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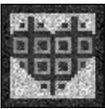
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“Memories” by Sara Terrell won Best Use of Embellishments in our 2013 Challenge. This embellished quilt, framed and under glass, contains many mementos that Sara has from her Mother. This quilt also won 1st Place in the “Found Objects” category.

For more Challenge photos see pages 4-5.



President's Report:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas full of family, friends, food and memories! The New Year is full of exciting quilting activities for our guild. Not only is this a **quilt show year**, but we have **Jane Sassaman** giving a trunk show and major workshop, two retreats, a brand new Challenge, the **Opportunity quilt blocks with Ana**, and mini workshops during the year! There is a lot to get involved with and I hope you find time to participate in some of these great opportunities!

Thank you very much to our past officers and committee chairs! You all make this guild run smoothly while having fun and you are appreciated! Welcome to our new secretary, Judy S, and to all our new committee chairs! Its going to be a great year!

Now, lets see how many people really read this...I am going to start a new "segment" at the meetings called 'Get to Know Your Fellow Guild Members'. I will walk around with the microphone and give a member one minute to tell us about themselves. We have lots of new people and it can be difficult to connect names and faces. It will be quick, one minute, but I think it will be helpful. I will start with officers and committee chairs so when you see me coming, you'll know why!

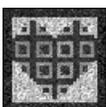
Finally, thank you very much for your generous gift of bali pops. I love them and am very excited to find some patterns that do them justice. It is my pleasure to be a part of this guild and I am looking forward to what we have planned for 2014!

Beth

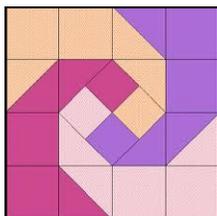


Notice for Jane Sassaman Workshop participants:

Charlotte wants to apologize to all who put their name on the original sign-up list for the Jane Sassaman workshop. That list has been misplaced—so please double check with her to be sure she has you on her new list. We do have an accurate list of those who have paid which is now our official list. All payments are due in January.



January 11, 2014, Guild Meeting:



8:45 Basics and Beyond: : Here's hoping that your assigned square homework is coming along well. We will learn the Snail's Trail square in January which is the big square in our 2014 Opportunity Quilt. Can't wait to see the results of our hard work. Ana.

9:30 Guild Business meeting

10:30 Program: -



Authors **Peggy Rhodes** and **Julia Wood** will present their technique to make hexie quilts using any size circle. Their book will also be for sale.

Upcoming Guild Program:

February 8th: Our own Vintage Treasure Hallie O'Kelley will present a program on screen printing. Hint.... For those who want to help make the 2014 Quilt Show name tags we will do that after the March meeting. Hallie will also be back later in the year to do a program on dying fabric.

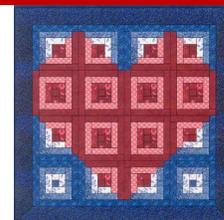
Welcome New Member—

Laura R
bday March 16



Hospitality

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



2013 WAQG Officers

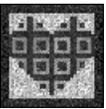
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Pat S 12-14
Jamie G 13-15
Barbara W 14-16

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Hospitality Faye H, Diana S, Reita M
Education _____
Kentuck _____
Library Paula B and Susan A
Membership Mary B
Name Tag Drawing Joyce T
Sunshine Julie T
Mini Workshops Charlotte
Major Workshop Charlotte N
Newsletter Laurie P-D
Opportunity Quilt Basics & Beyond class
Publicity/Historical Sharon L
Yearbook Ana S
Challenge 2014 Board
Qui It Show 2014: Beth M
Telephone Tree Nan G
Website Coordinator Laurie
Retreats: Ana S



2014 Challenge Winners: Embellishments

Buttons: 1st Jamie G;
2nd Christine LC;
3rd Laura R.

Beads: 1st Ana S;
2nd Deanna T;
3rd Brenda P.

Zippers: 1st Laurie P-D.

