

FEATURED MEMBER EMMA PARKER

How long have you been quilting? I started quilting in 1991.

Who taught you how to quilt? I took a class from Trudie Hughes at Patched Works in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

What are your favorite quilting techniques? I like planning the quilt and machine piecing.

What are your favorite colors to work with? I love working with brights.

What are your favorite fabrics to work with? I love Batiks and Japanese fabrics even though they are not brights.

What is your favorite quilt shop? My favorite shops are in Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Bigsby's Sewing Center and Patched Works. I have not lived in Georgia long enough to visit many shops.

If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use? Bernina 200E.

What inspires you to make a particular quilt? Most of the quilts I make are for others. I try to find an appropriate pattern for the occasion or the person.

What is your favorite quilting book or pattern? I do not have a favorite book or pattern.

On average, how many quilts do you make in a year? I only made two or three quilts per year because I was working. I plan on increasing (that number) now.

Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out? I send them out. One of my sons recently purchased a long arm quilting machine and I plan on attempting to learn to use the machine or have him quilt them.

What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now? I am working on a courthouse steps quilt from the workshop with Flavin Glover. I also started working on a UFO designed by one of the members of my Milwaukee quilt guild.

What other hobbies do you have? I love to travel, read and do needlepoint.

Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life. I love being able to make something beautiful for others. Working on a quilt also has a calming effect.

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? I recently joined CRQG and have not had an opportunity to join a committee.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family. I have been married to my husband for 40 years as of September 13. We have three children, two sons and a daughter. We also have three grandchildren, two grandsons and a favorite granddaughter. My sons live in Alabama and my daughter lives in Atlanta. They talked us into moving to Georgia. In Milwaukee, I worked as an Administrative Law Judge and retired to move. I sincerely miss working. I hope that I will soon begin enjoying retirement.

