

Piecing our Lives

The monthly newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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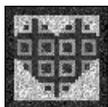
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Happy 4th of July!
**Judy shared her wonderful
quilt with us at our June
meeting.**



President's letter:

Paducah. Houston. To quilters these words need no explanation. Magic words for magic trips. A time to be inspired, look in awe at the workmanship and creativity of the quilts and buy fabrics and gadgets we simply can't find in Alabama.



My husband, John, came to Paducah with me and hung out with other quilters' husbands fishing in the land between the lakes areas, trading fish stories, cooking us all dinner one night. He came to the quilt show on Friday having learned about econo-Paducah from three guild members, who shall remain nameless; but John's version had some simple rules, which created a new version of econo-Paducah. The rules:

Don't look at any quilt:

1. with lime green (he hates the color)
2. that is busy or complex (makes his head hurt)
3. that is modern (he hates modern art, so why look at a modern art quilt).

While Judy R E and I took 2 hours to see half of the quilts on the first floor, John and I arrived at 9:30, stopped for thread at the YLI booth, and then looked at *all* of the quilts. We were on the road at 11:30. Econo-Paducah on steroids, but I am grateful he came. After dragging him to countless quilt shops, he now has some idea about what we do with all of that fabric.



We have a lot of exciting things to come. Registration for Gail Garber's February workshop is underway. Paula has the registration list and is collecting money, We have spots for 13 more. It looks like an exciting workshop and a chance to improve your drafting and paper foundation skills. She is an excellent teacher of design and will discuss color selection for the star pattern. **Registration for the Harriet Hargrave April workshops starts in September.** If you need a scholarship, please give me a note in the July or August meeting saying "I am requesting a scholarship for ___ (fill in the number of 1 day and 2 day workshops) or I am requesting a partial scholarship for ___ (fill in the number of 1 day and 2 day workshops). Then sign your name. That's it. **See page 7 for more 2016 Major Workshop information.**



Kentuck will be here before we know it. Don't forget everyone needs to donate an item to the guild to sell. The item or items should be worth at least \$20 or you can simply donate \$20 to the guild. Sign-up sheets for working at our booth will be at the July meeting. **See page 8** to learn how you can help Diana prepare for our "hands-on Progressive Quilt-Making Demonstration" at Kentuck.

If you need an idea for this year's challenge quilt **"Play on Words,"** some of the easiest are quilt patterns, which by definition are a play on words. For example:

Quilt patterns:

Hole in the Barn Door

Grandmother's Flower Garden (you could have a different flower on each hexagon)

Flying Geese

Drunkard's Path

Joseph's Coat

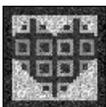
Dove in the Window

Goose in the Pond

My favorite is "crazy quilt." No matter how many crazy quilts we might make, they will all be different with crazy shaped patches arranged in a crazy pattern—a perfect challenge quilt.

And sew on,

Inez.



July 11, 2015, Guild Meeting:

8:45 Basics and Beyond: It is July and everyone is trying to get outside to enjoy the warmth (although it has been steamy out there). Kite flying is a great summer sport so we will be learning a Skinny Strip kite pattern. Ana.

9:30 Guild Business meeting

10:30 Program:

We are so happy to welcome back **Julia Graber**. She is coming for the July program with the **SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) trunk show**. This will be a fun, participatory presentation of the SAQA trunk show circulating the south-east. We are fortunate Julia could fit us into her schedule as she travels with the show. For more info, go to juliagraber.blogspot.com.

The August meeting will be our annual Itch to Stitch presentation of our year long efforts of making quilts for charity. Make plans to join us for this fun and fulfilling program and bring all of your quilts to donate.

September: Diana M with Tessellations

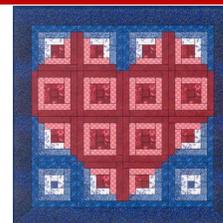
October: Kentuck Prep

November: Gingerbread House

December: Challenge and Party!

