected to work at our quilt show, Oct 5-7. A sign up list will be passed around at the September meeting for you to choose the day and time you want to help out.



Please remember the following in your prayers: Pat's daughter, Joanne  
Jeannie's husband Nancy Jane and family Jackie and family  
Susan Lane Annas' brother - Buddy Thompson

### Calendar Reminders

September 13 - Business Meeting, starts at 9:30 am Doors open at 9.  
September 28-30 -Asheville Quilt Show  
October 5-7 -Sycamore Stitchers Quilt show  
November 8 - Business Meeting and program.  
December 13 - Christmas Party  
February 19-21, 2019 Retreat at 4-H Center in Abingdon, VA  
May 3-4, 2019 - AHQ Quilt Show, Kingsport

## Notes from Vice-President, Betty Briscall

Ladies,

The September meeting is always a busy time as we all need to pay dues, get organized for the year, and especially cover Quilt Show business. I am asking everyone to come early to sign in and pay dues as our meeting will start promptly at 9:30. I will have a sheet for you to give me suggestions for programs for this year. There is no need to set up machines until after the program. Please be ready to sign up to help with the Quilt Show! This is a huge undertaking and everyone needs to help. A Huge THANK YOU to Pat Dobes and Carolyn Buckles for taking this job on again!

Our September program will feature Lisa Fletcher from Fletcher Homemade, 510 East Elk Avenue, Elizabethton. Lisa grew up in Hampton and lived many years in Seattle WA. On a visit "home" her love of Elizabethton awoke a desire to return and open a business in downtown Elizabethton. Her shop promotes sewing, quilting, and crafts. She is dedicated to promoting local craftsmen (women). Lisa will be demonstrating a portion of her Fall Wreath Workshop (see wreath photo below). She has to leave at 11:30 to open her shop for a class. Please bring your own project for a Stitch-In after Lisa leaves. Plan to sew for the afternoon.

Looking forward to a great year!

Betty

September 13 - Meeting and Program

October 3 - Drop off Quilts for Quilt Show 12-4 p.m.

October 5-7 Sycamore Stitches Quilt Show

October 9 - Pick Up Quilts 9:30-11:30

November 8 - Meeting and Program

December 13 - Christmas Party

January 10 - Meeting and Program

February 19-21 - Retreat in Abingdon

March 14 - Meeting and Program

April 11 - Stitch in - Charity emphasis

May 9-10 - Meeting and Two Day Class



## Breaking News

Ladies,

Betty and I were recently invited by the Blue Ridge guild from Johnson City to a meeting of area guilds to look at sharing/pooling programs and resources. The group included guilds from Kingsport, Gray, Jonesborough, Johnson City, and Elizabethton.

After introductions and sharing of meeting times and the types of programs each guild has had in the past, we explored how we might help one another promote our programs. We also discussed what types of speakers our respective groups would be interested in securing.

There was some discussion about collaboration on a quilt show in 2020 at the Kingsport Civic Center. Appalachian Heritage Quilters, the Gray guild, will be having their show the first weekend of May 2019.

The group came away with the following from the first meeting:

- A roster of current Presidents and Vice Presidents with email information for the purpose of disseminating program information.
- An agreement to share current programming for the remainder of the year. This allows members from other guilds to attend a program if space allows.
- A plan to find out from the members of each guild what speakers they would like to see.
- Ask members who have taught, if they are interested in being on a resource list for other guilds
- Find out from guild members area instructors they have heard and would recommend.
- Are there speakers who would attract members' participation in an area wide program/workshop?
- Finally, ascertain if there is a desire to collaborate on the quilt show in 2020 with the possibility of bringing a big name, i.e. Missouri Star, to the venue.

The meeting was very upbeat and congenial, with all present wanting to continue to explore avenues for sharing our love of quilting.

Please feel free to share your thoughts when meet in September.

