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**SENIOR  
CITIZENS OF  
MARION COUNTY**

55TH ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2015

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*“Our lives are like quilts — bits and pieces,  
joy and sorrow, stitched with love.”*

—UNKNOWN

**1960 board members**

*Dorothy DuVall, Marion  
Wesley Loewen, Hillsboro  
Dorman Becker, Durham  
Selma Maybell Steele, Marion*

**2015 board members**

**DISTRICT 1**

*Joyce Medley, Durham  
Lila Unruh, Durham  
Ron Warkentin, Hillsboro*

**DISTRICT 2**

*Twillia Baker, Lincolnville  
Mary Rogers, Marion  
Barbara Smith, Marion  
Carole Spohn, Tampa*

**DISTRICT 3**

*Joyce Kyle, Burns  
Lowell Larsen, Burns  
Connie Omstead, Florence  
Dinah Richmond, Peabody*

**NC-FH AAA board members**

*Sue Clough, Marion & Barbara Smith, Marion*

**Senior center presidents**

*Lowell Larsen, Burns                      Sue Clough, Marion  
Lila Unruh, Durham                      Dinah Richmond, Peabody  
Willie Ensz, Hillsboro                      Raymond Bielefeld, Tampa  
Maxine Barton, Lincolnville*

**Nutritions-site managers**

*Brenda Moss, Hillsboro  
Janet Bryant, Marion  
Ruth Lott, Peabody*

**Silver Haired Legislator**

*Mary Olson, Marion*

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**Bonnie  
 Vinduska**

Bonnie Vinduska of Marion made her first quilt in 1986 for her first grand-child. She has

made around 25 quilts for family and friends. She received first place for her Civil War Tribute quilt at the Marion County Fair. She has displayed some of her quilts at the Marion Library during their annual quilt show.

**1960 - 2015  
 The 55th Annual Meeting  
 Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015  
 Marion Senior Center**

- 11:00 a.m. REGISTRATION**  
 Piano music .....Keith Allison, pianist
- 12:00 p.m. WELCOME**.....Sue Clough, president Marion Senior Center  
 Todd Heitschmidt, mayor of Marion
- INVOCATION**.....Pastor Ross Baker  
 Eastmoor United Methodist Church, Marion
- DIRECTIONS**.....Janet Bryant  
 Marion Senior Center manager
- ANNUAL DINNER**.....Prepared by Barbara Bitner,  
 Connie Fisher, Ron Wright & volunteers
- 12:45 p.m. MUSIC** .....Marion High School Singers  
 Under the direction of Tomas Lambotte
- 1:00 p.m. PROGRAM**
- Call to order** .....Lila Unruh, chairman SCMC
- Welcome** .....Dan Holub, chairman  
 Marion County Commission (District 2)
- Introductions** .....Lila Unruh, chairman  
 Recognition of county board members,  
 senior center presidents & nutrition site managers
- Health care providers & others**.....Lanell Hett  
 secretary, Marion Co. Dept. on Aging
- Free-will offering**.....Piano music by Keith Allison
- Honor Virginia Downing**.....Lanell Hett  
 secretary, Marion Co. Dept. on Aging
- Introduction of guest speaker**.....Gayla Ratzlaff  
 coordinator, Marion Co. Dept. on Aging
- Guest speaker**.....Sandy Heyman, Burns
- RECOGNITION OF QUILTERS OF MARION COUNTY**
- Lila Unruh, SCMC chairman
- Greetings**.....Julie Govert Walter, executive director  
 NC-FH, Area Agency on Aging
- 2014 Minutes/2015 Finance Report**.....Barbara Smith  
 SCMC secretary/treasurer
- SCMC board approval**
- AFFIRMATION OF CANDIDATES** .....Ron Warkentin  
 Nominating, By-Laws Committee chairman

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**Business reports on table will not be orally presented:** Annual Report, Lila Unruh, SCMC chair; Annual Report, Gayla Ratzlaff, MCDA coordinator; Vehicle Statistics, Lanell M. Hett, secretary/transportation coordinator; SHICK Report, Barbara Smith, counselor; "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," led by Virginia Downing

# “Quotable Quilt”

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When life gives you scraps make a quilt!	Quilters never cut corners.	My soul is fed by needle and thread.
Every quilter has a masterpiece within.	Blessed are the piecemakers.	Quilting is happiness, lack of it is sadness.
Grandma quilts have love in every stitch.	Quilters make great comforters.	Behind every quilter is a huge pile of fabric.
Quilting with a friend will keep you in stitches.	To quilt is human, to finish divine.	A family stitched together with love seldom unravels.

