Azalea City Quilters' Guild

Nine Patch News

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APPRECIATION

On behalf of the awards committee for the 2017 quilt show, MaryAnn Logsdon and Sharron Potts would like to express appreciation to Patsy Starkey for making the Best of Show and the DAR awards, Bonnie Johnson for the Best Use of Color and the Mayor's choice awards, Yvonne Taylor for the Judges Choice award, Patty Morgese for the Best Hand Workmanship award, Annette Oliver for the Best Domestic Machine Workmanship award, and Ann Hetrick for the Chamber of Commerce award. Each of these special awards were beautifully designed and we know that the recipients of them were honored to wear them on their quilts during the show. Your artistic talents were quite apparent and much appreciated.

Maryann Logsdon & Sharron Potts

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's almost time to renew your annual membership in the guild. The by-laws state that renewals will be done in Aug, and those not received by Sept are delinquent and will be dropped from the membership rolls. We have stretched this out in the past, but I would like to ask everyone to please try to renew promptly in August or by the September meeting at the latest, as this helps us insure that everyone is included in the new guild yearbook. The new renewal form will be in the July newsletter, and available at meetings. I have sincerely enjoyed being your membership chair and getting to know so many of you better!

Susan Mogan

Calendar of Events

Block Party
Every Thurs. morning 10:00-12:00 Springhill Baptist Church, Activities Center 2nd Floor –Personal projects

Old Sew & Sews- Charity Quilts
1st Tues., June 6, 2017
At Joyce Reed's house—634-0256

ACQG General Meeting
9:30 Registration, 10:00 Meeting
2nd Tues., June 13, 2017
St. Mark UMC 439 Azalea Road

Night Guild
Thurs. after 2nd Tuesday
June 15, 2017
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Christ UMC on Grelot Rd.

QUILTS OF VALOR
4th Monday of the month,
June 26, 2017
8:30-3:30 at 1600 Boykin Blvd.

Art Quilters
4th Tuesday of the month,
June 27, 2016 10:00 to 12:00
University Church of Christ on Zeigler Blvd.

Baltimore Album Stitching Group
1st Saturday of the month-June 3, 9:30 am
Call Susan Garrett at
645-8304 or 599-4179

Machine Piecing Class
3rd Wed. of the month-June 21, 1-4:00 pm
Springhill Baptist Church Activity Center

The President's Notes

The glow at our May meeting was noticeable by all as we recounted the activities associated with the Quilt Show. Georgia McCain and Ann Singleton were an outstanding team heading up a wonderful committee that worked hard to put on the show. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. Congratulations to everyone who entered quilts and cheers to the winners. There will be a wrap up meeting of the show committee next month so any comments or suggestions should be offered to the members of the committee. A full report will come to the membership after the meeting.

In June, our speaker will be Gudrun Erla coming from Minnesota who will present a trunk show at that meeting. The next day, June 14th will be a whole day workshop with Gudrun based on her book Stripology Squared. Signups are first come first served, as space is limited.

While the quilt show may be over, we still have things to do. We should keep working on the challenge quilt project for the August meeting. We also need to continue working on our resolution quilts.

Susan Garrett is accepting checks for the August retreat. Stack and Wack quilt techniques will be taught by Carol Balch. Carol will be showing some of her quilts at the June meeting to get you inspired for choosing fabrics and attending the retreat. Susan is also offering the opportunity for daytime only retreat participation. It's a great chance for an end of summer break on the Eastern Shore.

Fabric and patterns will be sold at the June meeting for next exchange blocks.

Have a great summer -- Smile and keep stitching.

Janet

June Birthdays

7 - Vicki Crooms
7 – Peggy Stone
8 – Marsha Hodges
9 - Diana Murray
10 – Kathy Devine
11- Martha Rowland
12 - Susan Richardson
16 - Karen Fellows
17 - Susan Holler
18 - Betty Britt
19 - Lori Hickman
22 - Mary Cannon
22 - Waurrine Leth
22 - Retha Sumrall Locke
23 - Ann Colyer
23 - Bonnie Zabzdyr
25 - Peggy Knippenberg
27 - Susan Mogan
27 - Jean Ritchie
28 - Juanita Gregorius
30 - Lydia Criswell

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.