Thank you,

Kathie and Betty

## 2018 Sycamore Stitchers Challenge

### LETTERS

Using your three initials (your choice middle name vs. maiden name) represent each initial in your challenge in a **different way** using one of the following: color, pattern or block name, quilting motif, object, thing, texture, embellishment. For example: Mary Beth Asbury could be...**M**ary's Triangles pattern using **B**lue fabric and **A**pplique. Be sure that each initial is represented by something different. You can't have three of the same, ie. 3 objects or 3 colors. Standard size limitation: 160 inch perimeter or 40" X 40" No panels. Kits are allowed. **Written explanation** of how each initial is represented in the quilt. Challenge entries are not required to have a hanging sleeve. Challenge entries are due the same day and time as other quilt show entries.

Mexican Star Bed Runner by Caroline Bales  
2 day class last May taught by Susan Lane



### 2018 Quilt Camp

Sycamore Stitchers sponsored two girls at quilt camp this year.  
All the campers are shown below with the quilts they made.



The Sewing Bee, one of our favorite quilt shops, had to close last December and it took a few months to find another location.

Sherry finally opened at 222 Headtown Road, Jonesborough, TN. Stop in to see the new shop and find out what classes are scheduled.

### Don't forget our "Show and Sell"

Check out the quilting related items other members no longer want. The items are placed on the stage at each meeting. Select what you want and **don't forget** to make a donation to our treasury.

Items have included: Fabric, notions, orphan blocks, quilting magazines or books, and paperback books.

# Sycamore Stitchers 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show

## October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Registration forms for each quilt entry** should be sent to: Sycamore Stitchers, Carolyn Buckles, 1404 Blue Springs Rd, Elizabethton, Tn 37643 or emailed to Carolyn at cpbuckles@charter.net.

**Entries must be postmarked no later than September 15th. No entries will be accepted after this date - No Exceptions.**

Quilts must be **clean, smoke free, in good repair, and quality quilting fabrics only**. Quilts previously shown at the Sycamore Stitchers Quilt Show will not be accepted. Quilts to be shown need to be constructed by an **ACTIVE** Sycamore Stitcher member.

Prepare the quilts or wall hangings for display by sewing a sturdy 4" sleeve on the back of the quilt. **If the quilts are not ready for hanging with a sleeve on the back, we will not accept the quilt for the show.** Antique quilts need not be sleeved.

The Sycamore Stitchers Quilt Show reserves the right to re-categorize any entry. This is not a judged show, but there will be a People's Choice Award given in ten categories, not including antiques.

Quilts will be accepted for showing on **Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm** at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area, 1651 W. Elk Ave, Elizabethton. Pick up time is **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am until 11:30 am**. For questions, call Pat Dobes at (423) 431-9445 or Carolyn Buckles at 957-1304

### **Entry Form (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)**

Name of Person entering quilt \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the **Category** that the quilt is to be entered in:

- A. Hand Quilted Bed Quilt (**must be 100% hand quilted no machine quilting allowed**)
- B. Machine Quilted Bed Quilts      C. Baby/Crib Quilt      D. Long Arm Quilted Bed Quilts
- E. All Holiday Wall Hanging (**maximum 52 x 52 or 208" perimeter**)      F. Lap Quilt (**maximum 55 X 62 or 234" perimeter**)
- G. Wall Hanging (**maximum 52 x 52 or 208" perimeter**)      H. Small/Miniature Wall Hanging (**maximum 21x21 or 84" perimeter**)
- I. 4-H Member Quilts      J. Sycamore Stitchers Challenge (**maximum 40x40 or 160" perimeter**)
- K. Antique Quilt (**Not Judged- Display Only**)

Quilt Name \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Size - Width \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Pieced By \_\_\_\_\_ Quilted By \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Construction Techniques (hand quilted, applique, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Interesting information about the quilt: Please write on the back

Every effort is taken to assure the safety and careful handling of all the quilts. However, our insurance requires you to know that all quilts taken for the show are kept entirely at the risk of the owner, who assumes all responsibility for any loss, damage, theft or accident that may occur. Neither the Sycamore Stitchers, its officers or members, or Sycamore Shoals Historic Area will be responsible for any such loss, damage or theft. I have read and understand the registration information and requirements. I give permission to the Sycamore Stitchers to photograph and videotape this quilt item for advertising, promotion of the show or other lawful purpose.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_