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The monthly newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

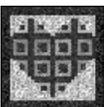
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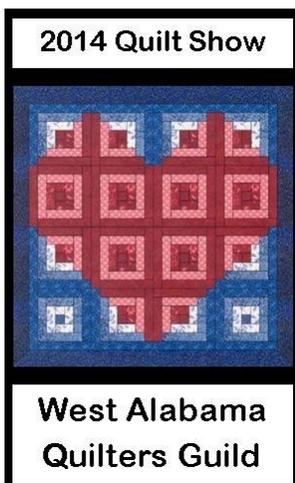
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Inez created her "Korean Dancers" quilted wall hanging, inspired by seeing Korean Drum Dancers, images made by artist Spark Chan, and by her own experience with dance. She incorporated machine piecing, machine applique, and very detailed machine quilting.

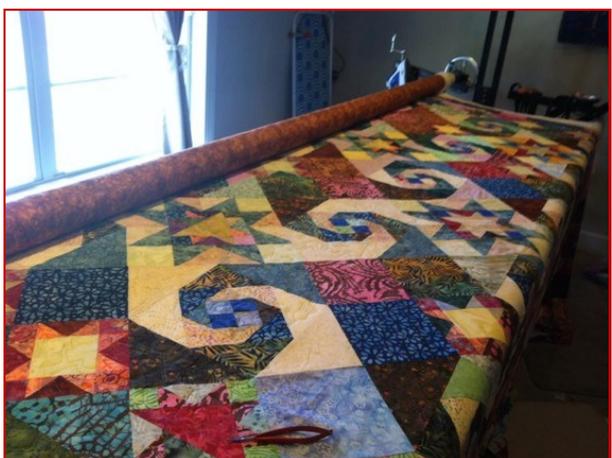


President's letter:



Spring has finally sprung and the quilt show is getting closer! Please consider entering at least one quilt into the show this year. You can have your quilt judged and maybe even win one of our coveted prize ribbons! The show is great fun and a chance to strut our stuff so pick up your entry form at the meeting and return it completed to me by the May meeting. Also sign up to help with whatever you can. We have many areas that need to be filled over the 4 day period between set up and tear down. See more on page 8.

Our Kentuck sign up will be at the April meeting! Remember you need to sign up for at least one 3 hour time slot in order to buy an artist name tag for entry at the reduced \$5 price. **Please bring your money and sign up in April.** Our deadline for artist name badges is April 25th.! Kentuck is the weekend of Oct 18th and 19th this year.



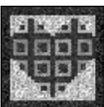
Did you know our Opportunity quilt is almost finished? Thank you to everyone who made blocks for the quilt, to Ana for putting it all together, and to Christine for quilting it. You can get a sneak peek at it before the next guild meeting! It will be on display and we will be selling tickets at the **Druid City Arts Festival** in downtown Tuscaloosa. There will be 65 artist booths, live music and food vendors. It is Saturday, **April 5th from 11 am - 7 pm.** Christine was thoughtful enough to

score us a spot so come by, enjoy the day, and see your quilt! Thanks to Karen, Jill, and Charlotte for volunteering to sell tickets at the event. I'll be there to sell tickets, too.

Thanks, also, to Nan and Charlotte for giving a presentation to the art classes of Vicki K at Sipse Valley High School on Friday, April 4th.

Happy quilting!

Beth



April 12, 2014, Guild Meeting:



8:45 Basics and Beyond: April brings us spring flowers and so let's try two different patterns that will highlight those pretty spring colors. The Cathedral Window is always a challenge because it combines quilting and origami ideas to get the job down. No need for batting or binding on this type of quilt. Our second quilt block is called Five Spot and it is "on point". This block will give you the opportunity to use up some of that pretty "fussy cut-able" fabric you have been saving. **Ana.**

9:30 Guild Business meeting

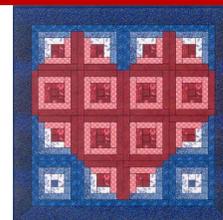
10:30 Program: - Hallie will give us a program on Dying Fabric.

We know that Hallie only buys 100-yard bolts of white ready-to-dye fabric for her quilt projects. She does all of the dying and printing for her wonderful designs. We will learn Hallie's dying process and see more of her great work.



Hospitality

Bring food to share when you can. We love our goodies!



