

## 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.