

Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

October 2018
Volume 18, Number 9

In this issue:

- Debbie Says: Kentuck, Sharing our talents, Itch to Stitch News, Red Rooster	2
Basics and Beyond: Intro to Seminole Patchwork Program: Kentuck Treasurer's Report Membership Major Workshop- Christina Cameli	3
2018 WAQG Challenge Info	4
Announcement, Bring & Brag/Just Finish It September Program	5-7



Debbie W presenting pillow cases to Katrina Lewis, RN, Patient Navigator for DCH Manderson Cancer Center. We donated 240 pillowcases this year. Congratulations ladies!!



WAQG President's Letter-October 2018

Dear WAQG members,

What's under your needle? I bet you are busy making something for our Kentuck booth which will be October 20th and 21st. It is hard to believe that this year is the 47th Annual Kentuck Festival of the Arts. In 1983 our very own Hallie O'Kelley became the designer and screen printer for the Kentuck Festival posters, which continued through 2003. In 1994 she was commissioned by Kentuck to make a quilt using the same design as the poster for that year. She has continued to make a "Kentuck" quilt each year since then. The design and colors in this quilt are used in the publicity for this annual arts festival.



We are at the fourth quarter which means the nominating committee will announce the slate of officers and board members at our meeting this month. Please think about the different strengths that you have been blessed with and how you can use your time and talents within our guild. There is a spot for each of us to serve on a committee and we have a lot of committees. Please help our guild to spread its wings and soar to meet the interests of our membership by offering your time and talents.

It has been amazing seeing the over 240 beautiful pillowcases that our guild has made for the patients receiving treatment at DCH Manderson Cancer Center. The nurses told me some sweet stories when I made our last delivery of pillowcases about how the simple act of us giving a pillowcase made a cancer patient's difficult day a little less difficult. My mom was recently a patient at DCH Regional in ICU then a regular room for a week. Mom is now in Northport DCH Rehab and it is amazing the difference a bright and cheerful pillowcase makes to her white hospital bed linens. When we get mom home, and I can unpack my machine from the Red Rooster retreat, I am going to look at my fabric in a different way. I will start cutting up fabric in stacks of $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. for the body and $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. for the cuff and start spreading some joy to others. Thank you again for everyone who participated in the two "Itch to Stitch" projects and spread love and joy to others. When the new board is in place, you can submit the information of your idea of a not-for-profit agency to be the recipient for next year's charity "Itch to Stitch" project.

At our September meeting we announced that we have an opportunity for more of our guild members to enjoy the Red Rooster Retreat in January by us utilizing the house across the road. If you haven't secured your spot, there are only a few spots left and when they are gone we will have a waiting list. As first-time retreat, Glenda Parker shared it was a wonderful and relaxing setting to be with fellow quilters who genuinely care for each other. Where else can you go where you don't have to lift a finger to cook or clean, you are served three phenomenal meals a day and the worst part of the weekend is packing up to go home. I can't say enough about how much I look forward to the retreats and how much I appreciate the encouragement of my friends as I reluctantly went on the August retreat in between my mom's stays in the hospital. We have several members who have parents, in-laws and spouses who are battling some serious illnesses and being a caregiver is the most difficult job in the world. Thanks to the encouragers of the world with smiles, hugs, notes and prayers!



Now I need to get back to planning what will be under my needle next.

Debbie

July 14, 2018 Guild Meeting:

8:45: Basics & Beyond: Basics and Beyond-October
 This month's topic will be an introduction to Seminole patchwork.

Many thanks to Dot for presenting in September

9:30: Business Meeting

10:30 Program: Getting ready for Kentuck

August Treasurer Report

Income: \$223.00*

Expenses: \$292.59*

Previous Checking Balance: \$10,678.39

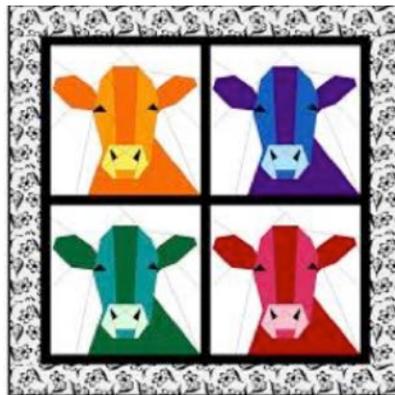
Current Checking Balance: \$10,650.66

Hallie Fund: \$5,027.00

*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.



