

Azalea City Quilters' Guild

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CELEBRATING AZALEA CITY QUILTERS' GUILD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Stitches from the past!

The first official meeting of the Azalea City Quilters Guild was held on July 21,

1980. The meeting took place in a building on Dauphin Street. By September of that year, the Guild moved to the Cottage Hill Branch of the Mobile Public Library and grew to a membership of 30 by December. The next move was to Springhill Baptist Church in 1982. Two years later in 1984, the meetings were held in the Bay Haas Building on Government Street. That move required the organization to start meeting in the morning.

In 1987, the Guild found a home at Springhill Avenue United Methodist Church. This meeting place lasted for many years, but with a growing membership, the Guild required more and more space for activities. Many activities were scheduled in various other locations and continued to be even with the next move to St. Mark United Methodist on Azalea Road. All this time the Guild was growing and adapting to new ideas along with the renewed interest in quilting taking place nationally and internationally. Again, a new meeting place was needed. On January 14, 2020, the Guild moved to its current location, the Regency Church of Christ on University Blvd..

This year we celebrate 40 years of achievements. Help by showing your skills and complete the Challenge for June.

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., April 7, 2020—9:00-12:00
 Humana Ins., 3653 Airport Blvd., Ste B

ACQG General Meeting

9:30 Registration, 10:00 Meeting
 2nd Tues., April 14, 2020
 Regency Church of Christ, 501 S. University Blvd.

Donation Quilts

9:00-3:00 1st Thursday, April 2, 2020
 Tillman's Corner Senior Center, Nevius Road

Night Guild

Thurs. after 2nd Tuesday
 April 16, 2020
 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Christ UMC on Grelot Rd.

Quilts of Valor

4th Monday of the month, April 27, 2020
 8:30-3:30 at 1600 Boykin Blvd.

Art Quilters

4th Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 10-12
 University Church of Christ, Zeigler Blvd.

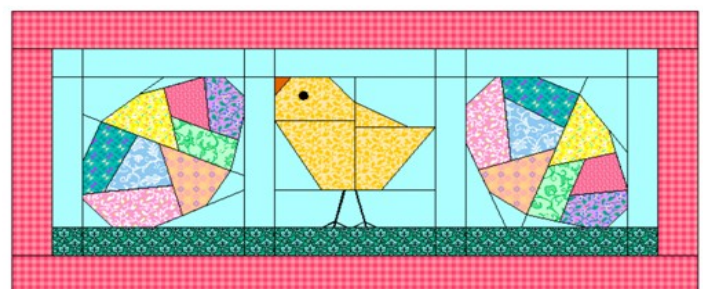
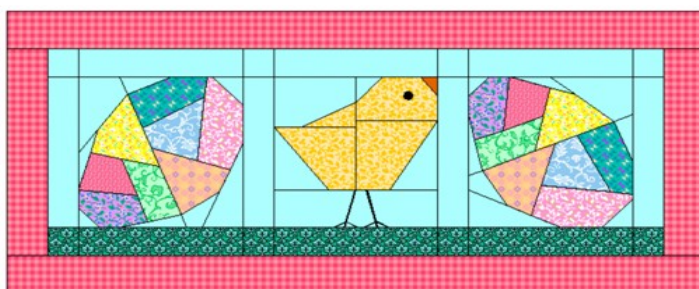
Baltimore Album Stitching Group

Cancelled until further notice. Yvonne Taylor, 341 Dalewood Dr. 422-1795 email: happyquilter247@aol.com

Machine Piecing

Wed., April 29, 2020
 MaryAnn Logsdon

The activities of the guild are suspended until at least April 18. We will keep everyone updated as to when the activities will begin again. Please stay safe!



The President's Notes

As I begin to think about the President's Notes this month, we are about one week into the self quarantine. My thoughts and prayers are with any and all who are sick and/or recovering from the coronavirus. The world changed from what we knew as normal to nothing being normal in a very short period of time. I hope all of you are following the recommendations from the CDC to stay home and limit contact with others as much as possible. My heart goes out to the employees being furloughed or terminated and the businesses that are hurting financially due to no fault of their own.

