

# Azalea City Quilters' Guild

## Nine Patch News

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### NIGHT GUILD NEWS

We met April 14 with 12 members present.

The question of the night was, "What sewing machines do you own?" Between the 12 of us we own a LOT of machines!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 12, 2016.

Don't forget to bring canned goods for the church pantry.

*Vicki Crooms*, Night Guild Chairman

### WORKSHOPS

In May, our workshop will be on a different day. So please make a note of this change. Janice Andrews will be teaching Stain Glass technique on May 23rd.

Also in June, we have changed times. This workshop will be at the church on Tuesday the day after the regular Guild meeting about 12:30 or 1:00 PM. Mary Warfield and Janey Lloyd will be leading this workshop on the computer program *E Quilt*. Those interested should bring their laptops or iPads.

Be sure to sign up for these upcoming workshops. We have had some really good ones this year and we've been improving our skills as well as having a good time!

*Barbara Smith*

### Calendar of Events

#### Block Party

Every Thurs. morning 10:00-12:00 Springhill Baptist Church, Activities Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor –Personal projects

#### Monday Bunch

1st Mon., May 2, 2016

#### Old Sew & Sews- Charity Quilts

1st Tues., May 3, 2016

#### ACQG General Meeting

9:30 Registration, 10:00 Meeting  
2nd Tue., May 10, 2016

St. Mark UMC 439 Azalea Road

#### Night Guild

Thurs. after 2nd Tuesday  
May 12, 2016

6:30-8:30 p.m. at Christ UMC on Grelot Rd.

#### Art Quilters

4th Tuesday of the month,  
May 24, 10:00 to 12:00

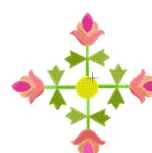
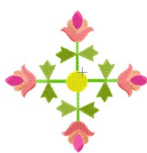
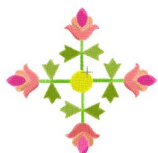
University Church of Christ on Zeigler Blvd.

#### Baltimore Album Stitching Group

1st Saturday of the month-May 7, 9:30 am  
Call Susan Garrett at  
645-8304 or 599-4179

#### Machine Piecing Class

3rd Monday of the month-May 16, 1-4:00 pm  
Springhill Baptist Church Activity Center



## The President's Notes

Dear Members,

April was certainly Quilt Show month as the GSQA, Pensacola, and Paducah shows attracted many of our members. The quality of the quilts was excellent and hopefully they will inspire us to complete quilts for our show next year.

Nancy Lancaster was recognized at the Connie Hudson Senior Center in West Mobile as their first Volunteer of the Year. Bonnie Johnson wrote a glowing letter to recommend her. The award is certainly well deserved and we should all be proud of our fellow member.

Thanks to Susan Holler for serving as our Secretary from August of last year through March. On April first, Susan started to work full time and was unable continue as our Secretary. Martha Rowland has agreed to take the minutes at our meetings. Thanks go to Susan and Martha.

We have scheduled our Quilt Show for May 5 and 6 of 2017. Georgia McCain and Ann Singleton have secured the Abba Temple site. Now the clock begins to countdown. This will be an exciting year – we all need to work together to make another fabulous show for our Guild. At the

March meeting Georgia and Ann asked that individual groups of 5 or so members each prepare a basket that will be used to raise money at the show. This has proven to be a great fundraiser. Themes for the baskets will be suggested.

Tia Bourke is also a member of a quilt group in Hawaii. She says that a “second hand treasure table” is very popular there. The idea is to bring in usable quilting items that you no longer need and are willing to share with other quilters. However, this is not a dumping ground so if any items are still left please bring them home.

The weather is getting better and it's tempting to just stay outside, so be resolved to continue your quilting using all the fabrics that you may have purchased at the quilt shows.

*Janet Beaverstock*



### GUILD VOTE ON PUBLIC ART DISPLAY

Fairhope is hosting a "yarn bombing" in Sept, where various groups decorate trees with yarn or fabric as a public art display. We have a group interested in participating in this, but there is a \$200 entry fee that the guild would need to agree to. We thought that we could make a bunch of quilted blocks that could be attached together and wrapped around a tree, and we could have a block that says Azalea City Quilters' Guild as part of it in order to promote both the guild and quilting in general. If you would like to see photos of what the exhibit would look like, go to Facebook and search for Fairhope yarn bombing. We will need to vote on this at the May meeting, so if you could please, take a look prior to the meeting so you'll know if this is something you think the guild's resources should support. The art quilt group will be coordinating our entry, but everyone is welcome to participate. Contact me or Nancy Goodman with any questions.

