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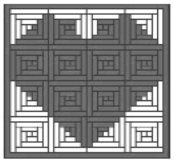


April 2022 WAQG Newsletter
President's Message

Happy Spring!

Spring and Fall are my favorite seasons. I LOVE the fresh green of new leaves and the color of beautiful flowers. In the south, spring means tornadoes and lots of rain. My yard has areas that never seem to dry out and pulling weeds there is always a problem, nothing like pulling up a bunch of mud. Especially the area where my blueberries are planted.

I am excited about Fay's plan for our 2023 Opportunity Quilt, "Stars Fell on Alabama." I think it will be very special. Join us in making 8", 10" or 12" star or pinwheel blocks in all kinds of colors. Thanks to Fay for leading this effort for the guild. It is our major fund raiser.

The Druid City Arts Festival (DCAF) will be Friday evening, May 20 and all-day Saturday, May 21. Look later in this newsletter for information from Beth. Be sure to mark your calendar and volunteer. It is a lovely time outside visiting with folks and showing and selling our beautifully made items. Thanks to Beth for chairing this!

We still need a Chair for the WAQG booth at the Kentuck Festival of the Arts to be held the third weekend of October. The Chair will have lots of help! Please consider volunteering for this. Thanks!

The August meeting is our Itch-to-Stitch program and annual quilt presentation to a local charity. Our recipient this year will be veterans where twin-size (mostly) and lap size quilts are needed. Of the 100 occupied beds, most are men, only 5 are women. Julie is donating 3-yard bundles to help provide yardage to make either a bed-sized (60" x 80") or lap quilt. Joyce is demonstrating a pattern that you can use at the April meeting. Three yards will make a lap quilt and doubling it will make a bed size quilt. If you don't want to make the whole thing, maybe collaborate with someone? I believe some members have offered to do the quilting.

Did you know that April 16 is husband appreciation day? April 19 is wearing your pajamas to work day, should I dare? Hope all have a blessed Easter on April 17!

Stay health, happy and actively quilting!!

Charlotte

Minutes March 2022 Meeting

WAQG General Meeting
March 12, 2022 at TDOT
Minutes

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. There were no changes to the minutes.

Jane [redacted] introduced the President of Compassion Coalition, Sherry [redacted] Compassion Coalition is a faith-based, nonprofit organization which works with law enforcement. Their mission is to keep people from starving or freezing to death. They make shelters available to people when temperatures drop to freezing. Donations from the Opportunity Baskets and Silent Auction are still being totaled up and may come to $2,000. Jane [redacted] presented Ms. Singley with a partial check of $1,050.

Fay [redacted] spoke to the Veterans Administration about quilts for veterans. One hundred quilts would be needed in twin size or lap size. Five of the veterans are women. These quilts are needed by August with an estimated cost for making the quilt. Members can pick up Nine-Patch blocks from Fay.

Fay [redacted] spoke about the 2023 Opportunity Quilt and said she was reminded about the song "Stars Fell on Alabama. She needs members to make FourPatch, Pinwheels, or Stars in 8", 10', or 12' size blocks. She needs the completed blocks by July. The blocks should be scrappy.

Mary [redacted] reported there were fifty-one members attending and one member on Zoom. The guild has 97 members this year. Three guests are Pam [redacted] Belinda [redacted], and Judy [redacted] Mary is renewing the directory; any corrections or new photos should be sent to Mary today or tomorrow. March birthdays are Diane [redacted], Jane [redacted], Rene [redacted] Marie [redacted], Laura [redacted] Helen [redacted], Barbara [redacted], and Amy [redacted]. Mary [redacted] said she found a vendor who will provide our WAQG logo pin for $5 each. When a new quilter makes their first full size quilt, the thimble pin will be available.

Jane [redacted] reported that 377 guests attended the quilt show in addition to guild members. She thanked everyone for their support and assistance. Anyone with quilt clips, please return to Jane. Becky [redacted] is taking orders again for guild t-shirts. She is ordering on Monday and must have at least 13 orders. Multiple colors are available.

Becky [redacted] spoke on the Boho Heart Sew Along. The sew along will last six months. A schedule is available. In early October a time at TDOT will be arranged to assemble the finished blocks. If you need a pattern, talk to Becky. Scattered Threads will place an order for us, but we don't have a price yet. There are corrections to the blocks. Place labels on your blocks to keep your blocks organized. Keep your blocks in a project box. Over 20 people have signed up for the sew along. If you have questions or need a buddy, see Becky. Bring your blocks for show and tell.

