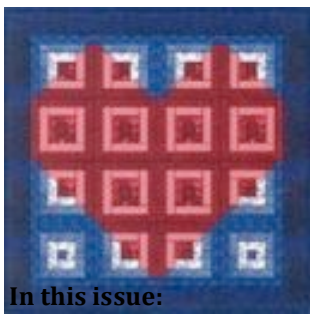


# Piecing our Lives

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One of the beautiful quilts made by our quilting friend Fay Hobbs and finished by her husband Steven. In June they would have celebrated 40 years of marriage. Thanks Steven for sharing her works with us. We miss her wonderful spirit.



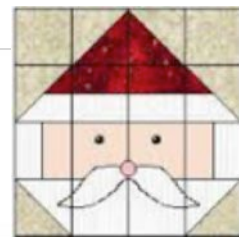
## WAQG Library News – **Missing Book, HAVE YOU SEEN ME?**

“Flying Geese: New Quilts from an Old Favorite” has flown off before being properly checked into our library. It’s a special signed edition, a gift to us from Inez, and not replaceable. Please check your sewing space and let Susan A. know if you find it (205-xxx-xxxx). Thank you!

## **Charlotte is still taking reservations!**

Charlotte has reserved two cabins for folks interested in attending the Spring Paducah Show which will be held April 18-21, 2018. The 3 nights reserved are April 18, 19, and 20, 2018 at the Kentucky Dam Village Park. There is a \$50 deposit to hold your space. Please see Charlotte if you are interested.

**Christmas in July!!!!** - “Christmas in July” will be celebrated at our July meeting! Join us for our fun annual event highlighting ideas for handmade holiday gifts and décor. If you would like to participate in our show and tell program please contact Eve E ([cinderbama@hotmail.com](mailto:cinderbama@hotmail.com)) or bring something with you to the program. Handouts with instructions are encouraged and may be sent to Eve so she can make copies.



## WAQG President's Letter- July 2017

Dear WAQG members,

What's under your needle? Many in our guild recently attended the Birmingham quilt show and came back inspired by the beautiful quilts. There are others who are traveling this month exploring America one quilt store at a time and some are visiting Missouri Quilt Company. No matter where you are, I hope you are being inspired by what you are seeing... who knows, maybe you will be inspired to enter a quilt in our show. It won't be long before we will be hosting our show in March, which will be here before we know it. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to participate in the show in some capacity. Think about where your talents are- maybe it is entering a quilt in the show, setting up, cleaning up, working at the show or helping out with the publicity.

At our June meeting we discussed and voted that we will go back to our regular schedule for our monthly guild meetings. Please make sure your calendar is marked on the second Saturday of each month ...

**8:45** Basics and Beyond class

**9:30** Business Meeting followed by Bring & Brag/Just Finish It and Refreshment Break

**10:30** Program

(\*11:30 Mini Workshops are held a few times a year and follow the program)

The board has been trying the ideas that members have expressed. Please continue to share your thoughts of things you have seen or heard so that we can give our guild what we want, whether it is in programming, workshops, basics and beyond ideas, Kentuck, quilt show... the board is open to trying new ideas. If we are all open to trying new ideas and being gratified by the experimenting of the new idea, we expand our horizons to new and creative ideas. Thank you, guild members, for participating in and moving forward with whichever way the guild votes on the implementation of ideas, this helps our guild to blossom and grow.

It has been said that *'Good friends are like quilts- they age with you yet never lose their warmth'*. I have been blessed with some good friends and I am looking forward to getting ideas at our meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> entitled "Christmas in July" that I can use to get started making some gifts for some special folks in my life.

Now to get back to what is under my needle.

*Debbie*

## 2017 WAQG Challenge:

The 2017 Challenge is to make a quilted item that incorporates a flying goose someplace in the quilt. You may have large geese, small goslings, or a tiny hidden goose. Your quilt can be large or small, or in-between. Your quilt can be traditional or non-traditional. The sky is the limit... there are no constraints on colors, no constraints on size, nor how many Challenge items you enter and no constraints on the number of geese you have in the quilt.

Categories:

1. **Small:** Width plus length is 30 inches or smaller (quilt block sized, quilted, and bound).
2. **Medium:** Width plus length is 31-60 inches
3. **Large:** Width plus length is 61 or more inches
4. **Non-traditional** including clothing, household items, etc.



