

# Piecing our Lives

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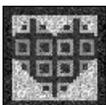
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**Julie and Joyce shared quick and easy quilts made with pre-cut jelly roll strips and charm pack squares.**





### President's letter:

We have tons of exciting events ahead. Plans for the quilt show (see page 8) and Kentuck are well underway. You can still sign up for work times at our guild meetings. At Kentuck, we want to put up an information sheet informing folks about how much work goes into making a quilt. However, we can't simply say, "I worked a long time on this quilt." We need to know how many hours we spend working on small, large and bed-size quilts. The Board is asking members to try to keep track of how much time you spend on quilts and let us know. Needless to say, all reports will be anonymous.



See page 7 for exciting information about our **2016 Major Workshops** with Gail Garber and Harriet Hargrave. We've still got our "Play on Words" challenge coming up in December. I hope you have ideas perking and a start on your entry quilt.

### Report on Paducah:

My husband, John, came to Paducah with me. Here is his version of Paducah:

"Let's start with the food. I was impressed with the quality of health food at the vendors, especially "fried Oreos." I imagine Oreos battered up like catfish, fried in lard. You could take care of diabetes and high cholesterol all with one snack.



Then there's **econo-Paducah**.

My brother-in-law and I used to take our 8 kids to a bowling alley that charged by the hour, not the game. We lined up the kids using 2 lanes, one kid would bowl a ball followed as soon as possible with the next kid in line. The goal was to bowl as many times as you can in 2 hours. No keeping score. The kids called it econo-bowling. When I learned that three guild members, who shall remain nameless, went to the quilt show, all vendors, the museum, and Hancock's of Paducah all in one day, I labeled their trip "econo-Paducah!"



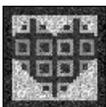
I noticed the many guilds that wore the same Tee shirts. I was fortunate enough to be with a guild which showed up with engraved, stemless wine glasses. I know what guild I would want to join.



Finally, Inez took me on a field trip to see **Hancock's of Paducah**. I said, "This place is crack cocaine for quilters." An 80+ year old woman, whom I did not know, was standing directly behind me, heard me and couldn't stop laughing. She said, "We just don't know how to stop." **Based on what my wife spent, I am now entitled to the down payment on a new bass boat!"**



Next month, Inez's version. **And sew on,**



## June 13, 2015, Guild Meeting:

**8:45 Basics and Beyond:** "Making Quilts on a Low Budget." Marjorie shares tips and examples of how she and her sister, Martha, make so many quilts in such a short time.

**9:30 Guild Business meeting**

**10:30 Program:** Get ready for June meeting:

## Quick Christmas Quilted Gifts.

Be prepared with pen and paper to take down the neat ideas that will give you a jump start on your Christmas list.

Our July meeting is Julia Graber presenting the SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) Trunk Show. This will be an inspiring presentation. Julia has been to our guild before and she is a very enjoyable speaker. For more info on the trunk show, go to Julia's blog: <http://juliagraber.blogspot.com/2015/02/saqa-with-golden-triangle-quilters.html>

August: Itch to Stitch

September: Diana M with Tessellations

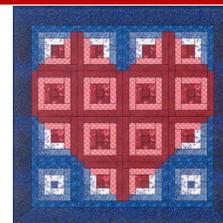
October: Kentuck

November: Gingerbread House

December: Challenge and Party!

## Hospitality

**Bring food when  
you can as we all  
enjoy our goodies!**



### 2013 WAQG Officers

**President** Inez R

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**Sunshine** Julie T

**Mini Workshops** Jacque T

**Major Workshop 2015**

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**Major Workshop 2016** Paula B

**Newsletter** Laurie P-D

**Opportunity Quilt 2015** Beth M, 2016 Laurie P-D and Brenda P

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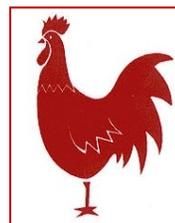
**Challenge 2015** Board

**Quilt Show 2016:** Beth M

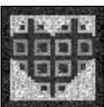
**Telephone Tree** Nan G

**Website Coordinator** LPD

**Retreats:** Ana S



**Red Rooster Retreat:** the August retreat at the Red Rooster is set for August 28-30, 2015. Money will be due in July, 2015. 3 days-2 nights=\$195.00 and 4 days-3 nights=\$275.00.

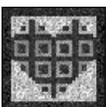


Here are the 2015 Round Robin projects.  
Great fun and a lot of creativity.



More great quilts shared at our May meeting.