Joyce [redacted] held the name tag drawing. The bonus item (ruler rack and ruler) was won by Pam [redacted]. The other three names drawn were Ruth [redacted], Nancy [redacted], and Augusta [redacted]

Patricia [redacted], Library Chair, asked members to stop by and look. Belinda [redacted] picked up the last of the Opportunity Baskets. There were ten sponsors for the show. Members can get a free newsletter from Sulky by signing up.

Pam [redacted]t went to the Expo in Atlanta and was disappointed. She thought our show was better than the Expo. There were many sewing machine vendors but only a few fabric vendors. Pam asked for interest in a joint guild trip to Paducah next year through America Tours and Travel. Twenty-six members are interested by a show of hands. Tell your friends because this will lower the price. Pam will have more information at the next meeting. AQS members receive a discount on tickets.

Charlotte [redacted] said we are voting to a change in the bylaws of the guild at the next meeting. The change requires approval from 2/3 of the membership present at the meeting to vote on Article III, Section 1 regarding membership. Copies were passed around.

Beth [redacted] requested members make items to sell for the Druid City Arts Festival May 20 from 5-9 and May 21 from 10-5. Pick up price tags and forms from Beth. There is a 10% sales tax collected and 10% fee for the guild. Quilted items or panels are okay to sell. Show effort in your work. We have a reputation to preserve. Everything should be made from fabric and sewn.

Charlotte [redacted] emphasized that chairs are still needed for Kentuck. Hospitality reported all is okay. Melanie [redacted] from Sunshine reported that Martha [redacted] lost her husband and Melanie sent a card. Reita [redacted]'s knee surgery was postponed until April. Nancy Angerer is having back problems. Diane [redacted] mother in North Dakota is in the hospital and Diane has traveled there.

Any ideas for mini workshops should be given to Charlotte [redacted]

Ivy [redacted], a new member and undergraduate student of UA, is working on an oral history project. She needs volunteers to interview for her project. An interview would take 1-2 hours. Email or call her by the end of the month for planning purposes.

Everyone received their newsletter. Ann [redacted] is doing a special edition of the newsletter which focuses on the quilt show.

National Quilting Day is March 19. Becky [redacted] will put this on the WAQG Facebook page. Please post a picture of your latest project below the post.

There are lots of tickets for the Opportunity Quilt 2022 available. We sold $400 in tickets at the show. Examples of miniature quilts were shown for the 2022 Challenge. We are following the AQS guidelines that quilts will be at least 12" on one side and no more than 24". The categories for this year's challenge are Pieced, Appliqué, Paper Pieced, or English Paper Pieced. Bring your entry to the December meeting. The focus is on scaling down a regular sized block to a smaller block.

Reminders: Huntsville show is this Friday and Saturday. The Birmingham show is June 3-4.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle [redacted]
Secretary

Committees & Board

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

Bylaws of the West Alabama Quilters Guild

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this guild shall be the West Alabama Quilters Guild.]

ARTICLE II – Object

The object of this guild shall be to promote the appreciation of quilts, to share knowledge about quilts and quilting, and to perform community service projects.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 1. Membership of this Guild shall be open to any party interested in supporting the Guild's goals and objectives. Junior Membership (10-18 year olds) may join the guild if accompanied by an adult and pay dues of $5. The dues do not include opportunity quilt tickets.

Section 2. Dues shall be $15.00 per year, plus $10.00 per year for Opportunity Quilt tickets. The total of $25.00 shall be payable January 1 each year, with a grace period until February 15. After mid-February names will be removed from the membership roll. Members joining after July 1 shall pay only one-halp of the year's dues. Guests are expected to join by the third visit.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section 1. The officers of this guild shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws.

Section 2. At the regular meeting of the executive board in September, a Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed: one member shall be appointed by the President and shall chair the committee; two members shall be chosen by the Nominating Committee chairperson. No personal shall serve to consecutive years on this committee.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall submit the proposed slate of officers to the entire membership at the October meeting. Nominations from the floor may be taken at the November meeting. The prior consent of the proposed nominee must be obtained.

Section 4. The election shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. In the event there is only one candidate for each office, the Secretary may cast the ballot.

Section 5. Newly elected officers shall be voted on in November and shall assume their duties in January. The length of terms shall be one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 6. Vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Board for the unexpired terms.

