



# Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of  
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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## Ana says...

Greetings:

“Still in lockdown” is not what I was hoping for as we move into the last month of summer, but here we are still in lockdown mode and a virus rampant in the area. I hope that all of you are well. Please know that you are in my thoughts. We do have one member (that I know about) in the hospital fighting this disease -- please keep Donna N. in your thoughts. Please let me know if there is anyone else we should be thinking about at this time. I know that we have a few other “sunshine” issues and if you have them, please let Becky B. know.

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So, what are we up to? Well, TDot is not allowing meetings at this time and I suspect there are many of you out there who are not interested, for your own health, to attend a meeting, so no “formal” meeting for August. BUT...the board is going to get a room at Holy Spirit for an August 22nd meeting at 10:00 a.m. (we will let you know the exact room and how to get there later in the month). This will be for Itch to Stitch Skinny Quilt collection for the Tuscaloosa Juvenile Detention Center. Anyone who has a Skinny Quilt or a baby quilt (remembering that some of the girls in the Detention Center do come in pregnant), can drop them off at Holy Spirit. The Board will then arrange to drop them off at the center or meet Cathy W. somewhere so that we can drop them off since the Center is on lockdown as well right now. I want you to know that Ms. W. is soooooo excited about this because few people think to do anything for this center here in Tuscaloosa. She wants so desperately for us to be able to tour the facility and I promised her that we would love to do it when this is all behind us and we would also love to work with the kids that are out there like we had originally planned. It has made my heart swell with pride to know that we are doing this for them. So watch for the directions to the Holy Spirit room and if you need to, I told Ms. W. that we would probably have additional quilts come in later in the fall and would pass them on to her when they arrived.

We have not met since March and it does not look like we will be meeting the rest of this year. Kentuck has been canceled as many of you may already know, but there will be an online option and Becky B. and Linda W. will have more on that later in August. The Board has decided that since we have not met, we will carry forward all memberships from this year into next. We are not hurting for money and felt that it was only fair to all

the faithful members who have endured this year with the completely insane circumstances that we have had.

In September, we are looking to go back to Holy Spirit to have an outdoor garage sale of the fabrics and other items that have been donated to us. It will be a “cheap” garage sale with items going for small coinage. It is going to be a “going, going, going” sale and outside, so you can purchase with your masks on and walk away with some good stuff. More about this later.

Some other issues about the year: We have an opportunity quilt but have not had any chances to sell tickets for it, so we will carry that forward to next year as well and that means we don't have to create an opportunity quilt for next year. The other issue would be the challenge quilt (String quilts). None of us know whether or not we will be meeting by December, but that doesn't mean you can't continue to work on them. If it turns out that we have to push this off till next year, then we will do that as well.

I do want to take a moment to recognize those of us who are working and using our talents and supplies to help our community out during this time. Those making masks and other PPE are the heroes of this moment. You are giving of your heart and I thank you for that.

Take care and see you for drop off on the 22nd of August at Holy Spirit.

~Ana

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUG 22** Holy Spirit, Knight's Hall, 10-11:30 a.m. (posted on the website)

Drop off Itch to Stitch skinny quilts & baby quilts for Juvenile Detention Center.

**SEP TBA** Outdoor “Going-Going-Going” Garage Sale, Holy Spirit (more info coming)

**OCT 10-11** Kentuck canceled (more about an online option later)

**See “Ana Says” for details about all of these.**

**Treasurer's Report** - our current bank balance:  
\$16,550.28

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new member!

Amy M.



Since we had no July meeting  
(because of the  
coronavirus),  
there are no minutes.



## 2019 WAQG Officers

**President** - Ana S.  
**Vice Pres** - Barbara W.  
**Secretary** - Linda A.  
**Treasurer** - Marie D.

## Board Members

**Jamie S.** 18-20  
**Joyce T.** 19-21  
**Rose O.** 20-22

## Committee Chairs

**Basics and Beyond** - Board Members  
**Community Service**  
**Education**  
**Historian** - Anne E.  
**Hospitality** - Judy S.  
**Kentuck** - Becky B., Linda  
A.,  
**Library** - Patricia W., Dana M.  
**Membership** - Mary B.  
**Name Tag Drawing** - Debbie W.  
**Newsletter** - Rachel D.  
**Photos** - Becky B.  
**Programs** - Barbara W.  
**Quilt Show** - Beth M.,  
Julie T.  
**Retreat** - Joann W.  
**Shark Pit** - Paula W.  
**Sunshine** - Becky B.  
**Telephone Tree** - Nan G.  
**Website Coordinator** - Laura R.  
**Workshops**  
**Yearbook** - Mary B.  
**Challenge 2019** - Board

## Announcements

Becky B. is the new Sunshine Chair!

From Barbara H.: We have a small group going to Red Rooster for retreat August 13-16. The cost is \$299. If you would like to join us, please call Barbara: (205) 799-2443.

**Sad News: This year's Kentuck Festival of the Arts is canceled.**



## More Masked Makers!

Guess Who?

Send your masked selfies for the next newsletter!

A: The TWINS! Margie in green/white and Martha in red thanks to Rose O. for the photos.





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on the second Saturday of  
each month.