

# Piecing our Lives

The monthly newsletter of  
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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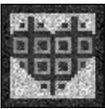
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Inez wins Best in Show for her "Ocean Floor Topography" entry in our WAQG 2014 Challenge: Pick a Crayon. See more Challenge photos on pages 4-5.



### President's letter:



I want to start my first president's message by **congratulating Beth** on a superb job leading the guild for the past two years. She leaves us in excellent shape having, among many other achievements, led the WAQG in contributing tremendous amounts of service to our community and accommodating the many requests for our guild's involvement. She chaired our quilt show attending to tons of details such as the layout and hanging plan, judging, and providing opportunity baskets. She chaired our excellent Kentuck booth and demonstrations putting into place her idea for expanding

demonstrations to include machine piecing and quilting—which added energy and interest to our booth. She leaves me with big shoes to fill.



In fact, Mary B asked me what I planned to change as president, and I replied, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I believe we have a wonderful, well-functioning guild. Those of you who know me know how much I enjoy the guild, value what I have learned from so many guild members, and appreciate how much fun we have. I also cherish all of the new folks I have met. I am a relatively new member of the WAQG and consequently do not know as many of you as I would like to know. I hope to rectify that situation ASAP. I love spending my monthly Saturday morning with a fun-loving group who all love the same thing I do—quilting. I must admit I don't know much about being a guild president, but I know people in this guild are always willing to lend a helping hand. **Please feel free to email or give me suggestions and advice.**

This month we have a mini workshop on quilted tote bags with Sue and Laurie and an exciting program with Elaine Poplin "something out of nothing." For those cat lovers amongst us, here are some ideas for creating a play on words you might enjoy for the new challenge:

Who let the cat out of the bag?

That's the cat's pajamas.

When the Cat's away, the mice will play.

The nine lives of (your cat's name).



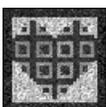
**I leave you with one thought:** He or she who dies with the most fabric, did not sew fast enough.

And sew on,

Inez

### New Year's Eve Lunch and a Movie!

Come join us. Wednesday, December 31st. Jason's Deli at 11:00 am. Let's gather at tables in the back. We will have the movie listings for that day on hand for anyone who wants to go. Bring any new treasures to show us and share any New Years Quilting resolutions you are making.



## January 10, 2015, Guild Meeting:

**8:45 Basics and Beyond:** We are going to talk about "cutting" fabric and work on the ever popular and very old pattern: The Log Cabin. It is versatile and although very basic, it can take on quite intricate traits. Come join us. **Ana.**

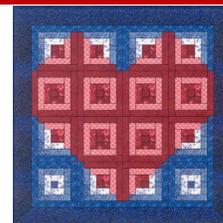
### 9:30 Guild Business meeting

**10:30 Program:** We welcome **Elaine Poplin with "Something Out of Nothing."** She will share her evolved philosophy of quilting which came about after her family experienced a house fire. Elaine shared, "While I didn't lose everything, but the experience did adjust my value system rather significantly and I realized how much I can do with small bits and pieces of fabrics, as well as small bits and pieces of time. I no longer feel like I have to have huge amounts of yardage to make beautiful things, because sometimes the little inconsistencies in the fabrics used tell the better story anyway." Come see what you can with your bits and pieces!



## Hospitality

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



### 2013 WAQG Officers

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### Upcoming Guild Programs:

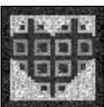
**February 14:** Judy Balance: "Designing a Quilt". With the new challenge having been announced at our December meeting, Judy will aid us in designing the perfect quilt.

### Mini Workshop January 17th Quilted Tote- bags with Sue and Laurie

At TDOT, 9am-2:30.  
Come for as long as  
will be helpful to

you. You can make Sue's portable quilted file cabinet tote—or a regular one. Supply list and more information available at the January meeting. You can complete the tote if you come with panels quilted.





Here are more prize winners for our 2014 WAQG Challenge

Bigger Wall Hangings



1st Place: Sara T,

2nd Place: Inez R,

3rd Place: Jamie S

Very Small Wall Hangings



1st Place: Peg L,

2nd Place: Mary B,

3rd Place: Sue G

Miscellaneous



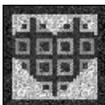
1st Place: Nan G,

2nd Place: Beth M,

3rd Place: Paula B



Food and Fun at our Holiday Party



Bigger Wall Hangings

**38 Great entries in our 2014 WAQG Challenge: Pick A Crayon**



Very Small Wall Hangings



Miscellaneous



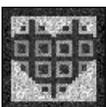


**Bring & Brag, Just Finish It.**



**Fun with our quilting friends**





### 2015 Major Workshop

## Karen Combs

Friday, Feb. 20th, 7:00 pm.  
Program presentation and trunk show. Free and open to the public, so bring your friends. TDOT.

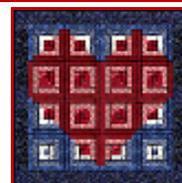


Saturday, Feb. 21st. Workshop: Patchwork Illusions Starts early—at 8 am to be finished by 3 at TDOT. We have a waiting list as all seats are reserved. See Charlotte to check on availability. The Supply list is available on our website: [www.waqq.com](http://www.waqq.com).