Section 7. No officer shall be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and the Executive Board and shall appoint all committee chairpersons. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall arrange for the programs for the regular meetings and shall perform other duties assigned by the President. The Vice-President shall determine any funds necessary for a speaker with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record the minutes at regular meetings of the Guild and the Executive Board meetings. The Secretary shall maintain permanent files of all minutes and other pertinent records of the Guild and shall conduct all necessary correspondence of the Guild.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall conduct all financial matters of the Guild and/or the Executive Board; shall deposit dues and issue receipts as needed or requested; shall file receipts for all disbursements and keep a balance account of all receipts and expenditures; shall make a monthly report; and shall turn over the books for audit to two people of the general membership, not on the Board, to be selected by the President at the end of the term.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meetings of this Guild shall be held on the second Saturday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board. The meeting shall begin at 9:30 a.m. to be followed by refreshments.

Section 2. The regular meeting in November shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and committees, electing officers, and transacting any other business that may arise.

WAQG Bylaws, continued

Section 3. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by a quorum of one-half plus one of the Executive Board with two weeks' notice.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected officers and the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall conduct the business of the Guild.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have regular monthly meetings as scheduled by the President. A quorum shall consist of one-half of the officers and Board of Directors plus one. The Executive Board meeting is open to all members.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees shall be Community Service, Hospitality, Kentuck, Library, Membership, Mini-Workshops, Newsletter, Opportunity Quilt, Publicity and Historical, Quilt Show, Telephone, Yearbook and Education.

Section 2. Community Service: The chairperson shall be the contact person for the Guild in responding to requests from the community.

Section 3. Hospitality: The duties of this committee shall be to compile the hostess list for all monthly meetings and to be in charge of all social functions of the Guild. The chairperson shall be responsible for seeing that refreshments are set up prior to the meeting time.

Section 4. Kentuck: The duty of this committee shall be to coordinate with the Kentuck director all arrangements for a display and demonstration at the Kentuck Festival of the Arts each fall.

Section 5. Library: The duty of this committee shall be to maintain a library of quilt-related items for use of the members. Library material may be checked out at one meeting and returned at the next, with a $1.00 late charge if material is not returned on time.

Section 6. Membership: The duties of this committee shall be to collect dues, maintain an attendance list for each meeting, provide nametags for visitors, introduce members and visitors at each meeting. The chairperson shall maintain contact with members as needed.

Section 7. Mini-Workshops: The duties of this committee shall be to plan all details for at least four mini-workshops per year.

Section 8. Newsletter: The duty of this committee shall be to obtain all necessary information from the President and committee chairpersons to publish in a newsletter to be mailed to each member.

Section 9. Opportunity Quilt: This committee shall be responsible for making a quilt to be used for fund raising purposes.

Section 10. Publicity and Historical: The duties of this committee shall be to submit notices of the Guild's functions and meetings to whichever organizations deemed advisable and to collect and display on record publicity clippings and records of special events and achievements of the Guild and its members.

Section 11. Quilt Show: The duty of this committee shall be to make all arrangements for the quilt show which is usually held every other year.

Section 12. Telephone: The duty of this committee shall be to notify members of such information deemed necessary by a member of the Executive Board.

Section 13. Yearbook: The duty of this committee shall be to compile a yearbook annually and distribute it to members. The yearbook shall include the names, addresses and phone numbers for all members and shall list the officers of the Guild.

Section 14. Education: The duty of this committee shall be to coordinate the presentation of programs to the community and to maintain related materials.

Section 15. The President shall appoint other committees as necessary.

WAQG Bylaws, continued

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION
In case of dissolution, net assets of the West Alabama Quilters Guild shall be distributed to a 501 (c) (3) organization with similar purposes. No funds shall inure to the benefit of any of the Guild's members.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern this Guild in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS
These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Guild by a two-thirds vote of members present, providing that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting

Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee 2022 Quilt Show and Competition

I am writing to invite your guild members to enter their quilts in our 2022 Quilt Show and Competition. Deadline for entries is June 7, 2022.

Location	Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway, Knoxville, TN 37902
Dates/Times	Friday, August 5, 2022, 9 a.m. —5 p.m. Saturday, August 6, 2022, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost	Daily admission $7; 2-day pass $10; veterans with ID $6; children under 12 free.
Call for Entries	More than $6,000 in prize money, 15 categories, including one for Juniors (age 16 and under) and 13 special awards. Deadline to enter is June 7, 2022. See website for entry forms and rules.
Description	More than 200 quilts on display. On Friday, Merikay Waldvogel, a nationally known quilt collector, researcher, and writer will present an antique quilt turning at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Shop 20 vendors and a boutique of unique items handcrafter by guild members. Vendor demos. Scavenger hunts for the young ones. Quilt appraisals by appointtment: Contact certified appraiser Cindy Stuart at 865-386-0940. Free parking.
Contact:	For more information, email infor@smokymtnquilters.com or call 865-213-2335.

