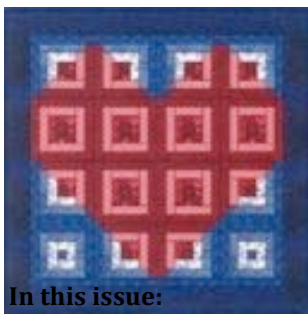


Piecing our Lives

The monthly newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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A tribute to friendship.....Laurie PD, Julie T, Charlotte N, Beth M, Paula B, and Judy R. Beautiful!!!

WAQG President's Letter- August 2017

Dear WAQG members,

What's under your needle? If you are like me, I've been trying to get my Itch to Stitch quilts completed for our August meeting. Hospice of West Alabama will be at our meeting to receive the lap quilts that members of our guild have made with love. As a recipient of the services of this agency, for both my mother-in-law and brother-in-law, I can attest that the folks who work at Hospice of West Alabama are truly angels on earth. It is amazing how they help to make the final days of folks lives the best that it can be. Thank you, to each of you, for the lap quilts that you are working on that will provide both warmth and comfort to the patients and their family during their difficult days. This guild is so blessed to have such a warm and caring group that give so freely of their time and talents to help others in our community.

I know that summer is winding down for some as they prepare for school to get started, which means football is right around the corner, then Kentuck ... my oh my, how quickly the days are flying by. When you do have time to slow down, breathe and sip a cool beverage or cup of coffee don't forget that our Quilt Show is coming up this spring. I have made a commitment to myself to make and enter a quilt in the show...this will be my first entry in a quilt show. Laurie has given me encouragement in the three years I have been quilting that I can make a quilt "good enough" to enter, so as a goodbye gift to her I am going to create and make a quilt for our show.

Our lives are like quilts- bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love.
Now to get back to what is under my needle.

Debbie

August 12, 2017 Guild Meeting:

8:45: Basics & Beyond: At August's Basics and Beyond we will discuss English Paper Piecing. I look forward to seeing many of July's assignment - directional (not symmetrical) applique fused blocks. ☺ Come with problems if you have any. ~ Charlotte

9:30: Business Meeting – Bring & Brag - Break

10:30: Program - Itch to Stitch

August Treasurer Report

Income \$4204.00 **

Expenses \$3903.50**

Previous checking balance \$12,249.31

Current checking balance \$12,279.81

Including Hallie O Mural

Fund \$1,121.05



** Details can be seen at guild meeting

2017 WAQG Officers

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Membership Mary B

Name Tag Drawing Diane A

Newsletter Jamie S, Judy S

Opportunity Quilt 2017 Fay L

Programs Eve E, Rose O

Quilt Show Paula W, Karen L

Retreat Ana S

Shark Pit Paula W

Sunshine Julie T

Telephone Tree Nan G

Workshop/Major Eve E, Rose O

Workshops/Mini Debbie W

Website Coordinator Laura R

Yearbook Mary B

Retreats: Ana S

Quilt Show Bulletin – QUILT SHOW 2018

There will be a meeting of Quilt Show chairs after the August meeting. Work has already started in preparation for the 2018 show. There will be reports and a new activity to discuss so that we will all be up to date with our progress. Paula W. and Karen L.

Paducah Info -

Charlotte is still taking reservations!

Charlotte has reserved two cabins for folks interested in attending the Spring Paducah Show which will be held April 18-21, 2018. The 3 nights reserved are April 18, 19, and 20, 2018 at the Kentucky Dam Village Park. There is a \$50 deposit to hold your space. Please see Charlotte if you are interested.



WAQG Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2017

Welcome to the July meeting- Debbie W, President.

Membership- Mary B reported that we had 60 members and 3 guests at the meeting. Birthday greetings were sung to our July birthdays.

Sunshine- Julie T gave a report for the members who are ill and for those who are celebrating events in their lives.



Hospitality- Julie T is the new hospitality chair and gave a report on how we will be doing the refreshments going forward. Guild members are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting that their birthday falls in, along with setting up and cleaning up afterwards. This way each guild member gets to not do any 'work' eleven months and only participate in providing assistance for the hospitality at meetings only one time a year. For December, the guild will provide the food and the December birthday members are only asked to provide the desserts.

Farewell to Laurie- Mary B sang a farewell song and Julie T presented Laurie PD hand-made square-in-square blocks and a quilting book signed by guild members to Laurie as she and Steve prepare to move to North Carolina. Laurie spoke of her love for the deep friendships that she has with the WAQG members and looks forward to staying in touch and watching us grow from her new home near their children.

Basics and Beyond- Charlotte N showed using fusible for directional applique and Christmas coaster. August will be English paper piecing; later will be log cabin.

