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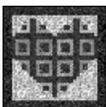
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Dot shared her wonderful pieced guitars and keyboards quilt top at our July meeting. Then she finished it with the "flange-binding" technique demonstrated during our specialty bindings program! Beautiful.



President's letter:

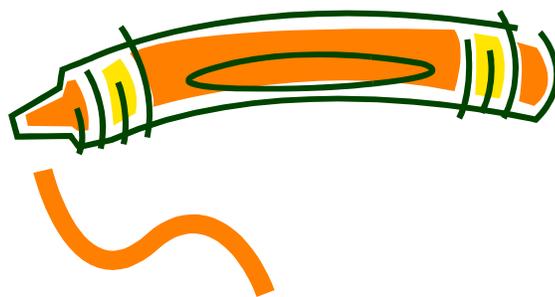
It's August, and approaching the end of summer, when we all get the **'itch to stitch'**. Remember to bring all your completed panel quilts and other quilts for charity to the August meeting. This is the best time to be a part of our guild when we get to cover our chosen charities with quilts and quilted love. Thank you for participating and showing these organizations that we care. If you can't come to the meeting but have quilts to give, feel free to drop them at the makers market and I will bring them to the meeting.

Itch-to-Stitch is our August meeting!



Did you know that my husband, David, knows how to fold a fat quarter into a triangle like a pro? He just did about 100 of them for our 'Just Finish It!' There are over 170 fat quarters to choose from in our prize box! How do you get one? Just turn in your list of UFOs and then each time you **Just Finish It** and show a completed quilt from your list at a meeting, you get to cross that off your list and pick a fat quarter. Last year we saw some amazing quilts with quite a long history. UFOs count also! A UFI is an unfinished idea. We all have those quilts in our head that one day you plan to make. Why not this year? Put it on your list and maybe you will **Just Finish It!**

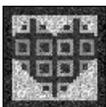
Have you memorized your Challenge crayon color yet? Remember that this is a small quilt – no bigger than 40" on any side. The categories are 20" or less per side, 40" or less per side and 'other' which includes all wearables, household items, totes, and 3-D sculptures. This is our entertainment for our Holiday meeting where we try to guess who made which item. Prizes are awarded also so join in on the fun! See page 6 for the rules.



Our next Opportunity quilt is in the works! Please bring a batik fat quarter that reads as a solid color (or mostly solid) and we will have kits ready very soon!

Happy Quilting!

Beth



August 9, 2014, Guild Meeting:

8:45 Basics and Beyond: One final aspect to the mystery quilt, putting it all together and adding sashing and binding. Next we will try our hand at Jelly Roll patterns. Everyone is carrying jelly rolls now and they are easy to work with. You can either purchase a jelly roll or make up your own by cutting 2 ½ inch strips. How about some quick quilt as you go placemats (good for Kentucky)? I will show you how to get one done in a flash. **Ana.**

9:30 Guild Business meeting

10:30 Program: “Itch-to-Stitch” We bring in all of our community service quilts. This year they go to our local DHR Foster Care kids and to the Central Church of Christ Disaster Response Truck. All of our “Panel Play” quilts are also due. Be generous with your time and effort. Remember that any size quilt is welcome.

Upcoming Guild Programs:

September 13: Miniature Quilts with Judith Collins.

October 11: Kentucky preparation.

November 8: Quilted Gingerbread Houses with Dale Rhodes.

December 13: Our Holiday Party and Challenge!

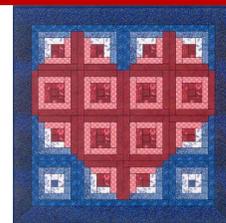


We set up Friday, October 17th. The Festival is the 18th -19th.



Hospitality

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



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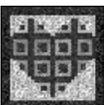
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“Panel Play” Community Service Quilts

Welcome New Members—

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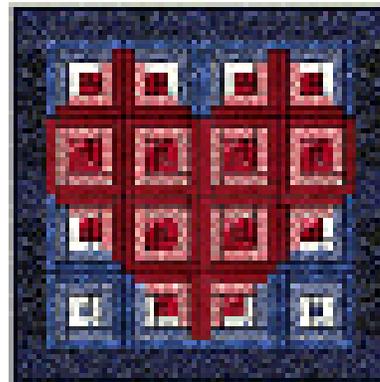
Yearbook updates:

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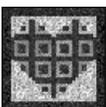


**Before and After!
Creative re-do's!**



Just Finish It!

