

# Piecing our Lives

The monthly newsletter of  
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

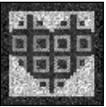
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**Teresa and Brenda at Kentuck.  
What a great weekend.  
More photos on page 5.**



### President's letter:



**Wow! What a great Kentuck weekend! The weather was beautiful and people came out to the festival! The new tent set up without the Christmas tree (Yay!) looked great and was easy for people to see and shop. The demonstrations were awesome! We were a beehive of activity and it really brought people into our area to see what we were doing. The children's area was a big hit and it was fun to see what the kids did with the appliques. I think we should all be proud of our efforts! Thank you to everyone for making this a great Kentuck! We looked like the fun and productive group that we are! We were even awarded a Patron's Ribbon! And ye\$, we made money! J**

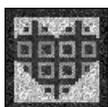


**So what's next? Our December meeting is our Holiday Party and when the Crayon Challenge (see page 6) is due. Bring a dish to pass, wear your festive clothes, and bring your challenge quilt in a pillowcase with a tag naming your category. We want to guess who made each quilt and vote for our favorites! I hope we have lots of entries. It should be a fun meeting. There will also be two quilt kits given away by drawing so you don't want to miss it!**

**Are you going to Just Finish It? Remember to choose a fat quarter when you cross off that quilt from your Just Finish It list! There are some really good ones in there. Finish now for the best selection!**



**Happy Quilting!**  
**Beth**



## November 8, 2014, Guild Meeting:

**8:45 Basics and Beyond:** I hope that you have been trying out the "watercolor" techniques. I have gone overboard and have lots of 2x2 squares I am testing out. For November we will try out a couple of Rail Fence patterns which are so versatile and easy to put together. Come join us. **Ana.**

**9:30 Guild Business meeting**

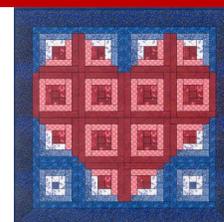
**10:30 Program: Our Quilted Wearables!**  
**Laurie will share her tips and examples, from totebags to tunics, but we want YOU to show us one or two of your quilted clothing items, too!**

Let Laurie know what you will share, and please plan to give us the 15 second summary about who made it and what you like about it.



## Hospitality

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



### 2014 WAQG Officers

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### Upcoming Guild Programs:

**December 13:** Our Holiday Party and Challenge! We will also draw the winning ticket for our Opportunity Quilt! Everyone brings food to share for our feast.

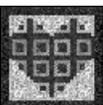


**Please update your address, phone and email with Mary B at the membership desk!**

### Kentuck 2015

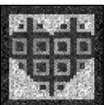
October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
 All Items Are Due on  
 October 10<sup>th</sup> 2015  
**Just 309 days left!**





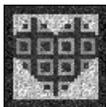
**Great quilts at our October meeting, including the Round Robin projects, Just Finish It quilts and Bring & Brag.**





**WAQG at  
Kentuck 2014**





## 2014 Challenge:

### Pick a Crayon!

#### Rules:

1. Limited to one entry per person and must be brought to the Dec. 13th meeting.
2. Item must be made with two or more layers of fabric held together with quilt stitching throughout.
3. The predominant color of your entry must match the crayon you pulled and you should bring that crayon with your quilt to the December meeting. The quilt and crayon 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.
4. Item must meet requirements and be entered in one of the following categories:
  - ◆ **Very Small Wall Hanging**—each of the four sides must be less than 20 inches.
  - ◆ **Bigger Wall Hanging**—one or more of the four sides must be between 20 inches and 40 inches. No side more than 40 inches.
  - ◆ **Miscellaneous**—this includes wearables, household items, and 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 13th meeting. We will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons in each category and a Best of Show ribbon.



## Library Notes:



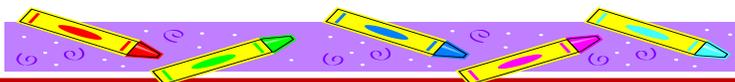
The [The Quilt Show.com](http://www.thequiltshow.com) website, developed by Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims, is a quilting playground stuffed with hour-long shows featuring famous quilters, short video interviews and lessons, world-wide show-and-tell, links to projects and blogs, computer jigsaw puzzles, Bernina and Gamill educational videos and more. And that's just the FREE stuff.

