



# Your Friends, Your Neighbors, Your Community

## CCQ Member Biography

Name	Roger Birk
Occupation	Retired from United States Forest Service.
How might people in the community know you?	I'm a long-time member of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and have been preparing a monthly meal at the Glory Hall for over thirty years.

## Quilting Background

When did you begin quilting and why?	My Grandma was a quilter while I was growing up and she let me help her. I was inspired to start by attending the quilt show every year. While some quilts were absolutely stunning, others were simpler but still impressive. I finally decided I should at least try it. I started in 2008 by buying a simple quilting book with lots of pictures (First-Time Quiltingmaking).
How do you like to express yourself through quilting?	I started making regular quilts but shifted to making wall hangings. I enjoy making Alaska scenery and wildlife wall hangings and church banners and paraments.
What do you do with your quilts?	I give most away or donate to auctions. I also make a lot of banners and paraments for church.
Describe your first quilt and when you made it?	My first quilt was a small, simple, single-patch quilt for the couch in 2008. For my next one I moved up to a three-rail quilt for my daughter as she left for college. With each new one I still gain a little skill and the confidence to branch out..

This is an example of some banners Roger made for his church:

