

## FEATURED MEMBER ANNIE KELLUM



**How long have you been quilting?** 12 years

**Who taught you how to quilt?** I taught myself from reading books and a few lessons from different teachers at Cornerstone Sewing. Also, the classes that I take from Rachel and Charlie's Small Group at the Church have improved and increased my knowledge so much more than I can get from reading alone.

**What are your favorite quilting techniques?** When I first started, I loved to do flying geese. At present, I am into log cabin blocks.

**What are your favorite colors to work with?** I love bright colors. Yes, there are even some bright in the brown tones.

**What are your favorite fabrics to work with?** I love batiks and any cottons that read as solids.

**What is your favorite quilt shop?** Red Hen

**If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use?** Viking

**What inspires you to make a particular quilt?** The challenge of doing a new technique inspires me when making a particular quilt.

**What is your favorite quilting book or pattern?** Eleanor Burns' "Quilt in a Day."

**On average, how many quilts do you make in a year?** Four to five large ones and several baby or lap size quilts.

**Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out?** I quilt the small sizes on my own. The larger ones get sent out.

**What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now?** A baby quilt, requested by my daughter for a friend of hers, and a paper pieced star quilt that Linda Jones gave me.

**What other hobbies do you have?** I like reading and cooking when I am not sewing.

**Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life.** Quilting keeps me centered, and it has always been my plan to quilt once I retired. I am so glad to be able to live my dream. Quilting is my passion.

**Are you on any committees with the CRQG?** I am on the phone committee.

**Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family.** I am 64 years old, the wife of Jim and the mother of two grown children, Joseph who is 42, and my daughter Katherine who is 35 years old. I am also the proud grandmother of Asher who is 9 years old. I was born and raised in Mississippi with 12 other brothers and sisters.

After high school I moved to San Diego, California, to live with my oldest sister. There I met my husband who had moved to San Diego via Alabama; talk about moving 3,000 miles just to meet someone from next door! After 2 years of dating, we married and moved to Hawaii for 3 years, then back to San Diego for another 3 years. We then moved back to Hawaii for 20 years until he retired from the Navy in 1992. We moved to Douglasville because we wanted to stay out in the country; little did we know that the city would come to us.

Being a member of the CRQG gives me the companionship I shared with other military wives before we retired from the military. Being in the CRQG community, I know that I will always have something in common with other members and that is a very good feeling.