I am also thinking about something that is credited to Mr. Rogers. "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." A number of our members are helping by sewing masks for hospitals and other healthcare facilities. I am sure other members are helping their neighbors/families/friends in big and small ways.

The April general meeting and night meeting

have been canceled. The Mark Sherman workshop in May has been postponed to a date in the future. We are waiting to see what the recovery time is for this virus before we make decisions on future months.

The April 2020 regional meeting for GSQA has been canceled and we have been asked to host the July 2021 quarterly meeting. Bonnie Johnson has graciously agreed to continue in her position as GSQA representative and will coordinate what needs to be done for the meeting.

Please keep yourself safe. Let your fellow quilters know if you need assistance or help or just need/want to talk someone.

Until next month, happy stitching.,

Susan



**Please
Note**

The church has asked our members to park in the rear of building. You will find plenty of parking, including handicap parking. Thanks.

April Birthdays

4	Ramona Thompson	Janora Parker
	Susan Baskin	16 Lee Sheffield
	Sue Roundtree	17 Gail Gehlken
6	Kaye Sackett	19 Melanie Stokley
	Lavonne Terrell	20 Susie Olsen
7	Ann Singleton	21 Shane Cole
8	Marie Owens	22 Barbara Groseclose
9	Bonnie Mobley	28 Deborah Mandrell
10	Rosa Little	30 Patricia Hagler
11	Annette Oliver	



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 February

Money Market Account balance,	\$ 12,239.74
Interest earned	<u>.66</u>
MMA balance, January 31, 2019	\$ 12,240.40
Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,787.46
Income	
Workshops (Carol Jaynes overpayment)	\$ 240.00
Membership	\$ 70.00
Ways & Means	98.00
Workshops	<u>210.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 618.00
Expenses	
Regency Church of Christ—Jan. Rent	\$ 125.00
Marie Owens (Newsletter exp.)	66.24
U. S. Postal Service (Box rent)	148.00
Peggy Stone—Membership Supplies	8.99
Child Advocacy—Donation	450.00
Alma Moates-Program	50.00
Semmes Chamber of Commerce- (Opportunity Quilt-dep.for booth)	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 898.23
Ending Balance as of Feb 29, 2020	\$ 2,507.23

Sandy Purvis, Treasurer

**Azalea City Quilters' Guild—General Meeting
St. Mark United Methodist Church—March 10, 2020**

President Susan Holler called the meeting together at 10:00 a.m. at Spring Hill Baptist Activity Center. She asked us to keep in mind Bonnie Mobley who is having hip replacement surgery on April 8. Jean Foots who is recuperating from her second cataract surgery and Patsy Starkey who had back surgery. Barbara Smith has moved to Birmingham and a card was available for members to sign for her.

Susan gave an update of Regency Church of Christ leak that flooded parts of the church so our meetings will be held at Spring Hill Baptist Activity Center until repairs are completed.

Luckily there was no damage to our library books.

Sue Gunter gave the inspiration on the Promise of Spring. In Mobile, that includes camellias & azaleas as evidence of Springtime.

Reports:

Secretary's minutes for February were approved.

Treasurer reported an ending Checking balance for Feb. of \$2507.23 Money Market balance of \$12,240.40

Membership chairman, Peggy Stone, reported 246 guild members with 57 members present & the 4 guests were: Karen Gordon, Kathy Gordon, Michelle Taylor & Sheri Kelsoe. Kathy Gordon joined today.

Program chairman, Pam Stephens, reported that Judy Goll will give a demonstration of June Taylor products at our April meeting.

Workshop chairman, Ann Singleton, reported that the February workshop on "Big Bag" was attended by 12 members and all enjoyed it. March workshop will be Sandy Fitzpatrick's class on "Gourds" (\$30 + pattern) GSQA will hold their meeting April 25th and workshops April 23 & 24 at Regency Church of Christ in Mobile. Mark Sherman will teach in May.

Challenge chairman, Bonnie Zabzdyr, reported that challenge quilts will be due in June in honor of our 40th anniversary should be pink & green 30" or less quilt theme using at least 2 different blocks (check website for choices).

Library chairman, Ann Hetrick, reported that the library was spared from water damage and no fines will be charged this month since library isn't here.

Education chairman, MaryAnn Logsdon, reported that May 6 class will be on April 29.