Treasurer's Report

April 2017

Money Market Account balance		$ 8,222.12
Interest earned -		$ 0.32
MMA balance,		$ 8,222.44
Checking Account		
Beginning Balance		$ 4,703.67
Income:		
Membership	$ 90.00	
Ways & Means	91.00	
GSQA Basket	72.00	
TOTAL	$ 253.00	
Expenses		
St. Mark UMC	125.00	
P. O. Box	112.00	
TOTAL	$ 237.00	
Ending Balance, April 30, 2017		$ 4,719.67

Treasurer, Peggy Stone

Azalea City Quilters' Guild—General Meeting
St. Mark United Methodist Church—May 9, 2017

President Janet Beaverstock called the meeting to order and Mabry Harbin led the inspiration. Minutes of the April meeting were approved. Treasurer Peggy Stone reported a money market balance of $8, 222.44 and a checking account balance of $4, 719.67. Mrs. Beaverstock announced a Quilt Festival in Birmingham June 16-17.

Membership Chair Susan Mogan announced attendance of 78, with guest Jacquelyn Singleton and new members Sandra Holcomb, Dee Dyess, and Cathy Coleman. Additional new and renewed members since April are Mary Cannon, Bonnie Mobley, Martha Westbrook, and Janet Hilton. Susan will host a new member coffee social for all interested parties.

A member residing in Tennessee, Pricilla Turner has donated four Baltimore Album books to our library.

The 2017 Quilt Festival was discussed at length. All who participated and helped were thanked, including husbands. Chairman Georgia McCain will have a form in the June newsletter for comments, suggestions, and any other feedback. Viewer's Choice winner Peggy Stone was awarded a beautiful ribbon for her quilt *Stepping Back in Time*. Mrs. Beaverstock presented thank you cards to Georgia McCain and Anne Singleton. The financial report for the show is not ready at this time.

Joyce Reed reported that Mobile City Council Woman Bess Rich will ask for $1250 from city discretionary funds to assist with the Quilts of Valor program. The Dauphin Island Parkway Senior Center has offered the use of the building for sewing on Mondays. Joyce needs pillowcases for the next presentation. Cathy Wilson, Baldwin county QOV coordinator, holds sew days on the third Thursday of each month.

Alma Moates advised that the T-Shirt workshop will be May 16 and the Stripology Squared workshop will be June 14. Susan Mogan advised that the Challenge Reveal will be in August. Patsy Starkey will have background fabric for the exchange blocks at the June meeting.

Susan Garrett explained dates and prices for the August Retreat. Registration is now open. Teacher is Carol Balch and required book is *Magic Stack-N-Whack Quilts* by Bethany Reynolds.

Nominating Committee for new officers is Cathy Wilson, Betty Todd, and Mabry Harbin. Contact one of these ladies if you would like to serve or suggest someone for an office.

Bonnie Johnson explained the history and construction of the pet pillows. Directions are available on the guild website. She also announced sew nights at Christ United Methodist Church for QOV: June 21 and July 19. Contact her if you can help. Bonnie also advised that the quilt calendars are available for sale.

Raffle gift winners were Bettye Butler, Linda Evans, Pam Stephens, and Bonnie Zabzdyr.

After show and tell presentations, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Hetrick

NIGHT GUILD NEWS

Night guild met May 11, with 12 people present, including three visitors Pam McMillan, Brenda Wildhaber and Judi Harper. The program was done by Vicki Crooms with the topic being Kantha Quilts, which are quilts made in India. Kantha quilts are generally made of old clothes, pillowcases, old Sari's etc. Kantha quilts do not contain batting, which makes sense considering how hot and humid India is. They are sewn together using floss or yarn and are not bound. They are very colorful. I found one in a local antique store.

Bonnie Johnson discussed upcoming opportunities for various quilting opportunities at her church, where Night Guild meets.

We also discussed our quilt show, which we enjoyed very much.

