

# Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of  
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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Above is a picture of one of the quilts in the SAQA traveling quilt trunk show from last month’s program.



Diane A having some St. Patrick’s day fun at the business meeting!!!



## **Important! Mark your calendar now!!**

WAQG business meeting is moving to October 5<sup>th</sup> instead of October 12<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the moving of Kentuck Arts Festival. So NO meeting on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> this year.

**President's Letter April 2019**

Happy March Spring!

At last we are getting some warmer weather and that always makes me want to quilt. We all have so many projects to keep us busy and I hope many days of quilting for you this spring.



Thank you so much for all those of you who stepped up to help us out with either Kentuck or the Quilt Show. It is part of what makes this organization so much fun to work with.

I know that many of you are getting ready for the upcoming Major Workshop with Christina Cameli and some are also preparing for the Druid City Arts Festival (DCAF) on April 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Government Plaza. Thank you all for stepping up to participate. If you can help with the DCAF event with either materials to sell or time in the booth, please contact Julie T or Beth M.

If you missed the Mystery quilt instructions from Basics and Beyond, let me know and I can send you the instructions via email or bring extra copies with me to the April meeting. Eve will be doing the Basics and Beyond for April and that is always fun.

Take care and stay well. See you in April.



**Registration** continues for the **Christina Cameli Workshop**. \$40 per workshop.

**Lecture at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 19, 2019 at Tuscaloosa DOT (normal meeting place). Free and open to public. DOOR PRIZES!!**

**Workshops Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, 2019. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tuscaloosa**

**Recommended book: First Steps to Free Motion Quilting. Christina will have copies of this and other books she's written, including a book that comes out the week before our class.**

**Friday - April 19, 2019**

9:00AM – **Beginner** – **Jump Into Free-Motion Quilting** – Ideal for the Novice/Beginning Free Motion Quilter. Topics covered include setting up your machine, basting and getting started. Lots of practice time working with different designs and opportunity for help and guidance from Christina.

1:00PM – **Intermediate** - **Free Motion Texture** - Focus is on light and shadow and the principles of open space and repetition to create captivating free-motion designs.

**Saturday – April 20, 2019**

9:00AM - **Intermediate+** - **Free Form Quilting** – Explore allowing the quilting to develop as we go. Freeing the free-motion brings us face to face with blank canvases and tight spaces; we choose only the rules that serve us. We practice getting unstuck as needed.

1:00PM – **Beginner/Intermediate** - **Grid Based Quilting** – Class combines the structure of quilting with a walking foot with the freedom and texture that's possible with your free motion quilting foot. (How it can be both beginner and intermediate will be explained at the meeting.)

**February 9, 2019 Guild Meeting:**

**8:45: Basics & Beyond: From paper craft to quilt. Converting a paper pattern design into a fabric block.**

**9:30: Business Meeting**

**10:30 Program: The History of West Alabama Quilters Guild: The Beginning to the Present**

**Treasurer Report as of March**

Previous Checking Balance: \$11,903.20

Current Checking Balance: \$8,608.45

Income: \$1055.00

Expense: \$4031.00



\*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.

**Membership:**

New Members:

Karla H

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Birthday: August 14



Ruth M

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**2019 WAQG Officers**

**President** Ana S  
**Vice Pres** Barbara W  
**Secretary** Anne E  
**Treasurer** Marie D

**Board Members**

**Paula B** 17-19  
**Jamie S** 18-20  
**Joyce T** 19-21

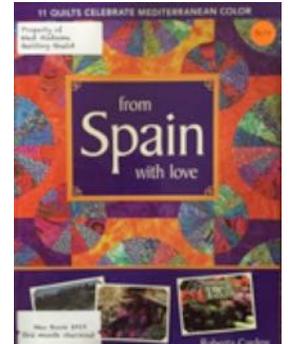
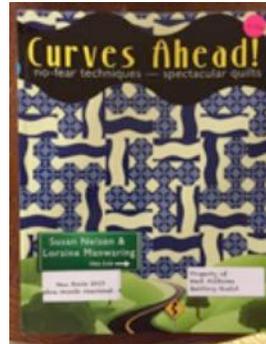
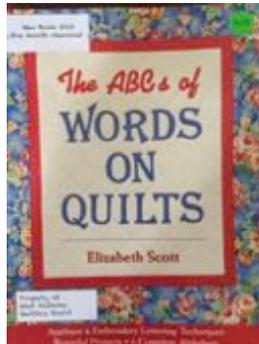
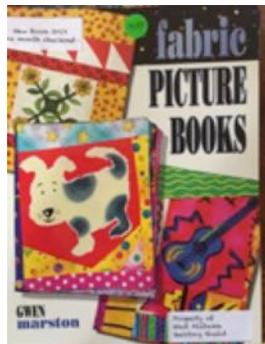
**Committee Chairs**

