

FEATURED MEMBER JANE WILDING

How long have you been quilting? About 3 years.

Who taught you how to quilt? I just started, bought a book, and the ladies at Cherokee Rose have been so patient and kind—you answer all my questions, watch me at Quilt 'Til U Wilt, and give me great advice.

What are your favorite quilting techniques? I'm learning to be more meticulous when I cut fabric; I'm trying diligently to keep my seams at ¼-inch; I iron everything as I go along, and the "hands-on" programs at Cherokee Rose and at Woodie Fite are fabulous.

What are your favorite colors to work with? Anything goes! But if I had to choose, it would be earth tones.

What are your favorite fabrics to work with? Cotton, cotton, cotton.

What is your favorite quilt shop? JoAnn's.

If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use? I have two: my original Singer Featherweight which will be 50 years old in November and my Sears Kenmore that I bought back in 1974. I'm drooling over the new machines!

What inspires you to make a particular quilt? Appearance. I'm not that creative and if I see a picture of a quilt I like, I'll give it my best shot.

What is your favorite quilting book or pattern? Better Homes and Gardens Complete Guide to Quilting.

On average, how many quilts do you make in a year? Three or four, more if they're small.

Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out? I've been quilting my own, and I'm trying to learn machine quilting. (I) would love a long-arm quilter. . .!

What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now? A queen-sized sampler quilt for my son and daughter-in-law, a full-sized mystery quilt for a friend, another queen-sized quilt for a friend—and I have fabric for three more quilts waiting to be started. I think I've been bitten by the "quilt bug." And it's time to make a quilt for us!

What other hobbies do you have? Music: piano, organ, and about five other instruments. Reading, camping—I'm never bored!

Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life. My house is a mess!

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? Golden Scissors and Community Service.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family. Les and I have been married for almost 26 years. He's a ham radio fanatic, he makes beautiful cabinets and I put the finish on them. We enjoy camping in our motor home, and we walk almost every day. We have two children and two grandchildren, and we will become great-grandparents in November. I support him in his hobbies and he supports me in mine. He actually gets excited when I finish a quilt! We serve the Lord in whatever way he calls us, and we look forward to 2010 as the year when we will finally be able to take a vacation and relax.

