

Azalea City Quilters' Guild

Nine Patch News

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's almost renewal time! Renewals will begin at the August meeting, and we would like to have them completed by the September meetings. The new renewal form is in this newsletter, and available at meetings. If you joined in April or later, there is no need to renew, although we will need you to get your photo taken. Susan Garrett will be taking yearbook photos at the day guild meetings, so if your picture was not in the last yearbook please see her to have one taken, or send her a close up photo (can be taken on your phone) and she can include it. If you are receiving the printed newsletter, the \$10 annual fee for that is due at the same time as annual renewals, unless you just paid in May or June. Contact Susan Mogan with questions.

Susan Mogan

LINUS QUILTS

The Linus Quilt group will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Tillman's Corner Senior Center on Nevius Road. Bring machines, fabric, etc. for sewing. Also bring food to share. For more information, call Lola Terranova at 665-0208.

MACHINE PIECING CLASS FOR 2017-2018

ACQG offers a free class to guild members who would like to learn, or to refresh their machine piecing skills. This year the class will be offered on the third Wednesday of the month from 1PM until 4PM starting in September and ending in May. The first class will be held September 20, 2017. Class will be held at Spring Hill Baptist Church on the second floor of the Activities Center. A sign up sheet will be available at the September day and night guild meetings. For questions you may contact MaryAnn Logsdon at 649-4682.

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., August 1, 2017

At Joyce Reed's house—634-0256

ACQG General Meeting

9:30 Registration, 10:00 Meeting

2nd Tues., August 8, 2017

St. Mark UMC 439 Azalea Road

Linus Quilts

9:00-3:00 1st Thursday, August 3, 2017

Tillman's Corner Senior Center, Nevius Road

Night Guild

Thurs. after 2nd Tuesday

August 10, 2017

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

QUILTS OF VALOR

4th Monday of the month,

August 28, 2017

8:30-3:30 at 1600 Boykin Blvd.

Art Quilters

4th Tuesday of the month,

August 22, 2017 - 10:00 to 12:00

University Church of Christ on Zeigler Blvd.

Baltimore Album Stitching Group

1st Saturday of the month-August 5, 9:30 am

Call Susan Garrett at

645-8304 or 599-4179

Machine Piecing Class

Next meeting in September



The President's Notes

The year is flying by and it's time to write my last note to you members.

August may be the end of the Summer, but it's a busy month for our guild. There are a number of things going on:

At our daytime meeting, we have one of our long standing traditions – a potluck luncheon. Our hostess, Janet McCurley, is undergoing chemo therapy and her friends from Sassy Stitchers – Peggy Stone, Lola Tarranova, and Betty Todd, and others – have stepped forward to setup and host our luncheon. Prepare a dish to share and join with our members.

We will also welcome our new officers who were elected at the July meeting: Ann Singleton will be sworn in as President, Terry Garmendia - VP Programs, Shawn Sumrall – VP membership.

August is also the month for renewing our membership. Thanks to Susan Mogan, many have al-

ready done that.

Another important tradition for August is our summer retreat at Camp Beckwith. Final registration is due at the meeting.

Thanks to Barbara Smith for presenting plans to make fabric bags for the women staying at McKemie Place. It's not too late to help her.

In September, we are scheduled to have Connie Ewbank present a lecture and trunk show at our meeting. Connie is a long standing GSQA circuit teacher. On Wednesday, September 13th, Connie will present a workshop. Details and a chance to sign up at the meeting.

It's been a pleasure to serve as your President for the past 2 years. Thanks to all for your support.

Smile and keep stitching.

Janet

August Birthdays

1 - Nancy Henson	13 - Cindy Smith
3 - Tia Bourke	14 - Betty Root
4 - Cindy Capell	17 - Lois Daverede
4 - Nancy Lancaster	18 - Dale Kirkland
5 - Vicki Taylor	18 - Rhonda Ready
6 - Elonda Malone	18 - Yvonne Taylor
7 - Janie Lloyd	19 - Bernice Reed
8 - Janis Labonosky	21 - Bonnie Eide
10 - Sue Gunter	23 - Evelyn Suggs
12 - Lamoyne Keenlyne	26 - Regina Pridgen
13 - Janet Henry	