New Members: None reported this month.

**2018 WAQG Officers**

President Debbie W
Vice Pres Eve E/ Rose O
Secretary Anne E
Treasurer Dot B

Board Members

Christine L 16-18
Paula B 17-19
Jamie S 18-20

Committee Chairs

Basics and Beyond Charlotte N
Community Service
Education Nan G
Historian Anne E
Kentuck Becky B
Library Patricia W, Dana M
Membership Mary B
Name Tag Drawing Diane A
Newsletter Jamie S, Judy S
Programs Eve E, Rose O
Quilt Show Beth M, Julie T
Retreat Ana S, Barbara H
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 2018 Board
Website Laura R

Major Workshop, Free Motion Quilting on a Domestic Sewing Machine with Christina Cameli April 19th and 20th, 2019.

We are fortunate to have booked Christina Cameli for our major workshop for 2019. Christina Cameli has been free-motion quilting for over a decade, and writes the quilting blog A Few Scraps (www.afewscraps.com). She is the author of several books, including **First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting**, **Step-by-Step Free-Motion Quilting** and **Wedge Quilt Workshop: Step-by-Step Tutorials 10 Stunning Projects** (at least one of these is in the Library), and contributes to numerous publications, including **Stitch, Quilts and More**, **Quilty** and **The Quilt Life**. She is also regularly featured on the PBS show **FRESH QUILTING** (www.freshquilting.com). Christina has several classes on Craftsy (www.craftsy.com) and also has several free videos on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/afewscraps>). In her life outside of quilting (is there such a thing?), she is a nurse-midwife. She is a member and past president of the Portland Modern Quilt Guild. She is extremely relatable and practical, making Christina the perfect person to guide the novice as well as inspire the seasoned quilter. She will be doing several mini-workshops and you'll be able to pick one, a few or do them all! Cost is to be announced but will be very reasonable. Of course, the lecture on Friday night will be free and open to the public. Please plan to take advantage of this offering of a world-renowned quilter at a fraction of what it would cost to attend at a conference!

West Alabama Quilters Guild Meeting
Saturday, September 8, 2018; 8:30 a.m. at TDOT
Minutes

Minutes not reported. Check next month.....



2018 Challenge Quilt Information

Attention: Challenge Quilt due at November meeting! For new members, this is an optional project in which any guild member may participate.

Only one entry per member allowed this year.

Make sure you bring your entry in a pillowcase with a label designating the category. Drop in the box in the entry of TDOT.



The categories for the 2018 WAQG Challenge – “Anything Appliqué” are listed below:

- Small quilts
- Medium Quilts
- Large Quilts
- Non-Traditional Quilts
- Starting Line Quilts

Starting Line Quilts is a category for those who are new to applique quilting and for whom this is the first time they have shown an appliqued quilt. Instead of placement ribbons, each applicant will receive a pin for their effort, which is expected to encourage new quilters and avoid competitiveness and discouragement. Depending on the number of entries, ribbons may be awarded.

To determine the appropriate category for a quilt, the Guild member will measure the width and length of the quilt, and taking the lower number (in inches) fill out the entrance form with the correct category marked. Round quilts should be entered in the Non-Traditional category.

Sizes: (using the **smaller** of the width and length measurements)

- Small: up to 30 inches
- Medium: 31 inches to 60 inches
- Large: 61 inches and larger

e.g.

