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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 34 years of general sewing experience
- 26 years quilting experience
- 17 years machine appliqué experience
- 12 years advanced machine appliqué experience
- 10 years embroidery appliqué technique development
- 12 years teaching experience in quilting, machine appliqué and paper piecing techniques, beginner to advanced levels
- 6 years experience pattern development for quilts and quilted projects
- Field tester for Janome Open Toe Foot
- Working to advanced knowledge of Janome, Kenmore, Singer, Elna, Husqvarna/Viking, Pfaff, Bernina and Baby Lock sewing machines
- Expert of rotary cutting and available cutters in the marketplace

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**The Quilt Shop on the Corner, Augusta, GA, 2009-2010**

**Anderson Quilt Shop, Anderson, SC, 2008**

**Aiken Singer Store, Aiken, SC, 2006-2008**

**Aiken Quilt Shoppe, Aiken, SC, 2006**

**Aiken Hobby Lobby, Aiken, SC, 2004-2006**

Teach beginner series classes, table runner, beginner to advanced machine appliqué, quilted pillows, pillowcases, advanced embroidery-appliqué techniques, quilted placements, quilted patchwork purses, beginner machine quilting and quilted table mats. Class includes instruction on rotary cutting skills, ruler reading, and achievement of an accurate 1/4" seam allowance for quilting. Focus of class work is formatted for template free applications. Responsible for lesson plan creation, marketing of classes, schedules, supply lists, store samples, demonstrations, and class instruction.

**Private Sewing/Quilting Lessons, SC, 1998-Present**

Provided one-on-one sewing and quilting lessons in private homes. Lessons were catered to knowledge and level of student. Instruction was provided on beginner series quilting techniques, rotary cutting, ruler reading, machine quilting, machine appliqué, and template free applications.

**Branums Sewing and VAC, Augusta, GA, 1998**

Class instruction provided for paper piecing techniques and how to set them into a usable project (i.e., checkbook cover). Responsible for lesson plan creation, schedules, supply lists, store samples, demonstrations, and class instruction.

## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

**Community Outreach Chairman of Carolina Pine Quilters Guild, Aiken, SC, 2004.** Responsible for researching and locating the community needs for charitable work that could be done by our 70 guild members. Contacts were made with the various groups, delivery of items was scheduled, monthly workdays were set up at the Aiken Hobby Lobby, quilt kits were cut; liaison between volunteers and guild president; and made samples. Records of all projects were documented.

Projects endorsed included:

- Project Linus, Augusta, GA;
- Stockings for Shut-ins at Millbrook Baptist Church, Aiken, SC;
- St. Joseph's Hospital's Neonatal Unit, Augusta, GA;
- Go Jacob Go, Aiken, SC; and various local pediatric and cancer patients brought to the attention of the Guild.
- Alley Cats Disabled Group, Augusta, GA. Organized 12 guild members to make a queen-sized quilt to be raffled for the benefit of this group. Tickets sales totaled \$3200.00.

**Personal Philanthropy, 1997-present.**

- Created and donated over 60 pillowcases for Alley Cats Disabled Group, Augusta, GA for use as birthday gifts for the members of group.
- Created over 50 quilts from baby to adult lap size for local and non-local cancer patients. Quilts were delivered anonymously through a third party and accompanied by a "quilted story" note explaining the reason a recipient was chosen.

## REFERENCES

Available Upon Request