



# Your Friends, Your Neighbors, Your Community

## CCQ Member Biography

Name	Clare Brooks
Occupation	Retired state worker
How might people in the community know you?	The guild.

## Quilting Background

When did you begin quilting and why?	I began sewing at a young age and a depression-era quilt, which was stored and not used, was never totally out of my mind. I began my first quilt in collage from squares of scrap fabric, mostly brown.
How do you like to express yourself through quilting?	Here are my favorite ways of self-expression through quilting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improvisational quilting: Self-designed quilts take forever to complete, but they are challenging and rewarding from beginning to end.</li><li>• Scrappy quilts: Bright, joyful scrappy quilts are a fun pick-me-up during winter months.</li><li>• Group quilts: Making part of several quilts instead of all of one quilt is perfect for learning, sharing time with friends and making quilts to give away.</li></ul>
What do you do with your quilts?	She loves making quilts as part of a group to give away.
Describe your first quilt and when you made it?	I didn't know how to layer the top into a quilt, and it never got done.

This is an example of improv quilting (Credit: Sherri Lynn):

