

# Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of  
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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## Reminder about December Guild Meeting

December Hospitality

This year everyone will be bringing something to share for the December Hospitality Table.

The December Birthday's will be in charge of decorating the tables and bringing an item to share.

It is up to you what you would like to bring, just be sure it is ready to go and does not need to be heated up or shushed in anyway. Looking forward to seeing what everyone brings!

Thanks! Julie

Best of Show – West Alabama Quilters Guild Challenge 2018. Way to go Brucie W! Beautiful!!



**Major Workshop, Free Motion Quilting on a Domestic Sewing Machine with Christina Cameli**  
April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Cost for workshops will be \$40 each and the courses offered will be announced soon!**

Quilting and **Wedge Quilt Workshop: Step-by-Step Tutorials 10 Stunning Projects** (at least one of these is in the Library), and contributes to numerous publications, including **Stitch, Quilts and More, Quilty** and **The Quilt Life**. She is also regularly featured on the PBS show **FRESH**

**QUILTING** ([www.freshquilting.com](http://www.freshquilting.com)). Christina has several classes on Craftsy ([www.craftsy.com](http://www.craftsy.com)) and also has several free videos on YouTube

(<https://www.youtube.com/user/afewscraps>).

## WAQG Officers for 2019

President – Ana S

V. President – Barbara W

Secretary – Anne E

Treasurer – Marie D

Board Members – Paula B, Jamie S, Joyce T



**WAQG President's Letter-December 2018**

Dear WAQG members,

What's under your needle? I have several projects under my needle as I work hard getting caught up on some projects that are Christmas gifts. I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and didn't over-do it eating and shopping. I hope you did overdo it laughing and making special memories. Many of us spent our cold, wet and dreary Veteran's Day sewing. I had a fun day with one of our guild members having fun on the long-arm. This member had been given a 'kit' from one of her daughters several years ago and at the August Red Rooster Retreat she got the quilt sewn up (if you have access to FaceBook, you can see her proudly showing off "Falling Leaves"). Well... as you know when you go to a retreat, you get the luxury of having your talented and creative friends give you their ideas and it is up to the quilter to use or not use any of the suggestions. So, this member took some of the ideas and took her quilt to the next level where she appliqued and embroidered the leaves to the quilt, then quilted individual leaves throughout the quilt. I can't wait to see the finished quilt that is not only stunning, it is a special labor of love.



I know I keep talking about our 'Red Rooster Retreats' but y'all, these retreats have become very special to me. It has been at the retreats where many friendships have formed and ideas about trying new things at guild meeting started. I am so excited that in January we will: have both houses so that more of us can go, be treated like queens for a few days, will eat wonderful meals until we pop, will be energized and inspired to create, will be able to catch up on our rest or can choose to sleep less than normal, can get caught up on reading, can count on laughing until our bellies ache and just spend time with friends. I'm counting down the days until I can put my car on the road to Smith Lake!

Thank you to everyone who participated with our different community projects this past year... volunteering your time and talents teaching quilting to students in local schools, working at Hospice of West Alabama making activity mats for people with dementia and our Itch to Stitch projects making 17 quilts for 'Quilts for Kids' and 281 pillowcases for patients at DCH Manderson Cancer Center... thank you! Our guild is blessed to have such a caring group of folks who give generously.

This is my last President's Letter and let me close by telling you that I appreciate you allowing me to serve our guild the past two years as your President. Thanks to our board members; Eve E., Rose O., Anne E., Dot B., Christine L., Paula B., and Jamie S. for listening and trying suggestions from our membership. I am thrilled that our guild is the sponsor and will be celebrating the unveiling of the prestigious rendering of Hallie O'Kelley's "October Glory" quilt in downtown Tuscaloosa on the grounds of Government Plaza soon. I know that the new board members; Ana S., Barbara W., Anne E., Marie D., Paula B., Jamie S. and Joyce T. are excited about the new year and all the fun they will cook up for us to be involved in with our guild. So, let me get back to what is under my needle until I see you at the December Guild meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> for our traditional Pot Luck Christmas gathering and the drawing of the Opportunity Quilt.

*Debbie*

PS, The board meeting location has changed for the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, which is also Northport's Dickens Downtown night, email Debbie a few days before for details if you plan on attending to get the location.

**November 10, 2018 Guild Meeting:**

**8:45: Blocking a quilt block and ???**

**9:30: Business Meeting**

**10:30 Program: Christmas Social & Opportunity Quilt Drawing**



**2018 WAQG Officers**

**President** Debbie W  
**Vice Pres** Eve E/ Rose O  
**Secretary** Anne E  
**Treasurer** Dot B

**Board Members**

Christine L16-18  
 Paula B 17-19  
 Jamie S 18-20

**Committee Chairs**

**Basics and Beyond** Charlotte N  
**Community Service**  
**Education** Nan G  
**Historian** Anne E  
**Kentuck** Becky B  
**Library** Patricia W, Dana M  
**Membership** Mary B  
**Name Tag Drawing** Diane A  
**Newsletter** Jamie S, Judy S  
**Programs** Eve E, Rose O  
**Quilt Show** Beth M, Julie T  
**Retreat** Ana S, Barbara H  
**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  
**Challenge 2018** Board  
**Website** Laura R

**October Treasurer Report**

Income: \$4212.50\*  
 Expenses: \$2808.97\*

Previous Checking Balance: \$10,064.98  
 Current Checking Balance: \$11,756.15  
 (Includes Hallie Fund)



Hallie Fund: \$5,027.00

\*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.

