



Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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MASK-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES

Joyce T. reports that “guild members are helping our community by sewing elastic to masks for emergency responders. Jane H. is sewing at the airport location and Mary Ann L. and Joyce are at Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Logistics building.

Tara L. reports that DCH need for masks for non-clinical workers if anyone would like to work on that. (See screenshot below)

NEWS FLASH:

Dear DCH MaskMakers - We have become aware that our DCH surgical drape fabric is creating wear on your shears and needles.

The DCH Foundation is working with General Sew and Vac to provide a pack of new needles and either a shear sharpening or a new rotary blade at no cost to you.

We will send our list of DCH MaskMakers to General Sew and Vac with an update every day so they will have everyone’s names in real time for who might need the needles and sharpening or blade replacement. Just call the shop and give them your name to arrange drop off and pickup plans. Be a little patient please - they are ordering needles and new blades and those might take a minute to arrive.

Contact info: Janet or Damon at General Sew and Vac at (205) 752-3939 OR shoot them a message on FB - they are monitoring both.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER, APRIL 2020

Hey there fellow trapped Quilters,

Well, this year will certainly go down in history as unique. It appears that we will NOT have a May meeting either, due to the fact that Mayor Maddox has banned all meetings in city owned buildings till after May 31st. I know this has been hard on me but it has also kept me safe. I am not someone who goes out a lot and I certainly don't congregate with many other people, but even this old Introvert has had a hard time being alone for so long. My dogs are ready for me to move on. I have made friends with the garbage pick-up people and the mail lady.

I know that so many of you are working on local projects making masks and other items for the heroes who work in the medical industry. What a wonderful way to pass the time and use up a lot of our extra scraps on such a worthwhile project. I have shifted back and forth from masks to making the crocheted straps for the back of the head. That way I avoid any boredom. I also have been making a twin bed quilt for the Juvenile Detention Center. I know that a lot of you are doing the same.

The Challenge this year is a strip/string quilt challenge for a wall-hanging, full quilt or non-traditional. You should have plenty of time to play with this idea.

Being apart is so hard and this month we have suffered such a loss. Charles O. passed earlier this month and I have talked a moment with Hallie who spent some time after his passing with her daughter up at Smith Lake. I am so glad that her family was there for her and I know that she will miss his wonderful conversation and his amazing photographic and quilting talent. We all will and we should celebrate his wonderful life.

Let us all hope that June will be a meeting date! We will have so much to catch up on. I am sure that the first hour will be nothing but hugging, chatter and laughter.

Ana



Treasurer's Report as of April 20, 2020

~with a little extra information since we are not having meetings ~ Marie D.:

Our bank balance	\$17,088.73
Silent auction	\$1,173.00
Baskets	\$980.00
Admission	\$3,524.00
Sponsors	\$3,800.00
Vendors	\$1,375.00
Expenses	\$4,025.03

MEMBERSHIP

No new members reported this month.



Since we had no April 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.

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

Committee Chairs

Basics and Beyond - Board Members
Community Service
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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 - Eve E.
Telephone Tree - Nan G.
Website Coordinator - Laura R.
Workshops
Yearbook - Mary B.
Challenge 2019 - Board

MORE MASK-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES

Vicki T. manages several Non-Profit operations around town (both Tuscaloosa and Northport) for disabled individuals has asked if anyone could help with making masks for her clients and the workers who take care of them. She is always a supporter of us at Kentuck and always stops by to cheer us on. (Contact ANA for more info.) She is looking for about 400 with basic specs and washable. If you can help her out, please contact her and let her know.



QUILTING MAKES HISTORY

Nan G. met with 4th grade students at Woodland Forrest Elementary School on March 2, 2020 for the national Read Across America event to talk about quilting and read a story about quilting in the Colonial Days.



EXAMPLES OF STRING QUILTS

String Quilts: The term String quilt is an older term used to identify quilts made from your longer fabric scraps. There are many ways to make a String quilt. Today, many people call them strip quilts.

1. You can start with a foundation fabric and sew your fabric strings on it using a sew-and-flip technique to attach the strips and scraps to the foundation covering the foundation fabric, or
2. You can start with larger strips and sew them together cutting the shapes (or using them as your quilt) that you want to use in your quilt project.





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WAQG meets at the
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each month.