## July , 2017 Guild Meeting:

**8:45: Basics & Beyond** – Remember to bring your square in a square blocks and foundation paper pieced pineapple blocks if you tried it.

In July we'll discuss directional fusing, in other words, when fusing alphabet appliques- how to not have it end up backwards. I'll demonstrate a couple of quick Christmas gift ideas as well. ~ Charlotte

**9:30: Business Meeting** – Bring & Brag - Break

**10:30: Program** - Christmas in July – highlights for handmade

## May Treasurer Report

Income \$161.14 \*\*

Expenses \$277.70 \*\*

Previous checking balance \$12,365.87

Current checking balance \$12,249.31

Including Hallie O'Kelly Mural

Fund \$1,121.05



\*\* Details can be seen at guild meeting

**Laurie's New Address as of July 14th – Make a note!!!**



## 2017 WAQG Officers

**President** Debbie W

**Vice Pres** Eve E/ Rose O

**Secretary** Laura R

**Treasurer** Dot B

## Board Members

**Charlotte N** 15-17

**Christine L** 16-18

**Paula B** 17-18

## Committee Chairs

**Basics and Beyond**

**Charlotte N**

**Community Service** Sara T

**Education** Nan G

**Historian** Anne E

**Kentuck** Paula B, Teresa

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**Library** Susan A

**Membership** Mary B

**Name Tag Drawing** Diane A

**Newsletter** Jamie S, Judy

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**Opportunity Quilt 2017** Fay

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**Programs** Eve E, Rose O

**Quilt Show** Paula W, Karen

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**Retreat** Ana S

**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

**Retreats:** Ana S



*Birthdays are filled with yesterday's memories,  
today's joys and tomorrow's dreams.*



*Happy Birthday to all our July Birthdays...Jean Yates, Margaret Pow, Beth Milis, Diane Bentley, Lori Layden, & Eve Engle*

*Julie Townsend, our new **Hospitality Chairman**, is kicking off July with a new idea on how we will be handling our refreshments for our monthly guild meetings. **Each month the refreshments will be handled by the guild members who were born in that month.** This means set-up, clean-up and the providing of the refreshments, with the guild providing the plates and napkins. So as God adds life to our years, may he add years to our lives and let's celebrate each year together.*



## WAQG guild meeting minutes, June 10, 2017

**Announcements:** Newsletter Items due by to Judy and Jamie by the 20th of the month, new date, be sure items are "camera ready" – already written - please keep sending in newsy items, Board meeting @ Dunkin Donuts at 5:30 the Thursday before Guild meetings, Upcoming Quilt Shows in Birmingham June 16/17 and Heartland

**Membership:** 57 members present, 5 guests, Sunshine: keep ailing members in your thoughts, Name tag winners: Mary Jean H., Nan G., Brucie W.



**Service:** Fay L. will lead a workday on Wednesday, June 14th at Hospice of West Alabama at 9:30am to make dementia "activity blankets". Needs donations of notions to attach to the blankets such as zippers, buckles etc. donation collections at the tables in back, June Mini-workshop on embroidery, after meeting, making lace book marks, butterflies, quilt labels

**Community Service - Itch to Stitch** - for Hospice of West Alabama, need volunteer for Capitol School quilting demonstration in July (Eve has the guild quilt racks), University Medical Center show - need 20-25 quilts - Eve will coordinate, 2019 Opportunity Quilt - Pineapples, See Sara T. for a 1 block kit, paper piecing, leave paper on!, Sara will square it up herself

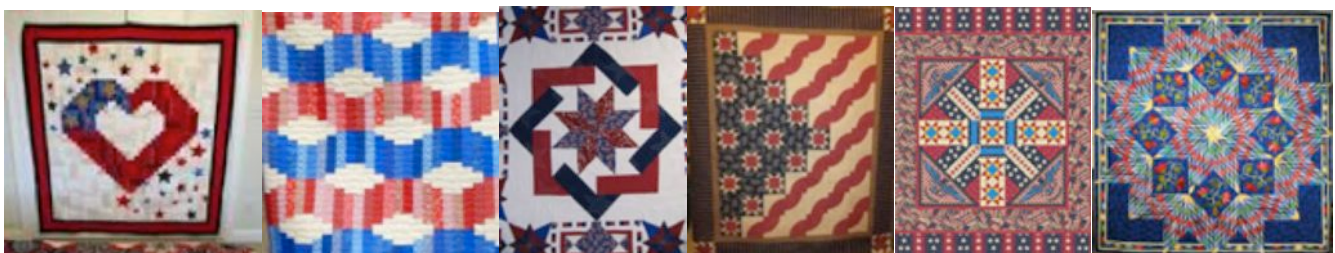
**Kentuck:** is the 3rd weekend in October (21-22, set up Oct 20), today last day for badge sign-up for \$5, must work at festival to get badge, sign up to Volunteer ASAP, guidelines for items to sell printed in newsletter, will start collecting merchandise in July, need committee chairs for set-up/take-down/demos, meeting before July meeting of committee chairs at 8am, booth location probably stay the same