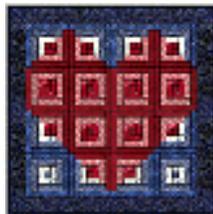
We'll help motivate you to finish some of your UFO's. Fill out the Just Finish It form, list up to 12 projects, and leave it with Beth. Starting in September show us what you have finished, check that off your list, and choose a prize ! Let's see how many you can finish in 12 months.!

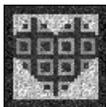


July meeting quilts



We had lots more great quilts!





2014 Challenge:

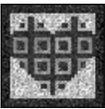
Pick a Crayon!

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.





Minutes July 12, 2014

Next Board meeting July 22, 2014 at 5:00p.m. Jason's Deli

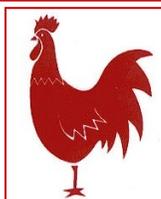
Mail: Thank you note received from Brenda M. Heartland Quilter's guild from Cullman is having miniature workshop August 14th. Oxford, Alabama quilt guild having quilt show September 12 and 13th.

Committee Reports: Basics and Beyond: The third set of instructions was given for the mystery quilt that on which we have been working. This step involves doing a drunkard path. **Community Service** – Next month our quilts for DHR are due, please bring the quilts you have been working on to the meeting. Central Church of Christ is also accepting donations of quilts for disaster relief. **Membership**- 51 members present today. If you have a change in address please give information to Mary B so appropriate changes may be made. Two new members joined today, Pam E and Debbie W. Two visitors are in attendance. July birthdays announced. **Library**- Paula had a couple books from the library that deal with color and two that deal with panels. **Name Tag**- Names drawn this month were Jackie T, Jeanette B, Nancy F, Mary Lou P, Beatrice P, and Debbie T. **Retreat**- Money for August retreat is due today. Next retreat will be in January. **Quilt Show-As** of this morning we made \$2761.67 at quilt show. **Kentuck**- Kentuck is third weekend in October. Discussion on what is acceptable: 1) item must be quilted 2) must be at least 2 layers 3) no licensed fabric can be used unless you have a license 4) no cheaters cloth unless it contains more quilting techniques than simply quilting. It is customary for each guild member to donate a quilted item(s) worth at least \$20 for sale by guild or donate \$20. Demonstration at Kentuck will be progressive quilting. **Opportunity Quilt**- Jamie G passed out our tickets to sale for opportunity quilt. Tickets are \$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets. If you need more tickets, please see Jamie. **Round Robin**- Items were brought today and Christine L will take them. Next meeting teams will be announced. **Just Finish It**- Projects to finish, or visions of projects?? Pick up form, list your unfinished projects, and see how many you can finish by end of year.

Get to Know You – Martha S and Marjorie S, the twins, have a competition to see who can do most quilts. Martha is currently at 62 while Marjorie is at 65. They sometimes get up in the middle of the night because they can't sleep and will start working on quilts. Both are big into doing charity quilts.

Jelly roll table runner workshop will be done at Iris and Lola's in downtown Tuscaloosa by Christine L. Price is \$35, just bring your sewing machine, a jelly roll and a yard of fabric. Contact Iris and Lola for more information.

Bring and Brag- Ana S, Jackie T, Nancy F, Joanne C, Paula B, Debbie T, Martha S, Marjorie S, Inez R, Nina S, Melanie M, Betty S, Peg L, Mary Jean H, Dot B, Joyce T, and Sarah W.



Summer Red Rooster Retreat: Everybody say "YEAH!" The August retreat is set for the 14-17th and we are ready and roaring to go. Next Retreat will be first weekend of January, 2015 and we will have the list ready to go at the September meeting. Ana.



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Reminders:

Bring all of your community service quilts for our "Itch-to-Stitch" program!

Bring in your "Just Finish It" list and turn it in to Beth.

If you are participating in the 2014 Round Robin remember to pick up your "first round" at the August meeting.

Please bring a batik fat quarter that reads solid or nearly solid for the 2015 Opportunity Quilt.

Food! We love our snacks!

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