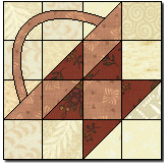


Azalea City Quilters' Guild

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EXCHANGE BLOCK

Yvonne Cobb Taylor and Patsy Davison Starkey (the Exchange Block Girls) have chosen Melinda's Bound-tiful Basket as the block to be exchanged at the August 14, 2018 meeting and luncheon. The blocks may be turned in at the May, June, July and August meetings. So, there is still a lot of time!!!

The Guild provides the background fabric plus instructions for \$1.00 and the member provides the block fabric. For every block turned in you receive one chance on the entire group of blocks! Make one block get one chance, make 10 blocks get ten chances. We are always at the back table. Look for the blue and white checked tablecloth. We have blocks that members have turned in so you can see the great variety and all the different fabrics that are used.

This time the EB Girls decided to remember one of the ACQG's most loved quilters, Melinda Bounds who recently passed away. A member since 1990, she served as Historian for many years.

For additional information or if you need help, please contact Yvonne Taylor at happyquilter247@aol.com or Patsy Starkey at pstarkey10@aol.com



Art Quilters: The art quilters will be having an exhibit at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Estuarium in June and July featuring our Under the Sea quilts, so if you are down there this summer please stop in and take a look. Currently we are continuing making Artful Log Cabin quilts, and will soon be starting the Watercolor to Quilt process. After that, we'll be doing Karen Eckmeir's Happy Villages. We always have something going on! Anyone is welcome to join us in these projects, no art quilting experience necessary.

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., May 1, 2018

At Joyce Reed's house—634-0256

ACQG General Meeting

9:30 Registration, 10:00 Meeting

2nd Tues., May 8, 2018

St. Mark UMC 439 Azalea Road

Linus Quilts

9:00-3:00 1st Thursday, May 3, 2018

Tillman's Corner Senior Center, Nevius Road

Night Guild

Thurs. after 2nd Tuesday, May 10, 2017

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

QUILTS OF VALOR

4th Monday of the month,

May 28, 2018

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

Art Quilters

4th Tuesday of the month, April May 22, 2018

University Church of Christ on Zeigler Blvd.

10:00 – 12:00

Baltimore Album Stitching Group

1st Saturday, May 5, 2018

Call Susan Garrett at

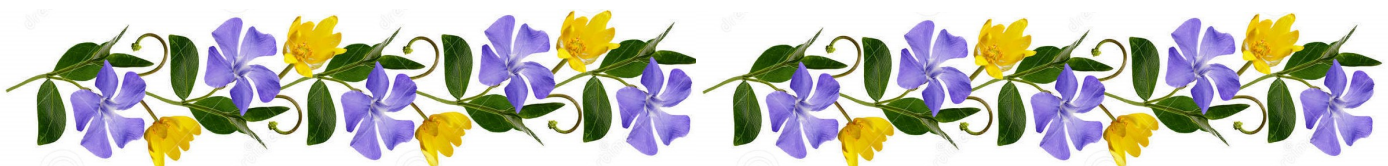
645-8304 or 599-4179

Machine Piecing Class

4th Wed., May 23, 2018 1:00 to 4:00pm

2nd floor, Activities Center,

Spring Hill Baptist Church



The President's Notes

What a great representation ACQG had at the GSQA Quilt Show in Slidell this April. We had 31 quilts entered with 15 ribbons awarded. Anne Godwin posted pictures on facebook so our members who were unable to attend could view all the quilts. Thank you Bonnie Johnson and Peggy Stone for taking on the responsibility of taking and picking up all the entrants. By doing this, our members were able to participate.

Our teacher, Martha Ginn, had us flying geese everywhere at the April workshop. It is always fun to learn new techniques. Martha had several of her Art Quilts in the GSQA Show.

As this newsletter goes to press, we will be one year out of the 2019 Quilt Show. Please take time to consider how you can make it a success. It depends on the members to make it the best ever.

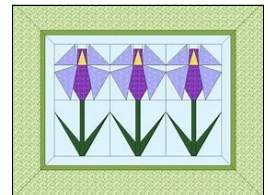
Don't forget to drop some of that loose change

weighing down your purse in the Child Advocacy jar. This is an easy way to help very needed services in our community.

Members have mentioned that our new members are not always aware of all our community projects. One of these is the pet pillows that Bonnie and Ron Johnson collect. It consists of pillows filled with scraps. If you are interested, check with Bonnie. She can email you the instructions.

Have you started on your challenge? I have no idea, but hope something will inspire me soon. This is one of my resolutions and I don't want to give up a fat quarter.

