

# Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of  
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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Kentuck Arts Festival - Great Success! Thanks for all of the hard work everyone.



**Education Committee** - Ana S, Anne E, and Nan G delivered 6 classes about quilting to 4th Grade students at the West Alabama Heritage Museum on Friday, October 25, 2019.



### President's Letter - November 2019

Wow Kentuck was amazing this year. It has been a long time since I have seen those types of crowds on Saturday and even toward the end on Sunday, when it was raining, we were making sales. Thanks to the Kentuck team and all the worker bees that helped set up and take down. A lot of our stuff got wet and with everyone taking parts of it to dry out, we now have it cleaned and stored back in our storage unit. I was also amazed at how many people (mostly young people) stopped by our tent to see how things are done. We gave out all of our Guild information and if even half of them show up at a meeting, we are going to be busy and full.



We need to get busy selling our Opportunity Quilt tickets and you can ask for more of them to take to your places of work, family events over the upcoming Holidays, church gatherings, etc. Lets work hard to sell those tickets.

November will be our election of officers moment and we have volunteers for the two positions we have open (secretary and one board member). Don't forget to get working on the Challenge (log cabin) for December. The holidays are coming up on us really fast and we all get busy.



Thanks again for alllllll the hard work on Kentuck. You all are awesome!

Ana

### *Nominations for Board Officers 2020*

President: Ana S  
Vice-President: Barbara W  
Secretary: Linda A  
Treasurer: Marie D



Additional nominations will be taken from the floor at the November meeting. (You must get agreement from the person you wish to nominate before you nominate them). Voting by the membership will take place after nominations are closed. Officers will begin their duties in January.



**October 5 , 2019**

**8:45 am: Basics & Beyond - Hexies -Jamie S**

**9:30 am: Business Meeting**

**10:30 am: Program - Favorite Gadgets**

## Treasurer Report as of October 28

Deposits: \$ 4379.58

Expenses: \$484.25

**New Balance: \$11271.81**

\*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.  
Kentuck quilters have not been paid.



Membership

New Members: None reported.



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### 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



"And that's when you told her knitting is for old women?"

Remember that your quilt will need a hanging sleeve to be part of the March 2020 quilt show. Below is one of the ways you can make a hanging sleeve. Brought to you by Susan Brubaker Knapp (website: [www.blumoonriver.com](http://www.blumoonriver.com))  
~ Judy R

FYI - How to make a hanging sleeve - Basic Directions

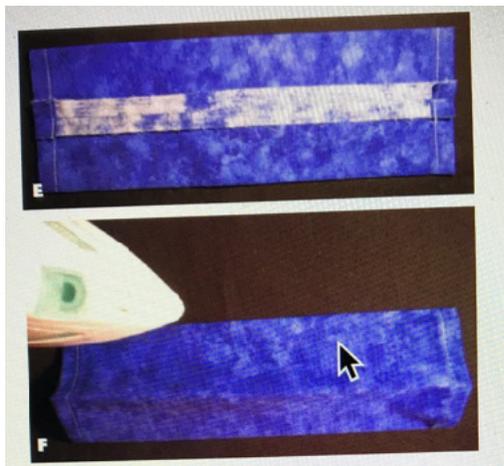
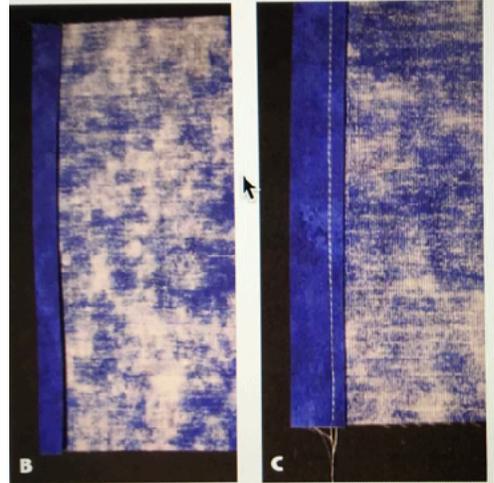
- 1) Measure the top edge of your quilt, where the sleeve will go, about 1/2" from the top. **(See Photo A)**
- 2) Cut a strip 9" wide and the width of your quilt plus 1" (So you will have a rectangle 9" by width plus 1").
- 3) Fold in the short ends 1/2" and press. Fold in again 1/2" and press. This eliminates the raw edge. **(See Photo B).**
- 4) Sew a seam along these short ends. **(See Photo C)**
- 5) Fold the strip in half with the wrong sides together. Press.

Note: By using this method, you do not have to turn the tube inside out after you sew it together. If you have a wide quilt, and a long sleeve tube, it can be difficult to turn it right side out. This way, the seam is hidden between the sleeve and the quilt backing.

