

**A note from the Editor:** Well, this is our second issue and we're still here, so how do you like it so far? All the 'Hives' didn't participate this time; and we didn't get many pictures (hint - hint) this time, so we've included some 'Bee' art for fun. Come on ladies and send us some 'stuff'. Have a great Spring! Suzi



**Patchwork Hive**

The members in the Patchwork Hive are: Momof3 (Queen), Bunnie (Co-Queen), OhioJan, Teddi, CathyOH, KyQuilter, Kaye and Rockytop.

We have our first and second charity in the works right now. The group has decided to make the blocks of bright fabrics. Quilt blocks have been sent to Momof3 and she has put the 2 quilts together. Here is a picture of one of the quilts



Now they are with Teddi. Teddi and her church group will be quilting them. The quilts will be going to Two Hearts Pregnancy Center in Ashland, KY.

The Patchwork Hive will be doing a Fat Quarter (FQ) swap through out the year. First FQ swap will be the color Green. I think this will be so much fun. We will also be doing a Secret Sister (SS) swap and will be a table runner. I am really looking forward to this project, as swapping with my sisters is so much fun.

As stated in the last Buzzette, a few of us met in Waynesville, Ohio on National Quilt day, and I am hoping we can do this again this year. National Quilt Day is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Columbus Ohio will be hosting the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual NQA Quilt Show June 16-18, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. I hope that my Patchwork sisters and all the other sisters from the guild can make the trip to Columbus for a big CFQG get together.

By CathyOH



**Charmed Cybees**

The Charmed Cybees hail from the states of Michigan and Pennsylvania and include: Andylee, Lionpride, CraftyCara, Rachellouwho, Truth Topper, and Char77. Lionpride's sister, Diana, who donated two quilts last year, is an honorary member. All are returning members.

To close out the second project of 2004, the group donated 11 crib to twin-size quilts, totes, and stuffed animals to the DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. That makes a total of 37 quilt packages that were delivered to children last year!!!! Our group has decided to also focus this year's community projects toward children.

We had a Secret Sister swap in December and had an online party with cookies, chocolate, and adult beverages, while we opened our gifts. Everyone had a great time! We received everything from chocolate, to ornaments, to quilt planners and fabrics.

We still maintain the Yahoo Group site, and try to check in with each other at least once a week – most of us post more often. We post photos of projects in process, have a calendar for birthdays, throw out ideas for extra activities, help



each other with problems, share ideas and websites, and plan new projects.

This year, we've discussed doing FQ swaps, Secret Sister swaps, Christmas in July, block exchanges, and possibly table toppers/table runners. Our first group project is to make one community quilt. Each member will make a block or two, using the same focus fabric, to be donated to our first community project. We will be donating the quilt to Little Mary's Hospitality House in Wellston, MI to be used in an auction to raise money to make repairs to the facilities. This quilt, and possibly other smaller quilt, tote, or animal packages made by each member, will be delivered by June 15. This facility is open year round, and provides family oriented, free vacations for families who have children with catastrophic, debilitating, life threatening or terminal illnesses. Families who have lost a child through illness and adults with terminal illnesses are also welcome. Our second community project will benefit a children's organization in Pennsylvania and will be completed by November 15.



**Quality Quilters**

The Quality Quilters are off to a great start this year. We have only six members this year, but we're making blocks for our second quilt already!

Roberta is finishing our first quilt and she chose Country Heart blocks and Sun Bonnet Sue blocks. She's got all of the blocks for it already and has the top put together! Our second quilt will be spamby's to finish, and it will be quilters

choice of blocks. The blocks are to include at least one pink fabric, and the other fabrics can just be pretty, light and airy colors. We plan to donate our quilts to Rachel's House in Bellefontaine, OH again this year.

Some of our members have been doing some traveling lately too. One member took a cruise and plans to move into a new house later this year. Two members are in Florida right now; one spending a few months with her children and the other on a nice week and a half long vacation with her sister and a dear friend who just happens to be a fellow guild member. We also have a few members with plans to attend several quilt shows this year. And, somebody had a new grandbaby late last year!

Last year was a busy year and this one will be even busier but we're still having a lot of fun and making some great quilts that will hopefully really brighten someone's life.

by spamby



California Dreamers

We have had a wonderful year! We finished **eight** Charity quilts!!! Six of them will be delivered the first week in March. The delivery is to be made at The Edge-wood Center for Families and Children. The other two quilts were delivered earlier this year.