Ann



May Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Judy Purcell | 15 Margaret Whatley |
| 4 Martha Sumrall | 16 Lynda Cockrell |
| 5 Tish Fisackerly | 17 Sharron Potts |
| 5 Mary Ann Logsdon | 20 Audry Thompson |
| 6 Marie Entessar | 21 Cathy Wilson |
| 9 Carol Dolan- Groebe | 27 Linda McInnis |
| 9 Sandra Griffin | 29 Susan Digman |
| 14 Carolyn Courson | 30 Donette Erwin |
| 14 Arabelle Walker | 31 Carol Peterson |

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

March 2018

Money Market Account balance	\$ 8,224.88
Interest earned -	\$ 0.34
MMA balance	\$ 8,225.22
Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$11,906.01
Income:	
Ways and Means	\$ 104.00
Membership	100.00
Workshops	315.00
Opportunity Quilt	380.00
	<u>TOTAL \$ 899.00</u>
Expenses:	
St. Mark UMC	\$ 125.00
Paper Statement Fee	2.00
Susan Mogan Class	380.00
Susan Mogan Program	50.00
Joyce Reed QOV Postage	43.65
	<u>TOTAL \$ 600.65</u>
Ending Balance, Mar.31, 2018	TOTAL \$12,204.36

Treasurer, Peggy Stone

**Azalea City Quilters' Guild—General Meeting
St. Mark United Methodist Church—April 10, 2018**

Ann Singleton presided and welcomed all present. Bonnie Johnson led the inspiration and prayer. Minutes of the March meeting were approved. Announcements included the injury of member Faye Tarleton and an upcoming quilt show May 12 at the Gautier Convention Center.

Treasurer Peggy Stone reported a money market balance of \$8, 225. 22 and a checking account balance of \$12, 204.36.

The guild has 219 members. Shawn Sumrall reported attendance today of 70 members and 2 guests: Joy Hay and Wilma Lindsay. Two recent joiners are Bennie Johnson and Lois Daverede.

The May workshop will be Beginning Machine Quilting taught by Nina Clotfelter; cost is \$50. Pat Sloan will teach July 11; cost is \$55. Janet Beaverstock advised seeing Ms. Sloan's website. In November member Vicki Taylor will teach a Christmas ornament class.

The guild library has received two books donated by the Sassy Stitchers in memory of Janet McCurley: *A Garden Party of Quilts* by Joen Williams and *Classic Country Quilts* by Jane Townswick.

Janet Beaverstock moved that the next guild quilt show will be May 3-4, 2019 at the Abba Shrine Center. Shawn Sumrall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Susan Garret and Yvonne Taylor will chair the show. A sign-up sheet for committee volunteers and helpers was submitted.

Tickets for the off-year opportunity quilt are \$1.00. All members are encouraged to assist with sales. Susan Garrett will display the quilt for ticket sales at the GSQA meeting in April and at the Semmes Heritage Festival May 5.

Registration is open for the August 23-26 Retreat. Susan Garrett has a number of fun activities planned. Information and registration forms are in the newsletter. Discussion continued about a winter retreat. Susan recommended that we host one more winter retreat; if attendance is poor it will be discontinued. Dates will be February 14-17, 2019. Joyce Reed moved, and Yvonne Taylor seconded that we continue the winter retreat this time. There were none opposed.

Patsy Starkey announced that 78 sets of the Exchange Blocks have been sold. Drawing will be in August. She also announced that the Art Quilters group project *Under the Sea* will be displayed in June and July at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

Joyce Reed reported for Quilts of Valor "Stars over Mobile." Alabama QOV has requests for over 100 quilts with only four groups making quilts. If you wish to help, make a top and batting, backing, and quilting will be provided. The group will not meet in May due to a conflict with scheduling at the Senior Center. Cathy Wilson reported for the Baldwin County QOV group. There is a group of senior citizens sewing as well as a Girl Scout group. The eleven scouts will have 33 quilts done by the end of May. They need 50 hours to get the badge.

Bonnie Zabzdyr encouraged all to attend the GSQA show in Slidell and the quarterly meeting April 28 in Pensacola. The next Pursuit of Excellence is May 19 at the St. John Parrish Library in LaPlace, LA. See the GSQA website for information and application.

Reba Perkins reported \$98 collected for Ways and Means. Winners of the gifts were Bettye Butler, Reba Perkins, Susan Garrett, Lemoyne Keenlyne, Cora Stewart, and Barbara Smith.

Show and Tell featured lovely quilts made by members.

Martha Ginn presented the program. Martha helped establish the Pine Belt Quilters Guild in Hattisburg, has had quilts in national shows, and had a quilt displayed on tour in China. A slide show and actual quilts enhanced her remarks.