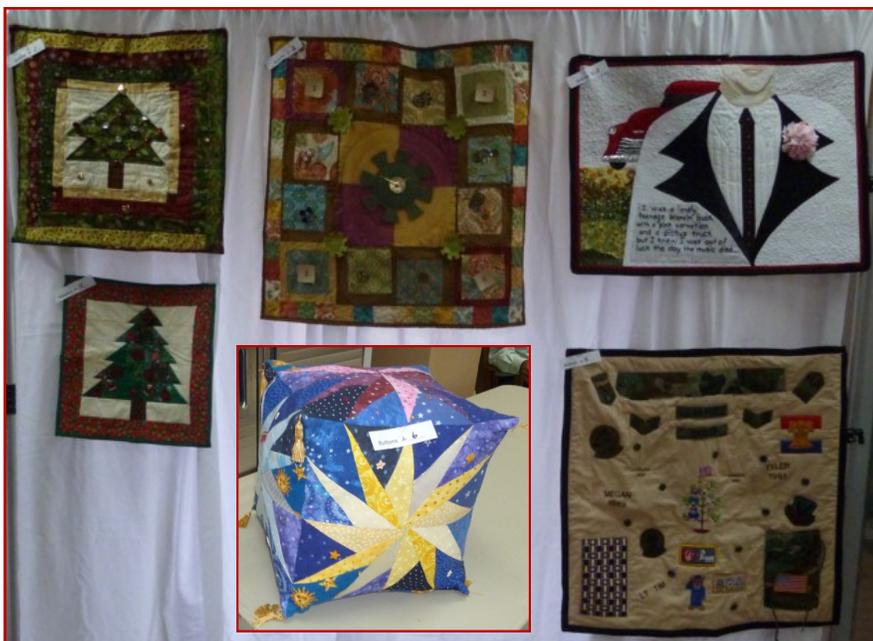
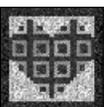
Fiber: 1st Inez R;
2nd Laurie P-D.

Found Objects:
1st Sara T;
2nd Charlotte N;
3rd Paula B.

Most Unusual Embellishment: Charlotte N

Best Use of Embellishment: Sara T

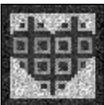


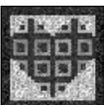


There were 21 wonderful entries in this year's Challenge. A fun exhibit of creativity and fine workmanship.

Thank you all for participating.







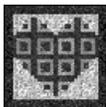
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What a festive Holiday Party we had!





WAQG announces our 2014 Major Workshop

Jane Sassaman will be in Tuscaloosa Friday, March 14th, to present a trunk show of her wonderful work. That program will be at 7:00pm at the Tuscaloosa Department of Transportation, 1000 28th Avenue, in Tuscaloosa, and is free and open to the public. Come and bring your family and friends! Jane will have fabrics, patterns and books available.



More information about Jane is available on our website or on her site: <http://www.janesassaman.com>



“Simple Silhouettes” One-day workshop: will be held on Saturday, March 15th, also at TDOT, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. This workshop is designed for the beginner to intermediate quilter using Jane’s Free Spirit fabrics. (Jane will be shipping her fabrics and kits to us ahead of time and as we get more information on prices, we will let you know). The workshop is limited to 20 WAQG member participants; **the cost of \$ 40 is due by our January 11, 2014, meeting.** **Charlotte wants to apologize to all who put their name on the original sign-up list for the Jane Sassaman workshop. That list has been misplaced. However, we do have an accurate list of those who have paid which is now our official list.** **About the workshop**

This is a good class for beginning machine appliquéers or quilters who want to make an easy, but dramatic small wall quilt for their home or as a gift. Each student will pick a central motif (flower, butterfly, etc.), a favorite Sassaman fabric and a coordinating background to make an 18” quilt using Jane’s unique “bandage” appliqué technique. Once you grasp the system, you will feel comfortable to make more when you get home.

Jane told us: “I always ship items ahead for each job. I just mail the patterns, fabric, etc., to arrive before I do. I will set out all the fabric in class and the students can purchase what ever they like. I bring fabrics according to the class. Usually 1 yd and 1/2 yd cuts, bundles and kits. I have a credit card swiper and we just settle up at the end of the day. Cash and checks are, of course, fine, too.”

WAQG Quilt Show 2014

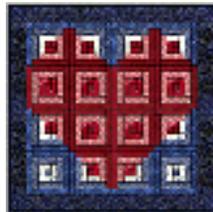
Friday, May 30th 9am—6pm

Saturday, May 31st 9am—
5pm

Set up Thursday, May 29th

Location: Holy Spirit Catholic High School

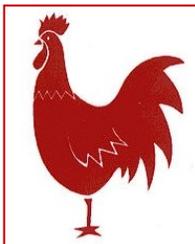
We will need items donated to our silent auction. They can be quilts of any size, tote bags, or other quilted items. We were able to donate several hundred dollars last year from the silent auction and I would like to do that again in 2014 to Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter. Contact Beth or Inez with any questions.



