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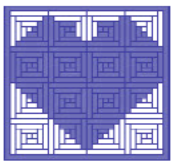

July 2022 WAQG Newsletter
President's Message

Fellow WAQG Members,

I am touched by the Project Linus effort to provide quilted love to all 4300 children and 800 adults in the Uvalde, Texas school system by August 1, 2022. If able to participate, WAQG's deadline is the July meeting. As Debbie mentioned, the size is 40" x 40" for small children, and 40" x 50" for teenagers. I remember the outpouring of love and support that Tuscaloosa and WAQG received after the 2011 tornado. People we didn't know sent boxes of quilting supplies, money, and quilts for us to distribute. WAQG members made lots of quilts for those who lost everything.

I hope to get an Uvalde quilt finished myself as I had my VA quilt next in the queue. I was late in getting Ann my newsletter article as I just returned from a trip. Group or individual VA quilts are encouraged and due at the August meeting, size roughly 60" x 80" and mostly for men.

SEVERAL dates to put on your calendar aside from regular meeting dates…..

⇒ July 16 – Mini-workshop –Foundation paper piecing (T-DoT) – Charlotte and Linda

⇒ Aug 13 – Itch to Stitch VA quilts are due. Following the general meeting there will be a Boho Heart Sew-Along assembly work time.

⇒ Aug 18-21 – Red Rooster Retreat

⇒ Aug. 26 and 27, 2022 – Mayor Workshop featuring Barbara Black

⇒ Friday- Aug. 26 – 6-hour advanced class on Western Sun, ($50 + $25 Pattern book)

⇒ Saturday, Aug. 27 – 6-hour beginners/ intermediate – Charming Sampler ($50 + $5 handout). Check out https://bbquiltmaker.blogspot.com/ for more info

⇒ Oct. 15 and 16 – Kentuck Festival of the Arts

⇒ Nov. 5 – Mini-workshop on Applique with Paula and Jamie (T-DoT)

There will be a supply list available at the July meeting for the Foundation Paper Piecing workshop, if needed, contact Charlotte for an electronic version. We'll start at 8:30 am and have T-Dot until 3pm if needed. Bring a snack/drink if needed.

Remember to bring "Stars Fell on Alabama" 2023 Opportunity Quilt blocks to the July meeting, t-shirt money if appropriate, and money/check for the Barbara Black workshops. I am looking forward to meeting Barbara and gaining new skills. Thank you, Rose, for organizing this.

Happy 246th Birthday America! July 14 is National Mac and Cheese Day, July 29 is National Lasagna Day, and can you believe on July 20 will celebrate 53 years since Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon? I must be getting old; I remember being glued to the television that night and looking up at the moon and thinking that two men were up there.

Looking forward to seeing you on July 9.

Stay healthy, happy, and actively quilting!

Charlotte

Minutes June 2022 Meeting

WAQG General Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2022, located at TDOT

Charlotte [redacted] President, called the meeting to order at 9:30. She asked Michelle [redacted] if there were any changes to last month's minutes. Bring and Brag notation has been omitted from the minutes, but will be added in the future.

Rose [redacted] spoke on Major Workshop. Barbara [redacted] will be here from August 26-27, 2022. Barbara works with Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson and taught the quilt Color My World BOM 2021 by Wendy Williams.

On Friday, August 26 a six-hour advanced class is available at $50 per seat. The Western Star quilt will be taught. There is an additional fee of $25 for a pattern book, templates and a handout.

On Saturday, August 27, a six-hour class for beginner/intermediate class is available for $50 per seat. The Charming Sampler will be taught. An additional $5 fee will be required to cover the handout.

Barbara Black will teach many ways to make blocks which are time savers. Both classes can use scraps or charm packs. The workshops will be held at Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Hall on August 26-27 from 9:00 – 3:00 with time built in for lunch. Please sign up with Rose and get your supply list.

Mary [redacted] and Jane [redacted] taught at the Tuscaloosa Magnet School. They had three classes with 20 students each. Mary and Jane could have used more help. There was a lot of work preparing materials for each class in advance. The boys were just as excited as the girls were.

Mary [redacted] reported there were 53 members In attendance. There are more than 100 members in the guild. We have one visitor: Carol [redacted]. June birthdays are: Rose [redacted], Ann [redacted], Pam [redacted], Marie [redacted], Augusta [redacted], and Denise [redacted]. Happy Birthday to all.