**Quilt Show** - March 2/3 2018, same location as 2016, set up Feb 28, closing at 5pm Friday and 4pm Saturday, Inez is leading featured artist, Charlotte tweaked floor plan some, reduced admission rates for assisted living patrons, insure your own quilts on home owners policy, need to make more Alabama quilts

**Basics and Beyond** - paper piecing of Square in Square and pineapple, next month fusible letters, Library - new DVDs from some major workshop leaders, Great American Quilts 1988 includes quilt by Hallie, book sale ongoing, Programs - today Inez with Applique, July -Xmas in July - need volunteers, email or call Eve at Joann Fabrics,

**Meeting Schedule:** discussion and vote, Board amended alternative schedule to include a scheduled break, Laura R. presented results of guild survey and various members shared their thoughts, the vote for the schedule change: 12-yes, 47 - no, 2 - abstain, will return to traditional schedule in July

**Bring and Brag:** 12 people shared their most recent projects Just-Finish-It - 2 completed projects



**Block for Laurie.... Note Corrections (in red) to the cutting directions published last month.**

Laurie Prentice-Dunn is going to be moving to North Carolina this summer and as is our tradition in the guild, we make Farewell Blocks for members who move away. Laurie would like the Square in a Square blocks in black, white and brights. She would like 2", 4" and 6", nothing bigger please. Below are some patterns you can use as a guide. For those of you who get the newsletter by regular mail, this handout and paper piecing handouts on the information table (in the back of the room) at the next guild meeting. Please bring blocks to the June meeting so we can present them to her in person.

Thank you so much. Call Julie T with questions. Xxx-xxxx or xxx-xxxx

## Square-in-a-Square quilt block

**Corrected:** Cutting for finished block sizes:



	Quantity	2" finished 2.5" unfinished	4" finished 4.5" unfinished	6" finished 6.5" unfinished
Center	Cut one	1-7/8" square	3-3/8" square	4-3/4" square
Corner	Cut two, then cut each diagonally	1-7/8" square	2-7/8" square	3-7/8" square

### Kentuck! Kentuck! Kentuck!

Setup is Friday, October 20, 2017 and the festival is Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22.

#### Kentuck October 21st and 22nd

I hope everyone is working on items for the merchandise area at Kentuck! We should get some good ideas at the Christmas in July meeting. Also remember that each member is encouraged to donate an item or items worth \$20. Please make sure to mark the price tag of these items as "WAQG". Price tags and inventory sheets will be available beginning at the July meeting through the October meeting and we will also be taking merchandise. Remember that 19% (10% for the guild and 9% for state, county, and city taxes) of your proceeds will go to pay taxes and to our guild, so please price accordingly. If you have any questions regarding appropriate items to sell at Kentuck, please refer to the guidelines in the June newsletter or feel free to bring an example to the meeting to Teresa Marvets or Paula Barnett. **There will be a meeting of the Kentuck committee chairs at 8 am at the July meeting.**

~ Paula B and Teresa M, Kentuck Co-Chairs

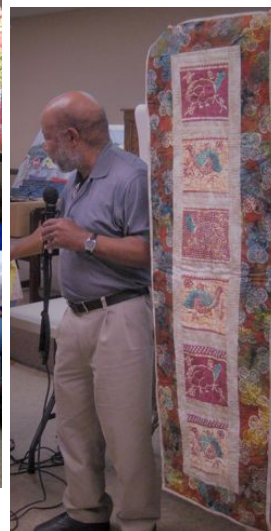




**Bring & Brag/  
Just Finish It -  
June Meeting**











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



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