Vicki Crooms Night Guild Chairman

New Members: Please welcome the following new members to the guild:

Mary Cannon, 1563 Regency Dr, Mobile, AL 36693, artlip2000@bellsouth, 660-8126 or 599-3632 (c)
Bonnie Mobley, 13015 Dauphin Island Pkwy, Coden, AL 36523, 251-377-6849, bjmmobley@att.net
Cathy Coleman, PO Box 225, Malcolm, AL 36556, 251-709-2249, ccoleman1149@gmail.com
Dee Dyess, 5466 3rd St, Satsuma, AL 36592, 379-3350, noworriesdee@aol.com
Sandra Holcomb, 5454 3rd St, Satsuma, AL 36572, 251-487-1644, gghnsandra@yahoo.com

Note - members joining this late in our membership year do not have to pay again when we do membership renewals in Aug and Sept, but please make sure to have Susan Garrett take your photo for the next guild yearbook.

OLD SEW & SEWS

To clarify my information at the May guild meeting, Old Sew & Sews will continue to meet at my house on First Tuesdays, if there is interest. We also have the option to meet at the Parkway Senior Center once a month at no cost to us to sew on Quilts of Valor. They would love to have us on any Monday that is convenient to us from 8:30 -3:30. Lunch is available at the center for those over 60. Others would need to eat nearby. Please let me know if you would be interested in meeting to sew on a Monday once a month. 251-634-0256 We are also seeking funding to help us somewhat with our expenses. If you know of any sources - any benevolent soul who might help fund a quilt or two or make monthly or quarterly donations to our project or might want to donate fabric or time sewing, please let me know. We've already awarded over a dozen quilts this year with another 20+ scheduled for June and 25+ scheduled for the fall. Thanks for all your help.

God Bless, ***Joyce Reed***

NEW MEMBER GUIDE

I am updating the guide that we give to all new members that tells them everything they need to know about the guild, our activities, and opportunities for involvement. I include sections on everything at the sign-in tables, service projects, and also on the smaller groups that meet outside of regular guild meetings. I am asking for updated info on the penny harvest, pop-tab collections, exchange blocks, friendship blocks, etc. If you are involved in any of the smaller groups (in Mobile or on the Eastern Shore), an ongoing service project, or have anything else you would like included in this guide, please send the information to Susan Mogan, smogan1@comcast.net, by June 5th. Please include a contact person. Thanks! ***Susan Mogan***

NOTES FROM THE QUILT SHOW JUDGING: After each quilt show, we like to give people feedback on areas that the judge commented on numerous times, and after this show, I am very pleased to report that we showed marked improvement in two areas that were problems last show: we had many fewer cases of our bindings not being either consistently full or not full enough, and we did not get a single comment about pet hair on the quilt. Great job, everyone! Areas that still need some attention include "straight lines should be straight", meaning the seams between your blocks, your sashings, and those attaching your borders need to be straight. Sometimes the problem is in construction, and sometimes it is caused by the quilting, but that was the most common criticism I heard. Another comment heard several times is that if the fabric you use in a sashing or border has a print or specific design, cut the fabric so that the design runs straight, even if this means it is not cut true to grain. Failing to do this causes your border print to run at a diagonal and off the edge of the quilt. Finally, the judge complimented our guild on the skill of our excellent hand quilters. She also explained that the best hand stitch is not necessarily the smallest, but the one that consistently goes through all layers of the quilt while maintaining even stitch length and tension.

And now a word on your judging comments form: the areas that are typed in the space of each area being evaluated are those areas that frequently get mentioned as needing some attention, and if our scribes had to write it out each time it would be very time consuming and tedious. Instead, we list it on the form, and if the judge notes it as needing attention, we circle it. Circled items need attention, items not circled were deemed satisfactory. All comments were written in the comments section. Finally, you may see "hold" or "hold for color" etc, written on the top of your form. This means that during the judging process that quilt was deemed worthy of a second look for placement ribbons or special awards. It does not mean your quilt necessarily won that award, but that it was held for another look, and so is a compliment. Any ribbons/awards actually won by that quilt are written on the "awards" line. If you have any questions about the judging process, or if you would like to have a blank copy of the judging form, please contact Susan Mogan.