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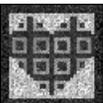
May 10th: Our May meeting is a garage sale! Please note: This sale is for sewing and quilting items only! Please price your own items and provide your own change. We will provide the tables for you to set up your sale area. Be creative! Shop, trade, barter, but don't leave anything behind! Weed out your supplies and find some great bargains. **Buy-the-Inch Fabrics will be with us, too, to buy your stuff!**

June 14: "Design Elements" by Charlotte N.

July 12: "Specialty Bindings" by Charlotte and Laurie

August 9th: "Itch-to-Stitch" where we bring in all of our community service quilts. This year they go to our local Foster Care kids. Be generous with your time and effort.





Before



Panel Play

These are great quilts for our summer "Itch-to-Stitch" community service project for the kids in our local Foster Care Program. Made by taking apart a printed fabric panel and putting it back together with other fabrics. See Julie or Sara to buy a panel for \$1, take it home and "re-do" it. Let us snap a photo before, and then another one after. The transformation is fun to see.

After



Welcome New Members—

Frances

JoAnn

Susan

Nina

Yearbook Corrections:

Jacque

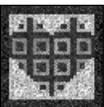
Teresa

Progressive quilt!

At Kentuck this year we are going to try a progressive quilt. It will demonstrate making a quilt from beginning to end. We will show cutting, designing, making blocks, putting blocks together, layering, quilting and binding. Maybe we can get a few charity quilts done in the process!

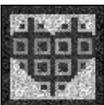


Summer Red Rooster Retreat: We are full up for the August 15-17 Retreat. Payment will be due by the July meeting: 4 days, 3 nights will be \$245.00 and 3 days, 2 nights will be \$175.00. See Ana at April meeting to be sure that you are on the list and you can make your payments or put a deposit down. Next retreat is January 1-4. Sign up with Ana.



Fun to see what everyone has been working on.





What a great weekend with Jane Sassaman!



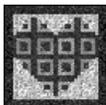


Our 2014 Major Workshop with Jane Sassaman.
Simple Silhouettes
They all turned out great!

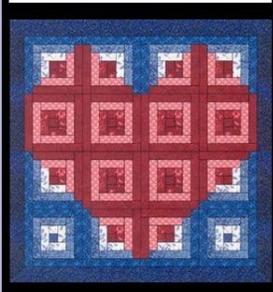


We learned Jane's techniques for inserting a window in the border, her neat method of applique, and the excellent outline quilt stitching using 12-wt thread.





2014 Quilt Show



West Alabama
Quilters Guild

Friday, May 30th 9am—6pm

**Saturday, May 31st 9am—
5pm**

Set up: Wednesday, May 28th

Judging: Thursday, May 29th

**Location: Holy Spirit Catholic
High School**

Registration forms for entries
into the quilt show are now

available and due back by the May meeting
(May 10th). **Help Beth and turn them in sooner!**

It is important to completely fill out the entry
forms with the size and value. We use this
information to buy insurance and map where
each quilt will hang. Please also note if you
want your quilt to be judged.

We want everyone to enter at least one quilt,
even if you are a beginner.

It is not too late to be a Quilt Show sponsor! You
can sponsor the show yourself or in honor of or
memory of someone special. Sponsors are
recognized on posters displayed at the show
and receive admission and Opportunity Basket
tickets.

Thank you to these quilt show sponsors:

Advanced Quilters:

the makers market

Sara Terrell

Barbara & Howard Wells

Laurie & Steve Prentice-Dunn

Charlotte & Mike Nix

Intermediate Quilters:

Townsend Ford

JVC

Barb McClarty

Faye and Bob Jones

Susan & Bob Ainsworth

Beginning Quilters:

2 Quilt or not 2 Quilt

Charles and Hallie O'Kelley

Joyce Terry for Rodan & Fields

Tara Lee for Mary Kay

Quilt Show Meeting

The next quilt show planning meeting will be
after the April Guild meeting. Come and help.

Quilt Show Flyers

Pick up some quilt show flyers to distribute at
your church or organization. Post them at your
dance studio, your next Mensa meeting, or
wherever you frequent. It will be a great show
and we are proud to show the community what
we can do! **Help us publicize our show!**

Silent Auction Information

Due to our success in 2012, we are again having a
Silent Auction as part of our quilt show.