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

June 2017

Money Market Account balance	\$ 8,222.81
Interest earned -	\$ 0.34
MMA balance,	\$ 8,223.15
Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,777.67
Income:	
Workshop May	\$ 130.00
Workshop June	960.00
Newsletter	10.00
Ways & Means	<u>76.00</u>
	TOTAL \$1,176.00
Expenses	
Springhill Baptist	\$ 480.00
St. Mark UMC	125.00
Exchange Block Patsy Starkey	32.94
Workshop Alma Motes	30.00
QOV Joyce Reed	47.04
Membership Susan Mogan	11.88
Gudrun Erla	2,302.18
\ Statement Fee	<u>2.00</u>
	TOTAL \$ 3,031.04
Ending Balance, June 30, 2017	\$ 2,922.66

Treasurer, Peggy Stone

Azalea City Quilters' Guild—General Meeting St. Mark United Methodist Church—June 13, 2017

President Janet Beaverstock called the meeting to order and Mabry Harbin led the inspiration and prayer. Minutes of the June meeting were approved. Treasurer Peggy Stone reported \$8,222.15 and \$2,922.66 for money market and checking account balances respectively.

Georgia McCain gave her summary of the May quilt show. Ramona Thompson reported a profit of \$7,242.30. Mary Warfield reported her audit of the show finances. The summary and spreadsheet are available by contacting Ramona and Georgia.

Susan Mogan reported attendance today of 78 with new members Jacquelin Singleton, Gladys Turner, and Diane Engals joining today. Current membership is 232, with renewals due in August. Susan asked members to complete the survey found in the July newsletter.

Officers elected for the coming year are president – Ann Singleton, VP for programs – Terrie Garmendia, VP for membership – Shawn Sumrall, treasurer – Peggy Stone, and secretary – Ann Hetrick. Officers will be installed at the August luncheon meeting. Mrs. Beaverstock reminded us to bring a dish to share. With hospitality chair Janet McCurley ill, Betty Todd and the Sassy Stitchers volunteered to host.

Cathy Wilson and Joyce Reed reported for Quilts of Valor. The Baldwin group needs sewers and the Mobile group needs pillowcases. Meeting times and locations should be in the Nine Patch News.

Educational opportunities continue. Alma Moates reported a successful June class with Gudrun Erla. She is teaching an applique class today, and the September 13 class will be Friend's Choice taught by Connie Eubanks. In October Leslie Khyber will teach the Eldon Quilt. The retreat dates are August 24-27. Guild Challenge is due at the August meeting. Fons and Porter discount subscriptions are due now.

Barbara Smith introduced a community service project: making tote bags for the homeless women at McKemie Place. Fabric and instructions were made available.

Exchange blocks are due in September.

Ways and means gift winners were Patsy Starkey, Peggy Stone, Cora Stewart, Joyce Harris, Mabry Harbin, Lola Teranova, Terrie Garmendia, Mary Warfield, Wilma Toney, and Lydia Criswell.

After Show and Tell quilt presentations, the program was Christmas in July. Members had opportunity to see numerous Christmas related projects and buy kits and fabric to make the items.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Hetrick



NIGHT GUILD NEWS

Night Guild met at Christ UMC on Thursday, July 13th. We had a nice group which included two guests Dianna and Paige (if Linda's granddaughter Paige Evans is still considered a guest), new member Debbie Whiddon and Robbie McHardy who will be moving to Mobile soon and was checking us out. We had a short report on the Tuesday ACQG Meeting and the Block Therapy program. Then Mary Cannon gave a detailed report on the bus trip to International Quilt Festival Houston, November 2-5th. She has planned a great trip at a very reasonable rate. The list of Presenters is on line, but sign up is later. Our discussion then evolved into who had been to Houston and Paducah and what to expect. We also talked about going to Hamilton, MO and one member knew the whole story of the Doan family moving from CA to MO and how the Missouri Star Quilt Co. has built the small town into a thriving community. Bring your ideas for our new year to the August meeting and it's Membership renewal time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Johnson, sitting in for Vicki Crooms, Night Guild Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: August is membership renewal month. Please use the enclosed form to renew your guild dues. Dues are \$20 with an email newsletter, and \$30 with a printed and mailed newsletter. We would very much like to have all renewals complete by the **September** meeting. Please see Susan Garrett at the day guild meeting to have your photo taken for the guild yearbook, or send a photo by email to either Susan Garrett or Susan Mogan. New membership cards and yearbooks should be available by the November meeting.

