

## January 2007 Featured Member President Caryl Knox

We asked Caryl these questions below:

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

I have been quilting nearly 6 years.

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

In the last 70s my children's baby sitter was a quilter. I would watch her lower the frame from the ceiling over her dining room table and do her magic on the quilts. Buying one of her string quilts and keeping warm under it warmed my soul. Little did I know she planted the seed for the love of homemade quilts.

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

I bought a couple of quilting books and that would be all I needed to do. Little did I know I needed a mentor. Ellen Monroe has been my greatest influence. She always had the time to explain the how to's of measuring, cutting, sewing, using rulers and just about everything else. I treasure my friend and her willingness to help me and others. Her accomplishments with her quilts can do nothing but encourage us to be well rounded quilters. My question to Ellen was Do you ever sleep? Every meeting she had a show and tell. Ellen you are truly amazing

- **What are your favorite quilts to do, i.e appliqué, piecing, paper piecing?** Since I have not yet made the same quilt twice my favorite thing is the piecing of the puzzle. The "A" word has not yet come to be a need for me.

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

My absolute favorite color is red and then brights.

- **Favorite fabrics, ie Batiks, floral, kid prints?**

Batiks are a joy to work with I like the way it cuts and lets your imagination flow. Hand dyed is my next favorite fabric.

- **Favorite Quilt shop?**

There are so many available Red Hen, Quilts and Fixins, Tiny Stitches are on top but I want to see more.

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

Viking Designer 1 and Stretch Quilting machine which I am still learning how to use.

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

Trying to learn many techniques I make my choice of pattern if it makes me want to sing, oh yeah!

- **Favorite quilting book or pattern?**

Anyone that challenges me that must be a least 100 as I think I bought that many books.

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

About 4 or 5 finished with working a job. Hoping to do more this year.

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

Rebekah Bobell has quilted for me and does a marvelous job. With time permitting I have quilted several, only one by hand and that was a big stitch.

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

I have Hunter Star, Island Star and Friendship Star in the making. My head must have been in the stars or just dreaming to think I could get them all completed.

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

Stained glass in the past, for now playing with grandchildren, photography and making desserts.

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

My great desire is to learn and succeed in fabric dying and making a trapunto quilt.