

FEATURED MEMBER

LINDA JONES

How long have you been quilting? I took several beginning classes about 5-10 years ago but did not seriously start quilting until I joined Rachel and Charlie's classes last fall.

Who taught you how to quilt? My beginning teacher was Sarah Sorenson; however, I would have to attribute most of what I know from Rachel and her wonderful classes.

What are your favorite quilting techniques? I feel I am like a sponge at this point in my quilting. Every time I learn something new I am eager to explore what I just learned and follow through with more projects! I would have to say that right now my favorite technique is paper piecing since that is the theme of my current quilt class. I have several Judy Niemeyer paper piecing patterns that I want to try as soon as I feel that I've learned enough of the techniques from Rachel.

What are your favorite colors to work with? My favorite colors tend to be color combos. I love pink and green together and blue and yellow together.

What are your favorite fabrics to work with? I really enjoy working with batiks. I used batiks when I did my Kool Kaleidoscope Quilt at the Guild workshop.

What is your favorite quilt shop? I enjoy shopping at the Mableton shop, Stitch 'n Quilt. The ladies there are very nice and have always given me good advice. Thanks, ladies.

If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use? I have a Viking at home, and I bought a small portable Janome to take on vacation and to Guild workshops.

What inspires you to make a particular quilt? Many projects that I completed this year started with the desire to try a new technique, new ruler, or a skill that I was taught in a class.

What is your favorite quilting book or pattern? I took a class at Kiwi Quilts on the Square in a Square ruler. I am trying to work my way through the book that accompanies the ruler, and so far I've made 2 of the quilts. I love the idea of taking a pattern that looks very difficult and simplifying down to Square in a Square ruler techniques.

On average, how many quilts do you make in a year? This year I made 4 full-size quilts but over a dozen small projects such as wall hangings or table runners.

Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out? I quilt most of my projects; I need to learn more about how to use my machine for quilting the quilt. I sent one wall hanging to Broach for quilting and her work was amazing. I quilted my 2 largest quilts on Rachel and Charlie's longarm machine.

What quilt-related item(s) are you working on right now? I am working on several Christmas gift projects. I just completed a Christmas Star using paper piecing. Lastly, I am finishing a Christmas flower paper pieced quilt for Rachel's class. I seem to always have more than one project going at a time.

What other hobbies do you have? I love digital scrapbooking. I use my digital scrapbooking software, "Scrapbook Max," to design my quilt labels. I also love photography and studying genealogy.

Tell about one way that quilting has changed your life. I have always loved learning new things and facing challenging tasks. I think one of the reasons that I enjoy quilting so much is that there seems to always be a new technique or a new challenge.

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? Not yet.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family. I am a retired math teacher. I taught high school math for 13 years in Cobb County and then 17 years at Alexander High School. My favorite class was geometry where we were always using constructing and experimenting to understand the subject. My students always got a kick out of the lesson I taught each year which involved making a class quilt. My husband Ken and I have been married for 37 years.