- a quilt measuring 6” by 32” will be entered in the a Small category
- a quilt measuring 44” by 66” will be entered in the Medium category
- a quilt measuring 62” by 62” will be entered in the Large category

Voting: During the business meeting, committee members will hang entries on the appropriate frames/tables/walls. When instructed, members will have the opportunity to go and examine the entries and vote for their favorite in each category. 1st place will go to the entry with the most number of votes, 2nd will have the second most votes, and 3rd will have the third most votes. This will occur in each category. In the event of a tie, we will have a tie-breaking vote using show of hands. Ribbons will then be awarded. After ribbons have been awarded, members will have the opportunity to vote for Best of Show from the four first place entries. While these are being tallied, we plan to have the “who made it” phase of the challenge unveiling. Pictures will be taken of the winners during this phase. At the end, Best of Show will be announced with its picture taken at that time.

Reaching out to help Damon

Many of you may have heard that Damon from General Sew n Vac had a tragic family event last Saturday. His son Brandon was in an accident, hitting his head on the edge of a boat and breaking his neck. Thankfully he survived and was airlifted to Mobile to the trauma center where he had surgery on Monday to stabilize his neck. He is able to speak and breathe on his own which is great news. He is paralyzed with some movement in his right hand and some tingling sensations in his left arm and leg. He has a positive mind set and is eager to begin rehabilitation.

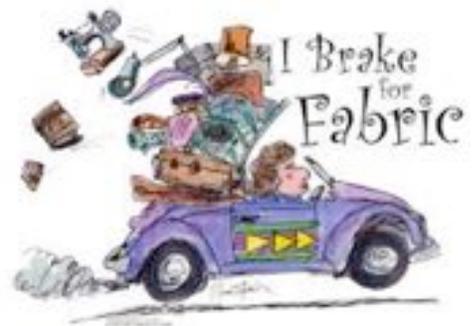


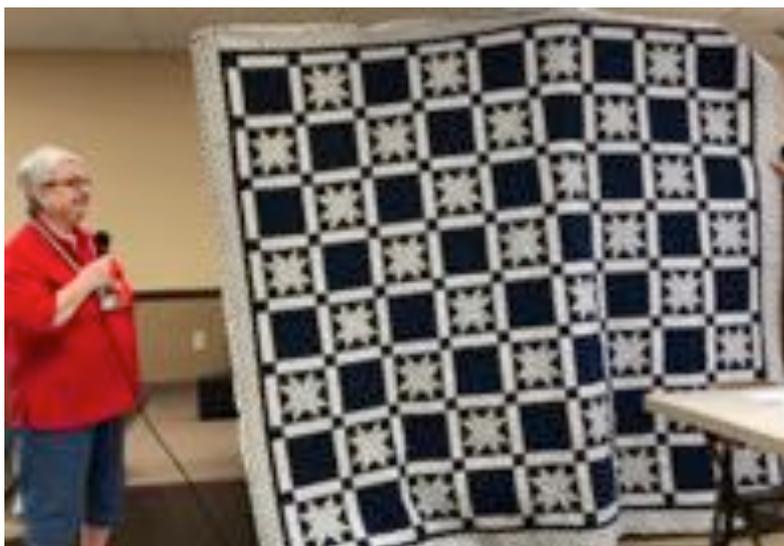
Brandon has been evaluated and will be transferred to a rehabilitation center as soon as he is stable enough, hopefully in Atlanta. This will be a lengthy medical stay and distant medical stay. Damon has always been wonderful to our guild and to so many of our members. He and Malissa as well as Brandon will need our thoughts and prayers during this phase in their lives. This will also be catastrophically expensive even with insurance.

I have spoken with Debbie and she and the board would like me to head up this effort. We are starting a fund to help financially with their needs. We ask, if you are able, to please consider donating whatever you feel comfortable to this dear family and friend of our guild. I will collect the money at the October meeting and get it to Damon and Malissa immediately thereafter. Checks can be made out to the guild and we will then make out one check to Damon. There is also going to be a card for all to sign at the meeting. I will keep you updated as I learn more. Thank you Fellow Guild Members.

Julie T

Bring & Brag/Just Finish It







September Program – Hallie O and making cloth books.





**West Alabama
Quilters Guild
P.O. Box 020059
Tuscaloosa, AL 35402**

We're on the
web
www.waqq.com



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