We have two new members! Welcome to SLOKitty! SLOKitty is from Shell Beach, Ca. That's just North of Pismo Beach, I think! SLOKitty's name is Collette, she likes all color fabric, prints with kitties on them and I understand she also likes Hawaiian appliqué. We are so glad to have her in our group!!

Welcome Celine! Celine is a transplant from Castleton New York. Her roots are not planted here yet, but she longs to be a beach bum along with the rest of us!!!

Thanks to Tiny for bringing her friend into the group. Celine likes all colors; I am not sure what her favorite fabric is though.

Our group did a Winter-Themed Swap that turned out great! All of the blocks were incredible! It is amazing how each block fit perfectly with all the others! We are planning a Spring block swap to be due in summer! LOL

The project we are working on this year is our Fire-Themed quilt. This quilt will be appliquéd and is a story-line quilt. The drawings were done by Tinystitches and are about a cat being rescued by a fireman when he gets outside and goes up a tree. This quilt is being done in Moda's Brushed Cotton, Irish Heather line, Blank Textiles \_Mocha Spun Plaids and Moda's Woven Texture line. These fabrics are so soft when washed. We are making it so that it can be either hung or used as a bed cover. We will be handing this quilt over to the firemen of the Santa Clara County Fire Dept. to be auctioned to send severely burned children to Champ Camp run by the *Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation*.

Our second Charity quilt has not been decided upon. We have some blocks obtained from a contest we had in December that we will use for a charity quilt. The ladies sent in one block for each entry to win a quilt book. Tinystitches was the winner of the contest with Kg coming in second.

Earlier this year I was on the DIY program "Simply Quilts". This all happened because of the "Ask Alex" question I sent in. Of course I found out about sending in a question from CFQG! Thanks! The question I asked was: "How to make sure when putting the binding on a large quilt that it came out straight, especially if you don't have a large table to work on". They actually laughed when they found out that I really didn't know the answer to this question. They said that most people ask questions they already know the answer to. Alex was such a sweet lady. Who'd know they would like my question! LOL! The program will air between April and December. (I hope I don't miss it!)

We have a wonderful group of ladies in the California Dreamers. I wish we lived closer so that we could all meet. I am so proud to be a part of this group, and I know that this year will be a wonderful year. It's so nice to meet new friends you have so much in common with.

By JulWing



Stompin' Stitchers Cybee Group

The Stompin' Stitchers started 2005 by planning our Community Projects. We decided that each member would make four quilters choice blocks in a red/white/blue color scheme. This will give us two lap/twin quilts for our first charity project (a nursing home in MO.) We will do the same thing for our second charity project, but we will be using red/green/white for the color scheme. Those quilts will also be donated to a nursing home. That will give us four Community Project quilts for the 2005 year.

Our "Fun" group project is a Block-of-the-Month (BOM). Each member had to chose a challenging 12-1/2" block from *Quilter's Cache*. The object was to choose a block that would cause us to try different techniques (paper piecing, needle-turn appliqué, etc). Most of the blocks chosen had a floral theme. It was decided that we would make it "medallion" style so Spottedcow (Janet) and Hear-toftexas (Marv) both designed large center squares with appliquéd flowers & vines, giving everyone a choice for the centers. If you want to check out some of the "challenge blocks" here is an example: Beaded Chain, Daffodil Wreath, Twisting Burr, Crocus Wreath, Amish Dahlia, Lazy Daisy, and many more.

We're having a ton of fun with this, lots of laughs and the paper piecing has caused most of us to give our seam rippers a good work out!!!! When we finish, each member will have her very own Stompin' Stitcher Garden Quilt.

On a sad note, two of our Stomper's have experienced the loss of family members this year. Patches (Letha) lost her daughter and DannD (Dee) lost her husband and Ekbuckeye Ellen) lost her dear mother-in-law. Remembrance Quilts are being made for Letha and Dee, and there was a FQ shower for Ellen. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

#### **'Snippets' from some of our Stomper's**

Kim's (kfb) first grandchild, a precious little girl named Mallory, will celebrate her first birthday in March. I'm sure there will be a big birthday party planned.

Heartoftexas (Marv) is 'babysitting' a Cockatiel that she bought for her grandson's birthday. Wonder if she's going to teach it to say "Happy Birthday"?

Spottedcow (Janet) has been teaching one of our newest members, Letha, to quilt. Letha is new to the quilting world and is proving to be a very apt student; of course, we all know that Janet is an excellent teacher.