**Basics and Beyond Board Members**  
**Community Service**  
**Education**  
**Historian** Anne E  
**Hospitality** Judy S  
**Kentuck** Becky B, Linda A, Reita M  
**Library** Patricia W, Dana M  
**Membership** Mary B  
**Name Tag Drawing** Diane A  
**Newsletter** Jamie S, Judy S  
**Programs** Barbara W  
**Quilt Show** Beth M, Julie T  
**Retreat** Joann W  
**Shark Pit** Paula W  
**Sunshine** Julie T  
**Telephone Tree** Nan G  
**Workshop/Major**  
**Workshops/Mini**  
**Website Coordinator** Laura R  
**Yearbook** Mary B  
**Challenge 2018 Board**  
**Website** Laura R



**Library News**

**Available in April.**



### Instructions for the Challenge Quilt Event 2019

The following categories for the Challenge this year to be unveiled at the **December meeting**:

- Small quilts
- Medium Quilts
- Large Quilts
- Non-Traditional Quilts
- Starting Line Quilts\*\*

\*\*\*"Starting Line Quilts" is a category for those who are new to quilting and for whom this is the first time they have shown a quilt. Instead of placement ribbons, each applicant will receive a pin for their entry, to encourage new quilters and avoid competitiveness and/or discouragement.

To determine the appropriate category for a quilt, measure the width and length of the quilt, and use the **smaller number** (in inches.) Fill out the entry form with the correct category indicated. Round quilts should be entered in the Non-Traditional category.

Sizes: (using the **smaller** of the width and length measurements)

- Small: up to 30 inches
- Medium: 31 inches to 60 inches
- Large: 61 inches and larger

e.g.

- a quilt measuring 6" by 32" will be entered in the Small category
- a quilt measuring 44" by 66" will be entered in the Medium category
- a quilt measuring 62" by 62" will be entered in the Large category

Note: If a quilt measures a fraction of an inch above or below the sizes indicated, round the measurement up to the next inch if the fraction is 50% or above, and down if it is below 50%, e.g. 31.75" becomes 32", and 30.25" becomes 30"

Only one entry per person, please.

Voting will be held for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Small, Medium, Large, And Non-Traditional categories, and Best in Show for all categories.

### Quilt Show News....

#### Meet Our New Quilt Show Judge

We are excited to announce our new judge for the 2020 Quilt Show! Meet Madeline Hawley. Madeline has been a Certified Quilt Judge since 1984, and has judged shows nationally, regionally, and locally. She has been involved with all aspects of quilting, including founding a quilt guild, serving as Quilt Show Chair, and remaining active in her local quilt guild in Athens, Georgia. Madeline has a background in traditional quilts, and has expanded her interest to include art quilts as well. As she says, "I love all quilts and techniques".

Since becoming a Certified Judge, Madeline has judged shows in 13 states across the Southeast and Midwest. She has judged large shows in teams of three or four, judged often with one other judge, and has judged many solo shows. She feels it is important to give quality feedback, which includes encouraging ways each quilter can improve her or his skills. We look forward to working with Madeline at our Quilt Show!



Fay L and Judy R Co-Chairs Judge's Committee

## **WAQG Meeting Minutes March 9, 2019**

Ana S opened the meeting by welcoming those present and recognizing Mary Burke who announced that we have over 88 members, of whom 58 were present. Visitors were Vielyana K, Grace K, Ruth M, Peggy H, Kristi A, and Karla H.

Birthdays for March were Jane H, Barbara W, Martha Lee S, and Marjorie S, for whom Diane A, regaled in green, sang a St Patrick's Day birthday serenade.

