

# Piecing our Lives

The monthly newsletter of  
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

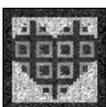
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Ana always has wonderful lessons and projects for us in the **Basics and Beyond** demonstration class. Her popular class starts at 8:45am on guild meeting days.



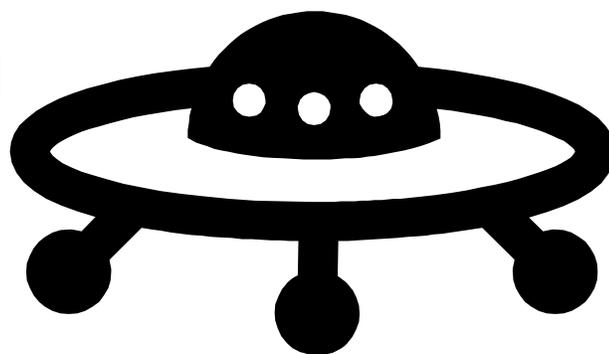
## President's letter:

**Thank you to everyone for such a great Itch-to-Stitch this year!** We gave away an amazing number of quilts and our chosen organizations were so very grateful! Thank you for making such beautiful quilts and for showing people we care and send them quilted love. See page 6 for more.



We have our organizations picked for the **next Itch-to-Stitch!** We will be giving quilts to the Tuscaloosa Easter Seals and the Central Church of Christ Disaster Relief Truck. Easter Seals wants newborn size quilts, so between 30" and 40" on the longest side. The Disaster Relief Truck will need quilts for adults and children in all sizes.

Summer is almost gone already! This year has flown by and I haven't made enough quilts! Do you have your **Just Finish It** list filled out? Remember you can include UFOs (unfinished objects) and UFI's (unfinished ideas). Let's help each other get motivated to finish those quilts and ideas so we can make room for new ones! Bring your finished item from your Just Finish It list and show it at a guild meeting. Then, cross it off your list, pick a fat quarter, and bask in the glory of accomplishment. I can't wait to see your finished UFOs!

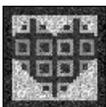


**Kentucky** is so close! Only two meetings left before the festival. Remember to ask if you have a question about whether an item is acceptable or not. We will need help with our demonstrations, selling Opportunity quilt tickets, and at the check out table. If you haven't signed up to work yet, please check your schedule for October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We need you! It is a wonderful festival and we are lucky to be a part of it. Help us show our quilting stuff to the community. Be prepared to bring your items for sale to the October meeting. You can pick up the inventory sheets and price tags at the September meeting.

We are doing a **special display of quilts** for 3 months at the University Medical Center. If you have a wall hanging you would like to be hung, please contact me so I can save you a spot! We need 25-30 wall hanging sized quilts for the September 15<sup>th</sup>-December 15<sup>th</sup> display. Thanks!

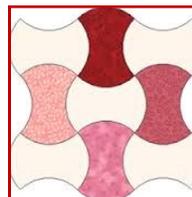
**Happy Quilting!**

**Beth**



## September 13, 2014, Guild Meeting:

**8:45 Basics and Beyond:** This hot weather is making me think of the beach even though school has started again. In an effort to get us more comfortable with curves, I will have a pattern for you using an older pattern that isn't seen much anymore: the Clamshell. Easier curves and glue sticks are involved. For those who don't like the clamshell, I will also have an Applecore pattern which is another older pattern for you to try. **Ana.**



**9:30 Guild Business meeting**

## 10:30 Program: **Miniature Quilts**

**with Judith Collins.** "I began quilting in the mid 90's but didn't discover miniatures until taking a class in Southern California in 2000. While I don't make miniatures exclusively, I do love sharing the benefits of working small. I'm an active member of the Birmingham Quilters Guild, having been president for three terms and am currently chairing preparations for our semi annual quilt show which will be held in June 2015. "



### Upcoming Guild Programs:

**October 11:** Kentuck preparation. Bring your donation items and any you want to sell. Round Robin projects are to be returned to owners this month!

**November 8:** Quilted Gingerbread Houses with Dale Rhodes.

**December 13:** Our Holiday Party and Challenge!

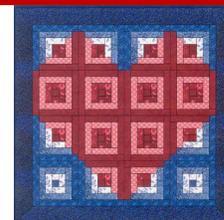


We set up Friday, October 17th. The Festival is the 18th -19th.



## Hospitality

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



### 2014 WAQG Officers

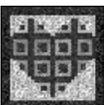
**President** Beth M  
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 Barbara W 14-16

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**Basics and Beyond** Ana S  
**Community Service** Sara T  
**Hospitality** Faye H, Diana S, Reita M  
**Education** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kentuck** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Library** Paula B and Susan A  
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**Name Tag Drawing** Joyce T  
**Sunshine** Julie T  
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**Major Workshop** Charlotte N  
**Newsletter** Laurie P-D  
**Opportunity Quilt** Basics & Beyond class  
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**Challenge 2014** Board  
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# Just Finish It! Starts this month!

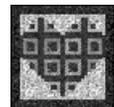
Show us what you have finished, check that off your list, and choose a prize !  
Let's see how many you can finish in 12 months! If you have not turned in a list—it is not too late. Fill out the Just Finish It form, list up to 12 projects, and leave it with Beth.