## Barbara Villanueva

Barbara Villanueva of Hillsboro began quilting more than 30 years ago when a teacher wanted her to sew everything by hand. Her first quilt was a queen-sized Log Cabin pattern. She has made more than 83 quilt items, including bed-size quilts, wall hangings, tree skirts and table runners. She donated a quilt to a dance studio in Las Vegas and two wall hangings to a silent auction at the Hillsboro Senior Center. She taught quilting classes at a church in Las Vegas, Nev. She said, “It was fun to inspire others to learn about something I enjoy so much.” She won a blue and red ribbon at a local quilt show in Henderson, Nev.



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**Judy  
Troyer**

Judy Troyer of Hillsboro started quilting four years ago after purchasing a computerized Longarm quilting machine. She has quilted a Quilt of Valor for wounded soldiers and veterans. She

has quilted and constructed 50 of her own quilted items and has quilted 200 quilts for other people. She has taught a quilting class. She won Best of Show and most whimsical at the Kansas State Fair, plus many first-, second- and third-place ribbons. She has won Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and many first-place ribbons at the Marion County Fair. Her favorite design is the Lone Star.

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**Frieda  
Bentz**

Frieda Bentz of Tampa made her first nine patch quilt when she was a teenager. When she was first married, she helped her mother-in-law and the Tampa Ladies Aid quilt. She has

made baby quilts for three generations: her son Alan, granddaughter Cheri, great-grandson Tyler and other family members. She has hand-quilted 20 quilts. She twice won "Best Quilt" at the Marion County Fair.

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**Shirley  
Bowers**

Shirley Bowers of Marion made her first quilt when her first baby was on the way.

She finished a Dresden Plate quilt in which her grandmother Edith Collett finished the plates and Shirley mounted on muslin. She has textile painted blocks, sewed them together and hand quilted. She has made a personal quilt for each of her grandchildren. She has made more than 100 quilts.

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**Margaret  
Tice**

Margaret Tice of Marion watched her mom quilt with the church sewing circle. She started quilting when her children were small in 1960s. She has made more than 50 double to king-size, twin-size and baby quilts for family. She has



also donated quilts to the hospital auxiliary, mission and nursing homes. She quilts with the United Methodist Eastmoor Quilters. Her favorite design is a Sunflower quilt from a Capper's Weekly pattern. Recently she was awarded "Best of Show" by public vote at Tallgrass National Prairie Preserve Quilt Show. She said, "The only problem with this hobby is there are so many possibilities to make and always more to dream about."

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**Irene  
Seibel**

Irene Seibel of Hillsboro started quilting when she was a teenager. She has quilted 200 bed-size quilts and 100 smaller ones for family. She

has quilted for 30 years with the Ebenfeld Mennonite Brethren Church quilting group.

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**Rita  
Brunner**

Rita Brunner of Tampa started quilting at 12 years of age. She has pieced 30 quilts. Rita is a day care provider and gives each

baby a quilt. She has made a quilt for each of her grand-babies. In the past year she painted a quilt block for her barn.

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**Sue  
Clough**

Sue Clough of Marion started quilting in 2000. In 2002 she moved to Marion, where Evelyn Jewett taught her to hand quilt at the Marion Senior Center. She has made

two log cabin design bed quilts and one wall hanging. She also has quilted for the Marion Senior Center and St Mark's Church.

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**Flo  
Rahn**

Flo Rahn of rural Hillsboro began quilting about 35 years ago. Her first quilt was a tied double knit squares that she made from garment scraps. After moving to Hillsboro in 1980, she took a beginners class in

McPherson. She has made a Christmas quilt for each of her children. She has donated quilts to churches, school bazaars and Heartland Crisis Center, plus two Quilts of Valor. She has taught quilting classes and her two sisters to quilt. She makes 10-12 quilts a year plus other piecing projects. Her favorite quilts are old-time scrappy patterns. She has two barn quilt blocks on her outside buildings.

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**Kathleen  
Oborny**

Kathleen Oborny of Marion started quilting about 20 years of age. Her mother got her started. She has made more than 30 quilts. She doesn't