WAQG pins are available for sale now at $5 a pin. The thimble pin is free to members who have completed their first bed-size quilt. Also pick up a free nail file.

Joyce [redacted] held the name tag drawing. The bonus item (a layer cake) was won by Pat [redacted]. The other three names drawn were Iantha [redacted], Laura [redacted], and Fay [redacted]

Charlotte announced the Pacific Northwest Quilt and Fiber Arts Museum is presenting its annual international Quilt and Fiber Arts Festival October 7-9, 2022, at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center in Everett, WA. They are having a Call for Entries. This is a juried and judged exhibit with three cash prizes being offered. $500 for Best in Show (must be a judged piece), $500 for Peoples Choice - Quilts, and $500 for People's Choice - Fiber Art and Wearables. For more information, visit https://www.qfamuseum.org/iqfaf-home.html or contact the museum at 360-466-4288.

Beth [redacted] spoke on the Druid City Arts Festival. It was Warm weather but fabulous! There were good demonstrations and sales were about $584. The items that really sold were potholders, gifts, and smaller items. Notebook covers and bowl cozies were very popular. Start making your items for next year. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Kentuck – Jane [redacted] says make awesome creations. Kentuck is October 15-16.

Fay [redacted] showed blocks that have been turned in for the 2023 Opportunity Quilt. Twelve-inch blocks should be turned in by the July meeting. The music has been printed and will be in the center of the block.

Fay [redacted] spoke on the Itch to Stitch project for the disabled veterans at the Veterans Administration. Quilts are needed by August. More batting is needed by five members. She is optimistic that we will reach our goal of 100 quilts. Please make quilts at least 60"x 80".

We need labels for the veterans' quilts. Debbie [redacted] volunteered to order the labels.

Becky [redacted] showed members' blocks for the Boho Heart Sew Along. Becky explained the sew along for new members. The TDOT has been reserved for August 13 after the meeting until 3:00 for people to put their quilts together.

Becky is ordering t-shirts in the following colors: lavender, pink, and purple. Select colors come in both crew neck or V-neck shirts. She is ordering now so shirts will be here by the next meeting.

Please sign the thank you card for Julie T [redacted] Melanie [redacted], Sunshine Chair, said that the twins are doing great because they are here.

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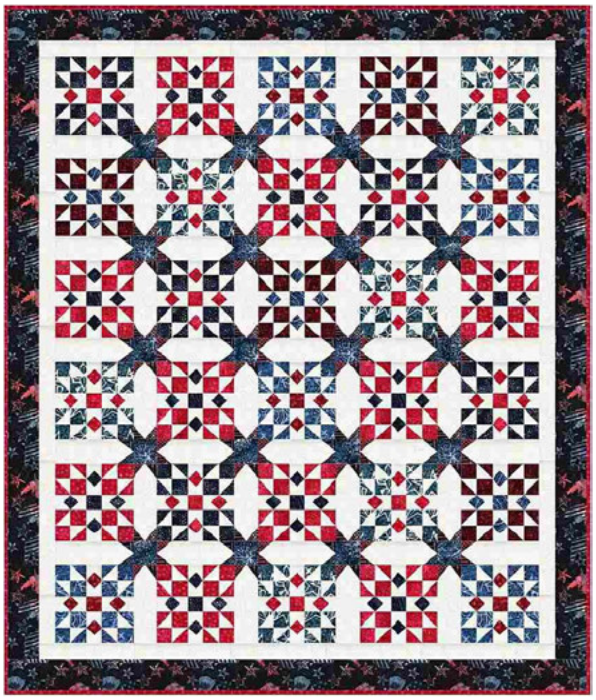
Committees & Board