## “Panel Play”

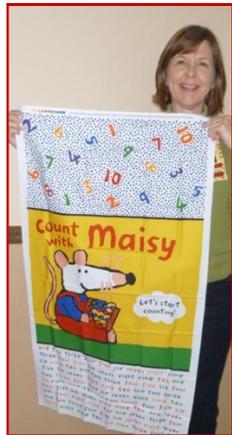
### Community Service Quilts

## Before and After! Creative re-do's!



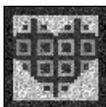


# More Panel-Play Quilts Before and After



## A few "after" shots





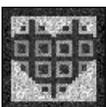
**Good job, WAQG members!** Y'all brought in 155 quilts to give away to our 2014 Itch-to-Stitch programs. 109 went to our Tuscaloosa Department of Human Resources Foster Children, and 46 went to the Disaster Response Truck organized by Central Church of Christ to help families in our area.



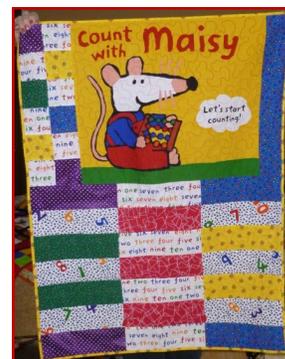
Sara, our Community Service coordinator, and Beth, our President, present Carrie Turner, from DHR, the 109 quilts to take back to children in our local Foster Care Program.

Because our effort to provide quilts to the Disaster Response Truck is on-going, we will keep count. You can bring in quilts every month for that project.

<b>2014 Quilt Count</b>	
<b>Disaster Response</b>	<b>18 + 46 = 64</b>
<b>Foster Children</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>

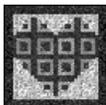


Even more Panel Play Quilts ...



August meeting bring and brag





## 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.
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**—each of the four sides must be between 20 inches and 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.



## Susan\* Says:



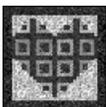
**Check out the library** for what's new, on sale or inspirational. And remember to return borrowed items so others can share. **NEW** books check out for one month only, others can be renewed once.

### **Rather watch than read?**

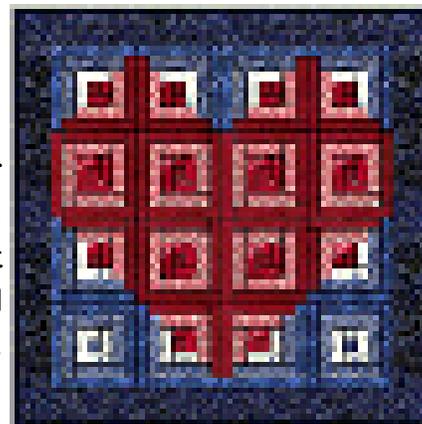
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- ♦ **Susan A, our guild librarian, will have news and notes for us.**

**Here is a fabric calculator website:** <http://search.quiltshops.com/calculator/calculator.htm>



## Minutes August 9, 2014

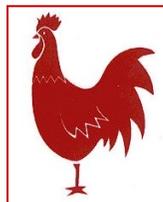


Next Board meeting August 19, 2014 at 5:00p.m. Jason's Deli

**Mail:** Thank you note from Turning Point received for our support with check of \$1007 from quilt show silent auction. Quilt show in Oxford on Sept. 12-13, 2014. There is a barn quilt workshop on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> in Mooresville, Al. Christine LCI received letter requesting someone to quilt her T-shirt quilts. If anyone is interested, please let Christine know.

**Committee reports:** Basics and Beyond- Last instructions given for mystery quilt today. We looked at using jelly rolls to make table runners, scarves, and place mats. Community Service – Carrie Turner from DHR was here to pick up our donated quilts for foster children today. Of the 155 quilts turned in today, 109 went to the foster children and the other 46 went to the Disaster Response Truck at Central Church of Christ. Thanks to everyone for their work. Next year we will continue to donate to the Disaster Response Truck and take on a project for Easter Seals. These quilts will be for infants. Hospitality-Few snacks today. Please remember to bring food on occasion. Membership- 51 members present today. August birthdays announced. Library- Reorganizing and old books are being put in shark pit, selling some that are duplicates or very out of date. Donations of DVD's. Name Tag- Names drawn this month were Jamie S, Betty H, Mary B, Pat S, Karen W and Paula W. Retreat- August retreat next weekend and is full. Opportunity Quilt- Tickets are still available for sale. If you have not received your tickets, please see Jamie S. Tickets are \$1/ea or \$5/6. Prize for who sells most tickets. Please bring batik fat quarter for next years opportunity quilt. Sunshine- Julie reported on members in need of our thoughts and prayers. Round Robin-Bags are available for pickup. Please see Christine. Kentuck-Working on progressive quilt. Need blocks 9 ½ inches in black, white or bright colors. If you can donate 1 or 2 for piecing, that would be helpful. Challenge Quilt- Crayons are still available for December challenge quilt. Quilt Show- Venue for next show still being sought. Just Finish it-Forms are still available for listing your unfinished projects.

**Bring and brag-** Paula B, Christine LC, Brenda P, Sue G, Sarah W, Melanie M, Hallie and Charles O, Judy W, Jackie T, Christine C, and Karen W.



**Red Rooster Retreat:** The retreat, although smaller this time, was fun and we will show our projects during Bring and Brag. The next Retreat is set for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of January. Ana.



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## Reminders:

**If you have a wall hanging or two that you can contribute to our special 3-month quilt exhibit at the University Medical Center, please contact Beth now.**

**If you are participating in the 2014 Round Robin remember to turn in your “first round” and pick up your “2nd round” at the September meeting.**

**Show us your “Just Finish It” completed projects.**

**Food! We love our snacks!**

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