

Azalea City Quilters' Guild

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WORKSHOPS



Carol Jayne, a certified Judy Niemeyer Teacher, will be our Program on October 8, 2019. She will do a 2-day workshop on Wednesday, October 9, and Thursday, October 10 from 9 – 3 at Regency Church of Christ on University Blvd. The class

cost is \$70 for the two days plus a \$22 pattern. Carol will call each person to go over instructions prior to class. Learn a new technique (paper piecing) or use it as a refresher course if you haven't paper pieced in a while. Bring your lunch.

Any questions, call Janet Beaverstock (251 973-2844) or Ann Singleton (251 377-2781).

In November, we will have a QOV workshop on Tuesday, November 19, at Springhill Baptist Activity Center.

Joyce Reed will have patterns for simple star blocks available at the October meeting.

This will be an opportunity for anyone who would like to work on blocks. We will start at 9:30 and everyone can sew for however long you are able. Bring some red, white, and blue material from your stash and let's see how many blocks we can make.

Come early or come late, leave early or stay late. We will be sewing and socializing. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, call Ann Singleton at 251 377-2781.

Calendar of Events

Block Party

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

Community Sewing Quilts

1st Tues., October 1, 2019—9:00-12:00
Humana Ins., 3653 Airport Blvd., Ste B

ACQG General Meeting

9:30 Registration, 10:00 Meeting
2nd Tue., October 8, 2019
St. Mark UMC 439 Azalea Road

Linus Quilts

9:00-3:00 1st Thursday, October 3, 2019
Tillman's Corner Senior Center, Nevius Road

Night Guild

Thurs. after 2nd Tuesday
October 10, 2019

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

Quilts of Valor

4th Monday of the month, October 28, 2019
8:30-3:30 at 1600 Boykin Blvd.

Art Quilters

4th Tuesday of the month,
October 22, 2019, 10-12
University Church of Christ on Zeigler Blvd.

Baltimore Album Stitching Group

1st Sat., Oct. 5, 2019 Yvonne Taylor, 422-1795,
email: happystitcher247@aol.com

Machine Piecing

2nd Class—Wed., November 6, 2019
MaryAnn Logsdon



The President's Notes

As I think about what to include in this month's President's Notes, I am listening to the news reports of the flooding in Midtown/Springhill/Mobile area. Hopefully, all of you were safe during the 4 to 6 inches of rain that fell in a very short time period. I was in the Bel Air mall area when the rain started and was thinking of going to JoAnn's to see what I could use for a new project. I am so glad I made the decision to go home.

What a busy month September has been! The month started with a Quilts of Valor (QOV) presentation at Bonnie Johnson's church. A number of our guild members helped with the presentations and draping of quilts to eight well deserved veterans. This was such a moving experience to hear what each veteran has contributed to our country. Cathy Wilson and Joyce Reed, in addition to needing help with making the QOV quilts, also need a pillowcase for each quilt and volunteers to help with the presentations. If you feel the call to help with this outreach of the guild, please give Cathy or Joyce a call to see where you may contribute.

The first general meeting of a new quilting year is always exciting with new officers and committee chairs. Thank you to Sue Gunther for her inspirational message asking what each one of us can do to help the guild. MaryAnn Logsdon announced the start of this year's beginning quilting class. Ann Singleton gave us details on the upcoming workshops (Diane Knott's workshop to be held the day after the September meeting and Carol Jaynes' 2-day workshop in October). The kits for the Exchange Blocks were available for purchase from Patsy Starkey and Yvonne Taylor. Anne Godwin filled us in on the activities of the Art Group. Susan Garrett announced the Off-Year Opportunity quilt was displayed at the August retreat and twenty books of tickets were sold! Diane Knott's trunk show of her scrappy quilts was very inspiring. Oh, what beautiful

color combinations and quilting. I have fallen in love with scrappy quilts and am amazed at the beautiful quilts made from the small pieces of fabric left over from completed projects. Hopefully, there is at least one activity mentioned that could help you expand your quilting experience.

A number of guild members enjoyed spending a day with Diane Knott learning her method of free motion quilting using rulers. The workshop was very informative and very hands on. In addition to learning a new technique, workshops also give you the opportunity to get to know other members in a small group environment.

