

# Piecing Our Lives

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The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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*Hospitality Reminder - Everyone brings a dish for our Christmas celebration. December birthday people are responsible for setup and cleanup.*



### **Attention Retreaters!!! - Gentle reminder...**

For those of you who are planning on going to the Red Rooster for the WAQG retreat, the money is due at the December meeting.



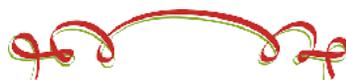
There is still room available for those that would like to participate. Please text Barbara H with any questions (205 799-xxxx).

**Quilt Show Info** - Demonstrations: If you would like to participate in the demonstrations at the quilt show, or, if there's a demonstration you would like to see, please contact Paula B.



### **Final instructions to those entering the 2019 WAQG Challenge:**

Bring your quilted item to the December meeting in a pillowcase with your name and the category INSIDE the pillowcase (categories listed in info on page 4). If there is a label with your name on the item itself, please cover it up so that no-one knows who made it. Place your pillowcase in the appropriate basket or tub near the entrance to TDOT.



## President's Letter - December 2019

**Finally, there is a crisp feel to the air outside and the leaves are doing their best to turn colors. That is what my grandma would have called "quiltin weather" and indeed it is.**



For those of you procrastinators, it is also that last slide into our 2019 Quilt Challenge with the Log Cabin quilt block. I am one of those that wait till the last minute before I do one. I used to tell my mama, "I'm not wasting time.....I'm thinking" and that is what I do before I actually get down to the last minute blast of energy and effort. Good luck with all your efforts.

We are also blasting into Thanksgiving and that means a lot of activity for all of us in terms of cooking and family and travel. I wish the best for all of your cooking efforts and safe travels and of course build wonderful memories with those family members.



Thanks so much for all your efforts this year to make this Guild so useful and fun.

We will enjoy our Christmas party where everyone (except the December birthday members) bring food and enjoy our Challenge display and then we will begin our new decade with a mad dash for toward the Quilt Show.

Take care and blessings upon you. Ana

## Education News

Ann, Ana, and Nan taught 100's of fourth graders about quilting during the Colonial Days on Wednesday, November 13 and Friday, November 15, 2019.



**December 14, 2019****8:45 am: Basics & Beyond - No Basics & Beyond this month.****9:30 am: Business Meeting****10:30 am: Program - Challenge Reveal, Christmas Celebration****Treasurer Report as of November 22, 2019**

Deposits: \$ 11059.12

Expenses: \$1833.67

**New Balance: \$9225.45\*\***

\*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.

\*\*There are outstanding Kentuck checks.

**Membership****New Members:**

Barbara B  
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 Birthday: July 7

Rachel D  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXX  
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 205-xxx-xxxx  
 205-xxx-xxxx  
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 Birthday: May 14



*Don't forget your dues for next year. Mary is requesting we try to pay dues in December if possible since she won't be at the January meeting.*

**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 Report for 2019**

Our budget for 2019 allowed us to purchase 36 new books in 2019. These included a copy of Hallie O'Kelley's book on screen printing, 10 or more books suitable for beginning quilters (including "twens" and children), 3 books by our featured visiting artist (Christina Cameli), and numerous books focused on specific blocks, techniques, geographical regions, art quilts, and miscellaneous quilting projects. Several purchases were made at the request of Guild members. The new additions are recently published, colorful, and inviting – a welcome improvement over the black and white diagram-oriented formats of many of our older holdings.

Patricia W, WAQG Librarian

**Instructions for the Challenge Quilt Event 2019  
- At least one LOG CABIN BLOCK has to be included**

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.

**Some reminders concerning the quilt show in March 2020 - for more detailed information, check the WAQG website. ([waqq.com](http://waqq.com) - click on Quilt Show)**

- All WAQG members (beginners, intermediate, and advanced) are encouraged to enter at least one quilted item in our Quilt Show. Each entry must be a finished piece, consisting of two or three layers, and quilted throughout. There are no limits to the number of quilts a member can enter, as long as the quilts have not been entered in a previous WAQG Quilt Show.
- Quilt entry for the show is now open! Whether you fill out the entry form online or on paper, you will need to complete one form for each quilt entered.
- 4" sleeve is required on all quilts, except non-traditional entries.
- All entries must have a label that includes the **quilt title and quilter's name**. Labels can be sewn or pinned to the lower back of the quilt. If you pin a label to your quilt, please use safety pins, and make sure the pins are not visible from the front. **If your quilt is being judged, please cover your label with painter's tape.**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Quilt Entry Begins: NOW!!!**

