

How long have you been quilting? 16 years

What got you started in quilting? When my 16 year old granddaughter was born, I decided to make her a quilt. I bought a crib-size piece of cheater fabric and made it into a quilt. I hand-quilted it. I didn't know anything about batting, and I used Warm and Natural, which was so hard to hand quilt that it's a wonder I ever made another one. It took me 2 years to finish, but it was a very off-and-on project. I promised all the other grandchildren a quilt, but hey, there are only 24 hours in a day.

Who taught you how to quilt? I was self-taught in the beginning, but then began to learn from TV shows, videos, books and magazines. I was an early web-surfer, and used to chat with people across the country and around the world on Prodigy (ISP). I learned a lot from them.

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

Paper piecing, by a wide margin. I enjoy machine paper piecing, as well as paper piecing by hand. Hexagon hand piecing is kind of my specialty. I also enjoy hand appliqué. Regular piecing by machine where you have to match points is not my cup of tea.

What are your favorite colors to work with? Brights, mainly. The brighter the better. I enjoy a high contrast in colors.

Favorite fabrics, ie Batiks, floral, kid prints? Any kind of good quality cotton. I love exotic abstract designs, as well as traditional calico. I also love silk. I'm planning to make a crazy patch soon, using some of the 13 kimono I bought on the internet over 10 years ago, as well as the hundreds of silk ties I've collected over the years.

Favorite Quilt shop? Several come to mind. I love Keepsake Quilting and have every catalog they've sent me for the last umpteen years. I went to Mary-Jo's once, and that was an adventure in itself. Locally I have enjoyed the Little Red Hen, and of course those Jo-Ann coupons keep coming in the mail and I can't let them go to waste!

If you sew by machine, what kind of machine(s) do you use? Once in a great while I use my Singer Featherweight, but mainly I use my Pfaff 1475 that I bought 14 years ago. It's by far the best machine I ever had, and I refuse to upgrade to a newer model. It would have to be taken from me at gunpoint.

What inspires you to make a particular quilt most often? Fortunately You wouldn't describe me as a "regular" quilter. I have had experience with only one full-size quilt, and that was hand-quilting a quilt for my cousin. She made the top, then had a stroke, and it sat for 10 years before she had me quilt it for her. Actually, it was queen-size. It took me a year and a half to hand-quilt it. Everybody got so used to seeing me drag it to Guild that when I finally finished it people said I looked lost without it. Mainly I make wall quilts and tote bags and runners. Small things.

Favorite quilting book or pattern? My I have been making a hand-appliquéd Celtic quilt for my daughter for over ten years. It's like the other UFO's that surround me. It's a pattern by Philomena Durcan. I guess you could call it my favorite; at least it's the most challenging.



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On average how many quilts do you make in a year? The question should be, how many do you start in a year, and that's several. As to how many I finish, well---- one or two. My interests are scattered.

Do you quilt you own quilts or do you send them out? So far I've done all the quilting myself, but if I ever make one that I consider a real star, I'll hire it out to Rebekka Bobell, because she does such beautiful work.

What quilt related item are you working on right now? Trying to get started on several small projects to sell at GA Quilt Council convention.

What other hobbies do you have besides quilting? Scrapbooking, dollmaking, polymer clay sculpting, writing, embroidering, walking my dog Mindy around the Arbor Place Mall every morning before the sun comes up, reading, crossword puzzles, playing freecell on the computer, which is the most useless waste of time that ever was. I also hang around with Phil Schiwal's Needle Arts Club at the Woodie Fite Senior Center on Monday mornings. That's one of the high points of my social life. I don't have any hot romances going on right now.

One way that quilting has changed your life? It has forced me to develop patience. And Lord knows, I need it. Reading and traveling are other past times

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? If yes what committees? I am Debbie Hirschman's assistant on Night Hospitality.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family below. I am a widow of nearly 5 years. I had 3 children, but lost my oldest son 2 years ago. My daughter, Kelly, lives in Douglasville, and my son Terry lives in Woodstock. I have 5 granddaughters and 2 grandsons. My oldest grandson, Jared, is in the Army and will go to Afghanistan in November. I am a former Army nurse, and would go back in if they would take antiques.

I also have a great-granddaughter and 2 great-grandsons. My great-granddaughter, Taylor, 9, scrapbooks with me fairly often. I keep hoping she will get interested in some form of needle arts.