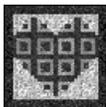
**Welcome New Member:**

Nancy A



**Smiles all around.**





## 2015 Challenge has been announced: A Play on Words

### Rules

Limited to two entries per person. Entries must be in different categories and must be brought to the December 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

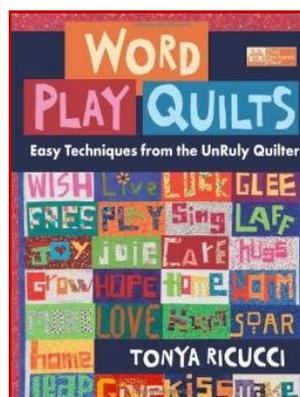
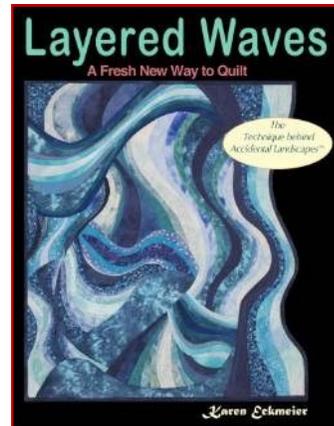
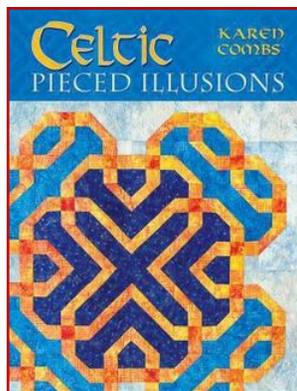
**Design Buddy:** We encourage everyone to find a design buddy for this challenge with whom you can brainstorm possible quilts, discuss your ideas and how you might turn these ideas into a quilt, or figure out how to solve problems with your design or quilt.

**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:

### New on our shelf:



Also – you might enjoy these:

**Karen Combs video tips** – <http://www.karencombs.com/>

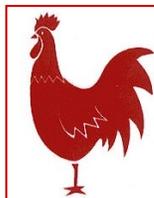
**Karen Eckmeier** – <http://www.kareneckmeier.com/>

**Quilt Expo Contest** – <http://www.wiquiltexpo.com/quiltcontest>

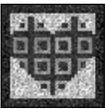
Juried & judged show with \$5 entry fee, deadline June 30, 2015

Suggestions and donations welcome! Retired books are on sale at meetings.

*Susan Ainsworth, WAQG Library*



**Retreat:** The next retreat at the Red Rooster Retreat in Cullman is in August. Ask Ana Schuber for more details.



## Minutes December 13, 2014

**Announcements:** NQA magazine here for anyone who wants it. A design wall was purchased for use during presentations. **Basics and Beyond:** Meeting today solicited ideas for next year. Ana announced Lunafest will take 2-3 small quilts to be auctioned for Breast Cancer Research. If anyone is interested, please let her know. **Door prizes:** Debbie Watson, Becky B, and Hallie O' won. **Retreat:** There are still openings for January retreat. Please let Ana know if interested. Dates are Jan 1-4, 2015. **Hospitality:** Sheets are available on table for volunteers for hospitality. If two people will sign up for setting up and cleaning up for each meeting, it will be appreciated. **Library:** Susan presented some books from library and encouraged all to sign those of interest. **Membership:** Members present-57. One new member, Nancy A. Guild has purchased CD for the directory and Mary B will take care of directory for next year. Birthdays announced. **Name Tag:** Names drawn were Nancy F, Betty J, Debbie W, and Nina S. **Workshop:** Ideas for minor workshops for next year were presented. 1) Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>-all day workshop on tote bags, 2)Mar. 21-all day workshop on Stack and whack 3)June 13-Celtic Cross after guild meeting 4)applique and 5) Sept-Christmas ornaments . Karen Combs, our Major Workshop presenter, will give a program on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm—FREE and open to the public, and her full day workshop is on the 21<sup>st</sup>, cost of \$40, plus pattern cost and fabric. Charlotte N is taking names for workshop but it must be paid for at time of sign up. Class limited to 20 people and there is now a waiting list. **Program:** Paula B listed first 3 programs for next year. January –Take What You Have, February-How to Design Quilts, March-Sewing Room Tour.

**Sunshine:** Cards were sent to members needing sunshine.

**Opportunity quilt:** Drawing held. Joannie R from Arab, Alabama won it.

**Challenge Quilt:** Next year's challenge will be A Play on Words, with categories of less than 30 inches, more than 30 inches, and miscellaneous.

**Just Finish It and Bring and Brag:** Laurie , Julie T, Yvonne G, Debbie W, Rosa O, Karen L, Mary B, Nancy A, Melanie M, Nan G, Jill K, Peg L, Christine LeC, Beatrice P, and Martha S.

**New Year's Eve:** Everyone interested in getting together, meet at Jason's Deli at 11:00 a.m., will eat lunch and just visit. May go to movies after lunch if desired.

**Program:** The 2014 Challenge entries revealed and votes for winners cast. All enjoyed our holiday feast.



Elaine R happily picks up the 2014 Opportunity Quilt for her friend Joanie R who held the winning ticket!

Note: the Board decided that as of this issue, all hard copies of our newsletter mailed to members will be printed in black and white.



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## Reminders:

**New Year's Eve Lunch and a Movie, Wednesday, Dec. 31st. 11:00 Jason's Deli.**

**Show us your "Just Finish It" completed projects.**

**Jan. 17th is our ToteBag workshop.**

## Recipe: Veggie Pizza

- 1 can Croissant Roll dough
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 8 oz Cream Cheese
- 1 small pkg Buttermilk Ranch dressing mix
- 1/4 cup Mayo
- 1 pkg Shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1 pkg shredded cheddar
- 1 shredded carrot, Broccoli, cauliflower, and tomato—all chopped.

Smooth dough in a pan. Smooth egg evenly over dough. Bake 10—12 min at 375 till brown. Combine dressing mix, cream cheese, and mayo together and evenly spread over dough. Sprinkle remaining ingredients evenly over pizza.

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