How long have you been quilting? I made 2 quilts when I was 20 and then I continued to sew garments and my bridal dress. I sewed for others as well. I was on a tight budget so lots of fabric was not an option. I would go to a woolen mill and buy wool to make suits for work. I began quilting after joining CRQG. and I saw what the members were doing. I was overwhelmed at first and wondered with my work schedule how would I ever be able to do it. I thought there was no way I could cut those tiny pieces and sew them back together. Look at me now!!!

Who taught you how to quilt? Just a natural with my background in sewing.

What are you favorite techniques? I like most of it - I am a porcelain artist at heart so this follows with the love of color and working with my hands.

Favorite colors to work with? Pastels

Favorite fabrics? Batiks-I am fascinated with the designs and texture

Favorite guilt shop? Red Hen or Intown Quilters

If you sew by machine, what kind(s) do you use? I have a simplicity that I quilt on and a Kenmore that I love just to sew on. It is light weight and sews beautifully.

What inspires you to make a particular quilt most often? Fabric or an order or magazine inspiration.

Favorite quilting book or pattern? Most know I love red white and blue and star patterns. My daughter serving in military has given me many reasons to sew for the troops and her also.

On average, how many quilts do you make in a year? 8

Do you quilt your own quilts or do you send them out? Both.

What quilt related item(s) are you working on right now? Several baby quilts and several UFOs.

What other hobbies do you have? The china painting gets pushed further back and I want a longarm and am contemplating where to put it. Do I give up my guest room or my art room??? I also cast porcelain and there seems no time to do it. Right now the sewing goes along with my work schedule so maybe more time after retirement.

One way that quilting has changed your life? Well when I transferred to Georgia in 2000. I did not know anyone here. Now I have met wonderful folks thru the

quilting. The women I have met have been so good to share and help me when I have had questions as I am eager to learn.

Are you on any committees with the CRQG? I am the Beekeeper and I always plan the mystery trips and I love doing that. Also I am chairperson of Clinton Farms Pioneer Days in October.

Feel free to tell us more about yourself and your family. I work for Norfolk Southern Railroad in Atlanta, Ga. I transferred here from St. Louis Mo. I have a son who is married in N. Illinois and a daughter in Ft. Lewis, WA who is a 1SG in US Army serving 18 years. I love to garden and paint. Cooking is in there also as I love to make my own creations with a secret ingredient. I also love to decorate and always have projects going at the house. Now can you see how I have time to quilt???

I make time for it at the end of the day. It is my way of unwinding. Also I believe there is a lot of love in a quilt so I figure I am sending out lots of love with my creations.