Thanks,

*Susan Mogan*

### Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2016

Money Market Account balance,	
Feb. 29, 2016	\$ 8,221.12
Interest earned - \$0.07	
MMA balance, Mar. 31, 2016	\$ 8,221.19
Checking Account	
Beginning Balance,	
Feb. 29, 2016	\$ 6,170.83
Income	
Membership	\$ 40.00
Ways & Means	85.00
Workshops	160.00
Off-Year Quilt	170.00
TOTAL	\$ 455.00
Expenses	
St. Mark UMC	\$ 125.00
Newsletter, Feb. & Mar	186.62
Workshops	21.99
Programs	82.90
Library	21.76
TOTAL	\$ 438.27
Ending Balance, Mar. 31, 2016	\$6,187.56

*Treasurer, Ramona Thompson*

**Azalea City Quilters' Guild—General Meeting  
St. Mark United Methodist Church—April 12, 2016**

President Janet Beaverstock called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed everyone. Joyce Reed gave the inspiration.

Carol Peterson reported a treasury balance of \$6,187.56 as of March 31, 2016. The Money Market account balance as \$8221.19.

Susan Mogan announced that there were 56 members and 2 guests - Ruth and Sue Beckner, in attendance. The total membership now stands at 213.

Barbara Smith said that the Linus Quilt workshop and the Design & Color workshop taught by Susan Morgan were both successful. She would like someone in Baldwin Co. to head a workshop for the Linus Quilts. Janice Andrews will teach the May 23<sup>rd</sup> workshop on stained glass. Janie Lloyd and Mary Warfield will teach the June workshop on the EQ7 computer software.

Susan Digman announced new books added to the library: Color Play Book, and Log Cabin Quilts.

Jean Fouts, Special Activities, reminded members that the next off-year Opportunity Quilt special event will be held at the West Mobile Baptist Church on April 30, 2016 from 9 to 4. Volunteers will be needed.

This month Joyce Reed presented 2 quilts of valor: one to a World War II nurse in Fairhope and another to a Vietnam Vet in Montgomery. She needs more quilts for presentation on Veterans Day in November. She welcomes donations for fabric and help with the sewing.

The 2017 Quilt Show chairs, Georgia McCain and Ann Singleton, recommended the Abba Temple as a venue. A motion to accept this venue for the May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Show was made by Georgia, seconded by Wilma Toney, and approved by the members. Yvonne Taylor and Sylvia Dowdle have agreed to wrap and do bows for baskets to be offered at the show. It was suggested that 5 or so members get together to create an individual basket. The baskets do not have to be related to quilting. Other chairs are still needed – especially for the publicity committee. Note that there is material to help with informing the com-

munity about this event. Please sign up soon to help in anyway you can!

Susan Morgan will design the Opportunity Quilt for the show and will need help with the sewing. She also hopes we are working on the challenge quilts to be revealed at the August meeting.

Our next retreat will be the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in August (Aug. 25 – 28). Susan Garrett will have sign-up sheets at the May, June, and July monthly meetings. Room rates per person are: \$240 for Thursday – Sunday and \$190 for Friday – Sunday. Rooms can accommodate 2 persons.

Exchange blocks will be available next month.

Tia Bourke suggested we have a table each month for “second-hand treasures”. Laurie Hickman will assist. The table will be for anything to do with quilting you would like to give away: Books, fabric, etc. If you bring something that is not chosen by anyone, please take it back home.

Other activities this month: Pensacola Quilt Show April 15-16 at the Fairgrounds and the GSQA meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Nina Clotfelter from the Art Quilt Group said they are doing “Flower Power” using the Dover book, *Decorative Flowers & Leaf Designs* by Richard Hoffman. There are 18 people working on this “no-rules” project. She invited others to join in.

Ann Singleton reported that \$81 was collected by Ways & Means. Janice Andrews, Barbara Smith, and Judy Mosley won gift bags.

Bonnie Johnson brought 4 vintage quilts that were made in the 1920's and 1930's that were available for sale.

