

## FEATURED MEMBER BRENDA SENN

**How long have you been quilting?** Four years

**Who taught you how to quilt?** Dorene Bickford taught me for the first two years at Central Baptist Church, and now Rachel and Charlie Phaneuf for the last two years. They are all wonderful teachers. I have learned soooo much from them. I started with Dorene the year after my mother passed away. Although my mother did not do much quilting, she did put together many tops and would tack them to backings. Her mother made a lot of beautiful quilts, but she never signed nor dated any of them. In going through my mother's things, I found several boxes of cut out quilt pieces and that was what led me to quilting.

**What are your favorite quilting techniques?** Any and all.

**What are your favorite colors to work with?** Red, white and blue, and blues and yellows.

**What are your favorite fabrics to work with?** 100% cotton.

**What is your favorite quilt shop?** Patrick's in Covington (just for the atmosphere, I guess Red Hen would be the most practical favorite).

**If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use?** Right now I have a Riccar, Simplicity, an old Kenmore, and, of course, my serger.

**What inspires you to make a particular quilt?** I make all of my quilts for family members, so I try to pick something they would like and in the colors they would like.

**What is your favorite quilting book or pattern?** I really don't have a favorite. I like them all!!! I had the most fun making a mile-a-minute in Dorene's class with my friend Debra Mitchell.

**On average, how many quilts do you make in a year?** Maybe 2 or 3. I sure would love to be making more, though.

**Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out?** Full size and under I quilt myself; the others I either go to Rachel and Charlie's or to Rita's.

**What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now?** I am trying to finish a Dresden Plate that I started in Rachel's class in the spring of this year.

**What other hobbies do you have?** Sewing and alterations, cake decorating, baking and cooking, gardening, crochet, making my little lighted Christmas trees. Oh yea, I work full time for a roofing company in Douglasville.

**Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life.** I have met so many good people and made lots of new friends.

**Are you on any committees with the CRQG?** I don't serve on any committees at this time.

**Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family.** I am a divorced mother of two beautiful girls. Jennifer is 25 and Jessica is 22. Jennifer has worked at Babies 'R Us since the store opened here in Douglasville in 2000. Jessica has been unemployed since February of this year and is now trying to go back to school.