Hospitality

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



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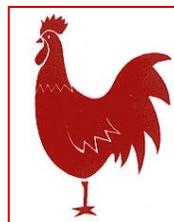
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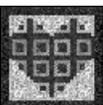
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Retreats: Ana S



Red Rooster Retreat :

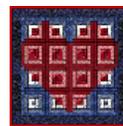
August retreat is coming up and the dates are August 27, 28 and 29. Money will be due at the July meeting. 3 days/2 nights= \$195.00 and 4 days/3 nights=\$275.00. See Ana.

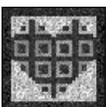


Marjorie teaches Basics & Beyond



Busy quilters. Lots of wonderful quilts shared in June.





2015 Mini Workshop Schedule

August 8th after guild meeting:
Sashiko by Machine with Inez.



Welcome New Members:

Jane W

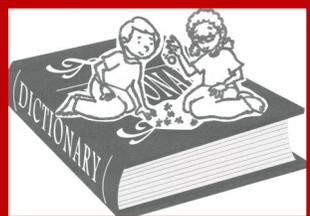
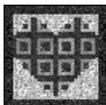
Patti

Gengyi

Directory contact information update:

Correct Vivian





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 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:

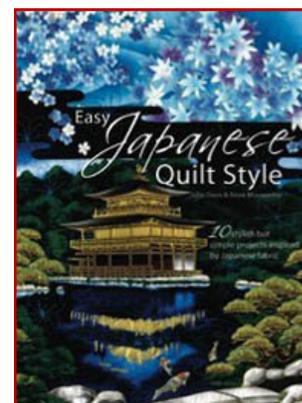
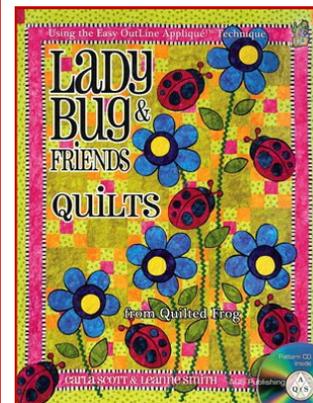
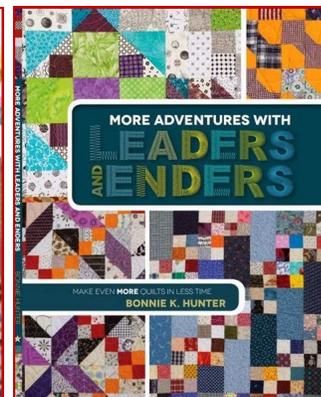
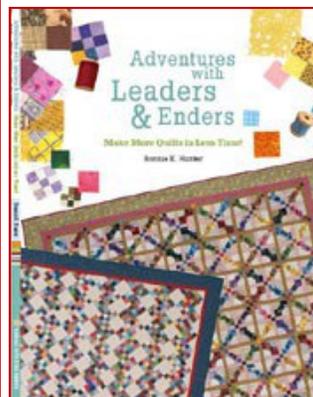
Charlotte, Inez, Laurie,

Ana, Jamie, Susan A.



Library Notes

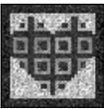
New on our shelf:



Thanks to Barbara W, Charlotte and Laurie P-D for their book donations.

Book and DVD suggestions or donations 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.

See Paula B. and pay fee to register. 13 spots left.

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:

(Registration begins in September - Inez)

Tuesday, April 12: **"Quilt as Desired"** \$40

Wednesday, April 13: **"Introduction to Quilters Academy"** piecing accurately \$40

Thursday, April 14: **"Invisible Machine Applique"** geared for beginners. \$40

Friday, April 15 - Saturday, April 16: two-day workshop for beginners, **"The Basics of Heirloom Machine Quilting"** \$80

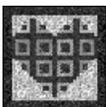
Scholarships are available. If you need a scholarship for the Hargrave workshops, please write a note to Inez by our August 8th meeting stating:

I am requesting a scholarship for ___ (fill in the number of 1 day and 2 day workshops).

I am requesting a partial scholarship for ___ (fill in the number of 1 day and 2 day workshops). Then sign your name, and give the note to Inez by August 8th. That's it.

Harriet has already offered several scholarships per workshop and we will be working to get as many scholarships as we need so that cost is not a constraint to any guild member.

Remember: Registration starts at our September 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 continue to accept guild member registrations until the workshops are filled. We will open registration to the public after our November 14th meeting.