We had several quilts for Show and Tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha Rowland*

### May Birthdays

3 - Judy Purcell	17 - Sharron Potts
4 - Martha Sumrall	18 - Virginia Sarradet
5 - Tish Fisackerly	21 - Cathy Wilson
5 - MaryAnn Logsdon	27 - Linda McInnis
9 - Carol Dolan-Groebe	29 - Susan Digman
9 - Layne Perkins	30 - Donette Erwin
14 - Carolyn Courson	31 - Carol Peterson
14 - Arabell Walker	
16 - Lynda Cockrell	



**Those having birthdays in the current month, please bring a quilting related "Unbirthday gift" to be used in the Ways and Means drawing; (something you would like to receive if you had the winning ticket). HAPPY BIRTHDAY, and may you have wonderful quilting experiences this coming year.**

**Hello everyone it's time to register for the August Retreat.**

**The dates are August 25-28, 2016, Thursday is an extra day of sewing with no meals served. Cost of Retreat for Thursday - Sunday \$250.00. Cost of Retreat for Friday - Sunday \$190.00.**

**Day Campers: Thursday \$20.00, Friday with Lunch \$30.00, Saturday with Lunch \$30.00. If Day Campers want to stay for Dinner, please add \$15.00 for each Dinner.**

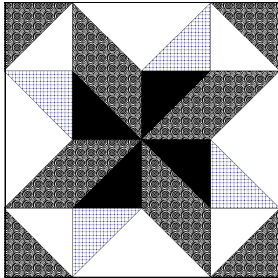
**Registration is open for Guild Members May - July 12, 2016, then we will open registration to other Guilds in our area.**

**We will have a class taught by Carol Balch. "One-derful 1 Fabric Quilts" by Kay Nickols will be taught. If you would like to participate in this class, you must purchase the book if you don't already have it. More information will be sent out later and announced at Guild Meetings. You may contact me if you have any questions.**

*Always in Stitches*  
*Susie Garrett*



## GUILD CHALLENGE



The reveal date for the guild challenge, Black and White Plus One, has been changed to the Aug meeting in conjunction with our guild luncheon, so you all have an extra month to get those challenge quilts done. Please contact Susan Mogan with any questions, 458-0246 or [smogan1@comcast.net](mailto:smogan1@comcast.net).



***Please make the following changes to your yearbook:***

New email address for Jewel Beckner: [nephisgift@gmail.com](mailto:nephisgift@gmail.com)

New home phone number for Shawn Sumrall: [251-706-6411](tel:251-706-6411)

***New and renewing members:***

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### Quilts of Valor Presentation

**On Wednesday, May 25, at 9:30, we will have our next QOV presentation sponsored by ACQG. It will be held at the Senior Center on Hillcrest. We would love to have some guild members in attendance to help us honor our vets as they receive their quilts. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Reed at 454-1466, especially if you would like to be a part of the presentation and help drape the quilts on the veterans. If you have never been a part of a presentation, this is your opportunity to support our guild and the veterans all at one time.**

**God Bless,  
Joyce Reed**

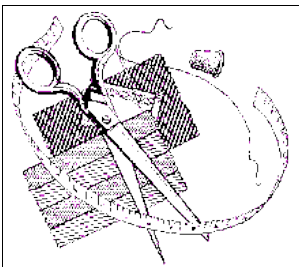
### THINGS WE LEARNED FROM THE JUDGE:

- Piecing thread should match darker color - there were numerous times when a light piecing thread showed in a seam or intersection.
- Points and corners - make sure the points and corners of pieces have not been cut off or lost when sewing to the adjacent piece
- Quilt should be squared up before adding borders and again before adding binding.
- Strive for 90 degree corners on binding.
- Straight lines should be straight - the judge sights down the lines of the sashings and borders to make sure they are perfectly straight and even.
- If you are using a fabric in a border or binding that has a distinct design or pattern line, cut according to the pattern instead of the grain line (they do not always match up) to avoid creating a spiral effect or the appearance of crookedness.
- Machine applied bindings are acceptable, but the same care and precision should be taken as when doing a hand binding
- Use diagonal joins in binding for better appearance and reduced bulk.

***Susan Mogan***

### SECOND HAND TREASURES

What is it?!



Do you have something related to quilting that is just too good to give to just ANYBODY? Or is it too good to throw away? Well, we have a solution for you, bring those items to the guild meeting. We will have a table set up for you. The ONLY requirement is you must take home what is not taken by a fellow quilt sister. Everything is FREE. Any questions, call ***Tia Bourke 251 472-7797 or Lori Hickman 251 649-8684.***

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