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

Diane Engels, 256 Thrift St, Mobile, AL, 36609, [251-343-1030](tel:251-343-1030), dianedocks@gmail.com
 Jacquelin Singleton, 5960 Camp Halls Mill Rd, Mobile, AL, 36619-1857, [251-610-0302](tel:251-610-0302), singleton4119@bellsouth.net
 Gladys Turner, 4108 Lafitte Rd, Saraland, AL, 36571, [251-675-6003](tel:251-675-6003), [251-591-7421](tel:251-591-7421), ggtturner2@att.net

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.

ART QUILT GROUP

The Art Quilt Group is for anyone who enjoys creating original artistic quilts. Our collaborative group projects which were on display at the quilt show are a lot of fun and generate a lot of public interest. We will be starting a new series this fall called "The Story of Me" and everyone is welcome, no art quilting experience necessary. Our next meeting is Tues, Aug 22nd at University Church of Christ on Ziegler Blvd at 10:00. If you want to learn to be more creative and work "outside the box", come join us! Contact Anne Godwin or Susan Mogan for more details.

HOUSTON QUILT SHOW TRIP

Mary Cannon of Compass Travel has overbooked the fabulous hotel Double Tree Hilton, minutes from the Convention Center for the Houston International Quilt Show October 31 –November 5th. You don't need to be part of her group to take advantage of her rate. This is a 5 star hotel. Rooms are suites with kitchen living room/bedroom. She still has openings for the motorcoach tour if interested. Please contact her as soon as possible. For more information contact, Mary Cannon at [251-660-8126](tel:251-660-8126) or e mail artlip2000@bellsouth.net .

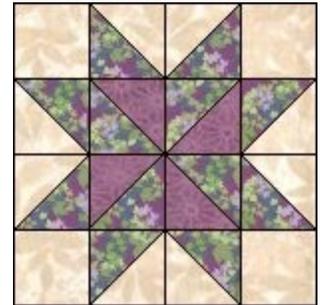
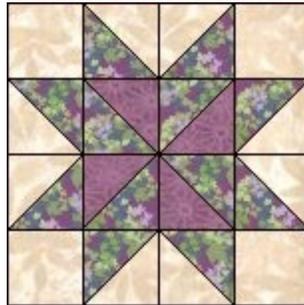
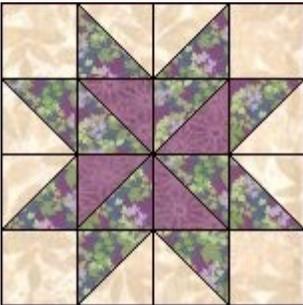
ACQG WEBSITE

The "redirect" problem with our website is being worked on, but it is a long process. To access the website do NOT use Google, but put the entire website address in the search box. www.azaleacityquiltersguild.com Then, when you get to the site, add it to your Favorites List and access it from there after that. If you have any problems send an email to robojo2@aol.com and I will send you a link. **Bonnie Johnson**

Here are newly added upcoming classes with Nina Clotfelter

Block Therapy Quilt Shop Classes

- August 3rd - Beginning Free Motion Quilting
- August 9th - Ruler work on domestic machine
- September 13th - Thread Painting



Initials Challenge

_____ = _____
Color

_____ = _____
Technique/Block

_____ = _____
Extra



GUILD SURVEY: Thank you to everyone who turned in a completed guild survey. I will tally the results and present them at the Aug meeting. If you have not yet turned one in and would like to, please mail your completed survey (available in last month's newsletter) to Susan Mogan, 5608 Thomas Jefferson Ct, Mobile, AL 36693. If you need a copy of the survey, email me at smogan1@comcast.net and I will send you one. Thanks, Susan Mogan

GUILD SURVEY RESULTS

To date, 20 completed guild surveys have been turned in. Below are the results, but please bear in mind that not everyone answered every question, so the totals may not add up to 20.