**Entry DEADLINE: JANUARY 11, 2020**

**Quilt Delivery for the Show: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, between 8am – 10 am. WAQG**

**Quilt Show: March 6-7, 2020**

**Quilt Return After the Show: Begins at 5pm Saturday, March 7, 2020**

## WAQG Meeting, November 9, 2019, 8:30 a.m. TDOT meeting Room, Minutes



Mary B reported that there were 39 members present including 2 new members: Barbara B and Rachel D. She also welcomed a visitor: Jean S. Mary then sang a birthday song to several Guild members with birthdays in November.

Diane A, suitably attired for several events in November, drew nametags for gifts then awarded to Barbara W, Mary Ann L, and Becky H. The group was reminded that Diane is stepping down from the nametag drawing position at the end of the year, and that a volunteer is needed to take her place in 2020.

Basics and Beyond was presented by Jamie S on the topic of "hexies." A large group attended. Next month's B and B will be announced in the December Newsletter.

Challenge Quilt event. Ana S introduced the topic by reiterating the theme of this year's challenge: each entry must feature at least one Log Cabin design. Joyce T went over the categories and Barbara W covered the final instructions to those entering the challenge: Bring your quilted item to the December meeting in a pillowcase with your name and the category INSIDE the pillowcase. If there is a label with your name on the item itself, please cover it up so that no-one knows who made it. Place your pillowcase in the appropriate basket or tub near the entrance to TDOT.

Library. Ana S thanked Patricia W for submitting an informative and timely report for 2019. She pointed out that Patricia spent all but \$2 of the library allocation of \$350, and has enhanced the library's collection significantly through weeding and judicious additions.

Newsletter items must be sent to Jamie S by November 20, 2019.

Ana substituted for Eve E in giving the Sunshine report. Eve is moving house; Joann W is in Uganda where she will teach for 4 weeks; Laurie P-D is recovering well from her hip replacement surgery; and Marie D's father passed away.

Ana S opened the election for and appointment of Board members. Linda A was nominated for Secretary, replacing Anne E. Dot B moved that the nomination be closed and members were asked to vote, which they did, unanimously. Ana then stated that Rose O has been appointed to the Board for a 2-year term as a member-at-large, taking the place of Paula B.

The composition of the Board for 2020 is:

President:	Ana S
Vice President:	Barbara W
Treasurer:	Marie D
Secretary:	Linda A
Members at Large:	Joyce T
	Jamie S
	Rose O

Potential workshop. WAQG has received an offer from the Rocket City Modern Quilt Guild in Huntsville to share the responsibilities for a workshop on Improvisational Quilting by Sherri Lynn Wood in May or November 2020. The exact nature of WAQG's involvement has yet to be determined but a number of members indicated that they would be interested. This topic will be discussed further in December.

Education. Nan G talked about her team's work with the Magnet School and showed some examples of the blocks made by the students. The team consists of Joyce W, Helen C, and Mary A. The school has asked WAQG to participate in a 27-day summer camp, and Nan asked for names of volunteers. Nan, Ana S, and Anne E spoke with six groups of 15 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the West Alabama Heritage Learning Center, talking about older quilts and their origins. They will repeat this session on three dates in November.

Kentuck was very successful this year. 108 items were sold and the net amount realized by WAQG was \$3,559. The Kentuck shop is selling a coffee mug with all of Hallie O'Kelley's Kentuck designs.

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Because December's meeting will feature WAQG's holiday party, those with December birthdays will be responsible for setting up and clearing away the meal. All other members are asked to contribute the food.

Before the refreshment break, several members displayed and talked about the quilted items they had brought during Bring and Brag/Just Finish It.

The program for November was "Gadgets" in which presenters revealed their favorite gadgets and ideas that aid in their quilting endeavors. The program was well received.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Anne E, Secretary

### Bring & Brag/Just Finish It





**Guild Meeting Photos**



Diane and some turkey shenanigans.



Basics & Beyond - Jamie showing hexie project.



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WAQG meets at the  
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Building (1000 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue) on  
the second Saturday of each  
month.