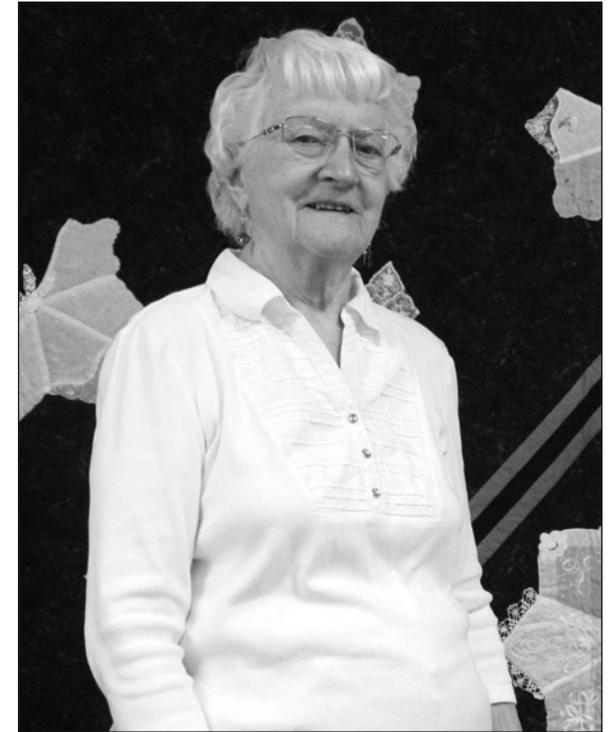
have a favorite pattern but likes to try new ones. The past four years she has donated a quilt to her church annually. She has made quilts for her five children and four of her sisters and sister-in-laws. She has made three crib quilts for her three new great-grandchildren and presently is working on two more quilts for great-grandchildren that are arriving next year.

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**Helen  
Fenster-  
macher**

Helen Fenstermacher of Hillsboro finished a quilt for her mother, who was losing her eyesight in 1985. In 1987, she started making "Sunbonnet Sue" and "Farmer Boy" quilts for



her grandchildren. She made children's quilts for fundraisers for the Cystinosis Foundation. She and daughter Barbara pieced a quilt for the 2015 MCC Sale; it was quilted by the women of Hillsboro MB Church and sold for \$6,750. Her favorite design has been a variation of butterflies made of handkerchiefs. She has received the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Champion and 24 first place blue ribbons at the Marion County Fair from 1997-2003, plus three first-prize blue ribbons at the Kansas State Fair.

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**Linda  
Ihde**

Linda Ihde of rural Tampa has designed and pieced quilts. She exhibited two quilts in the Marion County Fair. This year she entered quilts in the Dickinson County Fair in Abilene and received a beginners blue ribbon. She has also made a Quilt of Valor.

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**Leona  
Manhart**

Leona Manhart of Marion taught herself to quilt and quilted for the Holy Family Parish Quilters in Marion. She is working on a Nancy J. Martin's Perpetual Calendar 365 quilt blocks. She is using a lot of the small scraps of material she has collected, and has made 338 blocks to date.

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**Dorene  
Kirkpatrick**

Dorene Kirkpatrick of Florence remembers playing under the quilt when her mother would quilt with the Summit Ladies Aid. When she was 22, the Summit Ladies

let her start quilting with them. She has helped them quilt about three quilts a year over the past 40 years. She now quilts with the Senior Citizens group in Burns. She donated a quilt, which she pieced, to her church bazaar in 2015. She has made eight full-size quilts and five baby quilts for family. She said, “You can spend many hours piecing them, quilting them and it gives great satisfaction when one is finished.”

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**Evelyn  
Jewett**

Evelyn Jewett of Marion started quilting at age 40. She started making hand-quilted baby quilts that she would send to her daughter in Atlanta, Ga.,

who, in turn, would sell them. The demand was so great she could hardly keep up. She quilted at the Marion Senior Center and Kraft Korner after she moved to Marion with her husband.

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**Alice  
Jost**

Alice Jost of Hillsboro began quilting in the 1980s and enjoys doing applique quilts. She has bought auction vintage quilt blocks, Dresden Plates, embroidered state flowers and vintage applique flower

blocks and finished them into beautiful quilts. She has made 15-20 quilts and many wall hangings. Alice is a member of Country Stitchers Quilt Guild and quilts with the women of Hillsboro MB Church. She has won numerous ribbons at the Marion County Fair. In 2015, Alice received the Grand Champion ribbon at the Marion County Fair, then entered the quilt at the Kansas State Fair where she earned Best of Show and overall Grand Champion.

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**Shirley  
Kasper**

Shirley Kasper of Hillsboro was a charter member of the Country Stitchers Quilt Guild in the late '80s. She has made 18 bed-size quilts with 13 going to grandchildren; 29 wall hangings for family and friends; seven

doll quilts for great-granddaughters. She has also donated 30 crib quilts or wall quilts to the MCC Sale. She made two wall quilts for KJRG — both won \$250 for first place. In 2010, she won Best of Show for a bed quilt in the Senior Division at the state fair. She has won Champion, Reserve Champion or a blue ribbon at the Marion County Fair for bed-size quilts. She enjoys needlework on the block or the border of the quilt.