

Azalea City Quilters' Guild

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CELEBRATING AZALEA CITY QUILTERS' GUILD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Like everything else in the time of Covid-19, we are on hold for the Anniversary Party. As we await our next meeting, we, like the Olympians can continue to practice our skills. An anniversary can be a time for remembering. Remember all the past workshops and the wonderful teachers. Better still, remember the member sitting next to you who said "Oh, this is how you do that." It has been 40 years of sharing our talents and it will happen again!



ACQG Membership:

The membership renewal is going slowly. Please respond so that the renewal records can be completed before October 1, 2020. I have had a lot of member information changes. We want correct information in the ACQG Handbook.

The membership form can be printed off of the website: azaleacityquiltersguild.org or use the form at the end of this newsletter. Send your renewals to the guild PO Box or to my home address in the handbook.

- Peggy Stone spgstone@bellsouth.net

Suspended 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. of the month—9:00-12:00
Humana Ins., 3653 Airport Blvd., Ste B

ACQG General Meeting

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

Donation Quilts

9:00-3:00 1st Thursday of the month
Tillman's Corner Senior Center, Nevius Road

Night Guild

Thurs after ACQG General meeting
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Christ UMC on Grelot Rd.

Quilts of Valor

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

Art Quilters

4th Tuesday of the month 10-12:00
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

April, May, June, July classes will be rescheduled
MaryAnn Logsdon

The activities of the guild are suspended until future notice. We will keep everyone updated as to when the activities will begin again. Please stay safe!

Officers for 2020/2021.

President: Susan Holler
Vice President of Membership: Peggy Stone
Vice President of Programs: Linda Flores
Secretary: Lemoyne Keenlyne
Treasurer: Susie Olsen



The President's Notes

Friends and Quilters,

I pray you are being as careful as possible to avoid being infected with this serious virus. Most of our members are in the high risk category and need to take extra precautions to be safe. As always, please let us know if you need assistance.

Again this month, the Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the meetings due to the increased numbers of infections in Mobile and Baldwin counties. August is traditionally the month we install our new officers. This year it looks like we will need to hold a virtual meeting for the installation. The tentative date we are looking at is August 11 at 10:00 a.m. Look for an email with additional information as to the internet platform that will be used. If you are interested in serving as a committee chair, please contact me. Thank you to all of the committee chairs who have served this past year. It has been a challenge, however everyone has worked together for the good of the guild.

The decision has been made to cancel workshops for the rest of 2020. Most of the quilt teachers have also made the

decision not to travel to teach. As soon as we feel it is safe, programs and workshops will be scheduled.

An email was sent to the membership asking if you would interested in doing a project as a group and a number of members are interested. The choices were Dottie by Moda and Mediterranean Tiles. More information will be sent this month so we can get this started. Another idea that has been suggested is an online show and tell. Watch for more information on this.

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of Shirley Allbritten, a member of ACQG and friend to many in the Guild, who passed away on July 13, 2020.

Friends, please be safe and we will start meeting again when this virus is contained or a vaccine is available. Until then, happy stitching.

Susan



August Birthdays

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| 8/1 Nancy Henson | 8/14 Betty Root |
| 8/3 Tia Bourke | 8/15 Sue Litton |
| Judy Green | 8/17 Lois Daverede |
| Mary Harris | 8/18 Yvonne Taylor |
| Joanna Hazzard | 8/19 Bernice Reed |
| 8/4 Cindy Capelle | 8/23 Evelyn Suggs |
| Nancy Lancaster | 8/26 Regina Prigden |
| 8/5 Vickie Taylor | 8/27 Mary Brown |
| 8/7 Janie Lloyd | 8/28 Joni Euler |
| 8/8 Janis Labanosky | 8/30 Fan Murray |
| 8/10 Phyllis Lipford | |
| 8/12 Lamoyne Keene | |
| 8/13 Janet Henry | |
| Cynthia Smith | |



If we've missed our meeting during your birthday month, please plan to bring your "un-birthday gift" the first month that we meet together again. WE WILL MEET AGAIN!!

Treasurer's Report: July 2020

Money Market Account

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| Beginning balance | \$ 12,242.53 |
| Interest earned | <u>.75</u> |

MMA balance, as of 3/31/2020 \$ 12,243.28

Checking Account

Beginning Balance (June 1, 2020) \$ 1,010.52

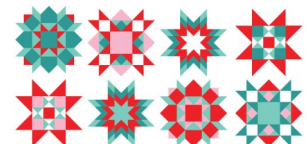
Income

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| <u>Expenses</u> | |
| Regency Church of Christ (March rent) | \$ 125.00 |
| US Postal Service—Treasurer (stamps) | \$ 11.00 |
| Diane Engels—Charity quilts (batting) | <u>\$ 49.30</u> |

Total \$ 185.30

Ending Balance (as of June 30, 2020) \$ 825.22

Sandy Purvis, Treasurer



Azalea City Quilters' Guild—General Meeting

The Azalea City Quilt Guild did not meet in April, May, June or July 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing and shelter-in-place orders from our local, state and federal governments.

WORKSHOPS

Due to the COVID 19 virus numbers, teachers are not traveling at this time. GSQA cancelled the October workshops with Gyleen Fitzgerald. The workshop with Jodi Barrows in September has also been cancelled. We are in the process of getting information regarding a workshop online specifically for our guild with Jodi at a future date depending on the cost and the participation. As of July 24, I have not received the information. If you are interested in her classes look her up, she has many webinars available.

