

## FEATURED MEMBER JENNIE HOLLIS

**How long have you been quilting?** I've been quilting since 1990 when I found out I was going to be a grandmother for the first time.

**Who taught you how to quilt?** I taught myself to quilt with help from my sister and instructions in books and magazines.

**What are your favorite quilting techniques?** My favorite quilting technique is the ease and speed of chain piecing.

**What are your favorite colors to work with?** My favorite colors are red and yellow; I guess I like blue, too, because that is the color I have the most of in my fabric stash.

**What are your favorite fabrics to work with?** I love cotton and flannel. I am crazy about Kaffe Fasset fabrics.

**What is your favorite quilt shop?** My favorite quilt shops are Red Hen and Intown Quilts, although I don't get there very often.

**If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use?** I have a Pfaff 2042, a Kenmore with a nice machine blanket stitch, a Brother my husband got for me to take classes, and a small Singer.

**What inspires you to make a particular quilt?** I am inspired by patterns I see in books and magazines.

**What is your favorite quilting book or pattern?** My favorite book is Fat Quarter Quilts by M'liss Rae Hawley. My favorite pattern is "21<sup>st</sup> Century Bullseye" from Quilts from Aunt Amy. I have made this pattern several times.

**On average, how many quilts do you make in a year?** I finish about 2 quilts a year. I make about 7 or 8 tops a year. The quilting is where I get blocked.

**Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out?** I try to machine quilt my own quilts as I dislike hand quilting. I love the look of hand quilting; I just don't like doing it.

**What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now?** Right now I am working on the log cabin blocks we made at our last day meeting.

**What other hobbies do you have?** My other hobbies are knitting, cooking (I love to try new recipes), and reading (I'm a fan of the Earlene Fowler books).

**Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life.** I have met and made so many friends through quilting. I will now try colors I normally don't like and more difficult techniques and designs.

**Are you on any committees with the CRQG?** I am the day librarian. I would like to go through all our books and weed out outdated books. When I was in high school, I wanted to be a librarian or a nun in a convent. I didn't do either.



*Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family.* I grew up in Venice, California, the oldest of 5 children. We went to the beach almost every day but never learned to swim! I've raised 6 children and have 7 grandchildren. My only grandchild in Georgia is John who I am raising. I moved to Atlanta in 1969 and talked my sister into moving here in 1980. I recently retired and am enjoying it very much. I love road trips, usually with my twin, Irene. We often get lost, but that is half the fun.