

How long have you been quilting? Going on 26 years.

Who taught you how to quilt? Jessie Quick started showing me when I started dating her son.

What are your favorite techniques? Most of my quilts are pieced. I am pretty old fashioned but never quite caught on to applique. When I first started I did a lot of rail fence quilts and then fell in love with eight point stars - which I learn to cut out with a pattern piece and scissors (Thank goodness for rotary cutters) and the first couple of those I pieced by hand and then hand quilted.

Favorite colors to work with? I love all colors but really love dark green and blues.

Favorite fabrics? I love to work with lots of texture - even though most of my quilts are calico cotton, I love to use corduroy

Favorite quilt shop? Red Hen and Intown Quilters.

If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use? I have a White quilting machine that I use most often to piece the tops.

What inspires you to make a particular quilt most often? If I'm making a quilt for someone - I will do the pattern that they want, but most of the time I do an eight point star because I enjoy them.

Favorite quilting book or pattern? Eight point star.

On average, how many quilts do you make in a year? Large hand quilted about 1 - 2 a year. Smaller throws and baby blankets 7 - 8 a year.

Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out? Most of my quilts are either hand quilted or knotted - I have had 2 quilts done on the machine by Jessie Quick.

What quilt related item(s) are you working on right now? Right now I have an eight point star in the quilting frame and hopefully that will be done by our August night meeting - I've been really slow with this one. I started it at our Quilt-til-u-wilt and only have the middle quilted so far. I have three others that I need to get started on but thankfully they are not going to be hand quilted.

What other hobbies do you have? I got a quilting table at our Rauction last year and have it set up to quilt with. Keep your fingers crossed. I love to work outside in the yard and I am a member of a country/gospel band - I play the drums and sing. When I have the time I love to read.

One way that quilting has changed your life? I get to play with all the beautiful fabric and it gives me the ability to spread smiles to someone with the gift of a quilt or throw.

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? I am the night secretary.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family. I met and married my husband in Anchorage Alaska and have been married for almost 26 years. I have a 5 year old daughter who has already started her fabric stash (Jessie got me started with my fabric stash 26 years ago and its never stopped). I work in mid-town Atlanta for a building company and have been with them for 18 years as their office manager. My grandmother used to make a lot of quilts before she lost the ability to see what she was doing - she will be 96 this October - but I'm the only grandchild of 19 that quilts. Grandma taught me how to make the cathedral window. I got to teach my mother how to quilt. My mother lives in Missouri and will call me with questions regarding quilting.