Name Tag drawing- Diane A drew the name tag winners which were: Beatrice P, Barbara W and Paula B. Members who wear their name tag to the monthly meeting put their names in the basket for the opportunity to win a prize each month. Winners are only eligible to win once each year.

Opportunity Quilt 2017- Fay L has a few members tickets that need to be picked up, see her if you haven't received yours yet. Remember that the drawing will be at our December meeting.

Opportunity Quilt 2018- Sara T still has a few block kits ready to be picked up, sewn and returned to her.

Kentuck- Co-chairs Paula B and Teresa M talked about the importance of Kentuck to our guild. Each guild member is encouraged to work at the two-day festival, sign-up sheets to work are at each meeting. Standards for items to be made and sold at Kentuck have been published and are available at each meeting, along with pricing guidelines. Items must be made by guild members with quilting proportional to the size of the item and quilted through-out.

2018 Quilt Show- Charlotte N gave the report on behalf of Paula W and Karen L. It will be held at Taylorville UMC with the set up on February 28th, judging on March 1st and the show will be March 2nd and 3rd. There will be a meeting after the August meeting for show chairs. Murray Johnston will be the featured artist. This year we will offer reduced rates for assisted living residents and will not offer children's activities. The silent auction funds will be given to the VA Alzheimer's unit in Tuscaloosa. Peg L is seeking a co-chair to help with the Demonstration committee. This task includes getting volunteers to give demonstrations during the show, coordinating the demonstrations and room set up, please see her if interested.

Minutes continued:

Quilt Album 2016 Books- a few are left, see Dot B to purchase one for \$3.00.

Library- Susan A shared that we have a series of books by S. Nordstrom on applique, who designed an applique design for our guild when she was our guest a few years ago. There are several books on Flying Geese that can be checked out as members are preparing their Challenge quilted items.

Retreat- Ana S reported that there are a few openings for the August 17-20th retreat at the Red Rooster Inn. This is a wonderful time to relax, eat some delicious meals, get a lot of sewing done while getting to know and learn from your fellow quilting friends.

Programs- Eve E said that the July meeting will be guild members giving “Christmas in July” tips and ideas for gifts. August will be Itch-to-Stitch and September will be presented by Rose O.

Itch-to-Stitch-Eve E reminded everyone that the August program is our guild presenting the lap quilts we have made to our Itch-to-Stitch project, Hospice of West Alabama.

Bring and Brag- Diane A, Nancy A, Mary B, Margaret S, Martha S, Pat S, Karen W, Hallie O, Betty S and Fay L made a quilt for a local attorney from his ties. When he asked how much it would cost she said she “charges \$250 an hour- same as you.”

Shirts made by Laurie, modeled by Julie T, Paula B, Charlotte N, Judy R and Beth M. Laurie modeled her 2017 Challenge which is a dress with vertical Flying Geese. A tree quilt with motifs significant to Laurie was displayed by the creators: Julie T, Beth M, Judy R and Inez R.

Just Finish It- Pam S, Jill S, Inez R and Peg L.

Refreshment break was provided by guild members who shared a birthday during the month of the July.

The Program was Christmas in July and was presented by Eve E, Charlotte N, Melanie M, Nancy F, Margaret P, Joyce T and Peg L.

Respectively submitted by acting secretary, Debbie W.

WAQG Does Kentuck!

The countdown to Kentuck continues! We have our booth assignment and will show you at the August meeting. Work sign-ups will be at the back of the meeting room and Teresa and Paula will be there to answer any questions about merchandise and work details. We will email inventory sheets and price tags to everyone as well as having them at the meetings. Beat the crowds and start bringing your merchandise to the meetings!



2017 WAQG Challenge:

The 2017 Challenge is to make a quilted item that incorporates a flying goose someplace in the quilt. You may have large geese, small goslings, or a tiny hidden goose. Your quilt can be large or small, or in-between. Your quilt can be traditional or non-traditional. The sky is the limit... there are no constraints on colors, no constraints on size, nor how many Challenge items you enter and no constraints on the number of geese you have in the quilt.

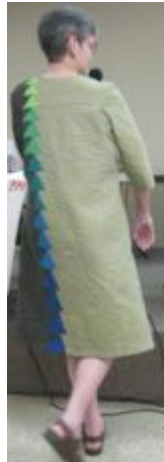
Categories:

1. Small: Width plus length is 30 inches or smaller (quilt block sized, quilted, and bound).
2. Medium: Width plus length is 31-60 inches
3. Large: Width plus length is 61 or more inches
4. Non-traditional including clothing, household items, etc.



**Bring & Brag/
Just Finish It -
July Meeting**







Christmas in July Program





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WAQG meets at the Department of Transportation Building (1000 28th Avenue) on the second Saturday of each month.



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