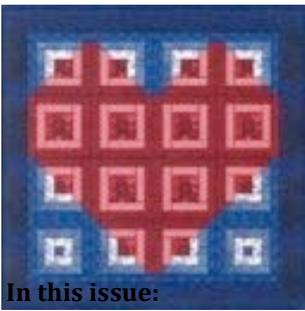


# Piecing our Lives



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The monthly newsletter of  
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September

Itch To Stitch Results – a trunk full of quilts for families who are/will be using the services of Hospice - 115 lap quilts for a wonderful cause. Good job everyone!

## 2018 Itch to Stitch Project Request - See Debbie's Letter

Agency/Group Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Contact Person:

Tell us who this agency serves-

Include their mission statement or tell us about what do they do-

What area of our community do they serve-

Is this a Not for Profit 501 (c)(3) agency?

Tell us about your association with this agency-

What type of quilts would this group find most useful-

Be sure to include your name so if we have questions, we can contact you.



**WAQG President's Letter- September 2017**

**Dear WAQG members,**

**What's under your needle? I'm happy to say that I don't have any lingering Itch to Stitch projects under mine. Our guild has traditionally set our August meeting aside to turn in our yearly Itch to Stitch projects and wow, did our guild do a fabulous job this year. Latrelle Porter, the Executive Director at Hospice of West Alabama, was presented with 115 beautiful lap quilts. Each quilt was unique in the style, color, size and it was evident that they were sewn with threads of love by the care that was put into the design and construction. If you have an agency or group that you would like for the board to consider for the 2018 Itch to Stitch project, please submit your information to the board. Please read the note in the newsletter about what information needs to be included in your request.**

**The Red Rooster Retreat center hosted a small gaggle of our guild for a wonderful long weekend in August. There was a lot of eating of delicious gourmet meals, laughter, sewing, eating, a little sleeping, sharing of ideas and did I say eating?!?! Start now putting back your spare change so you can go to the next retreat in January. Ana has been organizing our retreats and will be happy to help anyone who wants to organize another one if the already booked biannual retreats are full.**

**What do you have under your needle for Kentuck? You are welcome to bring your completed item(s) to the September meeting to avoid the rush at the October meeting. Remember to have your inventory form and tag attached to your items when you turn them in and be as descriptive as possible.**

**The quilt show committee is working very hard on our March show. Please think about your talents and strengths, then find a committee that matches your interests... there is a spot waiting for you to serve.**

**Kudos to Julie T for chairing the Hospitality Committee. Also, thank you to the members who share their birthday on the respective month for pitching in and taking care of hosting our social / refreshment time at our monthly meetings. Isn't it nice to have eleven months to just do nothing but show up and join in the fun?!?!**

**I continue to be amazed at what a generous, kind and loving guild that has welcomed me in and is teaching me so much about quilting, I feel like we are one big family. I appreciate your prayers and notes following my recent (surprise) gallbladder surgery. No one wants to be sick and off work, but especially when you are on a new job. I am thankful of the fine medical team and hospital that we have here that has helped me to quickly recover. I am getting stronger every day and thrilled that I am putting back on some weight!**

**In the crazy quilt of life, I'm glad you're in my block of friends.**

**Now to get back to what is under my needle.**

*Debbie*

## September 9, 2017 Guild Meeting:

**8:45: Basics & Beyond** - September Basics and Beyond class will feature how to make a Dresden Plate. Be sure to bring any English Paper piecing that you tried! In October, we will discuss the Log Cabin block.

**9:30: Business Meeting**

**10:30 Program- What to do with orphan blocks**

## July Treasurer Report

Income \$415.99 \*\*

Expenses \$200.40 \*\*

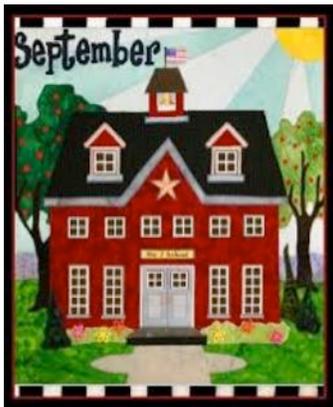
Previous checking balance \$12,279.81

Current checking balance \$12,710.20

Including Hallie O'Kelly Mural  
Fund \$1,222.05



\*\* Details can be seen at guild meeting



### 2017 WAQG Officers

**President** Debbie W  
**Vice Pres** Eve E/ Rose O  
**Secretary** Laura R  
**Treasurer** Dot B

### Board Members

Charlotte N 15-17  
Christine L 16-18  
Paula B 17-18

### Committee Chairs

**Basics and Beyond** Charlotte N  
**Community Service** Sara T  
**Education** Nan G  
**Historian** Anne E  
**Kentuck** Paula B , Teresa M  
**Library** Susan A  
**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  
**Challenge 2017** Board  
**Shark Pit** Paula W  
**Website Coordinator** Laura R  
**Retreats:** Ana S

## 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.



### Entering a Quilt in the 2018 WAQG Quilt Show

Entry forms for the 2018 WAQG quilt show will be available starting in October. We will have both electronic and paper copies. All forms are due at or before the January meeting. Please only turn in a form if you are confident that your quilt will be completed by the February meeting. Those quilts that are not completed by the February meeting will be removed from the show. We need to have an accurate count of quilt entries to plan the display layout for the show.

As in past shows, you can choose whether or not you would like to have your quilt judged. While being "judged" may sound intimidating, it is a great way to get constructive feedback from an expert quilter.

