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The monthly newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

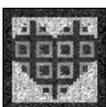
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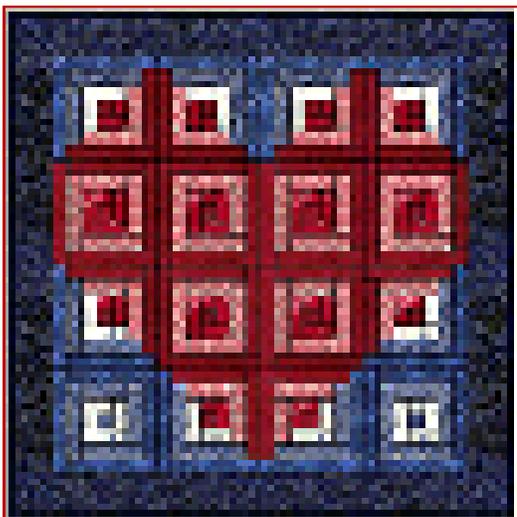
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Sandra B. proudly shows the “Patron Award” ribbon she received from the gentleman who bought her quilt at Kentuck!



President's letter:



Kentuck

Thanks to all who worked to make Kentuck a success, especially our tireless chair, Charlotte. Set up and break down were fast and efficient with many hands to help with the tasks. The Children's and demonstrations areas were alive and productive. We seemed to attract many visitors—some to watch, some to admire the quilted items, some to purchase, and some who just wanted to share stories of quilts their grandmothers made and what those quilts meant to them.

We were excited when one of our own, Sandra B, won a Patron's Award for her quilt, which the patron purchased. The quilt was quilted by another one of our own, Christine LeC.

Thanks also to Damon Ligon at General Sew & Vacuum for providing free service on four of our sewing machines used for our Kentuck demonstrations!

Major Workshops

The Gail Garber workshop currently is closed, but Paula is keeping a waiting list in case folks have last minute emergencies and schedule changes.

November is the last month for priority enrollment for our guild members in the Harriet Hargrave workshops April 12-16. You must pay the fee (\$40 for one-day workshops and \$80 for the two-day machine quilting workshop) to register. Please bring checks or cash. We open registration to the public immediately after the guild meeting on November 14. I already have several mail-in registrations from the Birmingham guild so there is a good chance that the workshops will be filled after our meeting.

For those of you who are new members, Harriet specializes in teaching beginners. She taught me machine quilting and applique, and I look forward to learning how to piece in her workshop. Her workshops focus on learning techniques that will serve you well whatever kinds of quilts you make. Even if you don't attend, her textbooks are excellent resources. I refer to mine regularly and consider them a must have for my quilt library.

Little known fact about Harriet

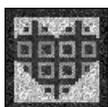
Harriet is credited with discovering and then adapting stippling for machine quilting. She discovered it in an old English quilt book as a form of lace work. She then adapted it to machine quilting and published the idea in the first edition of Heirloom Machine Quilting in 1987. For beginning quilters, stippling is a pattern used by hand quilters, which consists of many short stitches, sewn close together, randomly. Stippling is a "filler" in that you fill space, enhancing your quilting design, but not with a discernable design. It can't be duplicated with machine quilting—hence the need for a machine stippling technique. Stippling is now as common as sliced bread.

Change in Board Meetings

We have had to change the days and times of Board meetings. We have scheduled the following meetings for the spring all on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 at Jason's Deli. January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, and July 21. We will set a schedule for the Fall in July.

And sew on, Inez.





November 14, 2015, Guild Meeting:

8:45 Basics and Beyond: We will have our final Mystery Clue and you will see what a cute little quilt we have been creating. Also I have a fun little Sewing Machine Caddy pattern for your important pieces of equipment that you need close by but often lose on the table. For those of you needing a last minute holiday gift, we will look at a simple pattern for a holiday table topper. Ana.

9:30 Guild Business meeting

Election of officers for 2016. Pick up kits to make blocks for our 2016 Opportunity Quilt.

10:30 Program: **Reverse Applique and Big Stitch Quilting** with our own

Paula B. Paula will show us a fun and unusual reverse applique technique using knit fabric on the top layer and cutting down to show quilting cottons on the under layer. The under layer can be pieced or whole cloth. Big-Stitch hand quilting is a prominent part of this technique, too. Paula's program is inspired by Jen Kingwell, Alabama Chanin, Alison Glass and others.