THE INITIALS CHALLENGE 2017

The challenge for this year is "The Initials Challenge". This means that your quilt will be made using elements from your initials...first, middle, and last name.
Using your three initials ... one initial should represent the main color, another initial should represent the pattern or block, and the third initial should represent the quilting motif, or something additional such as a button, charm, or something starting with the initial not used for color or block - any initial can be any item.
EXAMPLE: Annette Delores Baker could be Drunkards Path blocks in Aqua and quilted with Baptist Fan.
The basic rules are
One Initial ...your color choice (and any values from that color)
Color names must be from a published list, not made up. It can be from any published list, Crayola, paint store, etc. You can google color names for colors beginning with your letter, or a paint chip from Home Depot/Lowes etc.
One Initial...the block/technique of your quilt (Ex: Diane=D=Diamonds; Anne=A=Applique)
One Initial…something added to your quilt. (Ex: Quilting motif, a button, a charm, additional shape or block)
Other Colors...You are free to use *ONE* neutral along with your chosen color, but your main color must be dominant.
Size...30" x 30" quilted and bound.
DUE DATE... AUGUST guild meeting will be reveal and voting
NOTE: You will have to fill out a tag when you hand in your quilt stating ….Block/Technique, Color, Something added.

QUILTS OF VALOR

We will be sewing monthly at the Parkway Senior Center from 8:30-3:30 on Quilts of Valor. Fabric and pattern will be provided if you do not have some to work with. Bring machines and basic sewing supplies with neutral thread. We'll have irons, boards, cutting supplies, extension chords. Bring a friend if you can. We would like to teach a few of them how to quilt and get them started on making a quilt or at least a few blocks. June 26th is the date for this month at 1600 Boykin Blvd. and DIP. We have a group of 8 quilters who have committed to this and have room for a few more.

God Bless, ***Joyce Reed***

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

I would like to host an informal coffee for anyone who has joined the guild in the last few years. This would just be a chance for us all to get to know one another better, and for me to talk to you about your experience in the guild so far and what we as a guild can do to help you feel like a valued and important member of the guild, and to be the best quilter you can be. It is tentatively scheduled for Tues June 20th at my house, and would probably start at 9:00 and run for an hour or so. If you would like to attend and did not sign up on the form, please contact Susan Mogan at 458-0246 or smogan1@comcast.net. If it turns out that a number of people want to come but can't come during the day, I will schedule an additional night or Sat. session.

Susan Mogan

CALLING ALL MODERN QUILTERS: Are you interested in the modern quilt movement? Want to meet with other modern quilters? A chapter of the Modern Quilt Guild has been started in Pensacola. For more information, please go to their blog at http://pensacolamqg.blogspot.com/p/meetings.html.

NEWSLETTER BLUES: If you are not receiving your email copy of the newsletter, please let Susan Mogan know: 458-0246 or smogan1@comcast.net

WORKSHOPS

June's workshop will be Stripology Squared by Gudrun Erla. I sent her an email to see what she is teaching but I've not heard back from her yet. I will call her Monday if she hasn't responded by then. The workshop will be June14th at Springhill Baptist Church. All day, so bring a bagged lunch. We will start at 9:00am. and work til about 3:00pm. I will send more information as soon as I get it myself.

*The cost is $40.00 for ACQG members. We have others hoping to come that are not members. Our members have first crack at this workshop.

Alma Moates Workshop Chair

Quilter to Quilter

• your photos
• ideas
• stories

Debra Goodwin of Orefield, Pennsylvania is a member of The Asbury Quilters from the Asbury United Methodist Church. They chose St. Lucia Stars® (McCall's Quilting, July/August 2015) as the 15th quilt they have contributed to a local fundraiser. The ladies machine pieced and hand quilted this on a frame over a six month period of time.

Lynda Perkins of Humboldt, Arizona made A Winter Dinner table runner (McCall's Quilting, Jan/Feb 2010) using batik fabrics. She said the quilt name is especially fitting as she made it in the middle of a very hard winter. At the time she finished it, she had reconnected with a dear niece she had not seen in over 30 years. Lynda changed the name to Unending Friendship and gave it to her niece.