I also attended the night guild meeting on Thursday night after the Tuesday day meeting. The members in this group are so supportive of each other and readily share tips and suggestions. Shawn Sumrall presented a wonderful program on the Sweet Seasons of Life log cabin cross.

The first Quilt Show meeting was held near the end of September. It may seem that we have a lot of time until the next show in the Spring of 2021, but the time will fly by. Have you given any thought to which quilts you may want to enter? Even if you do not want your quilts judged, consider entering your quilts to be displayed to show the public what we do as a guild. Also, please consider volunteering for one of the many tasks needed before and during the show.

Hopefully with the cooler weather of October, those unfinished quilt tops will become finished projects! Until next month...happy stitching.
Susan



October Birthdays

10/3 Elaine Williams	10/11 Susan Lynch
10/3 Jean Foot	10/14 Bobbie Williamson
10/3 Ann Hetrick	10/16 Maureen Muschel
10/6 Marla Young	10/18 Sharon Morris
10/7 Linda Evans	10/23 Faye Tarleton
10/8 Sharon Holmes	10/24 Glenda Pouyadou-Palmer
10/10 Monica Lewis	10/28 Candy Snipes



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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.



Our Sympathy is for
Lori Hickman and her family.
Her husband passed away in
September.

**Azalea City Quilters' Guild—General Meeting
St. Mark United Methodist Church—September 10, 2019**

President Susan Holler welcomed members and guests. She requested prayer for Lori Hickman whose husband passed away on September 5 and for Judy Merriman who is having shoulder surgery this week and for Patsy Starkey who has had surgery. Also, please pray for Wilma Toney who is having surgery soon. Susan shared that Vicki Crooms has moved to Somerby and has given up driving. Please remember to share your time with her and bring her to Guild meetings when you can. Susan also thanked 2018-2019 officers and board members for their leadership and service. She shared info about several quilt show opportunities that are coming up. Susan reminded us to park "tight" in the parking lot out front to allow for more cars to fit there. Susan announced that the new board will meet at SHB Activity Center on Thursday, September 26, at 9:30am and the show board meeting will follow at about 11:30am at the same location. Susan called for a vote on the 2019-2020 Budget which was discussed at the August meeting. It passed unanimously.

Sue Gunter's inspiration reminded us that our involvement as individuals and our part as members of the guild are important. She shared that we are better as a group working together for the good of all. She read 1 Corinthians 12:11.

The August meeting minutes were approved as printed in the Nine-Patch News with no corrections. Treasurer, Sandy Purvis, reported balances of \$4,025.83 in our checking account and \$12,236.13 in our money market account.

Peggy Stone reported that we have 76 present today which includes 4 new members and 3 guests.

Peggy Stone will share about picking a show judge at the show board meeting on 9/26.

Ann Singleton reminded us of Diane Knott's (Butterfly Threads Quilting) workshop tomorrow "Introduction to Machine Quilting with Rulers" at Regency Church of Christ 9:00 am. On October 9 -10, Carol Jaynes, who is a certified Judy Neimeyer teacher, will have a workshop on "Paper Piecing Desert Sky Pattern". This is a TWO DAY workshop also at the Regency Church of Christ at 9:00 am both days.

Yvonne Taylor & Patsy Starkey have the Christmas Hexi-tree exchange block kits available. Completed blocks will be due in December for the drawing. They can be done by hand or machine and can be embellished as well.

Susan Garrett said the August retreat was great with lots of fun, food, prizes, etc. Next retreat is 8/27-8/30, 2020.

Susan Garrett also reported that off-year opportunity quilt is ready and we will sell tickets through August 2020. The quilt is an 80" X 90" size; she will have the photo postcards to advertise

the ticket sales ready soon.

Susan Garrett announced that new photos for the yearbook are due by October 1.

Bonnie Johnson announced that the next GSQA meeting will be October 26 in New Orleans, LA. Bonnie shared about the beginnings of GQSA. She announced GSQA will have their next quilt show in April 2020.

Bonnie Johnson requested that we send updates for our area to the website as soon as we know about them.