November 14: Gingerbread House

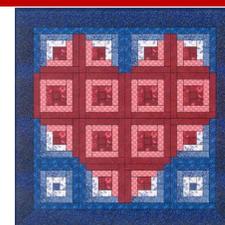
December 12: Christmas Party and Challenge. You still have time to complete your project!

2016 Brings lots of new ideas and interesting programs. On the agenda is Big Stitch Quilting, Thread Painting, Applique Techniques, Our Sew Many Spaces Tour, and more! Stay Tuned for more details.



Hospitality

Bring food when you can as we all enjoy our goodies!



2015 WAQG Officers

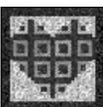
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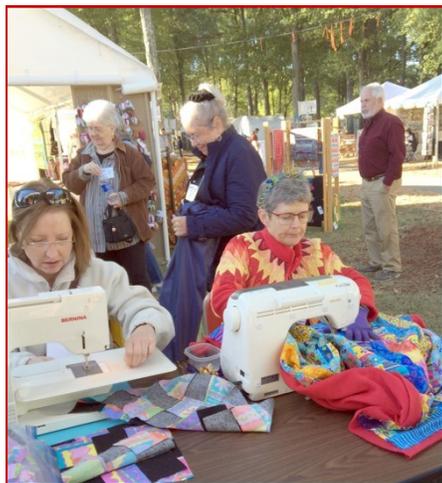
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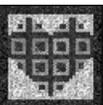


This young lady is proudly pointing to the block she made, and happy that this quilt will be given to The Tuscaloosa Childrens Center.



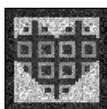
This visitor → shows her totebag that Shirley made for her years ago.



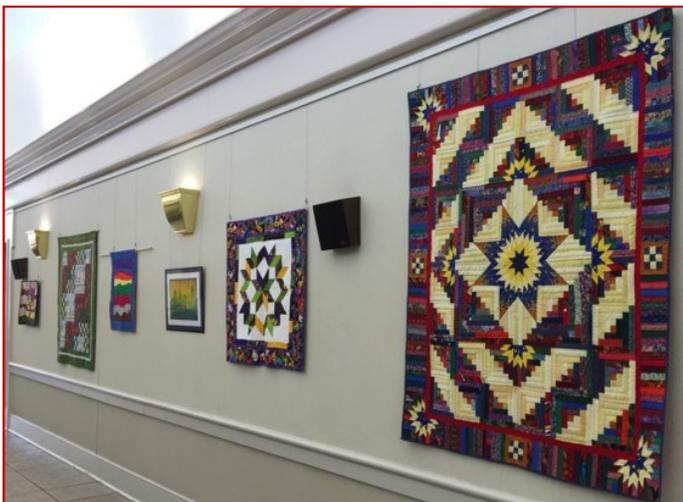


Wonderful quilts shared at our October meeting.





WAQG quilts on display at University Medical Center.



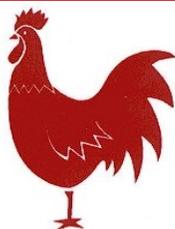
WAQG members' work in local exhibits:

Steven H' quilts will be on display on Friday evening, November 6th, 5-8pm, as part of First Friday Art Night, at Grace Aberdean Habitat Alchemy, a shop located in downtown Tuscaloosa, 2124 9th Street, Tuscaloosa. phone 331-4918.

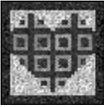
Congratulations to **Hallie , Charles , and Laurie** , all have their artwork accepted into the West Alabama Juried Art Show. **Exhibit located in the Junior League Gallery, Dates: November 2-December 15; 9 am-noon and 1-4pm, M-F; also during Bama Theatre events.**