Retreat chairman, Susan Garrett, reported that annual retreat will be held August 27-30 at Camp Beckwith with costs of \$200 Fri-Sun and \$265 Thurs-Sun. Registration will open in April.

Off-year Opportunity Quilt chairman, Susan Garrett, reported that members will sell tickets for the quilt at the Azalea Festival at Mary G. Montgomery H.S. on March 14. If anyone is interested in quilting for others Susan will have a card made up with names to hand out. Yvonne Taylor needs ACQG "info cards" to hand out. Susan Holler & Susan Garrett may have template for those.

Quilt Show chairman, Peggy Stone, reported that the company that will be hangers for the quilt show have been notified and finalized. There are some vacancies to be filled for committees. Hoping for mentors for committees to train for future show.

Quilts of Valor Mobile chairman, Joyce Reed, reported that she & Bonnie Johnson will be going to Georgia March 14 for QOV Regional meeting. Dues are due in May and payable online at QOV website. Dues are \$10 this year & \$15 for dues & pin. Baldwin chairman, Cathy Wilson, reported that there will be a fun run in Baldwin County to benefit local Quilt of Valor group.

Donation Quilts - Lola Terranova reported for Diane Engels that Pam Pulley will be at April meeting for Linus quilts. Let her know so she can put on labels.

GSQA chairman, Bonnie Johnson, reported that members from 56 guilds in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama & Florida will attend the April 23 & 24 workshops and April 25 membership meeting here. She thanked the 25 ACQG members who donated for door prizes. Peggy Stone will be in charge of food for possibly 150 attendees. She asked for volunteers for "breakfast items".

Resolutions chairman, Cathy Eilers, reported that she is still accepting resolutions cards.

Night Guild chairman, Linda Evans, reported that program will be Encounter w/ Quilting

Art Quilters chairman, Anne Godwin, reported they meet 4th Tuesday at University Church of Christ

Exchange Blocks chairman Yvonne Taylor reported that the exchange block is Bear Claws. It will be blue & white 14 1/2" block. Complete kit is \$2 or 2 for \$3. Due in August.

Child Advocacy chairman, Susie Olsen, reported that we are accepting donations and hope to exceed the \$450 contribution we made last year.

Email chairman, Cora Stewart, was thanked for sending emails for change of venue info.

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Minutes Continued**Announcements:**

Ways and Means collection was \$88.00 Winners of the "Un-Birthday" gifts were

Ann Singleton, Mary Elizabeth Brown (2), Janet Beaverstock.

Show & Tell was enjoyed by all.

Program was presented by Sandy Fitzpatrick of Hissyfitz. It was on the subject of free motion quilting on a domestic sewing machine. She presented beautiful slides of her quilts and how she quilted them. She donated several patterns for drawings.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Purvis

August Retreat

With all our activities canceled for now, we are also putting Retreat registration on hold. As more information comes available, we hope to start in May, but still not sure. Stay tuned to ACQG emails for updates.

Susan Garrett

THANKS

I would like to sincerely thank all who helped sew blocks for the Quilt Show Quilt. Special thanks to Peggy Stone, Janice Andrews and Janet Ziplies for helping pick a pattern and fabric. A big Thank You goes to Bonnie Zabzdyr for the appliqué work. With extra home time recently, the top is finished, and soon will be on to the quilter. **Lamoyn Keenlyne**

NIGHT GUILD NEWS

First, a BIG THANK YOU to SHARON NADER for writing February's Report for me. You see, I have been having soooooo much TROUBLE with my email....and then at the last minute with my computer that I could not get the January Report written. That is why I asked Sharon to write February's for me. I think it was Russian interference....or a Chinese virus, but considering today's environment, it is NOT FUNNY. Still ...UNABLE to use the desktop computer, I am writing on my MUCH hated laptop for the SECOND TIME TONIGHT. Oh, did you ask why? Because I WROTE THE FIRST ONE, SENT IT....and it disappeared.....it did NOT send to the editor, either. It is gone forever. So I'm writing again. It is 11:15pm and I really would like to be sleeping, but I need to remember what I wrote in newsletter #1.

Here goes.....