Linda Evans reminded that Night Guild meets at 6:30 pm on Thursday at CUMC. Remember to bring a fat quarter and a canned good. This Thursday Shawn Sumrall will be teaching about paper piecing.

Art Quilts will have a show on August 28 at USA per Anne Godwin.

Sunshine Leader, Bonita Flesher, reminded us to let her know when there is a need to send a card.

Diane Engels announced that Donation Quilts sewing day will continue to be on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Librarian, Ann Hetrick, reported that we have a book by Master Quilter Martha Skelton available for check out. She also shared that a "no fine grace period" for turning in pass due books is being offered through October.

Susie Olsen reminded us that we continue to collect money donations for the Child Advocacy Center. Our annual goal is \$300. She shared that we have copies available today of their new brochure outlining their program.

MaryAnn Logsdon gave an introduction to the Machine Piecing Class. She displayed her quilt and challenged those who still have unfinished quilts from a previous class to complete them. The 1st class will be Wed, 9/25. After that, they will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 1-4 pm at the SBC Activity Center. The 2nd class will be on 10/2.

Ways and Means collected \$109.00 for the un-birthday gift drawing. The winners were: Cathy Eilers, Nancy Lancaster, Sue Gunter, Lamoyne Keenlyne, Kathy Brooks and Diane Knott, our guest speaker.

Show and Tell featured many beautiful quilts made by our members.

Our guest speaker Diane Knott of Butterfly Threads Quilting presented her wonderful quilts and shared many interesting stories about them. Her work was very inspiring to all present.

Respectfully Submitted, *Lydia Criswell*, Secretary



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Marcelle Stay, 4267 Shepard Dr S., Saraland, Al 36571, marcellestay@gmail.com, 251-348-9797, Jan 4

Diane Haramia, 2504 Springhill Ave., Mobile, Al 36607, diamia3@gmail.com, 271-971-1485, Feb 26

Allie Kamara, 474 Barlow Street, Mobile, Al 36617, Aitamesck@gmail.com, 251-343-8455, July 2

Keturah Kamara, 474 Barlow Street, Mobile, Al 36617, KeturahKamara@gmail.com, 251-340-4556, Feb 11

Rose Nelson, 1941 Foxgate Rd., Mobile, Al 36695, R.J.Nelson@hotmail.com, 251-591-5392, Dec 12



NIGHT GUILD NEWS

W O W, we had a blast at September's meeting. With 14 members, of which 4 are new members: Allie Kamara with teen daughter, Keturah. (affectionately known as Lola); plus Judy Green, and Trisha Ringer, - who I *thought* were established members. I hope you all come back again. It was good to see Grace Watkins-Taylor. Grace's daughter is back in the USA from her Exchange Student status in South Korea. I'm sure she has many exciting stories to share. And it was so exciting to receive a visit from our President, Susan Holler.

There was a bountiful Show and Tell...too many to mention individually; but wonderful work from amazing quilters! Your works of art were very exciting for our new members to see.

Bonnie received a nice surprise. At our Friendship Drawing, we both had the same fabrics in one of our blocks. If you remember, I won the drawing; but after I got home and had the opportunity to admire my winnings, I looked closely at my block, and the plain fabric did NOT perfectly match what I had in my stash. I brought it back and gave it to Bonnie. She was delighted.

Shawn Sumrall brought several designs for the next Friendship Drawing. We chose the leaf. Shawn is prepared to choose and purchase the background fabric to get us started in the entry accumulation for the drawing.

Shawn also gave the program, which was constructing the Log Cabin Cross. She went into great detail on the construction, with diagrams, and putting up the individual strips in the EASIEST way, so as to not get confused with the mirror image. She also gave each of us a pattern for the cross. It is a beautiful pattern...and I heard ooh's and aaah's from one of the new members. Shawn chose a gift card to a local steakhouse, as her reward for giving the program.

The October 17 meeting.....The program will be "Self Binding". Judy Purcell will be giving the program. Judy always does a great job. She is so relaxed, and makes everything seem easy.