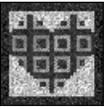
<http://www.thequiltshow.com/os/blog.php> takes you to the Daily Blog to get started. You can visit most of the site without signing in, including 4 free shows. Click on Alex or Ricky (top left) to access the newsletter. Click "Join Free" to become a Basic Member and receive their newsletter and special offers. Right now there are two additional hour shows with Basic membership.

You can also read about more than 200 shows and classes available only to Star Members to see if you're interested. It's \$42.95 a year to join, but watch for occasional discounts and gifts.

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

*Susan Ainsworth, WAQG Library*





## Minutes October 11, 2014

Next Board meeting October 21 at 5:00 p.m. Jason's Deli

**Mail:** Thank you note received from DHR for Itch to Stitch quilts.

**Community Service:** Will continue to donate quilts to Central Church of Christ for their disaster relief truck. Will also make baby quilts for Itch to Stitch, which will go to Easter Seals for their Nurse Family Partnership Program.

**Membership:** 42 members and 2 visitors were in attendance. Members celebrating birthdays in October were announced.

**Library:** New books in the library announced and reminded members that older library books are still being sold.

**Name Tag Drawing:** Marjorie S, Jean Y, Martha S, and Inez R

**Mini Workshop:** Top nine suggested mini workshops were discussed.

**Retreat:** The next retreat will be January 1-5, 2014.

**Newsletter:** Send Laurie your submissions for the newsletter by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunshine:** Members and their families who are sick were announced.

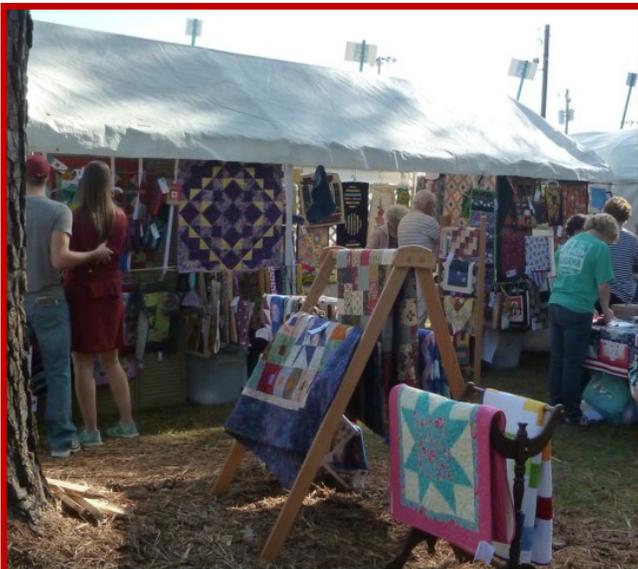
**Opportunity Quilt:** Beth thanked members who pieced the blocks for the 2015 quilt.

**Challenge 2014:** Crayon holders made by Inez were shown.

**Kentuck:** Rules briefly reviewed. Friday's set-up schedule reviewed. Check-out table, Opportunity Quilt table, Demonstration area for the quilt construction process and children activity area were discussed.

**Bring and Brag/Just Finish It/Round Robin:** Nancy A, Ana S, Karen W, Pam S, Peg L, Shirley S, Jan M, Marjorie S, Christine C, Hallie O, Inez R, Nancy F, Christine LC, Debbie W, Fay LC, Laura R, Sara T, Brenda P, Julie T, Dot B, Tara L.

**Program:** Kentuck Preparation





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## Reminders:

**Bring one or two of your quilted wearables to share during Laurie's program.**

**The blocks for our 2015 Opportunity Quilt are due now, please return them to Beth.**

**Time to be selling as many tickets for our beautiful 2014 Opportunity Quilt. Turn the money and stubbs in to Jamie. We draw the winner in December.**

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

**Food! We love our snacks!**

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