**New Members:**



Angela R  
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**Member Update:**

New address for Diana M:



**WAQG Meeting, November 10, 2018 Minutes**

Debbie W welcomed members to the meeting and announced that the Hallie project has been approved by the City Council and is proceeding towards completion.

The Treasurer's report was available to members in the pink binder at the registration desk.

Diane A gave a lively, seasonal introduction to the name tag drawing. Winners were Melissa H, Doris LK, and Debbie C.

Charlotte N reported on Basics and Beyond where she demonstrated 3 methods of working with zippers. She asked for suggestions for next month's B&B.

Mary B reported that 54 members were present. There were 2 new members: Angela R and Darrilyn C, and 4 guests. She also serenaded those with November birthdays.

**Minutes continued.....**

Joyce T asked members to turn in their Opportunity Quilt tickets as this is the Guild's main fundraiser. Joyce also announced the nominees for Guild Board members: President – Ana S

Vice-President – Barbara W

Secretary – Anne E

Treasurer – Marie D

Rita M made a motion that the slate be approved. Seconded by Charlotte N. Unanimous approval. Joyce T will also join the Board replacing Christine L (this position is an appointment by the current Board.) Finally, Paula B and Jamie S will continue to serve through 2019. The new Board will begin its term in January 2019.

Debbie W thanked everyone who contributed items to Quilts for Kids and Manderson Cancer Center.

Becky B thanked all those who helped and contributed to the Guild's work at Kentucky. The Guild made a profit of \$453.14. Beatrice P sold the highest number of items, and Teresa M brought in the highest amount in dollars. Becky announced that she will not be able to chair this effort next year but can be available to help next year's chair. The Festival will be held on the second weekend in October 2019.

Judy S gave the Sunshine Report which included the news that Brandon L is home and beginning a long recovery.

Anne E read a thank you note from the Manderson Cancer Center, expressing gratitude for the pillowcases and the spirit in which they were made and given.

Nan G brought two examples of quilt squares made by students at the magnet school. She thanked her volunteers: Joyce W, Helen C, Darrilyn C, Mary B, and Margaret P. There will be new opportunities for members to help in 2019 on Tuesday afternoons for 8 weeks.

Ana S reminded members of the retreat to be held from January 4-6 at the Red Rooster Retreat near Cullman. There are 2 spots left – contact Ana. Fees are due at the December meeting; Thursday – Sunday = \$275, Friday – Sunday = \$195.

Several members presented their work during the Bring & Brag session. This was followed by instructions for voting on the Challenge Quilt entries, and the invitation to begin voting.

After the break and during the tallying of challenge Quilt votes, Debbie W announced the winners of the Itch to Stitch quilts and pillowcases.

Winners of the Quilts for Kids: Martha S (5 quilts); Marjorie S (2) and Michelle H (2)

Winners of the pillowcases: Mary Lou P (63) and Melanie M (54)

Each winner was invited to choose a prize.

Following the tally of votes, the winner of the Best in Show award in the Challenge Quilt event was Brucie W.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne E, Secretary



Quilt Guild Fun!

Diane A calling all turkeys at the November meeting!!



Magnet School Class – Big thanks to Nan G and helpers!

**Bring & Brag /  
Just Finish It**



**West Alabama Quilters Guild  
Challenge 2018 – “Anything Appliqué”**

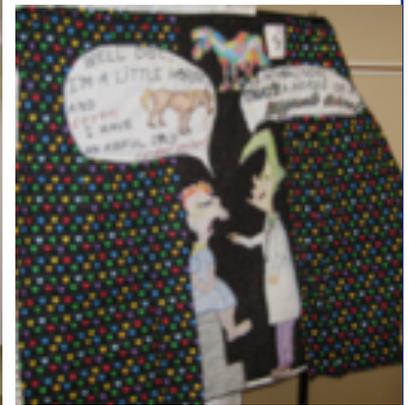
**Small Category**



**Starting Line Quilts**



**Medium Quilts**



**Large Quilts**



**Non-traditional**



**And the winners in each category...**



We didn't get pictures of everyone who received ribbons.....our apologies.

**Small category:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jamie S
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Teresa M
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Faye L

**Medium category:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Paula B
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Peg L
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Karen L

**Large category:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Brucie W
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sara T
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Debbie C

**Non-traditional**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Dot B
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Debbie W
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Karen W

**Best of Show:**

**Brucie Wh**





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web  
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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.