Helga Hörz of Ostfildern, Germany resized the twin size Skyward Nines pattern (McCall's Quilting, Sept/Oct 2006) into a 40" x 50" quilt for her grandson. Helga replaced the Nine Patch blocks with 2½" x 2½" mini charm squares.

We want to hear from you!

*Share your high-resolution digital photos of your McCall's Quilting projects. Email to mccallquilting@fermedia.com. **Include people in your project photos.** Submitted materials cannot be returned and may appear in print or online. If your submission is used on this page, The Warm® Company will send you a complimentary queen-size batt, and we'll send you 2 free copies of the issue in which your composition appears.*

**A digital pattern is available for purchase at QuiltandSewShop.com*

Ann Hetrick of Mobile, Alabama used Born on the 4th (McCall's Quilting, May/June 2016) as the center of her quilt. She added 54-40 or Fight blocks, Rail Fence blocks and a piano key border to make a bed-size quilt.

KUDOS: Ann Hetrick is featured in the latest issue of McCall's Quilting magazine with her Quilts of Valor quilt "Born on the 4th". Thanks to Sandy Purvis for sending this in, and congratulations to Ann!

Susan Mogan

Quilt Show News

Thank you! Thank you! The quilt show is over and I believe it was a complete success. It would have never happened without the help of a very talented, organized group of committee chairmen. They did a terrific job! Thank you also to everyone who came and helped with the setup and break down before and after the show. I have always felt that quilters and their spouses are a special breed of people. This quilt show proves that I was correct. The spouses worked as hard as the quilters.

The displayed quilts were beautiful! I heard many wonderful remarks from attendees about how exceptional the show was. Thank you to those quilters who displayed their quilts. If you have not displayed a quilt in a show yet, it is now time to start working on your quilts for the next show. Even if you don't want your quilt judged, be willing to share it with us by displaying it. However, I have found that having your quilt judged is an educational experience. The judge gives good information on what you are doing right and what you can improve on. Begin thinking about your quilt for the next show now.

A new chairman of the quilt show will begin work in August. Don't be afraid to accept this job if you are asked. Get the right committee chairman and the job is relatively easy. We will be glad to give advice to anyone who will step up and accept the job.

A final report of the show will be given at the July quilt guild meeting.

Thanks to everyone for a job well done! ***Ann Singleton and Georgia McCain***

RETREAT

Hello everyone, it's that time again to be planning our summer retreat August 24- 27, 2017. Again we are at Camp Beckwith in Fairhope Alabama. We are having Teacher Carol Balch, teaching Magic Stack N Whack by Bethany Reynolds. You must have the book if you are taking the class. They can be found on Amazon used at good prices. More info to follow. Thanks

Always in Stitches
Susie Garrett

ACQG 2017 Summer Retreat
August 24 – 27, 2017

Name: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (c) _____ Email: _____

If you would like to participate in SECRET SISTER, Please Register below:

Favorite Color(s): _____, Favorite Snack(s): _____

Please list any information you want your SECRET SISTER to know: _____

_____

You will know who your Secret Sister is before retreat, so you will be providing things they will be sure to love. (use backside if more space is needed).

Secret Sister gifts should include: Notions, Fat Quarter(s) or Fabric, Snack, A surprise, and Clues as to who you are. $20.00 Minimum. Bring things that you would like to receive and REMEMBER IT IS A SECRET.

RETREAT COST:

Thursday 10am – Sunday 1pm ------- Db ☐ $265.00, Sing ☐ $340.00

Friday 8:30am – Sunday 1pm -------- Db ☐ $200.00, Sing ☐ $250.00

Roommate: _____

RETREAT COST: ****** DAY CAMPERS ******

Day Camping Hours 8:30am – 5pm and will include Lunch meal Fri & Sat

- ☐ **Thursday – Sunday ------ $140.00** **Choose Individual Days:**
- ☐ **Thursday $30.00** ☐ **Friday $45.00**
- ☐ **Saturday $45.00** ☐ **Sunday $30.00**
- ☐ **Dinner Friday Add $15.00** ☐ **Dinner Saturday Add $15.00**

Please list any food allergies or special dietary needs on back.

Deadline for Retreat Signup is August 8, 2017. All registration and payments are DUE.

Mobile Arts Council

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