She will teach "Pathways" technique in the class tomorrow. Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Hetrick



QUILTS OF VALOR

We will sew on QOV and or Linus - your choice on the first Tuesday of May - May 1st at my home for Old Sew & Sews. There will be plenty of kits to choose from. Come and make a block or two or a whole quilt - your choice. I am working diligently to get a few more quilts ready for presentations later in the year and then to have a couple to share with our state coordinator for their backlog. Thanks for any help you can give.

God Bless,
Joyce Reed



Upcoming Events

<http://www.gulfstatesquilting.org>

Upcoming POE - May 19, 2018 -
Hosted by: Quilting Fans, St. John
Parish Library, 2920 New Hwy 51,
LaPlace, LA

A big THANK YOU to Bonnie Johnson and Peggy Stone for offering to take all of the quilts from our guild to the GSQA show! This encouraged members to send 31 quilts, which won a total of 16 ribbons. They took great care of our quilts - repackaging all of them after the show and smoothing out our ribbons. Thank you Bonnie and Peggy, and also to Elaine and Dan Williams for helping them after the show.

WORKSHOPS

May 15: Nana Clotfelter - Machine quilting on your home machine - \$50 includes kit

June 19: Quilts of Valor - Pair up with another member to create a QofV top in one day. No charge
Red/white/blue fat quarters needed.

July 11: Pat Sloane - All day workshop with a quilting star - \$55 includes pattern.

All workshops are open - held Springhill Baptist - Sign up at the May meeting

Janet Beaverstock 251-973-2844



Night Guild News

The evening of April 12th, twelve members gathered for Bonnie Johnson's program on Cathedral Windows by machine. Bonnie demonstrated several different twists on the old and beautiful favorite. There is something that I've discovered about teachers. They only retire from their jobs....they remain teaching the rest of their lives. And so, we were Bonnie's students for the evening. She held TRUE to the craft, and sent us all away with HOMEWORK.....that dreaded 8 letter word. It is due at our next meeting on May 10th. So.....don't forget to be diligent with your skills, prepare your homework for our May meeting, and remember that it will be gladly received for the special project that was discussed.

Susan Holler showed the project that she made in Day Guild's workshop, and explained the ideas behind the design using flying geese. Several more participated in show & tell of which there were 3 completed quilts. AWESOME!

Judy Purcell won the fat quarters, which delighted her, because she "never wins". Several more people signed up to give a future program.....YES! Thank you brave members! You'll discover, It's really not so bad after all. We promise to respect you and NOT throw darts.

Our next Night Guild meeting will be May 10th. Rosa Little will give the program, "Preparing your quilt top and quilt back for the Longarm Quilter". Rosa is an accomplished Longarm Quilter, who has the patience of a saint. There are several things the Longarm Quilter needs you to have ready, when you bring your quilt top and back to them for quilting. They are valuable to ensure a successful and beautiful finished quilt.

Hope to see you Thursday, 6:30pm, May 10th at Christ United Methodist Church, Room 204, on Grelot Road. Remember to bring your homework. No fair in "forgetting to bring it, or my dog ate the homework, or my sewing machine has a cold".

Until then, be BLESSED with perfect seams.

Linda Evans
Night Guild Chairman

August Retreat is just around the corner, August 23-26, 2018. Signups have started, so reserve your spot today. This will be an Unfinished Object (Project) Retreat. We have some awesome plans for this Summer. Hope to see you there! Susan Garrett, Retreat Coordinator

ACQG 2018 Summer Retreat

August 23-26, 2018

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 (Please get specific) :

You will know who your Secret Sister is before retreat, so you will be providing things they will be sure to love. (Please 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, Single ----- \$340.00

Friday 8:30am – Sunday 1pm ----- Db ----- \$200.00, Single ---- \$250.00

Roommate: _____

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

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

Thursday – Saturday ----- \$110.00 or Choose Individual Days

Thursday \$30.00

Friday \$45.00

Saturday \$45.00

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 7, 2018. All registration and payments are DUE.

Quilt Show

Ok everyone, Quilt Show preparations are under way. We still need Committee Chairs to handle some of the jobs that make our show a success. We need each and every one of our members to take an active roll to make this a great show. Please consider Chairing a committee or even helping. New list will be at the May meeting.

Thanks,

Susan Garrett, Show Chairperson, Yvonne Taylor, Co. Chairperson



KUDOS: Susan Mogan has had three quilts accepted to the Arts Revive "Alabama Artists: Roots and Wings" art show in Selma, AL, celebrating the 200 year anniversary of Alabama. The show features artwork by Alabama artists, and will be held at Gallery [905, 905 Water Ave.](#) in Selma from April 27th through May 31st. Susan's quilt Secret Haven won the people's choice award at the opening reception.

Welcome to our New Member:

Bennie Johnson, 8174 Magnolia Village Dr N, Mobile AL 36695, 251-607-7671 h 301-325-0609 c, bjoh283070@aol.com

Address Change:

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