

## FEATURED MEMBER BEVERLY MAHLE

**How long have you been quilting?** About 15 years, give or take (due to working and health problems).

**Who taught you how to quilt?** I'm self-taught all the way; (I) do a lot of reading and watching others.

**What are your favorite quilting techniques?** Appliqué, hand-quilting, English paper piecing—anything by hand, I'm not picky!

**What are your favorite colors to work with?** (I) don't have one, but I'm a "green person" using all shades of it, and I have a wild streak (with color) that keeps sneaking out in my quilts.



**What are your favorite fabrics to work with?** 100 percent cotton, of course, but especially those with a good "hand" (feel).

**What is your favorite quilt shop?** Locally, Little Quilts in Marietta; however, during our travels, I've been to A LOT of wonderful shops across the country, i.e., Big Horn Fabrics was HUGE!

**If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use?** At home—a Phaff Triptonic 2140; traveling—an inexpensive Brother for now.

**What inspires you to make a particular quilt?** A pattern, fabric, a person, a place, all kinds of things!

**What is your favorite quilting book or pattern?** (I) don't have one; I like to try many things so I've not made the same pattern twice.

**On average, how many quilts do you make in a year?** (It) depends on my health and what I'm working on since I also do a lot of wall hangings.

**Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out?** I got a Handi-Quilter long arm about a year ago so I'm doing my own while learning to use it.

**What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now?** I always have several projects going at the same time, some hand and some machine projects; I've vowed to finish my UFO's this year! (Famous last words!)

**What other hobbies do you have?** Travel, reading (especially novels with quilting themes), beading.

***Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life.*** I've always been very creative and quilting allows for self-expression and recently opened the door for a teaching (sharing) opportunity. It has also widened my circle of friends!

***Are you on any committees with the CRQG?*** (I) took a leap of faith and signed up as Community Service Project chair.

***Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family.*** Larry and I have been married 25 years (in June); I have 2 kids—Chelsea (22) and Martin (20) and 3 step kids, 2 granddaughters—never a dull moment! We love to travel on our motorcycle (it's usually me and 4 guys), and I'm just as comfortable in a motorcycle shop as a quilt shop! I "retired" from nursing because of health issues, and Larry is retired from the City of Atlanta Fire Department. We are very active members of New Covenant United Methodist Church.