President	Charlotte [redacted]
Vice Presidents	Paula [redacted] & Dot [redacted]
Secretary	Michelle [redacted]
Treasurer	Jamie S [redacted]
Basics and Beyond	Karen [redacted]
Community Service	Fay [redacted]
Education	
Historian	Anne [redacted]
Hospitality	Judy S [redacted]
Kentuck	Jane [redacted] Glenda [redacted]
Library	Patricia [redacted]
Membership	Mary [redacted]
Name Tag Drawing	Joyce [redacted]
Newsletter	Ann [redacted]
Opportunity Quilt Tickets 2022	Dot [redacted]
Opportunity Quilt 2023	Fay [redacted]
Photos	
Programs	Dot [redacted] & Paula [redacted]
Quilt Show	Jane [redacted]
Retreat	Barbara H [redacted]
Shark Pit	Anita [redacted] & Peg [redacted]
Sunshine	Melanie [redacted]
Telephone Tree	Nan [redacted]
Website Coordinator	Laura [redacted]
Major Workshops	Rose [redacted]
Yearbook	
Challenge 2022	WAQG Board
Members at Large	Rose [redacted] 20-22
	Linda [redacted] 22-24
	Becky [redacted] 21-23



Accessing Our Online Directory

There are two ways to access the guild directory—online and via the app.

For online access, simply use this link: https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com. Then enter the email address that is in the directory. If it's your first time signing in online, you will need to create a log in password that you will use to sign in in the future. It's very easy.

For access via the app, use your phone to go to the APP store and search for the instant church directory app. The icon is a green church. Download the app. You then enter your email as it appears in the directory and establish a password of your choice. This will allow you to have the directory on your phone.

If you have any questions please contact Mary [redacted]

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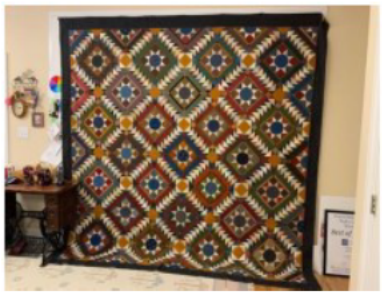
Ruth [redacted] lost her husband. Peg[redacted]s husband is going chemotherapy and needs your prayers. He has major surgery coming up.

Pam [redacted] spoke about the Paducah quilt show trip. She said it is difficult to find accommodations. Pam found several that are 30-40 minutes from the show location. She spoke with a manager from the Country Inn & Suites who is five minutes from the show and has 25 rooms. He wanted her to call back, but he hasn't answered. She will continue to look for closer accommodations. Several members wanted to visit the Stitcher's Garden. The shop has moved from Franklin, TN to Brentwood, TN. The group would have to split up between having lunch and shopping to accommodate the shop. Pam will send out notification when she finds suitable accommodations. Sign up if you are interested.

Patricia [redacted], Library Chair, has a new book in the *Big Book of Pretty and Playful Appliqué*
library,. She also spoke on *Mini Marvels, a miniature quilt book.*



The AQ Quilter has a 12" miniature quilt that is quite amazing. Charlotte asked for volunteers to make ribbons for the Quilt Challenge. These ribbons are needed for the December guild meeting. Paula [redacted] will make the tails for the ribbons. We need three ribbons for each category: Pieced, Appliqué, Paper Pieced, English Paper Pieced, and Small Quilt. Please sign up to volunteer.

Judy [redacted], Hospitality Chair said there was nothing new.

Sell your tickets for the Opportunity Quilt 2022 Quilt Around Town.

Ann [redacted] said all is going well with the newsletter.

Judy [redacted] reported that six visitors to the Birmingham quilt show came down with COVID.

Karen [redacted] Basics and Beyond, will teach the pineapple block next month. Her method is not foundation or paper pieced.

Linda [redacted] and Charlotte [redacted] will be having a mini workshop on foundation paper piecing on July 16, 8:30-3:00 at TDOT. Linda will demonstrate the freezer paper method with flying geese. Charlotte will demonstrate the

square in a square and a spiked flower. Bring your sewing machines and supplies. Sign up and get your supply list.

Debbie [redacted] spoke on Project Linus Quilts. Project Linus is a national organization that provides love and warm hugs through hand made quilts to children.

Currently, Project Linus chapters are busy making quilts to provide to each child in the Uvalde School District, which is over 4,400 quilts. Our guild can help. If you are interested, please make a quilt that is 40" x 40" or 40" x 50" for ages 4-18. If you need fabric to help you out, please contact Debbie [redacted]. Debbie needs your quilt by the July meeting.

Paula [redacted] and Jamie [redacted] will teach appliqué on November 5th.

Remember to get your quilts for Just Finish It completed.

There were many beautiful quilts shown during Bring and Brag.

