

**How long have you been quilting?** I decided to make my first quilt about 2 1/2 years ago. I cut out my squares and decided on my pattern. Then it all sat for about a year. In June of 2006, I got it out and finished it. I've been addicted ever since.

**What got you started in quilting?** The quilt I just mentioned. My sister is just about impossible to buy for and loves almost anything patriotic. So I decided I would make her a patriotic quilt for her birthday in 2005. Well, she didn't get it until 2006. I'm pleased to say she really loved it.

**Who taught you how to quilt?** I'm mostly self-taught by reading, observation and the sheer desire to do what I set my mind to do. Jessie Quick has been a treasured source of help and advice: and now I continue to learn from many of the ladies in CRQG.

**What are your favorite quilts to do, i.e appliqué, piecing, paper piecing?** All I have done so far is regular piecing. I enjoyed our paper-piecing class, but I really want to try my hand at appliqué. Maybe we can have a workshop on appliqué!

**What are your favorite colors to work with?** Any color in God's rainbow!

**Favorite fabrics, ie Batiks, floral, kid prints?** I think Novelty prints, because you can almost always find something that will help you personalize the quilt. But, I don't rule anything out!

**Favorite Quilt shop?** I haven't yet had the opportunity to explore the world of quilt shops. I've seen a lot of bounty from them and looking forward to my first "shop hop". Till then I'll continue shopping at Jo-Ann's.

**If you sew by machine, what kind of machine(s) do you use?** I have New Home model JA150. It's about 20-25 years old and has been very dependable.

**What inspires you to make a particular quilt most often?** My desire to make something special for someone I care about. Or sometimes, I'll just fall in love with a piece of fabric.

**Favorite quilting book or pattern?** That would be Better Homes & Gardens Complete Guide to Quilting. It has so much information and I've learned quite a bit from it.

**On average how many quilts do you make in a year?** I guess about 1 1/2. I've only completed three, and they were all done in 2006.

**Do you quilt you own quilts or do you send them out?** I quilt my own using my New Home. Someday I'll get brave and quilt one by hand!

**What quilt related item are you working on right now?** I'm working on my 2007 Challenge Quilt and my One Block Wonder from our workshop in August.

**What other hobbies do you have besides quilting?** Oh, my! I'm a craft junkie! I enjoy making custom greeting cards, oil painting, cake decorating, craft painting, sewing, photography and like the Energizer Bunny - the list keeps going!

**One way that quilting has changed your life?** Quilting has turned me into a Fabriholic! Seriously, it gives me another venue to be creative, and has introduced me to some wonderful people; especially here at CRQG.

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**Are you on any committees with the CRQG? If yes what committees?** I'm not sure if it's an actual committee or not, but I'm helping with the Golden Scissors awards. It's fun to get a sneak peek at all the beautiful work the ladies do.

**Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family below.** I'm married to a wonderful and talented man named Lynn. We've been married for 7 years. I retired January 1, 2005, after 27 years in the airline industry. With my mom, brother and sister all living in California, we usually get out there 2 or 3 times a year to visit. We go through about 75-100 lbs of bird feed a month (even more in the Spring) feeding the backyard birds. We enjoy such a beautiful rainbow of color in these little creatures. I work part-time at Jo-Ann in Douglasville, facing temptation every day! I love teaching crafts to the kids (age 3 through 6th grade) during Vacation Bible School here at Union Grove. It truly is rewarding. I also enjoy singing in the choir.