Community Service Outreach and Education Opportunity

Our WAQG member, Becky B, who is the Principal at Westwood Elementary School, has asked if we could teach and lead classes about quilting on **Friday, November 13, 2015**. We need to have at least two volunteers since two classes are taught simultaneously, so one volunteer could work with Kindergarten through Grade 2 while the other volunteer would work with Grades 3 through 5. There will be teachers and parent volunteers to help assist in the classes too. Kindergarten through Grade 2 will have 20 minute sessions while the upper grades will have 30 minutes. There are 320 students in total, with 164 in K – 2, and 156 in Grades 3 – 5. We would need to be ready to start classes about 8:15 and probably be there the entire school day. We have supplies from the guild and will use paper products and glue sticks for the younger classes, and quilt squares with needle and thread to teach the older classes. Perhaps we might also include a button to teach the older students so they may learn a life skill as well as learn about the art of quilting. Westwood Elementary is located at 11629 Westwood School Rd, Coker, AL 35452 which is a left turn off Highway 82 about 6.2 miles past the Northport Civic Center traveling west (look for the school sign), then about two blocks on the left. If you would be interested in helping inspire and encourage students to learn about quilting and could volunteer on that day, please **call Nan G at 205-**. We need to let the staff know who will be there **ASAP** so they will have name tags and set up parent volunteers to help us. Thank you for your consideration!



Red Rooster Retreat: Our next Red Rooster Retreat is set for January 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, 2016. That is also the weekend of our Quilt Guild Meeting so plan accordingly. As of this date we have two openings. The price is \$195.00 for 3 days and 2 nights and \$275.00 for 4 days and 3 nights. The money will be due at the December meeting so that we can have the Treasurer mail it to the Red Rooster Retreat. Ana



2015 Challenge: "Play on Words"

Rules

Limited to two entries per person. Entries must be in different categories and must be brought to the December 12th meeting.

Entry must depict a play on words. We encourage playful, fun-filled, pun-filled entries, but serious depictions are also valued. The entry can be any style (traditional, contemporary, or modern or a combination). Lettering and embellishments are encouraged, but not required.

The title or theme of the quilt must reflect a play on words and be visible. It can be part of the quilt design or you can write the title on paper and pin it to the quilt for the December meeting.

The quilt should be in a pillowcase that is labeled with the category you are entering. You should drop it off in the lobby when you arrive in December.

Item must be made with two or more layers of fabric held together with quilt stitching throughout.

Item must meet requirements and be entered in one of the following categories:

Larger wall hanging: each of the four sides must be at least 30 inches and no longer than 60 inches.

Smaller wall hanging: Each of the four side must be less than 30 inches.

Miscellaneous: This includes wearables, household items, 3-D sculptures. Item cannot be larger than 40 inches in any dimension.

Prize ribbons shown above, will be awarded based on the votes of members present at our December 12th meeting. We will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons in each category and a Best of Show ribbon.

The most important rule is: Have fun with this Challenge!

Assistance in Design (not in making the quilt)

Design Buddy: We encourage everyone to find a design buddy for this challenge with whom you can brainstorm possible quilts, discuss your ideas and how you might turn these ideas into a quilt, or figure out how to solve problems with your design or quilt.

Consultants: The following have volunteered to help anyone with designing their quilt:

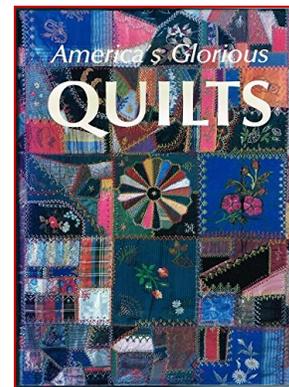
Charlotte N, Inez R, Laurie,

Ana S, Jamie S, Susan A.



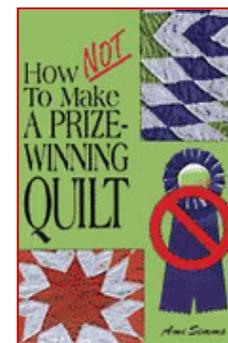
Library Notes

Big and Small



America's Glorious Quilts

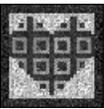
Published in 1987, our biggest book is 11x15 inches, weighs 7 pounds and is full of big beautiful pictures of antique and early modern quilts. Find inspirations for color, pattern, applique and embroidery, and dip into articles by quilt historians on where, why and who.



How NOT To Make A Prize-Winning Quilt

Lots of laughs in a tiny package from 1994 by quilting teacher Ami Simms, founder of The Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. Times have changed, but lessons like "Mystery Batting" are forever. Not recommended for beginners!

Suggestions and donations are always welcome!
Susan, WAQG Library



WAQG 2016 Major Workshops

February 19-20: Gail Garber



Lecture, Free and open to the Public:

Friday, February 19, 2016, 7:00 pm at TDOT.

Workshop: "Sensational Stars".

Saturday, February 20, 2016 Full day. At TDOT.