Winners of the name tag drawing were Jean Y, Dana M, and Tara L.

Basics and Beyond consisted of the first of three sessions on a mystery quilt, with Ana S presenting concepts of color. The second session will occur at the May meeting. Eve E will demonstrate "From Paper to Fabric" at next month's Basics and Beyond.

Itch to Stitch items will be due by the August meeting. This year's items are fidget quilts and adult clothes covers for the charity Caring Days.

The April meeting will feature a presentation by Barbara W on the history of the WAQG, and the May meeting presentation will feature fidget quilts.

Challenge quilt: each entry must feature at least one log cabin square. A vote of the members present resulted in the event being scheduled for the December Guild meeting.

Kentuck: Becky B announced that Linda A and Reita M have joined her as co-chairs, and she explained the "crew" approach that will be adopted this year, so that as many members as possible can contribute to the effort. In May, there will be sign up forms for the various crews. Merchandise will be due in August and September for the Festival which takes place on October 12 and 13th, 2019.

Retreats: Joann W announced that the August retreat will take up both the Snowbird and the Red Rooster houses. Those in Snowbird will be responsible for their own breakfast on Friday and Saturday, but all other meals will be at the Red Rooster. Options for the retreat are arrival on Thursday or Friday (15th or 16th August), with all departing on the 18th. Questions should be addressed to Joann who will keep a waiting list as there may be vacancies nearer the time. Members were reminded that the Snowbird House has steep stairs throughout.

Major Workshop: Rose O brought the results of her recent experience with one of Christina Cameli's workshops on free motion quilting. She said that it was intense and tiring, but that she learned a great deal. She had brought supplies lists for attendees.

Hospitality: Julie T announced that Judy S was going to take over this responsibility in the future. Julie said that Sara T had suffered 3 strokes and would appreciate cards (currently at Northport Rehab.) Also the birth of Brenda P's 1st great grandson and Mary Ann L's 1st granddaughter, the death of Tara L's father, Eve E's son's marriage in Shanghai, and her other son's upcoming marriage in September. Other reports were of individuals undergoing surgery, moving to hospice care, a slight accident, and new diagnoses.

2020 Quilt Show: Julie T and Beth M announced that they have created a Board with committees and will be asking members to serve. The show will be on March 4, 5, and 6, 2020, and the contract with the chosen judge has been signed.

Opportunity Quilt: the quilt is being completed so that it can be shown at the upcoming Druid City Arts Festival (DCAF) on April 5 and 6th 2019 in Government Plaza. Members were asked to sign up to help at the Festival and to prepare items to sell. Everything must be quilted, and no trademarked fabric may be used, nor cheater fabric (fabric printed as if it is quilted.) Items such as yoyos and pine cones are acceptable. Pricing should include an additional 20% to cover Festival fees and taxes.

Special Note: any item that is presented for sale, exhibited, or offered through Itch to Stitch or similar projects, should be professional in every way; i.e. must be clean, free of lint, pet hair, etc., pressed, and free of strings and design marks.

Following the break, Eve E presented a selection of small, exquisite quilted items from the SAQA traveling trunk show. It was suggested that we consider using this format for our Challenge event in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne E, Secretary

Email news/announcement

ENTER YOUR QUILTS IN THE 2019 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW. You labored for hundreds of hours on your latest creation, so why not share your quilt with others who will appreciate it? You may also get some well-deserved recognition for your hard work.

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will offer more than \$6,000 in awards at their show on August 2 and 3, 2019 at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. There will be 16 categories in which to enter your quilts, and an additional 12 special awards.

Deadline for entries is June 14, 2019, so you have plenty of time to complete your masterpiece.

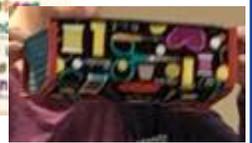
Please visit [www.smokymtnquilters.com](http://www.smokymtnquilters.com) for more information on the competition and for entry forms. Thank you for your time, Linda Mincher [LRMincher@gmail.com](mailto:LRMincher@gmail.com)

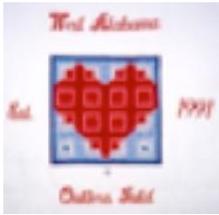
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Laurie P D's current work. ↑







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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.