The entry form will ask for detailed information about your quilt that will assist us in putting it into the appropriate category. The categories will be determined by the types of entries we have, with the goal being to have an even distribution of the number of entries across categories. Be thinking about good names for your entries!

We will also have two special categories, neither of which will be judged:

**The Starting Line** - Entries of "first time" quilts, which could be your very first quilt show entry ever, or pieces that represent a new type of quilt for you even if you have participated in shows before. For example, if in the past you have always shown quilts with computerized long-arm quilting, but this time you have a quilt where you tried free-motion domestic-machine quilting for the first time, that might be an appropriate "Starting Line" entry. If you want your first time entry to compete in the general show you will need to enter it as a standard item.

**Guild Challenges (2016 and 2017)** - If you have completed a challenge for 2016 (Essence of Alabama) or will have one for 2017 (Flying Geese) these will be displayed together in a special area. We encourage you all to share your challenge item for this display (even if it wasn't ready for the December Challenge show!). It's a great way to demonstrate the community our guild represents. If you want your challenge item to compete in the general show you will need to enter it as a standard item.

If you have any questions speak to Laura R



**Update on Laurie** – She is busy working on her farewell quilt consisting of blocks made by members. "I am having a great time working on my farewell blocks quilt. Here is a progress photo. I call it "Fun & Friendship" and, as you can see, I am incorporating photos of friends and fun times and projects. I plan to incorporate every block given to me, somewhere in the quilt. Some of them will go on the back, but they will all be there".

Laurie is tentatively scheduled for surgery on Sept. 6. She is very optimistic and will keep us posted.



## WAQG guild meeting minutes, August 12, 2017

**Announcements:** Newsletter Items due by to Judy and Jamie by the 20th of the month, Board meeting @ Dunkin Donuts at 5:30 the Thursday before Guild meetings, Fay L. will lead a workday on Wednesday, August 16th at Hospice of West Alabama at 9:30am - 3:30pm to make dementia "activity blankets". Retreat - next week full with 20 people, if others would like to organize additional retreat weekends please do so

**Membership:** 55 members present, 2 guests,

**Sunshine:** keep ailing members in your thoughts, Name tag winners: Margaret P., Sandra B., Eve E.

**Hospitality:** Julie T. is coordinating hospitality. Persons with birthdays in the month of the meeting are responsible for bringing goodies, set-up, and clean-up. Have a rectangular table to make line for treats more efficient.

**Basics and Beyond** - Today, English paper piecing. September- Dresden Plates

**Library** - Lots of donated quilting magazines for adoption

**Programs** - today Itch-to-Stitch, September, Rose O., What to do with orphan blocks, October - Kentuck, November - work space organization strategies, consider sharing your own organization tricks.

**Quilt Show** - committee chairs meeting today after the regular guild meeting, Silent Auction charity is the VA-Alzheimer's unit

**Opportunity Quilt** - make sure to sell and turn in your tickets, 2017 quilt on display at Maker's Market. 2018 quilt - Sara needs the paper-pieced squares back no later than the October meeting, ~30 squares still need to be turned in,

**Community Service** - Nan G and Diana M did a great program for the capitol school 2nd graders "little house on the prairie" class, including a costume, read a book, showed a quilt, taught some basic sewing skills, Rave reviews from one of the students with guild connections! Sipsey Valley outreach opportunity, see Laura R. for more info

**Kentuck** - booth location has changed and is a smaller space than in previous years, it is a higher traffic area, see map at back of room, price tags and merchandise sheets at back of room, electronic merchandise form will also be made available. Items due at the October meeting

**Bring and Brag and Itch-to-Stitch:** 33 people shared their most recent projects and Itch-to-Stitch donations, Just-Finish-It - 5 completed projects

**Program:** Itch-to-Stitch quilts were donated to Hospice of West Alabama, Latrell P. gave a presentation about their organization, at least 125 quilts were donated!



## WAQG does Kentuck 2.0 – Important!!

We were notified of our booth location and we will be across from where the Fiber Guild was last year. This location will offer us much more visibility. We have a double booth spot which is 10 feet by 24 feet. The committee is meeting to see how best to use the space. We will definitely have a great merchandising space, so please be working on your items. After conversing with Kentuck, they have asked that we eliminate the children's demonstrations and focus on education and demonstrations for adults. We are excited about the possibilities and will have more to reveal at the September meeting. If you signed up to work in the children's area, you can choose another category for your shift. Thanks! Paula B. and Teresa

**Itch To Stitch/Bring & Brag/ Just Finish It - August Meeting**







## Itch To Stitch – August 2017



### Red Rooster Lemon Lava Cake – 8-9 muffin size cakes

#### Ingredients:

8 oz White Chocolate

8 T (1/2 cup) Butter

Mix together – stir well

3 eggs

¼ t salt

3 egg yolks

1 lemon - zest the skin and squeeze the juice

1 ½ c Powdered Sugar

? Vanilla

½ c Flour

Preheat oven 425 degrees

Melt white chocolate/butter together. In a separate bowl, mix eggs, vanilla, lemon zest, & lemon juice and beat. Add powdered sugar, flour, and salt. Mix.

Add melted chocolate and butter to the mixture and mix.

Fill well greased muffin pans ¾ full.

Bake at 425 degrees for 8-12 min (normally 10) till brown with runny centers

Let sit for 2 minutes. Use knife to separate sides from muffin pan.

Flip out onto baking pan. Dust with Powdered Sugar and garnish. Enjoy!!!





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