We are rolling with plans for our 2016 Quilt Show!

**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 at 640 Bear Creek Road Tuscaloosa, AL

A very pleasant space and an easy location to find.

We will have Demonstrations, Special Exhibits, Vendors, Opportunity Baskets, our Opportunity Quilt, and a Silent Auction to benefit Veterans of Foreign Wars at our local VA.

Thanks to everyone already working on these and other tasks for our show.

Nancy Hinds will serve as our quilt judge. There will be prize ribbons galore. Check our website for updates: www.waqq.com.

Sponsorships: Business and personal/family sponsorships help fund our quilt show. Let David or Laurie know if you would like to sponsor. Levels: Master Quilter—\$300 +, Advanced Quilter—\$200, Intermediate Quilter—\$100, Beginning Quilter—\$50. More information at the meeting.



Kentuck 2015

October 17th and 18th
All sale Items Are Due
on
October 10th 2015



Kentuck 2015 in Black, White and Bright

This year our Kentuck demonstrations will once again showcase our machine skills by making quilts progressively from start to finish. Last year's program was so successful we will be repeating it. Our goal is to show the steps of the quilt making process and be able to talk about and demonstrate each part of the process. There will be stations for designing, piecing, layering, pin basting, quilting and binding. These will be youth quilts made for a designated charity.

How can you help?

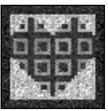
We will need 9 1/2" blocks in black/white and bright:

- Nine patches
- Snowballs with 3 1/2" corners
- 4 patches
- Rail fences
- 9 1/2" squares to fuse appliques on
- Or, bring in a charity top for us to finish, quilt, bind, or layer.
- Or, bring in black/white or bright fabric to make applique shapes or backgrounds.

These will all be explained and examples shown at the July meeting. Items will be collected at the August, Sept, and Oct meetings.

If you would like to contribute fusible applique shapes in black/white or brights for the blocks please see Beth M. or Diana S. so that we can coordinate supplies.

Although our goal is to complete quilts for donation, this is meant to be fun. The demonstration pace at Kentuck will be more of a saunter and not a gallop so we can easily talk and answer questions. Enjoy!



Minutes June 13, 2015

Next Board meeting June 16, 2015 at 5:00p.m. Jason's Deli.

Mail: New Issue Quilting Quarterly on front table for anyone to look at. Heartland Quilter's guild from Cullman is having quilt show July 24-25th @ East Elementary School. More info on Facebook. Birmingham quilt guild is having their quilt show June 19-20th @ Oak Mountain Middle School.

Committee Reports: **Membership**- 53 members present today. Two new members joined today, Jane W and Patti T. Four visitors are in attendance. June birthdays announced. **Library**- Susan gave information on finding quilting books at Tuscaloosa Public Library. **Name Tag**- Names drawn this month were Charlotte N, Martha S and Mary Jean H. **Quilt Show**-Laurie P-D gave information on sponsors and invited us to let her or David L know of any businesses that could be approached for sponsorships. **Kentuck**- Discussion on what is acceptable: 1) item must be quilted 2) must be at least 2 layers 3) no licensed fabric can be used unless you have a license 4) no cheaters cloth unless it contains more quilting techniques than simply quilting. **Workshop**- Inez R will do August workshop on Sashiko. All who are interested, please sign up after meeting. Paula B is taking sign-ups for Gail Garber's workshop in February. Harriet Hargraves workshops will be open for sign-up in September/October. Today after meeting, Peg L will do her workshop on Celtic Cross. **Newsletter**- All information for newsletter due by June 25. **Bring and Brag and Just Finish It**- Paula B, Jacque T, Diane M, Deb W, Reita M, Judy W, Mary Lou P, Sandra B, Rose O, Barbara McC, Martha S, Jill S, Gengyi G, Tara L and Peg L.

Program: Christmas in June! Presented by Paula, Charlotte and Sharon.





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Reminders:

Sign up to help with our Quilt Show and with Kentuck.

Show us your "Just Finish It" completed projects.

Sign up to help with hospitality setup and cleanup.

Be working on your Itch-to-Stitch quilts.

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