Respectfully submitted,

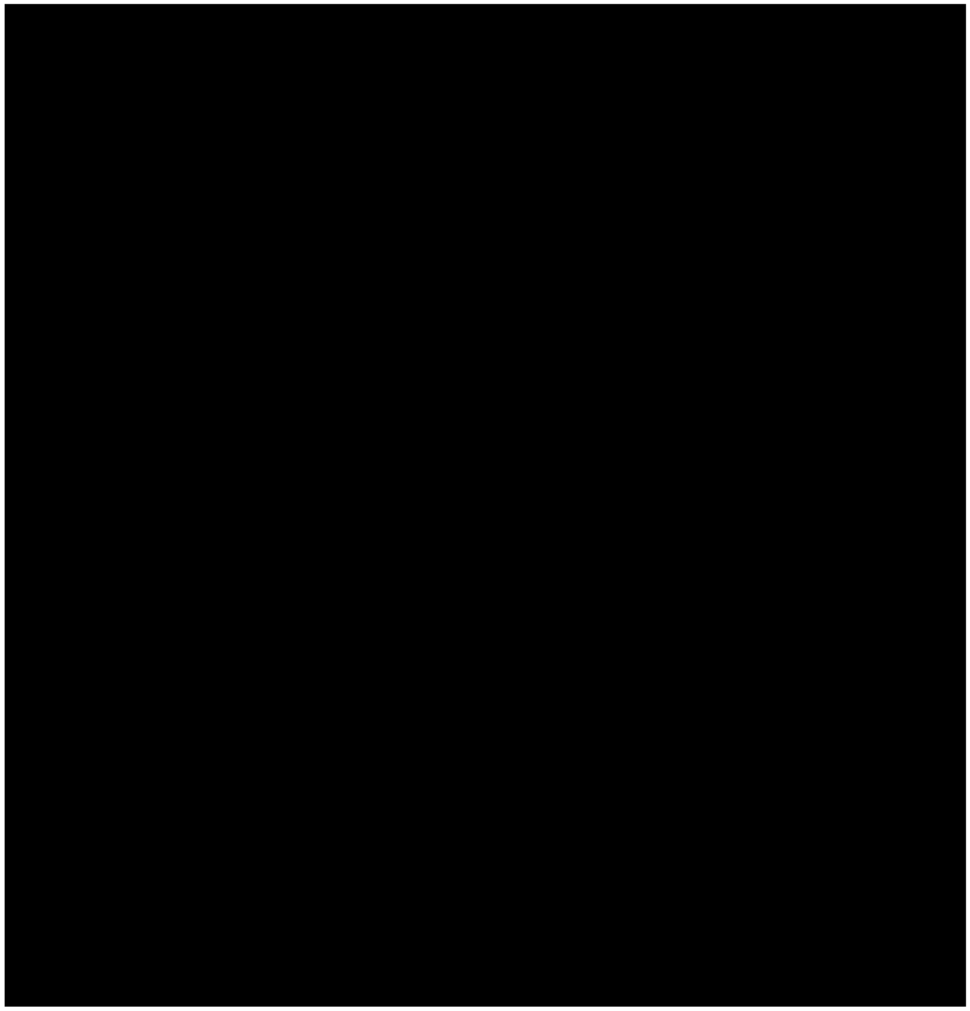
Michelle [redacted]
Secretary

Upcoming Programs

We have two very special guests for our July meeting. Hallie [redacted] and Sammy [redacted] will present their techniques for stenciling on fabrics. This is a great technique to learn to bring uniqueness to your creations.

Our August meeting will be the presentation of our year-long effort for Itch to Stitch quilts to the VA hospital. Our goal is 100 quilts. You still have time to make a twin size quilt for this worthy cause.

Happy Quilting
Dot and Paula



Bring and Brag, June Meeting

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WAQG July Birthdays

9 Ann [redacted]
12 Jean [redacted]
14 Margaret [redacted]
17 Beth [redacted]
19 Dianne [redacted]
26 Anita [redacted]
27 Debbie [redacted]
30 Iantha [redacted]

WAQG meets at the Department of Transportation Building (1000 Nick's Kids Avenue) on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Please remember to bring something for…

BRING and BRAG!

We are on the Web: www.waqg.com