



Nine Patch News

Azalea City Quilters Guild

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Upcoming Programs: Judy Purcell, Heavenbound7860@gmail.com 251-404-7435

December. The annual Christmas Luncheon will be held. **January** will be Baltimore album group with info about their group and showing some their work. **February** is country store, **March** will be color theory. **April** will be a slideshow about a quilt study by Sarah Wright.

Workshops: Kim Collum msuksc@gmail.com

December 5th, 2023

(Tuesday - different week due to the holidays)

Sew Day Donation Quilts with Diane Engels Cost is FREE!!

Regency Church 9:00 to 2:30 Diane will have precut fabric and you can choose from 4 simple patterns. She also needs individuals to cut and press.

January 26, 2024

January 26th (Friday - coincides with GSQA Quarterly meeting on Saturday)

Artful Improv with Cindy Grisdela *Couple Spots still available*

Cost is \$55 for GSQA members OR \$85 for non-GSQA members

Regency Church 9:30 to 4:00

No rulers or patterns, just creativity and innovation.

February 20th (Tuesday)

Fanciful Fabric Collage with Holly Garcia

Sign up sheet will be available at our October meeting

Cost is \$35.00

Regency Church 9:30 to 4:00

Bring 1/2 yard of your fabric choice for the background.

The rest of the fabric and pattern is provided by Holly.

2023 President's Notes From Pam's Pen:

Hi Ladies! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone. Time seems to go too quickly. I hope you are getting Christmas projects finished up in time for Santa. I will not be with you this month at our meeting. Judy will be taking charge of the meeting. I have 3 little boys in Tulsa, Oklahoma that I need to spend some time with. Please remember to bring soups, salads, sandwiches, cheese ball, chips/dip, cookies, candies, cakes or pies. Just something yummy

to share at the luncheon.

Bring some of your favorite Christmas quilts for Show-n-Tell.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season with your family and friends. God bless us every one! Pamela



The abc's of ACQG

ART QUILTERS : Our November 28th meeting had 19 in attendance. Show & Tell was inspiring with members presenting their current projects and completed works. There was discussion of the Houston Quilt Show and the Group Quilt "A Slice of Dauphin Street". Susan Mogan provided instruction on Funky Self Portraits. Our next meeting is January 23rd - come join us! Kim Collum msuksc@gmail.com 251-377-7308; Sharon Nader shnader3@gmail.com 251-654-8888

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet in the sanctuary of the church after our meal at the December guild meeting. We will be discussing *The Lonely Hearts Book Club*. Thank you to Alice Cornelson for suggesting this title. It's a real people oriented book that I'm sure every reader will enjoy. Both the library and Barnes & Noble have the book. Please join us if you are interested. We always have fun. Happy Reading. Georgia McCain
Ann Singleton 251-377-2781 etruscanj@att.net and Georgia McCain 251-689-1393 gamccain52@gmail.com

EMAILS: Members that want to send an email to the guild please send to ACQG2018@yahoo.com and I will forward on to the guild. Please remember if you need a response, include your contact information in the email for them to respond to you. Susan.garrett@att.net or call 251-599-4179.

EXCHANGE BLOCKS: "Pines and Presents" blocks will be given away at December's meeting. If you have not turned in your blocks, please do so before the meeting starts. There will be a good number of 16 block quilts given away. Don't miss out on the opportunity by not turning in your blocks. Make sure your name is attached to every block. The blocks for December-April will be ready at the December meeting. The block is a 10" heart block that can be red or pink, scrappy or all one color. The kit will contain all of the background fabric. The cost will be \$2 per kit or 3 kits for \$5. Please be prepared to participate. I appreciate everyone who participates each time. Happy Quilting!
Georgia McCain (251) 689-1393 or gamccain52@gmail.com

LIBRARY: Due to the response in book sales, there will be another book sale prior to the December meeting. In addition, the library will be open 40 minutes prior to the meeting and 15 minutes after the meeting for members to browse/checkout/return books. There are many avenues to learning, our books are just one of those avenues. Connie Golden 251-581-2361 conniegolden@icloud.com.

MACHINE PIECING CLASS: NEW LOCATION: REGENCY CHURCH OF CHRIST, Fellowship Hall. The machine piecing class will meet on **DECEMBER 6** from 1PM to 4PM. Contact information.