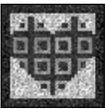
This year all proceeds of the auction will be
donated to **Turning Point** in Tuscaloosa. Turning
Point is a non-profit organization that serves
victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in
nine counties in West Alabama.

We invite all WAQG members to make and donate a
quilted item for this charity project. The item can be
any size, but usually small items predominate. We
will set up the Silent Auction in the front lobby.

- ◆ Items will be on display during the show and
bids can be made in writing until 4pm Saturday.
- ◆ The highest bid wins the item.
- ◆ Items can be picked up at the end of the show.
- ◆ A minimum bid may be designated by the
maker.
- ◆ Bids can be made in whole dollar increments
only.
- ◆ Because these items are being sold, they can-
not contain any licensed fabric or emblems in-
cluding Disney, John Deere, sports teams, etc.
- ◆ Items can be turned in to Inez Rovegno at any
time.
- ◆ If you intend to make an item, please notify Inez
so she can map out the display area and
prepare the bidding sheets. Items can be
turned in on Wednesday, May 28 (set-up day at
Holy Spirit) at the latest.
- ◆ Any unsold items will be returned to the maker.

Guild members may also make the winning bid on a
quilted treasure to take home too!

Inez



Minutes March 8, 2014

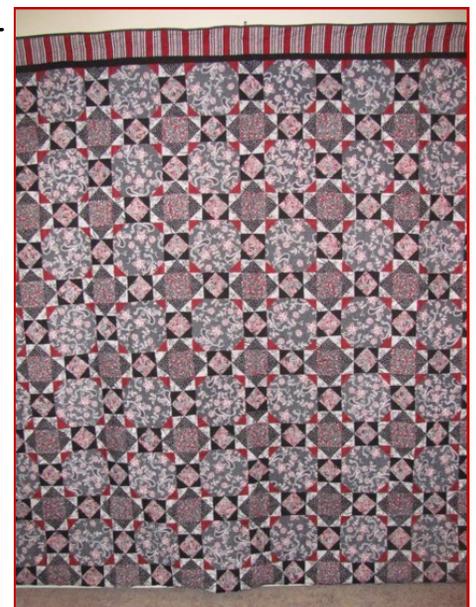
Next Board meeting March 18, 2014 at 5:00p.m. Jason's Deli

Mail: Quilters Hall of Fame in Indiana- Quilt show in July. Quilting Quarterly is available if anyone wants to see it. Judy announced meeting in Birmingham March 10 with quilt appraising being topic. Diana S's son is asking for sponsors for Bike and Build Trip.

Committee reports: Basics and Beyond- Learned how to do Flanges, and an easy way to do Prairie Points. Community Service – Sara Terrell and Julie Townsend have panels available for Itch to Stitch project. Panels are available for \$1/panel. Money from sale of panels is missing from cabinet. If anyone knows where it is, please let Julie or Sara know. Membership- 51 members present today and four new members joined: Joann C, Francis S, Nina S, and Susan R. Five visitors present. March birthdays announced. Library- Two new books available Name Tag- Names drawn this month were Dot B, Karen L, Peg L, Sara T, Joann C. Winner of the pin dispenser was Hallie O. Workshops- For March workshop with Jane Sassman. Retreat- August retreat full and Ana is accepting names for wait list. Newsletter- Copies on front table and it can also be accessed on web site. Quilt Show- Registration forms for entry into show are available on registration table, one form for each quilt. Deadline for registering quilts is May meeting. Members encouraged to donate items for Silent Auction to benefit Turning Point. Posters available for members to take to promote show. Yearbook- In process of completing, if members want to change any of their information please contact Mary B or Ana S.

Get to Know You - Mary Jean , quilt guild treasurer, has been member of guild 5 years. Always active sewer and got involved through Pat S. Sara T started quilting 6 years ago. She started when she purchased quilt kit from Sew Delightful. Rose O has been sewing since she was 8 years old, has been in Tuscaloosa for 15 years and just finished her first pieced quilt top.

Bring and Brag- Sara T, Marjorie S, Tara L, Inez R, Melanie M, Rose O, Peg, L, Karen L, Faye L, Christine Lr, Jeanette R, Martha M, Julie T and Judy S.





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Reminders:

Fill out your quilt registration forms and get them to Beth this month. She will love you for getting them in early!

Believe it or not, it is time to sign up for **Kentuck!!** Bring your \$5 for your Artist Assistant Badge and sign up for a 3-hour time-slot.

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