

# Patricia K. Garner



Patricia K. Garner, born in Norton, Ohio, in 1950

I began sewing clothing when I was 13 years old and I made my first quilt in 1980. Since that time, I have made over 200 quilts, mostly traditional, and have given most of them to friends and family. I machine piece and machine quilt my quilts and often use patterns designed by Mary Whitehead (a member and teacher of SFQG). Mary influenced my work more than any quilt teacher.

I joined SFQG around 1989. I immediately volunteered for the Membership position. Other positions I have held at SFQG are Quiltaway Chair, Quilt Show Chair (3 times), President and Treasurer. I met some of my best friends at SFQG and will always be thankful for that gift.

I machine quilted a large quilt (9'-6" X 10') quilt that was made by several members from our Guild and donated to St. Anthony's Foundation Marion House where it has been on display since 1996. I also donated a large quilt (around 9' X 11') to the National Speleological Society (cave exploration). This quilt sold for \$2,200 at a live auction in 2003.

My advice to future quilters: don't try to make quilts look perfect. Mary Whitehead used to say "if you can't see the "mistake" from across the room then you should not change it". Have fun playing with color.

Pat

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*The quilts pictured below are bed quilts except for the final red/black one which was a curved piecing challenge done with friends. The scrap quilts are quilts we use on our bed and the bright red quilt is a wedding gift to friends* --Pat Garner