Rate your satisfaction with guild as a whole: 0 low, 7 satisfactory, 11 high

Rate the ability of the guild to make all members feel welcome and valued: 1 low, 9 satisfactory, 9 high

Rate the opportunities for guild involvement: 0 low, 8 satisfactory, 12 high

Do you feel you have a voice in guild decisions and activities: 15 yes, 3 no, 1 some

Do you utilize guild library: 15 yes, 5 no

In the library, what would you like to see more of: 4- traditional quilting, 4- modern quilting, 2- art quilting, 5 -quilting designs/patterns, 4- free motion quilting. Do you prefer books, DVDs or both: 1 books, 11 both

How would you rate your skill as a quilter: 2 beginner, 12 average, 6 skilled

Do we need more classes in: Basic piecing or construction skills? 12 yes, 3 no

Basic appliqué? 14 yes, 1 no. 1 requested hand appliqué, 1 machine appliqué, and 11 both hand and machine.

Basic quilting skills? 14 yes, 0 no. 11 requested machine quilting, 10 machine free-motion quilting, and 5 hand quilting.

Do we need advanced skills in any of the above: 8 yes, 3 no. Advanced skills were requested in hand quilting, machine quilting, free motion quilting (2), machine piecing, innovative or non-traditional piecing methods, art quilting, and all areas in general.

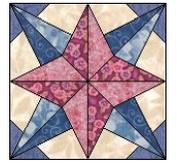
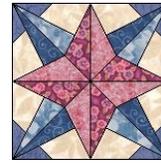
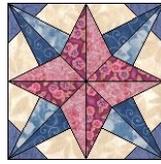
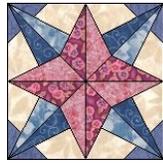
Do you prefer workshops focused on projects, techniques, or both: 1 project, 5 technique, and 13 mix of both

Would you like to see more opportunities for community service: 6 yes, 6 no. Of those voting yes, 5 prefer guild workdays, 1 public outreach, and 1 for individual work.

Comments and suggestions that were made:

- 1) Guild meetings: there were several comments that the business portion runs too long: suggestions were for those who will be giving reports to be lined up at the front ready to go, and to limit each person to 3 minutes. It was suggested that information already in the newsletter be touched on only briefly, if at all, so that more time may be devoted to the program/activities. The room needs to be cooler, and the guild should invest in a new sound system.
- 2) New members: we still need to do a better job of helping our new members integrate into the guild. Suggestions were for existing members to make more of an effort to connect with newer members, along with periodic coffees, lunches, or just meet and greet get-togethers. Also, newer members requested more history/context about issues being discussed – just a brief overview of whatever the topic is. It was mentioned that our beginning quilters feel very intimidated by the level of work being shown, so any efforts made to help, encourage, and involve them would be greatly appreciated.
- 3) Night guild members feel a little disconnected from the day guild. They would appreciate some programs/workshops being offered at night, possibly a way to be able to utilize the library, and updates about goings-on from the day guild meeting.
- 4) Guild activities – suggestions were made for a block of the month, round robin, and trips to nearby quilt shows and quilt shops.
- 5) Workshops – the following suggestions/requests were made for workshop ideas: modern quilting, paper piecing (esp. mariner's compass, log cabin, pineapple), how to pick and place colors (color theory), free motion quilting, Gudrun Erla again, and for more national teachers to be brought in. Several people suggested we coordinate with other area guilds to bring in national teachers at reduced cost, both for programs and workshops. A few national and local teachers were suggested by name (passed on to workshop chair). The comment was also made that we have had a lot of good workshops over the last few years.
- 6) General – suggestions were made to start a "Bring a friend" incentive program to help grow membership, to make sure we have info about the guild at area quilt shops, to have a guild presence at more area festivals, and to have periodic meet-n-greets.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! BRING YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY TO THE AUGUST MEETING OR SEND YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY TO SUSAN MOGAN, 5608 THOMAS JEFFERSON CT, MOBILE, AL 36693, OR EMAIL IT TO SMOGAN1@COMCAST.NET.



SUMMER RETREAT

Summer Retreat is August 24 - 27, 2017 at Camp Beckwith in Fairhope, Alabama. We have 18 signed up so far. Remember the deadline to sign up is August 8, 2017. All registration and payments must be turned in by this date. We are having Teacher Carol Balch, from Daphne, Al and a member of our Guild. You can pickup a registration form at the meeting or you can print from the newsletter. Mail or hand to me at the meeting.

*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.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