MaryAnn Logsdon 251 490 8317 malogsdon1@gmail.com

Night Guild : Night Guild met on November 16th at Christ United Methodist Church. There were 14 members and 1 visitor in attendance. Classi Creations of Pensacola, FL came to give a presentation on quilted postcards. They also had a sampling of postcards and postcard sleeves, as well as other quilting products they have in stock. There were some gorgeous quilts in show & tell. We have very talented quilters! For the December meeting, we will have our Christmas party. This will also be held in our usual meeting room at Christ United Methodist Church on December 14th. Wendy Reid; wendygayle0629@gmail.com 251-599-0823

Off Year Opportunity Quilt: Off Year Opportunity Quilt: Ticket donations are going well, let's keep up the good work. If anyone knows of an event that we can display our quilt, please let me know the details so I can look into the event. susan.garrett@att.net ; 251-599-4179

Quilts of Valor: We have done really well August - November presenting 50 quilts from our group so far. In December we will shift our sewing from Humana to Regency to sew with the children's charity quilts on the 5th. I will have some simple string blocks you can work with if you finish up a child's quilt and want to do QOV for variety. Thank you for all you have done so far. Joyce Reed lsubookwrm@hotmail.com 251-454-1466

Retreat: January Retreat is booked, January 18 - 21, 2024, but we need attendees. If we don't have 20 people to commit by December 1, 2023, we may need to cancel to keep our deposit. The final deadline is January 5, 2024. Please commit as soon as possible. Thank you. August Retreat is August 22 - 25, 2024 More information will be available later in the year.susan.garrett@att.net ; 251-599-4179



Resolutions: On December 12th, please bring your fat quarters you owe for your unfinished Resolutions. Yvonne Taylor Happyquilter247@aol.com.

Yearbook: The yearbooks are ready. When you get your copy, please check your information. If anything is incorrect, please email me at susan.garrett@att.net. Please accept my apologies for any mistakes I have made.

Susan Garrett susan.garrett@att.net . 251-599-4179

CALLING ALL GUILD MEMBERS!!

Our Biennial Quilt Show is a huge undertaking and requires the assistance of every Guild member to make it a huge success. Many will say - but that is 2025!! Yes, that is true, but there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes long before the big event.

There are several committees required for everything to run smoothly. Please consider stepping up and chairing a committee - I am open to co-chairs of different areas to make it easier. I know it sounds overwhelming, but we have several Guild members that have held positions for our Quilt Shows and are willing to be on an advisory list so you will have assistance.

It takes all of us for this wonderful event to be successful.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kim Collum

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Quilts Needed for Gee's Production at Joe Jefferson Playhouse!!

The Gee's Bend Production is a play that describes the life of notable quilters from Gee's Bend, AL. It is a story rich in both history and culture. It will play at the Joe Jefferson Playhouse Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from January 19 to February 4, 2024.

Sharrell Edmond is the Director for this production and would like to think outside of the box. Her goal is to have a quilt installation in the lobby area of JJP where quilts are displayed by different quilters showcasing the talent and history of many signifying the melting pot of people that visit JJP. The quilts will be displayed carefully with signage notating the quilter's name and location. There will also be music played that is reminiscent of grassroots origins. She would love to be able to display some of the work of our organization. It will be highly emphasized that patrons are not to touch the quilts.

They will work setting up the lobby December 27, 2023 to January 10, 2024 so it will be complete by their special performance slated for January 11, 2024.

She is also in need of one specific quilt for the actual production. In the play they mention a wedding quilt which has green in it. If someone had a quilt that could fit that description it would be wonderful.

There has been interest by some in our Guild and I would like to be able to provide pictures to her of the quilts that we are willing to showcase. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Guild. If you are interested in sharing your work, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kim Collum

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Save The Dates:

ACQG General Meetings

December 12, 2023 January 9, 2024

Important Dates for your Calendar:

GSQA Meeting in Mobile : January 27, 2024

Winter Retreat: January 18-24, 2024

August Retreat: August 22-25, 2024

Add to your
Calendar:

Feb. 3, 2024

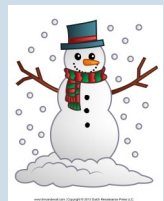
Saturday,

QOV

National Sew Day

WINTER RETREAT

Winter Retreat: We have our number for January, but that does not mean we can't take more. Please, if you want to come, get your registration and payment to me soon. *su-san.garrett@att.net ; 251-599-4179*



Meetings: Times & Locations

Block Party

Every Thurs. 10 am-12 pm Springhill Baptist Church, Activities Center 2nd Floor –Personal projects

ACQG General Meeting

12/12, Second Tuesday of the month

9:30 am Registration, 10:00 am Meeting

Regency Church of Christ, 501 S. University Blvd.

Night Guild

12/14, at 6:30-8:00 pm

Thursday after the General Meeting

Christ United Methodist Church

Art Quilters

NO meeting in December; Next Meeting: 1/23/24

4th Tuesday of each month

University Church of Christ, 5651 Zeigler Blvd.

