

February 2007 Featured Member Brenda Greene

Brenda is on the Publicity and Telephone Day Committees.

We asked Brenda these questions below:

- **How long have you been quilting?**

My FIRST attempt was in 2004... I completed one quilt top (Halloween themed using 6" finished blocks); didn't do anything for a year then picked it back up in the latter half of 2006.

- **What got you started in quilting?**

I don't know, really. I've always been a little "crafty", but nothing to speak of. I've always thought quilts were beautiful, and admired the work and love put into them. I was never a "Suzy Homemaker" type, but as I've gotten older, I seem to appreciate things more, so wanted to try something that I could "try" to be creative at.

- **Who taught you how to quilt?**

No one... I'm self taught through books, internet, and trial and error. When I found out my mother-in-law quilted, I asked her to teach me... her response was, "I don't teach," so I thought, fine! I'll teach myself. When I completed my first, all hand sewn quilt top, I showed it to her. She said, "That's pretty good, and it's all straight." In my MIND, I stuck out my tongue and said "na, na, na, na, na!" *snicker*

- **What are your favorite quilts to do, i.e appliqué, piecing, paper piecing?**

I would have to say piecing, as I'm still so new at quilting, that I haven't tried anything else. I haven't even actually "quilted" anything... just pieced tops.

- **What are your favorite colors to work with?**

ALL colors!

- **Favorite fabrics, i.e Batiks, floral, kid prints?**

100% cottons in Batiks and Tone on Tones.

- **Favorite Quilt shop?**

The only one I've been to is the Quilt Station in Hiram.

- **If you sew by machine, what kind of machine(s) do you use?**

Just a simple Brother bought from WalMart (which is actually my youngest daughter's!).

- **What inspires you to make a particular quilt most often?**

Wanting to try something new. I take baby steps. I've done just plain squares, and just since the new year have learned HST's and Flying Geese.

- **Favorite quilting book or pattern?**

Your Guide to Quilting, I bought at JoAnn's in 2004.

- **On average how many quilts do you make in a year?**

I did three last year. (Now, remember, these are JUST tops).

- **Do you quilt you own quilts or do you send them out?**

I haven't done either at this point. I guess it would depend on if the quilt was a gift for someone, or something I was making/practicing on for myself.

- **What quilt related item are you working on right now?**

The 2006 New Year's Eve Mystery (from an online group... I know, I'm a little late!), and I've decided to do a beginner's Block of the Month from another online group, which I'm REALLY enjoying.

- **What other hobbies do you have besides quilting?**

Reading, spending time with family, going for "Sunday drives" with my husband.

- **One way that quilting has changed your life?**

I've found something for relaxation... just for me, and I'm learning to be creative and not to be such a perfectionist.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family below.

I have three adult children... 24, 22, and 20. My oldest daughter, Shelli, lives in Alabama and has been married for 9 months. My son, Travis, is the drummer for a band, and lays/builds cobblestone walls and walkways. My youngest daughter, Aneasha (pronounced like Alicia, but with an "n"), is an aspiring photographer. I've been married to a WONDERFUL man, Ray, for 8 years (in April). We moved to Douglasville 7 1/2 years ago from the Daytona Beach, FL area, and I absolutely love it here. I've been employed at The UPS Store on Hwy. 5 in Douglasville for five years, and have been the manager for two years now. I love ALL things animal, and am the "mom/grandma" of 12 dogs, 3 snakes, and 1 cat!