

Your Friends, Your Neighbors, Your Community

CCQ Member Biography

Name	Martha Morris
Occupation	Former medical technician and church volunteer at Chapel by the Lake.
How might people in the community know you?	I ran a lot of programs and my husband (Bud) helped build the facilities at the Chapel by the Lake complex, which was 20 years in the making.

Quilting Background

When did you begin quilting and why?	When our last child left home, I started quilting “prime time” in the 1980’s and even taught classes for 20 years at Raintree Quilting. I’d quilted before, but only in small bursts while I was raising children. At that time, there were no rotary cutters or fusible batting that made things easy and fast.
How do you like to express yourself through quilting?	I enjoy traditional quilting with precise piecing. I suffer from macular degeneration, but I am still able to find new ways to perform this work. I’ve been sewing all my life, making tents with my mother from canvas cots, my own clothes for myself and my entire family. I’m a master tailor/seamstress and have made soft-sided cases, ski bags, formal wear, and Gortex jackets. Once the rotary cutter came along, I began teaching quilting, as well.
What do you do with your quilts?	I give all my quilts away. For family, I make baby, high school graduation, and wedding quilts. For friends who have cancer, I make lap sized quilts that are made of 100% cotton so they can go through an autoclave.
Describe your first quilt and when you made it?	My first quilt was a “stupid decision”... it was a queen sized quilt of 8-10 fabrics with blocks that were on point. There were no quilting resources back then, so I didn’t know what to do with all the triangles on the edges and I couldn’t imagine wasting the fabric by cutting them off, so I bound them. It took longer to bind all those edges than it did to make the rest of the quilt! I made in the 1980’s and it took 2 years.

This is a photo representing my current work on a pattern called Northern Wilderness by Marie Noah. I love to make precision pieced blocks.