Quilts of Valor

12/5 at 9:30

First Tuesday of the month

at office of Humana Insurance

3653 Airport Blvd., near I-65.

Baltimore Album Stitching Group

12/4 at 9:30 am

BASG meets the first Monday of the month

Springhill Activities Building

Yvonne Taylor, Happyquilter247@aol.com

Wooly Works (new: wool applique)

11/29, Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at

10 AM in the home of Bonnie Zabzdyr,

15 Lancers Lane, Spanish Fort, AL. 36527

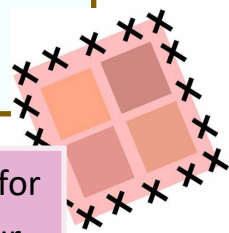
Happy Birthdays!

- Sheila Caroni 12/1
- Carolyn Raybon 12/3
- Cathy Stringfellow 12/4
- Rose Nelson 12/5
- JoAnn Bloodworth 12/6
- Susie Dakin 12/9
- C.E. Smith 12/19
- Linda Gertz 12/23



- Valerie Jackson 12/23
- Betty Todd 12/24
- Jodi Hoag 12/25
- Elizabeth McCulley 12/27
- Jane Ziplies 12/27
- Rosalind Roundtree 12/28
- Bennie Johnson 12/29
- Darlene Taylor 12/29

If you bring something for the free gift table at our meetings.....don't forget to take home anything left over after the meeting.



Meeting Minutes: 11/14/2003

Pam Stephens called the meeting to order welcoming the visiting Veterans that will be honored today.

Inspiration – Ashley Flemming – thanked the Veterans. She read letter a from her husband while on duty in Sauda Arabia. It was a touching letter expressing his love for his family. Ashley encouraged everyone to do the same-to reach out to family members and loved ones to express their love and appreciation.

Program – Joyce Reed presented the QOV program giving quilts to 7 veterans. Three 4-H members who had sewn QOV quilt blocks helped present the quilts they had made.

Minutes – Mona Riley approved the October minutes. Susie Olsen 2nd.

Treasurer Report – Sharon Nader – Ending balance \$9,665.43. Report to be in next month's Newsletter.

Membership – Susie Olsen –We have 197 members enrolled. 70 members present today. Two have joined today-Shelia Yarborough and Debbie Boyd. Nancy Elstner is a returning member. Carla Wellborn is a Night member who is coming to Day Guild. Donna Hudson and Renea Hughes are guests today.

Programs – Judy –Pam said she has programs lined up through May

Workshops –Kim - Sew Day is Dec 5 with Diane Engels. We need people to sew as well as cut and press. Artful Improv is full at 22 signed up but we could go to 25. Fanciful Fabric Collage has 16 members signed up. She will have it available next month to sign up

GSQA meeting – Susan Mogan said we are hosting GSQA in January. We need people to greet and set up food in kitchen. Also need people to bring breakfast items. She will have a sign up sheet next month. She is also asking for donations for door prizes.

Pam mentioned Art Group Dauphin St quilt was on display at Houston. She thanked all the members who were a part of this.

Education – In MaryAnn's absence, Pam explained the classes to the new members. Classes are held here in the Fellowship Hall.

Retreat – Susan Garrett - When she sent email earlier in month about January retreat, we only had 3 people to sign up. We have to have 20 overnight guests to bring in the kitchen staff. Now we have 19. We're not going to cancel. January Retreat is on! She had talked to someone and they decided if they didn't have 20, they would just have everyone bring food for their own meals. That is an option we can do.

Yearbook is out. If there are any corrections, email to Susan.garrett@att.net

Opportunity Quilt – is a fundraiser we have in the even years that we don't have a Quilt Show. This will be given away August 2024. It also goes to raise funds for the retreat. Monies are split between general fund and retreats. Off year quilt also costs the guild nothing. Susan prints all tickets and does the work. Only expense is if the Guild has to pay for booth space to show quilt. Tickets are \$2 each or whole sheet for \$20.

Challenge quilt – Will be announced in January

Child Advocacy – Sandy Purvis – goal is \$350. She will put the goal and amount needed in next month's newsletter

Donation Quilts – Diane Engels – sew day Dec 5. Has 2 quilts here today for anyone to help finish the quilting. If you don't want to do the binding, just bring them back and she will finish.

Exchange blocks – Georgia – Pines and Presents blocks will be given out next month. If you haven't turned it in, do so next month. You will get 16 blocks if you win. Block for next month is a Heart using the colors red, pink and maybe purple.

Book Club – today we will discuss "The Second Sister" by Marie Bostwick. We will meet at Jason's Deli. Next month is "The Lonely Hearts Book Club" by Lucy Gilmore and we will meet in the back of the Fellowship Hall after our Luncheon. Georgia thanked Linda Flores who is with us today as Linda started the Book Club.

