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The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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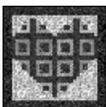
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Charlotte and Nan presented a quilt program to the art students at Sipsey Valley High School in April, 2014.



President's letter:

Summer is here! It's time to crank up the air conditioning and quilt! We have many opportunities to jump in on. Sign up for the **2014 Round Robin** and get creative.

Last year we had wonderful finished items, some shown here – wall hangings, quilts, tote bags, table runners and an apron. It's fun to work on a piece a bit and then hand it off to the next person.



Kentuck will be here quick! The third weekend in October is always Kentuck weekend and we always have a tent there.

We do children's activities and demonstrations and sell our quilted items at the festival. Remember that your items must be quilted to be sold at Kentuck and we cannot violate any copyright or trademark rights. If you are unsure if your items will qualify to be entered, please check with Barbara McC or Hallie (our Kentuck pros) and they will put you on the right track. Remember that we ask each member to donate one or more quilted items with a combined value of at least \$20 for the guild to sell. This is a special opportunity for us to educate our community about quilts, show our quilts and make some money (for yourself and the guild) at the same time.

Do you have a list of UnFinished Objects cluttering your space? Having trouble getting motivated to Just Finish them? Now is your chance! In July I will be passing out "Just Finish It" sheets for you to list your projects on. Bring your list of items to finish back at the August meeting and it begins! When you show your finished item at the meeting, you will be able to pick a reward from our reward box. It may be fabric or a notion or something different, but it won't be a block or UFO! Last time we had people finish as many as twelve quilts! This could be the nudge you have been needing.

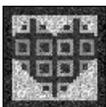


Remember to come early and sit in on the **Basics and Beyond** class. Ana is a great teacher! She will show you new ideas in a fun way and motivate you to want to get sewing. Just pull up a chair and soak it in!



Happy Quilting!

Beth



July 12 2014, Guild Meeting:

8:45 Basics and Beyond: In July we will work on part three of our mystery wall-hanging. Drunkard's Path is such a versatile quilt block. So many iterations, so many possibilities. We will have several to choose from. Ana.

Please try to talk quietly while Basics and Beyond is in progress.

9:30 Guild Business meeting

10:30 Program: "Specialty Bindings"



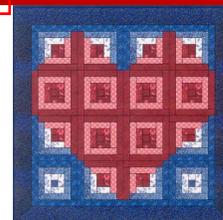
presented by: **Charlotte,
Laurie and Diana M.**

Piped and flange bindings, prairie

points, scalloped
binding and
invisible binding.

Hospitality

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



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Upcoming Guild Programs:

August 9th: "Itch-to-Stitch" where we bring in all of our community service quilts. This year they go to our local DHR Foster Care kids and Central Church of Christ's Disaster Response. Be generous with your time and effort. All of our "Panel Play" quilts are due.

September 13: Miniature Quilts with Judith Collins.

October 11: Kentuck preparation.

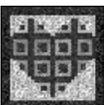
November 8: Quilted Gingerbread Houses with Dale Rhodes.

December 13: Our Holiday Party and Challenge!



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





Panel Play Community Service Quilts

Welcome New Members—

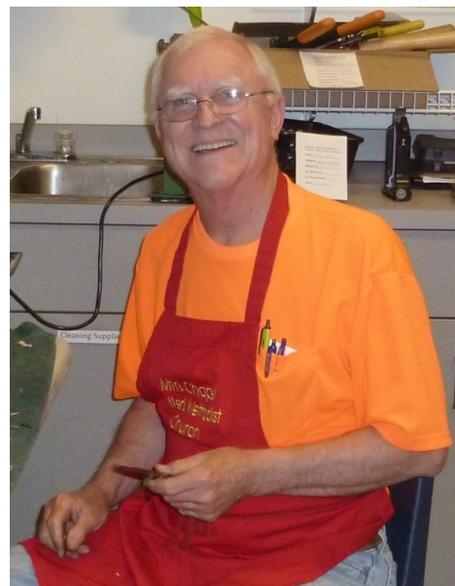
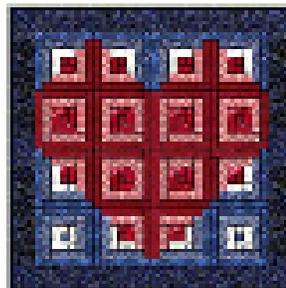
- Debbie
- Sue
- Yvonne
- Re-joined:
Rachel

These members have moved:

- Judy S
- Nan
- Jamie G



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

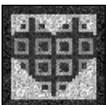


**Congratulations
to Jamie and
Mike on their
wedding in
June.**



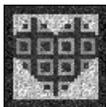
Just Finish It!

We'll help motivate you to finish some of your UFO's. Beth will tell you about it in July.



June meeting quilts





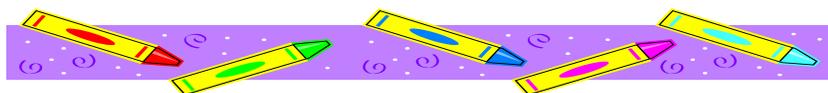
2014 Challenge:

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.

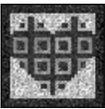
Prize ribbons will be awarded based on the votes of members present at our December 13th meeting. We will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons in each category and a Best of Show ribbon.



Brenda C—winner of one of our Quilt Show Opportunity Baskets! She was thrilled!

Join in on our Round Robin 2014!

The guidelines and form are being sent with this newsletter. Please complete the form and bring it, along with your starter piece, to our July meeting.



Minutes June 14, 2014

Next Board meeting June 16, 2014 at 5:00p.m. Jason's Deli

Mail: Kelsey B sent announcement for second son, named William Steven. Birmingham Museum of Art has exhibit of Common Threads on June 27th and 28th. Everett S has met goal for his bike ride, thanks to guild members who supported him.

Committee Reports: Membership: There are 49 members present today with two new members, Sue G and Yvonne G. Five visitors are here for the meeting. Name Tag Drawings: Winners today are Pam S, Sue G, Deanna T and Yvonne G. Library: Susan shared some books from library that deal with color and design. Retreat: Fee for August retreat is due by July's meeting. Community Service: Quilts donated for DHR children are due by August meeting. Donated quilts can be brought in anytime to give to Church of Christ for their disaster relief program. Round Robin: Tara Lee announced this will start at the July meeting.

Quilt Show : Discussion held on quilt show. Show was a great success.

Issue 1) Heat on Saturday was a problem and 2 people needed medical care due to heat. We will have to look at different time of the year or a different location for next show.

Issue 2) Date is close to Symposium in Hoover and that presents conflict.

Issue 3) Some of those who signed up for clean up did not show up, especially true for hospitality area.

Judy R E discussed the quilt judging. One hundred 1st fifteen quilts were judged.

Quilt show numbers:

Opportunity Baskets -

Boutique -

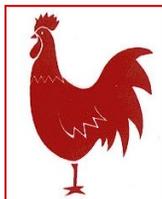
Opportunity Quilt -

Admissions - plus sponsor tickets

Silent Auction - winning bid total for Turning Point

Bring and Brag: Mary B, Sue R, Pam S, Sara T, Melanie M, Jacque T, and Steven H.

Program today is Color and Design Elements by Charlotte .



Summer Red Rooster Retreat: Final payments are due at this meeting. \$245.00 for the four days three nights and \$175.00 for the three days two nights. Fun, fun, fun. It has been a long time since January. Ana.



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Reminders:

2014 Round Robin—bring in your completed form and your starter piece.

Final payment is due for the Summer Red Rooster Retreat.

Fill out your “Just Finish It” list.

Bring food to share.

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