Upcoming Programs

Our April program is Pam [redacted] presenting All About Block of the Month Programs. Pam led many classes for BOM programs at Sew Delightful and has participated in many herself. A BOM is a great way to have a set timeline and help from a community of fellow quilters to complete a project that you may think is beyond you. Pam will have a trunk show of some of her own quilts. Her presentation is timely as the guild starts our own BOM of the Boho Heart Quilt.

In May, Debbie [redacted] will show us how to personalize t-shirts, sweatshirts and other garments with applique and orphan blocks. I know we all have blocks lying around that deserve to be seen!

We are fortunate to have so much talent in our guild. Don't miss a program!

Happy Quilting!

Dot and Paula

[redacted]

Detailed information can be obtained at the Guild Meeting
(See Jamie [redacted] —Treasurer)

THE NEXT BIG THING! DCAF!

WAQG's next big thing is the **Druid City Arts Festival** in downtown Tuscaloosa. The dates are Friday, May 20th, 5pm-9pm and Saturday, May 21st 10am-5pm.

Set up is Friday, May 20th 9am-1pm and Take down is Saturday, May 21st at 5pm. Location is Government Plaza, parking is around the perimeter or in the parking deck attached to the plaza. We will have a merchandise tent and be doing demonstrations. We only pay a $25 application fee and they give us a free double booth on the perimeter in exchange for our demonstrating during the show. This is a quick, fun show. Friday night is music and fun, and Saturday is all about shopping. Please plan to join the guild and participate in this wonderful festival. It is a free event so there are always lots of people and a merry atmosphere.

Requirements for submitting items for sale:

* Items need to be made by WAQG members only
* Items need to be quilted
* Every item needs a WAQG price tag attached with a price that includes 10% tax and 10% for the guild
* Every item must be listed individually on a DCAF inventory sheet
* Items need to be brought to the April or May meeting and checked in at the DCAF table
* Sign up to help with the festival - (you sell, you work)

WE NEED YOU

Sign up sheets will be available at the next two meetings. We need demonstrators, ticket sellers, check out people, merchandisers, set up and take down, and smiling faces!

After the quilt show, this is a breeze! Come have fun and strut your quilty stuff!

Questions? Comments? Wisecracks?

Ask Beth[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

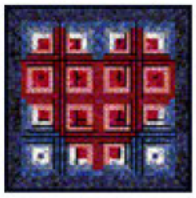
Druid City Arts Festival
Inventory Sales Sheet 2022

Quilter's Name:_____
Email_____
Phone_____

Items for Sale

Description of Item	**Price** (includes tax And WAQG 10%)

DRUID CITY ARTS FESTIVAL



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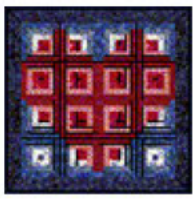

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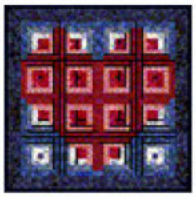

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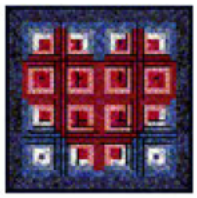

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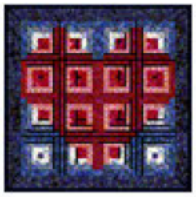

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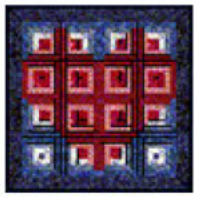

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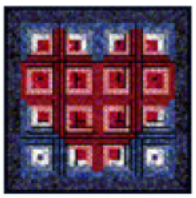

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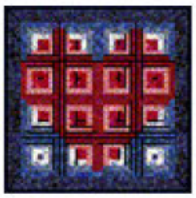

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WAQG April Birthdays

12 Doris [redacted]
14 Nell [redacted]
24 Julie [redacted]
29 Judy [redacted]
29 Paula [redacted]
30 Brenda [redacted]

West Alabama Quilters Guild
P. O. Box 020059
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35402

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