

FEATURED MEMBER CHARLENE SHANKS

How long have you been quilting? Not long enough to know what I'm doing.

Who taught you how to quilt? Vickie Hecht is still trying.

What are your favorite quilting techniques? Anything really, really easy.

What are your favorite colors to work with? Brights, turquoise, teal, blue, black & white and always batiks. NOT ORANGE!!!!

What are your favorite fabrics to work with? Cotton.

What is your favorite quilt shop? Ya hafta have a favorite?

If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use? Janome.

What inspires you to make a particular quilt? The material and the finished product—it's the in between stuff (sewing) I don't like.

What is your favorite quilting book or pattern? Log Cabin.

On average, how many quilts do you make in a year? One--If I'm bugged, cajoled, prodded and brow beaten enough by my friends. I'm trying to make for each one of my kids (4) a quilt before I die.

Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out? Out.

What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now? A turquoise, teal & white for my daughter in Ohio.

What other hobbies do you have? Therein lies my problems. Reading, cooking, gardening.

Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life. It has sent me on a quest for a cure for the material disease and when I find it, I will be RICH!!!

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? Hospitality.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family. I am a true Southerner, born in Michigan (lived south of Detroit), spent 2 years in Southern California (south of Los Angeles), and I spent most of my growing-up years in Seattle (we always live in south Seattle). I married the military (army) and we had 5 boys and adopted a girl from Viet Nam. I have been in all but 3 of the United States, and my dad was Canadian so we went there all the time. I volunteer twice a week at the Good Samaritan Center in Douglasville where I work in the pantry. I am Social Minister at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Highway 5 in Douglasville. I have been a widow since 2000. I like to play pinochle and chicken foot. I have lived in Georgia 39 years.



Charlene's Soda Cracker Delight

Combine in a Ziploc bag:

1 1-oz pkg Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing mix (dry) 1 Cup vegetable oil
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper 1 heaping teaspoon crushed red peppers

Zip bag shut and mix. Open bag and add 2 sleeves unsalted soda crackers and turn slowly over and over 'til all coated. Let sit overnight. In the morning, place on paper towels until dry (about 1 ½ hours).

Enjoy with cheese, etc.