YouTube, Webinars and many other learning opportunities are available online. Bonnie Hunter's blog has a Leaders and Enders challenge (Easy Breezy) starts in July and ends next July. If you have lots of scraps, you can make a quilt without buying a pattern or fabric! Our own Nina Clotfelter is teaching several different classes on line for a fee. Explore on goggle, there is no telling what you might find. If you find something interesting share with the rest of us. I truly miss not seeing everyone. Though this extra time has really helped me catch up on my resolution list. Post your projects on Facebook so we can have a little Show and Tell.

- Ann Singleton

QOV Activities

We are finally back to awarding quilts - slowly but surely - as our communities are allowed to open and if we can social distance. With many vets compromised medically due to age, if nothing else, we have had awards on hold for the last 4 months. Our next two will go to relatives of Reba Perkins in our guild - 90 yr. old twin brothers who both served for decades in the Navy and Air Force reserves.

Many thanks goes to Linda Flores who has been quilting many QOV quilts as they are completed. If you have any blocks finished to contribute or quilt tops that need to be quilted, let me know and we'll get to them as soon as possible. I have plenty of backing for those who need some.

Making the masks for free and asking for donations to QOV in lieu of payment made us a lot of money to pay for future postage, batting, backing, etc. Thanks to all those that helped us stitch hundreds of masks for others.

We have also received a sizeable contribution from the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association. Thanks to all who are helping to cover our vets.

If you have not paid your dues it is not too late to do so. See Joyce Reed or go to the QOVF.org website and send in your \$10. If you are in Baldwin Co. see Cathy Wilson to volunteer and to pay dues if needed.



2020 RETREAT IS CANCELLED

2021 Retreat is scheduled for August 26-29, 2021

Unique Boutique

It's not too early to start thinking of the next Quilt Show and the Unique Boutique items. Each member is requested to donate items worth \$15. Below are some ideas for items you can start working on during this time of "social distancing". Things that sold well last year and things that didn't sell well are listed below.

Items that sold well plus new ideas:

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| Cute pincushions (\$3-\$5) | Christmas ornaments (\$3) |
| Medium to large canvas tote bags | hanky dolls |
| Hair scrunchies | kid's grocery cart covers |
| Wine bottle covers | needle holders |
| Thread catchers | heating pads (stuffed with rice) |
| Cricut or embroidery items | quillows (need no more than 4) |
| Alabama, Auburn, USA or Mississippi notebook cover (8 each) | |
| Zipper cosmetic/travel bags with vinyl lining | |
| Pocket prayer squares with cross inside | |
| Anything Disney (i.e. pillowcase, bibs, baby quilts, etc.) | |



Items that didn't sell well at our last show:

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| Crochet items | arm chair caddies |
| Mug rugs/coasters | sewing machine caddies |
| Tissue box covers (Except-Alabama sold) | pot holders |
| Zipper bags without vinyl lining | draw string bags |
| Candle holders | baby burp pads |
| Aprons | unfinished quilt tops |
| Quilts | bowl cozies (unless Alabama) |
| Tea towels | |

Be sure to use current colors. Also, please let Sandy Purvis or Susie Olsen know what you plan on making so that we don't have an abundance of some things.

2021 QUILT SHOW UPDATE

The Show Quilt is having the binding completed and the tickets are printed. Pam Stephens has consented to be Chairman for the ticket sales. Paula Powell will chair vendors. Thank you for all that have volunteered. We still have committees that need chairpersons. - *Peggy Stone spgstone@bellsouth.net*

GSQA General Meeting: Saturday, July 25, 10am—noon

The meeting was a Virtual Meeting via Zoom and even included voting by all members. You can see the youtube.com video until Sunday, August 2 by going to GSQA Facebook page and looking under **Announcements**. You can also find all of the reports under **Recent Files**.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING:

1. New officers for 2021: Laura Broders, President Elect (3yrs); Marietta Johnson, Membership Director (2yrs); Candy Bergeron, Historian (2yrs).
2. No GSQA Quilt Show in November. Basket Raffle and Virtual Quilt Show plans are in the works. Watch for information.
3. Current Opportunity tickets are available for Candy Bergeron. New Opportunity Quilt for 2022 will be called “Quilter’s Cache” and feature the Four State Blocks on the pin.
4. GSQA History of 35 years to be on website in the near future.
5. Circuit Teachers showed samples of classes available.
6. Traveling Teacher Gyleen Fitzgerald canceled—possible January 2022 dates.

As your GSQA Contact, I am responsible for a correct, current list of ACQG members who belong to GSQA. I am not aware of your membership renewal dates, so I need to know when you renew and when you no longer belong. I will be sending an email to all on my list. If you do not get an email from me about GSQA in the next week, you are not of my list. Let me know **IF** you need to be reinstated. *Bonnie Johnson robojo2@aol.com*.

2020 AZALEA GUILD CHALLENGE

The challenge is called “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.



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Annual dues: \$20 with emailed newsletter, \$30 w/printed newsletter (fee can be waived if circumstances require - please see VP membership, completely confidential).
Honorary members (80+ years) in good standing are exempt from annual membership dues.

Please print legibly.

New _____ Renewing _____ Printed Newsletter _____ Charter Member _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ Check if Honorary (80+) _____

Ideas for programs, workshops, or retreats

Official use only:

Date received _____ Amount received _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Received by _____

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