



Quilts for Kids:

Volunteer quilters transforming fabrics into patchwork quilts that comfort children in need

Northeast Georgia Chapter

August 2015

With all three workshops being canceled for July, I hope that everyone is rested and ready to sew now that the summer is almost over. Thanks to Mary L. and Chris A. for coming to my aide to help prepare kits for the upcoming months.

As you may know, I hurt my knee on July 5th and am awaiting an appointment for a second opinion. I am told that I need a knee replacement. I don't have time for this....I'll keep you informed after the appointment on August 12th.

In the meantime, we have 140 kits out in the field being sewn. Please evaluate your situation and how long you've had your kit. We'd love to have it back, all finished, washed and ready to deliver.

Also I will be sending out an email, if surgery is in my near future, to enlist your help with the duties I currently perform for the chapter. If there's any way you can help, I certainly would appreciate it. And if you do not currently attend a workshop, please consider joining us for cutting kits or sewing them. A complete listing of dates, times and addresses is listed on page 8 of this newsletter.

Next is fabric donations. I am about to visit a lady's apartment in Marietta who has fabric to donate to us. She is difficult to understand over the phone so I am pretty much "flying blind" on this trip. It sounds like she has a HUGE amount and that her apartment is located on the second floor. All the fabric is boxed up, so cross your fingers that this will be an easy day for my husband and I. We have back-up awaiting our distress call for HELP. I'll fill you in later on our escapade.

Last but hopefully not least is our monthly report to headquarters. Please see page 4 for last month's response to giving: 30 to NEGa Med Ctr, 5 to Gateway Shelter, 7 to Family Promise, 15 to Scottish Rite and 15 to Egleston. July's report will say 32 to NEGa Med Ctr and 3 to Gateway which brings us to 1325 since we began and 310 for 2015.

Thanks to all of you who support us by your donations of time, talent and help to spread the news of our chapter's progress.

Betty Wright, chapter leader

Fabric update: We filled the van. See photo

Behind the seated helpers are large garbage bags full of 1 or 1.5 yd cuts of kids fabric lines from all makers. The van's middle and back seats were pulled to make more room.

Helpers L-R Marina, Avis, Vaclav and Mr. Wright



Introducing Mildred Revel by her daughter, Diane Erickson



Mother's maternal grandmother was a lady raised in an affluent family and formally taught ladies millinery along with the ability to add embroidery, handmade lace and tatting. She made custom clothes for ladies after her husband disappeared leaving her along with three children and no other way to support herself.

Mother's mom was taught early to sew and mend, embroider, tat and quilt. She never became as qualified a seamstress as her mother, but always made most of what her family wore. Patterns were a rare thing, but old clothing became a pattern and adjusted according to size and need.

Mother was taught to sew when very young, and having long legs meant that the clothing of other family members was not going to fit, so new and different items had to be made. Pattern making and designing was part of that education. She made most of the baby clothing

that myself and sister wore for years; my grandmother also made things for us. When we were old enough to have a doll that would stand and need clothing, mother made a wardrobe for those dolls.

When we no longer played with dolls, mother continued to sew clothing for herself for her job, and later, her square-dancing hobby.

My sister and I spent our younger years living with my grandmother who taught us starting at age 4-5 to mend clothing and socks, sew on buttons, embroider and iron. Our sewing lessons continued thereafter. I was introduced to patterns in high school when home economics demanded we use a pattern AND follow the directions. Oh my!

Mother didn't make doll clothes again until 2000, when we moved back from Montana to Arizona and she found herself with little to do. She found a 31" preteen shape doll at an auction that she took home and decided to clean it up and make some clothes. She could not find any patterns to accomplish this, so she began to design and make patterns for this doll. She eventually found two more dolls about the same size and ended up making clothing, to include underwear, sports garments, night clothes, work dresses, 3 and 4 piece lined suits, coats, etc. Even though she found more things to do, including buying and setting up a new home, she continued to make these things to fill time.

These dolls acquired their own bedroom and closet with their clothes. It wasn't until we were packing to leave Arizona for Georgia, that limitations on what could go with us caused her to donate many of her dolls and clothes to others.

Mother's hip was broken and replaced 2006. She could no longer drive or keep house, but she could sew. We found the Hummingbird Quilt Guild and joined them to make quilts for many community groups, including soldiers, battered families, hospitals, etc. She also made quilts for family members.

When we arrived Georgia, Aug 2012, we didn't find a guild for quilting for a few months. The first one we found that we wanted to participate in was Quilt4Kids. We were more than happy to spend our time sewing and quilting for the kids.

Photos taken at the Gold Rush Quilt Guild presentation and talk about her dolls and clothing.





On July 2nd, the Hall County Optimist Club president, Rudy Corn, presented a check for \$500 to Q4K chapter leader, Betty Wright.

The club was given a grant last year as a result of their application to International Optimist Convention. Only 20 clubs received one of these grants. \$500 to the club and \$500 to the project or charity. This year's check was a club matching of the amount given to Northeast Georgia Chapter of Quilts for Kids.

Thanks to Rudy and his members for their continued support of our project.

This will be used to purchase more kid's fabric.



On July 3rd, Charles Palmer from the Hall County Optimist Club joined me to deliver quilts to 9 kids at Northeast Georgia Medical Center. Pictured here is 15 year old Cameron, a baseball player who is scheduled to play short stop in an upcoming tournament. We hope that he's feeling great by then.



July 31st, Aria is going home today!

After spending 3 weeks on the pediatric floor in a room with her parents, Aria is finally going home and will meet her 2 year old brother. Good Luck sweetie!

P.S. This quilt was one of the "extras" I left for the nurses to give during admission on days between the Fridays that I deliver quilts. I visited them in their room each Friday.

From Q4K headquarters after receiving our June monthly report:

CONGRATULATIONS!! Great month. You hit all your donation locations with lots of smiles. Great job Betty to you and all your quilters for spreading warm hugs and love to Northeast Georgia.

One stitch, one quilt, one child at a time,

Sally Weber

Director of Chapter Services

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This month's finished quilts.







Drop off Sites for Quilts

Quilts for Kids * Workshop sites on workshop dates (see page 9 of this newsletter)

Georgia Sewing & Quilting 81 Maddox Buford, GA

Thread Bear Fabrics 515 Sawnee Corners Blvd #500, Cumming, GA 30040

BettySues Quilts * 419 Spout Springs Rd # 101, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Tiny Stitches 2518 East Piedmont Rd Marietta, GA 30062

Hall County Quilt Guild * Chestnut Mtn Presbyterian Church 4733 Winder Hwy
(Hwy 53) Flowery Branch, GA on 1st and 3rd Mondays 10am to noon in Fellowship Hall

Atlanta Sewing Center 2148 Duluth Hwy NE, #111 Duluth, GA 30097

** Kits to sign out to sew are available also.*

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Workshop Dates

Family Life Center (A/C Room)

First Baptist Gainesville
751 Green Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501

10:00am to 2:00 pm

August 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3

Hopewell UMC Fellowship Hall

4723 Hopewell Church Road
Gainesville (Murrayville area)

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

August 11, Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

Suwanee Workshop

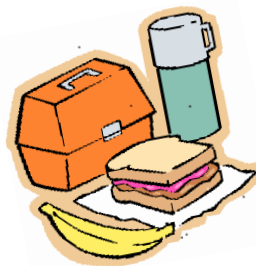
1650 Cone Flower Way, Suwanee, 30024

678-807-8714

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

August 18, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15

**NEW
TIME**



Bring your machine or cutting materials and your lunch and join us for cutting, sewing and fellowship!