Hospitality - Luncheon – Candy Snipes – We are having party foods for the luncheon. Can be hot or cold. Bring desserts. Bring Crockpots to keep food warm

QOV – Joyce – thanked everyone. We have done 36 quilts this month for several presentations. Robbie Hardy gave quilts to 3 veterans in her complex. One presentation was even given in Nebraska. We got a thank you note and certificate for our work.

Presentation in Nebraska: Elaine Williams has some connections in Nebraska. Her Son-in Law is from Nebraska and his mother was in charge of the National Seals Convention in Nebraska. Elaine suggested to her that she start giving quilts to the Seals when they were awarded. Elaine was asked to make a quilt so she found a pattern and started the quilt during Retreat. When they held the event, the quilt went to former Nebraska Senator Bob Carey. We now have a reputation in Nebraska! We will be 1 of 3 guilds receiving a donation from that group--a Guild in Nebraska, a Guild in Iowa and the Azalea City Quilters Guild!!

Joyce said she has labels for those who need them.

Resolutions – have to have fat quarters turned in if you didn't finish your resolutions. She needs them next month.

Pam has announcement from Annette Oliver. Her correct phone number is 251-235-9535.

Ways and Means –Sharon Morris - Martelli goodies from last month given to us will be added to Ways & Means. Made \$158 today. Winners: Pat Hagley, Annette Oliver, Ann Singleton, Debbie Vice, Karen Langhan (Martelli' sewing machine pad), Carrie Chambless (quilting paddles), Barbara Groseclose (rotary blades), Nancy Williams (pedal pad), Ashley Fleming (ruler stand).

Pam read a note from Mobile SPCA thanking us for dogs pillows and pads.

Kaylene LeMar has an Everything Mary Black Quilted Deluxe Sewing Machine Case for sale. The dimensions are 19"x13"x10". She is asking \$75.



Membership Statistics

70 Members attended the 11/14/23 meeting
3 Visitors – 1 joined
201 - Total Members on roll

NEW MEMBERS:

Nancy Elstner
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B'day 8/02

Shelia Yarborough
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Semmes AL 36575
251-753-2826
sy.reagent@gmail.com
B'day 3/31

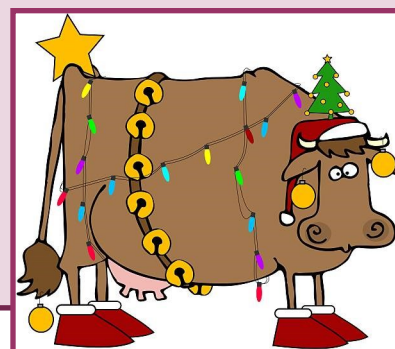
Jodi Hoag
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251-767-6791 C
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B'day 10/09



CORRECTIONS FOR YEARBOOK:

- * Karen Hall: email watkinshall@bellsouth.net
- * Rene Hawkins: Birthday 11/19
- * Annette Oliver: phone number: 251-235-9535
- * Dorothy Shepard: phone number: 251-423-9182.



AZALEA CITY QUILTERS GUILD

Treasurer Report 2023-2024

November Report (for October Activity)

EDWARD JONES MUTUAL FUNDS BALANCE:	\$10,555.40
Interest Earned	<u>\$45.04</u>
Total	\$10,600.44

Check Register Beginning Balance 10/1	\$8,955.90
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Income

Cookbooks -	\$105.00
Child Advocacy	16.53
Donations	20.00
Membership	480.00
Ways and Means	170.00
Workshops	765.00
Library-Used Books	23.00
Newsletter	20.00

Total Income	\$1,599.53
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Expenses

Regency Church of Christ	\$125.00
Workshops	<u>765.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$890.00

ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$9,665.43</u>
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Submitted by— Sharon Nader - Treasurer

ACQG 2024 Winter Retreat

January 18 – 21, 2024

Name: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (c) _____ Email: _____

RETREAT COST:

Thursday 8:30am – Sunday 12pm ---- Db -- \$300.00, Single \$380.00

Friday 8:30am – Sunday 12pm ----- Db -- \$230.00, Single \$285.00

Roommate: _____

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

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

Thursday – Saturday ----- \$120.00 or Choose Individual Days

Thursday \$30.00

Friday \$50.00

Saturday \$50.00

Dinner Friday Add \$20.00

Dinner Saturday Add

\$20.00

Please list any food allergies or special dietary needs below.

DEADLINE FOR RETREAT SIGNUP IS January 5, 2024.

ALL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO: ACQG RETREAT ACCOUNT

Mail to: Susan Garrett, 10824 Lott Cemetery Rd, Chunchula, Alabama 36521

Please List Emergency Contact

Name/Relation: _____

Phone: _____



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