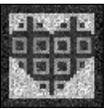
Thanks to Townsend Ford, the.makers.market, the Nix family and the P-D’s for already committing to sponsor our show!

We will need more Sponsors for the quilt show. Our show costs several thousand dollars to put on and Sponsors help us pay for this expense. If you or your employer would like to sponsor please let Beth know so she can provide you with the information sheet. Sponsorships start at \$50 and include name/logo exhibited at the show, admission tickets and opportunity basket tickets. We had \$1900 in Sponsorships last year and will need to raise that money again this year.

We want to strut our quilted stuff for our community! Help us plan a great show!



Retreat: By the time we have our January Guild meeting, the January retreat will have happened and 22 happy quilters will have worn themselves out. The August retreat is just around the corner. More information to come.



Minutes – December 14, 2013

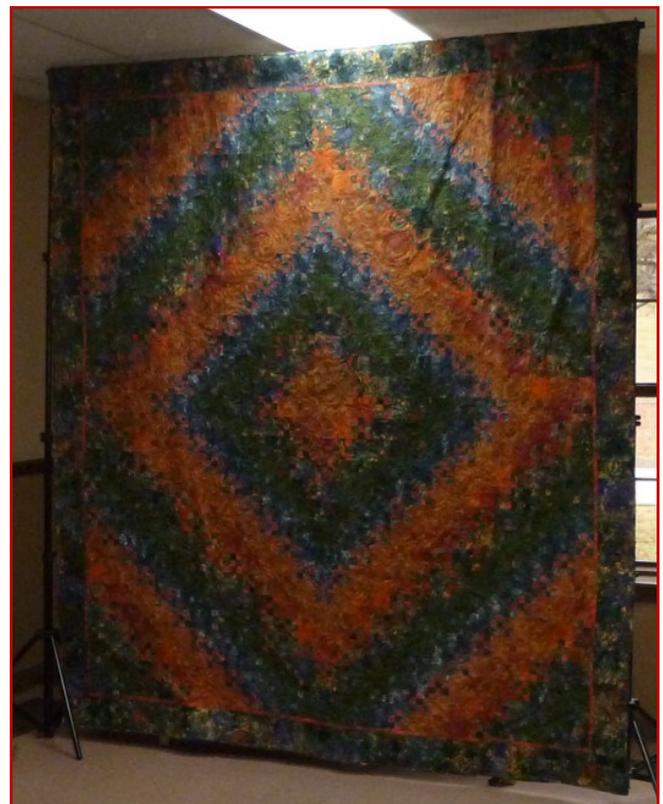
2014 Officers: President: Beth M; Vice-President: Charlotte N;
Secretary: Judy S; Treasurer: Mary Jean H

2014 Executive Board: Pat S; Jamie G; Barbara W

New Years Eve Lunch/Movie will be at 11:00 at Jason’s Deli.

The President’s gift was presented to Beth Millis

Committee Reports: Basics and Beyond: Instructions for the 2014 Opportunity Quilt were explained and packets were made available to those who wish to participate. Ideas for 2014 were suggested. Community Service: Sara T is the 2014 Chair for this committee. Hospitality: One more helper is needed for 2014. Membership: 58 members and 2 visitors were in attendance. Members celebrating birthdays in December were announced. Membership dues for 2014 are due by the January meeting. Library: Paula B reminded member to return in their books. Name Tag Drawing: Nancy F; Betty H; Reita M; Diane A; Christine C; Inez R; Diana M; Susan A; Mary Ann L; Brenda P; Laura R. Major Workshop: Jane Sassaman will be the instructor. The cost of the workshop is \$40.00 and must be turned in by the January, 2014 meeting. Retreat: The next retreat will be January 2-5, 2014. Newsletter: Send Laurie your submissions for the newsletter by December 25th. Quilt Show: The quilts will be judged but not by a NQA judge as previously reported. Sunshine: Members and their families who are sick were announced. Website: The Newsletter is now on the website. Bring and Brag/Just Finish It: Pat S; Christine LC; Inez R; Julie T; Reita M; Steven H; Diane A; Dot B; Sandra B; Susan A; Charlotte N. Opportunity Quilt: Sandra B sold the most tickets. The winner of the quilt is Cindy L.





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Reminders:

Bring your pieced blocks for the 2014 Opportunity Quilt.

“Just Finish It” is going through February, so show us what you have finished this month.

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