Cost: \$40 plus supplies.

Workshop is full, but see Paula to be added to the waiting list.

This is a workshop geared toward the Intermediate quilter and features drafting, foundation piecing techniques and color selection. Read more about it at GailGarber.com



April 12-16: Harriet Hargrave



Lecture: "Top 10 Tips to Becoming a Better Quilter"

Free and open to the public.

Friday, April 15, 7:00 pm. At TDOT.

harriethargrave.com

Workshops:

See Inez by the end of our November guild meeting to register and pay. Immediately after our meeting, she will open it up to the public and has already received a number of requests. The workshops will likely fill up very quickly.

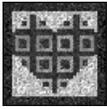
Tuesday, April 12 (9:00-4:00) : **Piecing Quality Workmanship**, \$40

Wednesday, April 13 (9:00—4:00): **Machine Applique** \$40

Thursday—Friday, April 14-15 (9:00-4:00): two-day workshop for beginners, **"The Basics of Heirloom Machine Quilting"** \$80

Saturday, April 16 (8:30-2:30): **"Quilt as Desired"** \$40

Remember: Registration is open only to WAQG members until the conclusion of our November 14th meeting. You may register for as many workshops as you like, but you must pay for or have a scholarship for all workshops at that time. We will open registration to the public after our November 14th meeting.



We want everyone to enter at least one quilt in our show, including beginning quilters! Help us show our community that our quilt guild is for everyone.



Set up: Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Judging: Thursday, March 3rd

Quilt Show open to the public:

Friday, March 4th 9am—6pm

Saturday, March 5th, 9am—5pm

Take down and clean up: immediately after the show, Saturday at 5pm.

**Location: Taylorville United Methodist Church
640 Bear Creek Road
Tuscaloosa, AL**

A very pleasant space and an easy location to find.

In addition to our many wonderful quilts on exhibit, we will have: Demonstrations, Special Exhibits, Vendors, Opportunity Baskets, our Opportunity Quilt, and a Silent Auction to benefit our local VA Veterans of Foreign Wars PTSD group.

Julie T has a wonderful array of vendors lined up for our shopping pleasure: Stitch "N Frame, Sew Delightful, The Scissor Guy, Buy the Inch Fabrics, YLI, and Dianne Springer Designs.

Thanks to everyone already working on the many tasks for our show.

**Check our website for updates:
www.waqq.com.**

Minutes September 12, 2015

Next Board meeting October 20, 2015 at 5:00p.m. Jason's Deli

Announcement:

- Itch to Stitch project next year will be for Turning Point. Their work is with domestic abuse families. All size quilts will be needed.
- The 20-30 quilts that we make with the children at Kentuck will be donated to Tuscaloosa Children's Center.
- We have 30 quilts on display at University Medical Center. Thanks to Beth M and a group of volunteers for hanging them.
- Paula Wn volunteered to oversee clearing out of shark pit after meetings. Everyone is encouraged to take any supplies they have brought back home if they are not picked up
- Sharon L has volunteered to oversee hospitality. If you would like to help her, let her know.

Kentuck:

- D. S is accepting donations of 9 ½ squares for Kentuck
- C. N described process of setting up and getting ready for Kentuck and signup sheets. Also have need of trucks, tables, extension cords and sewing machines.

Committee Reports: **Membership-** 59 members present today. October birthdays announced. **Library-** Free Motion DVD's have been returned if anyone wants to check them out.. **Name Tag-** Names drawn this month were Martha M, Elzora F, and Beatrice P. **Basics and Beyond-** Worked on prairie point eggs, fusibles, an easy basket, and gave out next set of instructions on the mystery quilt. **Retreat-** Next retreat is January 7-10 and there are 2 slots left. **Nominating Committee-** Thanks to Ana S for the officer's slate for next year. Laura R has agreed to be nominated for secretary and Christine LeC for Board Member. **Sunshine-** Laurie P-D gave us news of members who were in need of sunshine.

Community Service- Nan G was approached about doing activity related to quilting from Westwood School and was looking for ideas.

Bring and Brag and Just Finish It- Steven H, Pat S, Jane W, Paula W, Christine LeC, Nan G, Donna N, Beatrice P.



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Reminders:

Pick up 9-patch block kits to help us with our 2016 Opportunity Quilt.

Bring food to share.

Show us your "Just Finish Its!"

Register for Hargrave Workshops.