Also, I have come up with something **NEW** for us to do....if the group is willing. I will bring (accurate examples) for you to see. Be sure to write the date Oct. 17 on your calendar, so you don't forget to attend. Try to arrive between 6:15 & 6:25pm, to be settled for the meeting to begin at 6:30. We MISS YOU when you aren't here. I hope to see your smiling faces Thursday, October 17th at Christ United Methodist Church, 6101 Grelot Rd., Mobile. If you are late, and the door is locked, enter at the Nursery (backwards about 100 feet., by the playground equip) enter thru that door, you will see the Sanctuary sign. Take elevator to 2nd floor, room 204.

And as always the church appreciates your donations of non-perishable food items such as a bag of rice, or a can of vegetables or soup. Your fat quarter will make the winner smile too, and the **WINNER** may be **YOU**.

By the time you receive this newsletter, hope the weather is 20 degrees or more cooler. It certainly has been a dreadful, LONG, HOT SUMMER!

Keep a sharp needle, *Linda Evans*, Night Guild Chairman



Expand Your Horizons

Join GSQA

The Greater Gulf Quilting Association was organized in 1982 after a National Quilting Association Quilt Show as Region III. Even though Regions were divested by NQO in 1986 the members decided to continue as organized. Luckily for us in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, AL and Florida. Its purpose is "to create, stimulate, maintain and demonstrate an interest in all things related to quilts and quilt making."

Meeting quarterly in different locations, based on who hosts, GSQA members are treated to a diversity of speakers, lotto block exchanges, an always amazing Show and Tell, Circuit Teachers, POE, Opportunity Quilt tickets, an awesome Biennial Quilt Show, a biennial Seminar with local and national teachers and getting to know and share with sister/brother quilters from all across the Gulf States.

In the past few years, many of our ACQG members have entered the GSQA Biennial Quilt Show held in Slidell, MS in April of even years. Go to GSQA.org for more information on How to Join, Events (where the next quarterly meeting is), Circuit Teachers and the Newsletter. For more information contact **Bonnie Johnson** at robojo2@aol.com.

QUILTS OF VALOR

I am trying to start the new year with an empty list (or at least near empty) of veterans wanting/need a quilt. At this point, I have requests for 3-4 more quilts than I actually have on hand ready to present. Some are being bound and I am counting the ones I know about in this count. I am also short a few pillowcases. If you can quilt a quilt top for us, we can get it bound. I have a couple waiting to be quilted if you can help with that. If you have one ready for us to present that you haven't let me know about, I would appreciate that info. so that I can let the last few veterans waiting on a quilt know that we have one ready for our November presentations. Also, let me know if you'd like to help drape a veteran at a presentation. Thank you.

ACQG Stars over Mobile will likely have presented over 70 quilts this year by the end of December. That is not counting the patriotic quilts that Sassy Stitchers has done for their vets. This is fantastic! Thank you so much! The vets really appreciate it.



God Bless, *Joyce Reed*

Treasurer's Report
September (for August Activity) 2019

Money Market Account balance,	\$ 12,235.43
Interest earned	<u>.70</u>
MMA balance, August 31, 2019	\$ 12,236.13
Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,196.67
Income	
Membership (\$490+189+60)	\$ 740.00
Workshops	292.00
Hospitality	42.00
Ways & Means	<u>113.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,187.00
Expenses	
Peggy Stone—Hospitality	\$ 58.62
St. Mark UMC—Aug. Rent	125.00
Susie Olsen—Workshop Refund	50.00
Yvonne Tayhlor—Exchange Blocks	82.83
Bonnie Zabzdyr—Challenge	11.39
Red Dot Storage—Sept. Rent	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 357.84
Ending Balance as of August 31,2019	\$ 4,025.83

Sandy Purvis, Treasurer

UP COMING EVENTS

Quilt Exhibition, September 14 – November 2, 2019

First White House of Confederacy
Montgomery, AL

Quilt Show sponsored by Blount County Quilters' Guild

October 25 & 26, 2019
1225 Palisades Parkway
Oneonta, AL

Art Buckhead – A Pop-Up
show of Exceptional Contemporary Art

October 25 & 26, 2019
Miami Circle, Buckhead community
Atlanta, GA



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