Spottedcow (Janet)

- Will spend the last week in Feb. cleaning and rearranging her sewing room
- Making plans for the Tyler Quilt Show the first weekend in April
- Working on the design for the Hoffman Carnival Challenge
- Blocks for both Community Projects are finished and in Charlie's hands

- Working on Stomper's BOM project, waiting for the March blocks and searching for more block patterns so it will be a larger quilt when finished.
- Totally enjoying our Cybee group this year!!!

#### Patches (Letha)

- Finishing up the move from one mobile home to another
- Working on keeping caught up with our BOM blocks.
- All my blocks for both Community Projects are finished and mailed to Charlie.
- I have met a bunch of wonderful ladies in my group that I have come to cherish dearly.
- Enjoying the beautiful plant from the Stompin' Stitchers that I received at the time of my daughters death. It is so beautiful and I dearly love it. Thank you all so much.

#### Stitchn – Pat Mills

In January, I took an appliqué class at my Local Quilt Shop (LQS). It was very good, but not nearly long enough. I got to see a real pro put those tiny little stitches in and learned how to make the thing lay down while you're stitching and make the needle-turn - turn better. Now if I can just remember all that!

Also, my 16-month old grandson who I call 'The Octopus', is getting to be more of a bull in a china shop; loves the computer and when he's here he wants me to play a car racing game that's on the pogo site. He loves that game and races to the computer yelling 'vrooom, vrooom'. Well, the other day, at his house, he got awfully quiet and when the parents looked in on him, he had turned on their computer and was sitting in front of the monitor pointing at it and yelling 'vroom, vrooom'.

Also, as many of you know, my 85-year-old mother lives with me and I am her caretaker. She has had many close calls the past two years and just recently spent another three weeks in the hospital. She

is home now, but is not doing well at all. I am really concerned about her at this time. We lost my dad a year ago January, when they were both in the hospital at the same time. They were married 66 years when he died. She has been one miserable person ever since then, but she is a stubborn old bird and has fooled her doctor many times over by recovering from those near misses.

I have so many projects going its not even funny anymore. Our Cybee group is doing a BOM that I just love, not to mention all the charity project work, and before that, I was working on an appliqué swap of Bill and Sues, which are still underway. Prior to that, I bought fabric to make a beautiful quilt I have wanted for a long time. Got all the pieces cut and bagged, and can't get time to work on it. Oh well. We won't talk about all those other UFOs hiding in my sewing room.

Note from Queenbee Grannycharie: I'm truly blessed with a great group of ladies who are enthusiastic, caring and devoted quilters. I know this year will be an exciting journey for all of us.

By Grannycharie



#### **Florida Sunshine Cyber Quilters**

Wow, the first quarter is almost done but it hasn't taken us by surprise. No sireeeeeee! The Florida Sunshine gals have been very busy!

So far we have made two quilts for the children of one of our dear sisters, Mel, and one for our great Queen Bee, Lisa. Mel's children, who are now adults, will be undergoing surgery soon, we hope. Younger brother, Nathaniel has generously volunteered to donate one of his kidneys to big sister, Patience, so that she can live a full, normal life. We think that is pretty great. He is undergoing

extensive testing to make sure that he is able to be a donor. If all goes well, he will travel to New York for the operation. Mom and Dad will also be there. We really need some prayers for this wonderful family, so anything you can do will be appreciated.



**Patience's Quilt**



**Nathaniel's Quilt**

Lisa's quilt was just given to her a few days ago and is an 'Appreciation' gift for all she has done for us the past year.



**Lisa's Quilt**

We have also been recruiting like mad! We want to welcome our newest members: Storm, Hedy, and Joyanne are

ready to join in all the fun and our upcoming charity quilts. We have planned to make our charity quilts early on in the year; so that once the dreaded Hurricane Season gets here we can just run to the laundry room and take cover!!! Our first charity quilt will go to a Children's Home and we will be starting this one in March. Plans for the second charity quilt are for June.

We have other surprises up our sleeves so don't close your eyes for too long... Now I have to let you all know that a couple of weeks ago, four of us got to meet in person in beautiful St. Augustine, FL (there **is** a picture, but our editor would be killed if it got published). We had a wonderful day, beautiful weather and great conversation. It felt as if we had known each other for a long time, and in a way I guess we have. We are always teasing each other and sharing joys, fears and sometimes sadness. But mostly we just talk about who is wearing what!!!

Some of us enjoyed joining in the fun with the Mystery Quilt and most of us are working or CONTEMPLATING doing Dear Jane. And, since it is a New Year we have new attitudes and are working to conquer some of those UFO's. No matter what we are working on we always share pictures and encourage each other and help out in any way we can. We are a very close group albeit a bit crazy! Must be too much sun!

By Jeanette Gilbes