We had several people call to say they were ill, and would not be at the meeting. Thank you for being considerate. We already have enough germs, and it was nice to know your accounting so we could put you in our prayers. I was surprised that we had 7 attending the March meeting. And WOW, did we have a jolly good time! But we MISSED those who didn't come.

Bonnie Johnson announced there may be a delay in our hosting the GSQA meeting. We have made mug rugs and tissue pack holders to be used as door prizes which will be put into safe keeping for the future meeting. The current *CORONAVIRUS* safety parameters get stricter every day. Thank God our country had limitations placed on it early. They kept us safe in comparison to other countries.

A vote was taken whether to have the drawing for the Friendship Leaf, and it was yes. The names were folded and placed into a bag, and Elaine Williams kindly drew the folded piece and handed to me. The winner..... Alan Farmer! Congratulations Alan. We are sure you will make a beautiful piece with the leaves.

There were a few Show and Tell 's, but Judy Purcell stole the show with her newly finished piece that will be entered in our next quilt show. I was drooling. Plus, Judy gave me a wonderful tip for color placement in a Quilt of Valor block I'm putting together.

Speaking of Quilt of Valor.....our blocks are coming along. There are 13 that have been completed and turned in already. Remember.....there is a big, fat PRIZE for the person who turns in the MOST completed blocks for the patterns we are using. If you are confused, CALL me on my cell phone.

The program was "EYELASHES, One of the Perils of Machine Quilting" given by me. It regarded the problems of too much and too little tension, and incorrect threading. I took the information from Superior Threads off the internet. Several people commented that they have read info on Superior Threads, and the humor page also. Great information!

To end the meeting, I announced that "I will be stepping down this summer." It was very quiet. "And after much thought and consideration, I have asked Alan Farmer if he would consider taking the Chairman position and leading Night Guild." There was C H E E R I N G !!!!! Needless to say, It was a very good night for Alan.

April 16, meeting begins @ 6:30pm, Christ United Methodist Church, Room 204, 6101 Grelot Rd. Please arrive a few minutes early. Don't forget to bring the completed QOV block from your packet. If the meeting is cancelled per the Coronavirus or other emergency, we will notify everyone by email.

Please STAY HEALTHY,
Linda Evans, Chairman

2020 AZALEA GUILD CHALLENGE
ISSUED AT THE JANUARY 2020 MEETING – DUE AT THE JUNE MEETING

The challenge is “The Piecemakers Challenge” in honor of the original members that started our guild.

1. Entries should be no larger than 30” square
2. The original members met weekly and chose traditional blocks to make so I chose 6 beginner blocks. You must use at least 2 of them or you may use all of them. These two blocks must be pieced. The blocks are Monkey Wrench, Flying Geese, Square in a Square, Patience Corner, Four Patch and Nine Patch. They must appear in the front of the quilt.
3. You must use pink and green fabrics in the body of the quilt, not just the binding or backing but you may add other colors.
4. You may add applique and/or bling if you like.
5. The quilt should depict quilts, quilting, quilting items, quilt words, sewing, etc.
6. All entries must be quilted and finished.

WORKSHOPS

The members who took the machine appliqué class with Sandy Fitzpatrick learned several new techniques. I have never attended a class that I didn't learn something. Due to the uncertainty of our current pandemic problem we have canceled Mark Sherman's class in May. He was very gracious and is willing to reschedule at a later day. Nothing was planned for April due to GSQA. They have canceled the classes and meeting, but we will not schedule anything in April or May due to the uncertainty of when life will return to normal. Take care of yourself and your family. If any of our members need help please let us know. We should watch out for each other. Ann Singleton



EARLY RENEWAL

Early Renewal will start for all members from June - August. Renewals will end on Sept 30. Members who have not renewed by that date will not be in the handbook and removed from the membership list.

MEMBERSHIP

New Member:
 Karen Gordon, 105 Bradford Ave., Mobile, Al.
 36604, 228-669-3551, klg9277@gmail.com
 02/27

QUILT SHOW



The hanging company has been notified and contract received.
 A committee meeting will be in May. Date will appear in April newsletter.
 We still need chairmen for these committees:

Admissions
 Country Store
 Tickets for Show Quilt

Baskets
 Docents
 Special Displays

Budget
 Hanging



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