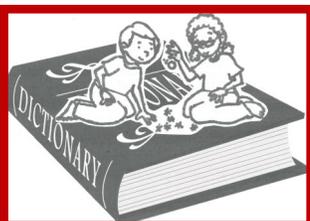
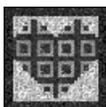
**2015 Mini Workshop Schedule**

June 13th after guild meeting:  
**Celtic Cross with Peg L.**

August 8th after guild meeting:  
**Applique Techniques with Inez.**



Julie's cute elephant quilt is called **Paisley Splash**, the pattern is free and the web site link is: <http://www.windhamfabrics.net/cgi-bin/fabricshop/projects.cgi?patternID=438>



## 2015 Challenge: "Play on Words"

### Rules

Limited to two entries per person. Entries must be in different categories and must be brought to the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Entry must depict a play on words. We encourage playful, fun-filled, pun-filled entries, but serious depictions are also valued. The entry can be any style (traditional, contemporary, or modern or a combination). Lettering and embellishments are encouraged, but not required.

The title or theme of the quilt must reflect a play on words and be visible. It can be part of the quilt design or you can write the title on paper and pin it to the quilt for the December meeting.

The quilt 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.

Item must be made with two or more layers of fabric held together with quilt stitching throughout.

Item must meet requirements and be entered in one of the following categories:

**Larger wall hanging:** each of the four sides must be at least 30 inches and no longer than 60 inches.

**Smaller wall hanging:** Each of the four side must be less than 30 inches.

**Miscellaneous:** This includes wearables, household items, 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 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons in each category and a Best of Show ribbon.

**The most important rule is: Have fun with this Challenge!**

**Assistance in Design** (not in making the quilt)

**Design Buddy:** We encourage everyone to find a design buddy for this challenge with whom you can brainstorm possible quilts, discuss your ideas and how you might turn these ideas into a quilt, or figure out how to solve problems with your design or quilt.

**Consultants:** The following have volunteered to help anyone with designing their quilt:

Charlotte , Inez , Laurie ,  
Ana , Jamie , Susan .



## Library Notes

Between Guild meetings, don't forget your local library. These books are available through the **Tuscaloosa Public Library**. Find out more or request a hold at <http://www.tuscaloosa-library.org>. Use *quilt* or *quilting* as the search subject to find other titles including quilt-related fiction.

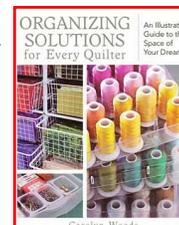
**Double Wedding Ring Quilts:  
Traditions Made Modern**  
Victoria Findlay Wolfe 2015  
746.46 Wol  
Grab a tradition and go wild



**Make + Love Quilts:  
Scrap Quilts for the 21st Century**  
Mary Katherine Fons 2014  
746.46 Fon  
12 King/Queen sized quilt patterns  
and tons of how-to's and why-to's

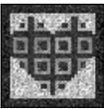
**Free-Motion Quilting Workbook**  
Angela Walters 2014  
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Half good tips, half graph paper

**Organizing Solutions for Every  
Quilter:  
an illustrated guide to the  
space of your dreams**  
Carolyn Woods 2011  
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**The Little Spark: 20 Ways to  
Ignite Your Creativity**  
Carrie Bloomston 2014  
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*Book and DVD suggestions or donations welcome!*  
*Susan A, WAQG Library*



# WAQG Major Workshops 2016

## February 19-20: Gail Garber



**Lecture, Free and open to the Public:**

Friday, February 19, 2016, 7:00 pm at TDOT.

**Workshop: "Sensational Stars".**

Saturday, February 20, 2016 Full day. At TDOT.

Cost: \$40 plus supplies.

See Paula B and pay fee to register.

This is a workshop geared toward the Intermediate quilter and features drafting, foundation piecing techniques and color selection . More info will be available at the meeting. Read more about it

at [GailGarber.com](http://GailGarber.com)



## April 12-16: Harriet Hargrave



**Lecture: "Top 10 Tips to Becoming a Better Quilter"**

**Free and open to the public.**

Friday, April 15, 7:00 pm. At TDOT.

[harriethargrave.com](http://harriethargrave.com)

**Workshops:**

**(Registration begins in September - Inez)**

Tuesday, April 12: **"Quilt as Desired"** \$40

Wednesday, April 13: **"Introduction to Quilters Academy"** piecing accurately \$40

Thursday, April 14: **"Invisible Machine Applique"** geared for beginners. \$40

Friday, April 15 - Saturday, April 16: two-day workshop for beginners, **"The Basics of Heirloom Machine Quilting"** \$80

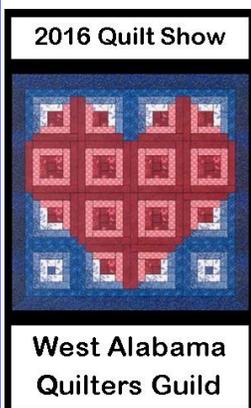
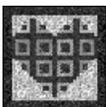
Scholarships are available to members. If you need a scholarship for the Hargrave workshops, please write a note to Inez by our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting stating:

I am requesting a scholarship for \_\_\_ (fill in the number of 1 day and 2 day workshops).

