

Piecing Our Lives

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The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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Latest work by
Laurie PD.

In Laurie’s words – “I’m working on a donation quilt for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" organization chapter in Durham whose members build bunk beds for kids who do not have proper beds. Our guild up here partners with them and they need 10 quilts by the end of September for beds they are planning to deliver! So this quilt has to be 54x72. I'll send a photo when I get it done. It's a scene of a porch with a little rocking chair and big flowers all around - a fast and not fussy raw edge applique process. Fun.

Service Opportunity!

Patricia W’s daughter Emily works at the Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center and Children’s Hospital Colorado stroke clinic in Denver, which has put out a request for blank cloth dolls (solid fabric in any skin tone) for their patients. Local quilting guilds will be contacted for long-term needs, but the clinic is currently almost out of dolls and needs around 10 per month for sick children.

Here’s how the clinic describes their use of the dolls: “Children who have had a stroke or who have a bleeding disorder often experience many medical procedures and appointments throughout their lifetime. Being able to draw on the doll and make it look however they choose is a fun and engaging activity for them to do during their clinic appointments. They are encouraged to create facial expressions on each side to represent their feelings about their medical care. The dolls are also used as a teaching tool so that children can see and practice each step of a procedure. That way, they know what to expect ahead of time and can process the experience afterwards. During practice sessions with the dolls, coping skills are discussed and practiced to empower children to have some control over and master difficult experiences. Children are able to take the doll they create home to continue to use for play and learning.”



If you are able to sew up some of these dolls, please contact Patricia at wphwht@aol.com for a pattern. They are quick and easy to make from cloth and batting scraps, and she will collect them at meetings and mail them to the clinic.

President's Letter October 2019

Here comes fall.....okay so here comes a slightly cooler version of summer, but it is a bit different. I hope everyone is finding the time to get a project or two done for Kentuck cause it is coming up fast. I am hoping that the weather holds for Kentuck. We have been out there when it was wet, when it was cold and when it has been hot, so we won't know how to dress until we get closer. Thanks to everyone who is working hard to make our Kentuck venture a success. It is a group project and through the leadership of the chairs and all the volunteers, we always put on a great show for the public and do a great job of representing our craft.



We will be losing a secretary and one board member next year and I need to ask someone to help get the nominations for November done. If you wish to help, and it basically means asking for volunteers (since we don't want to dragoon anyone into service), it is not that difficult a task. If no one steps up to the plate, then I will appoint someone at the October meeting. We can't do what we do without our board and so consider joining the board.

Speaking of the board...we will be working on the Disappearing Nine-Patch quilt for the next opportunity quilt. The nine-patches are fantastic and cutting them up has proven that this is going to be a quilt with personality. Look forward to seeing what we put together in November.

Take care and see you soon. I won't be at the October meeting due to a family wedding but Barbara will hold down the fort and take care of business. ~ Ana

Attention! The October quilt guild meeting will take place on October 5th (the first Saturday) since the dates for the Kentuck Arts Festival interfere with our regularly scheduled meeting.

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.

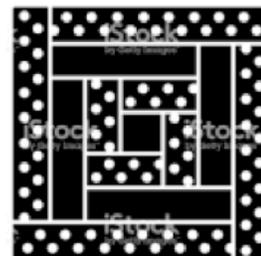
To determine the appropriate category for a quilt, measure the width and length of the quilt, and use the **smaller number** (in inches.) Fill out the entry form with the correct category indicated. Round quilts should be entered in the Non-Traditional category.

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.

October 5 , 2019

8:45: Basics & Beyond: Rulers by Joyce T

9:30: Business Meeting

10:30 Program: Kentuck



Treasurer Report as of September 1

Deposits: \$ 0.00

Expenses: \$296.46

New Balance: \$7384.73

*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.



Membership:

New Member:

Mary A

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205 xxx-xxxxx (cell)

February 6



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

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Membership Mary B

Name Tag Drawing Diane A

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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

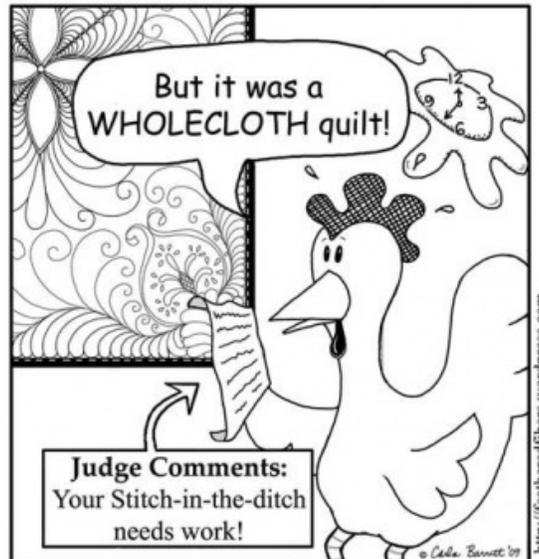
Website Coordinator Laura R

Yearbook Mary B

Challenge 2018 Board



FEATHERED FIBERS by Carla Barrett



West Alabama Quilters Guild Kentucky Merchandise Standards

General:

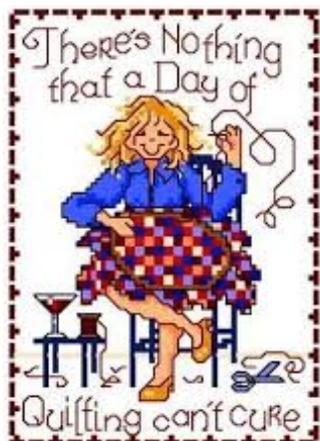
1. Minimum of 2 layers joined together
2. Tied quilted or quilt-as-you-go method
3. When quilted, items should be quilted throughout: quilting distance should be proportional to the size of the item
4. No copyrighted fabrics (Disney, college/professional sport teams, cartoons, etc) unless licensed to do so (you will have to provide the appropriate paperwork to guild and have it on hand at Kentucky)
5. No cheater's cloth (cloth that looks like a pieced top)
6. Panels are permitted with additional piecing and quilting
7. Quilts made with cathedral window, Yo-Yo (a quilting method) are allowed even though theoretically not quilted

Specific Items:

1. Ornament should be quilted unless not appropriate to do so (ex. Pinecone ornaments Yo-Yos, cathedral window, etc)
2. Pillow (decorative fronts need to be quilted (2 layers minimum), back can be single layer of fabric)
3. Vest-only the front needs to be quilted, back can be single layer of fabric
4. Apron - quilted throughout
5. Purses/Tote Bags/Smaller Bags must be quilted throughout

Please Note:

1. All items need a WAQG price tag (no additional tags allowed)
2. Be as descriptive as possible on price tags/inventory sheet (ex. Blue and green, 12"x36" table-runner instead of just the word table runner)
3. Descriptions and price of items on the price tag need to match the inventory sheet
4. All items need to be checked in to verify the price tags and inventory sheets match, quantities match etc.
5. WAQG members are encouraged to make an item with a sale value of \$20 or you can make a \$20 donation
6. All items for sale will be logged into a spreadsheet for use during the festival. Please print and write legibly
7. All items must be turned in no later than the October meeting. None will be accepted after that date.
8. Each member that attends Kentucky will need to purchase a name tag for \$5. If not purchased you will have to pay full price to enter the festival. Members are expected to work one shift during Kentucky or help with set up and take down in order to receive the \$5 Name Tag.
9. Remember your work is representing the guild and the Kentucky Festival. Be sure all threads are clipped. If you have pets be sure that your items are free of cat and dog hair. We cannot display items with pet hairs.



World's largest spool of thread – anyone know where it's located?



WAQG Meeting, September 14, 2009, 9:30 a.m. TDOT meeting Room, Minutes

Ana S welcomed 53 members to the meeting, including a new member, and two guests.

Joyce T drew name tags and gifts were presented to Karen W, Nan G, and Hallie O.



Anne E read out an announcement that had arrived by mail about a Quilt Exhibition of examples of Alabama's earliest quilts, in Montgomery, AL. Details are as follows:

Dates: Exhibition runs from September 14 through November 2, 2019.

Times: Monday-Friday – 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, and Saturday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Where: First White House of the Confederacy, 644 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104

Basics and Beyond. A thank you to Rose O for presenting the Basics and Beyond session for September. Joyce T will present "Rulers" at the October meeting and Barbara W will host a Basics and Beyond on gadgets in November. Members who have a favorite gadget are asked to notify Barbara W by the October meeting if they wish to present, or if they would like someone else to present for them.

Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is September 20.

Julie T announced the Sunshine report: Brenda P's brother has passed away. Fay L, Sarah W, Melanie M, and Marjorie S have had, or are scheduled for, surgeries. Judy R's husband is recovering from a serious accident, and Beth M is cancer free! Deepa's baby was born on August 27 and will be named on September 27.

Quilt Show information.

- There will be a junior quilters' category in which each entry will receive a ribbon but will not be judged in a formal manner. Fay L needs to know the junior entrants' information by the December meeting.
- Online Registration is available on the Website and entries will be accepted between September and the January meeting. Those who do not wish to register online may make copies of the form(s) and submit them at any meeting up to January (Laura)
- If you have scraps of fabric, please save them for the quilt show (Julie)

Opportunity Quilt. An abundance of Nine Patches have been turned in, and no more are needed. They are very colorful and will make a full size quilt and possibly a second quilt. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Education: Nan G announced that WAQG will again work as a partner with the magnet school in Tuscaloosa to teach students to do simple quilting. The school has invested in new Baby Lock machines and batting, and there will be 12 machines available at each session. Planning meeting will be on Tuesday the 17th at 1:30 p.m. Sessions with the students will be held on Tuesday afternoons, and completed quilts will be displayed at the Quilt Show in March. Anyone willing to volunteer or who has questions should contact Nan.

Retreat. Barbara H is organizing the January 2-5 retreat and there are 3 spaces left.

Kentuck: Last chance to sign up for a badge and also sign up to work at the booth and/or set up and break down. Bring all items for sale to the October sale with inventory sheets filled out and labels attached. Please read instructions for the inventory sheets. All members are encouraged to participate in some way in this annual event.

Ana asked members if they would like a new t-shirt that could be worn at the Quilt Show. Members were enthusiastic about this suggestion. Please let Ana know if you are willing to design/identify a source and place orders/coordinate this effort.

Minutes continued...

Following the Business meeting, members participated in Bring and Brag. In lieu of a program, a garage sale of sewing/quilting-related items was held, and appeared to be very popular and successful.

Respectfully submitted
Anne E, Secretary

Mark your calendar -
Hospice Activity quilt
workday @ Hospice
of West Alabama,
January 15, 2020
starting at 8:30 am
until 2:00 pm. Come
join us!



Bring & Brag/Just Finish It





Laurie's Show & Tell





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WAQG meets at the
Department of Transportation
Building (1000 28th Avenue) on
the second Saturday of each
month.