I am requesting a partial scholarship for \_\_\_ (fill in the number of 1 day and 2 day workshops). Then sign your name, and give the note to Inez by August 8<sup>th</sup>. That's it.

Harriet has already offered several scholarships per workshop and we will be working to get as many scholarships as we need so that cost is not a constraint to any guild member.

*Remember: Registration starts at our September meeting. You may register for as many workshops as you like, but you must pay for or have a scholarship for all workshops at that time. We will continue to accept guild member registrations until the workshops are filled. We will open registration to the public after our November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.*



**We are rolling with plans for our 2016 Quilt Show!**

**The first weekend in March! Put this on your calendar and sign up to help. It takes all of us to have a great show.**

**Set up: Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

**Judging: Thursday, March 3rd**

**Quilt Show open to the public:**

**Friday, March 4th 9am—6pm**

**Saturday, March 5th, 9am—5pm**

**Take down and clean up: immediately after the show, Saturday at 5pm.**

**Location: Taylorville United Methodist Church**

**640 Bear Creek Road**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**A very pleasant space  
and  
an easy location to find.**

We will have Demonstrations, Special Exhibits, Vendors, Opportunity Baskets, our Opportunity Quilt, and a Silent Auction. Nancy Hinds has agreed to serve as our quilt judge. There will be prize ribbons galore. Check our website for updates: [www.waqq.com](http://www.waqq.com)

**Sponsorships:** Business and personal/family sponsorships help fund our quilt show. Let David or Laurie know if you would like to sponsor. Levels:

Master Quilter—\$300 +

Advanced Quilter—\$200

Intermediate Quilter—\$100

Beginning Quilter—\$50

More information at the meeting.

**Vendors:** We all love shopping the vendors at our quilt show. Our team, led by Julie, has already lined up:

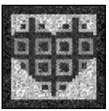
**Sew Delightful**

**Buy the Inch Fabrics**

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**The Scissor Guy**





## Minutes May 9, 2015

Next Board meeting May 12th at 5:00 p.m. Jason's Deli

**Announcements:** Harriet Hargrave will do 5 days of workshops starting Apr 12. Most of her classes are geared to beginners. WAQG members have first choice at classes and then they will be open to public and other guilds. Cost \$40/day.

Quiltfest in Birmingham June 19-20.

Request for anyone interested in doing a tie quilt for nonmember.

**Quilt Show:** Beth announced 2016 Quilt show will be March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> @ Taylorville Methodist Church. Signup sheets for those who would like to be mentored for committees-being passed around.

**Kentuck:** Charlotte is chairing this and has sign up sheets for committees and those who would like to be mentored for different committees. Each member is responsible for making at least 1 item for sale @ Kentuck worth \$20 or more, or donating \$20. All items must be quilted.

**Mini Workshop:** Signup sheet for June 13 workshop, Peg Ls' Celtic Cross, available along with supply list. August workshop will be done by Inez Rovengo

**Basics and Beyond:** Demonstration of Rocky Road to Kansas, paper piecing. Instructions given.

**Membership:** Members present-59 and 2 visitors. Birthdays announced.

**Name Tag:** Names drawn were Steven H, Donna N, and Nancy F.

**Sunshine:** Julie informed us of members who were in need of sunshine/congratulations.

**Library:** Susan informed us of 2 books in library that might be helpful to our challenge, and 2 books on precuts.

**Retreat:** Dates for August retreat are the 28, 29, and 30. Need names of those interested by June's meeting.

**Opportunity quilt:** Karen W has members tickets for quilt. 10 are for member and 12 to be sold @ \$1/ea or 6/\$5

**Round Robin:** Finished items shown. Participants are Dot B, Sharon L, Tara L, Karen W, Karen L and Jamie S.





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## Reminders:

**Peg teaches the Celtic Cross project for those who have signed up, right after the June guild meeting.**

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

**Sign up to help with hospitality setup and cleanup.**

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## Quilt Fest 2015

**Friday-Saturday, June 19-20**

- Oak Mountain Middle School
- 5650 Cahaba Valley Rd (Hwy 119), Birmingham
- **NQA Judged quilt show with 300+ quilts**
- Vendors, Guild Boutique, Demonstrations
- Scissor/knife sharpening
- **Special Exhibit of 19 quilts from Hitachi, Japan**
- Donation quilt, Silent Auction to benefit Lima Foxtrot programs for injured military
- 2 day admission \$7