- 6) Stitch a 1/2" seam along the long edge. **(See Photo D)**
- 7) Press the seam open, center it, and press. **(See Photo E)**
- 8) Along one of the long edges, fold down and press about 1/4". **(See Photo F)** This allows for a little slack so the quilt will hang better on a rod or slat. Without this slack on the back, you may have a bulge on the front of the quilt where the hanging rod goes through. **(Photo G)**

9) Pin the sleeve to the back of the quilt, about 1/2" from the top. **(See Photo G)** Take care to place the sleeve low enough that it will not show from the front once the rod is inside and the weight of the quilt pulls the sleeve up toward the top of the quilt. This is even more of an issue if the quilt is uneven at the top.

10) Hand stitch the sleeve to the quilt. **(See Photo H)** Go around all four edges, even the short sides. Your stitches should only go through the backing and the batting. You should not see them on the front of the quilt.



## **WAQG Meeting, October 5, 2019, 9:30 a.m. TDOT meeting Room, Minutes**

Barbara W welcomed members and presided over the meeting in President Ana S's absence.



Karen W reported that 44 members were present, plus one visitor.

Seven members had October birthdays and were honored by the attendees singing a rousing "Happy Birthday."

Barbara H, Jane H, and Mary A were winners of the name tag drawing.

Basics and Beyond. Barbara W. reported that Joyce T had presented "Basics and Beyond" focusing on the use of rulers in quilting, and that Jamie S will be the presenter for November.

Library. Patricia W thanked all those who purchased books at the September meeting, and strongly suggested that buyers should erase or remove the WAQG library numbers so that the books will not be returned to the library in error. 40 books were sold.

Deadline for the submissions to the WAQG Newsletter is October 20.

Sunshine. Julie T reported that Melanie M, Fay L, and Laurie PD are having surgery or are recovering from surgery. Julie also reported that Eve E will be taking over the Sunshine duties, and all reports should be sent to Eve in future. Anyone who has note cards that they would like to donate should give them to Eve.

Quilt Show. Julie T reported on progress towards the Quilt Show to be held in March 2020. Laurie PD has designed a new name badge for the show. Volunteers are needed, even though several members are already working on committees. Donations of good quality, quilting-related items for the opportunity baskets and the Silent Auction will be gratefully received by Barbara Wells; also need suggestions for suitable charities (must have 501c3 non-profit status.)

All vendors are signed up for the show. Registration forms for the show are available on the Website, or paper copies can be requested from Judy R.

Education - Nan G thanked Joyce W, Helen C, and Mary A for their help with the Magnet School class this fall, which has just started and is going very well.

Nan also announced that information sessions on old quilts will be held at the West Alabama Heritage Learning Center in Northport, and she welcomes the assistance of those members who would like to show and explain old quilts to school children.

Friday, October 25, 8:00a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 13, 8:00a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Friday, November 15, 8:00a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

November 22, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Please contact Nan if you are willing and able to participate in one or more of the sessions.

January 2020 Retreat. Barbara H reminded members that fees are due for the January retreat at the November meeting. The cost is \$299 for the whole weekend or \$275 for those arriving on Friday.

Kentuck - Becky B thanked all those who signed up to work at Kentuck this year. The booth is in the same location as last year, CCS-1 and CSS-2. Those working or demonstrating should bring a chair and wear Kentuck name tags, WAQG t-shirts, Sweat shirts, aprons, etc. Those setting up should meet at the storage unit at 11 a.m. on Friday October 11. Reminder that the booth will not close until 4 p.m. on Sunday and items may not be removed before that time. Anyone collecting unsold items for someone else at the end of the show must let Becky know.

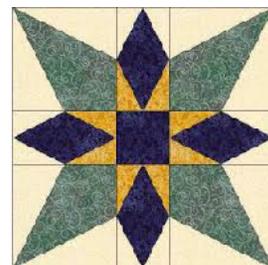
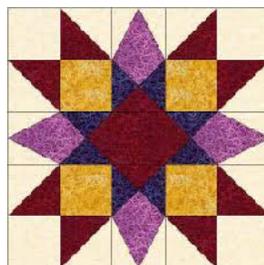
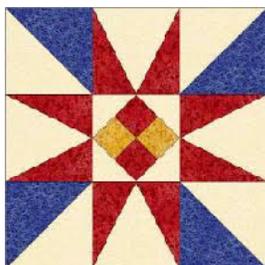
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Program. The program for the day focused on Kentuck signup and questions. Next month Barbara W and others will share information about their favorite gadgets. Please let Barbara W know if you plan to contribute a gadget or present one yourself.

Respectfully submitted  
Anne E, Secretary

**Bring & Brag/Just Finish It**



**More Kentuck**



**Guild Meeting Photos**



Diane A and Halloween fun.



Basics & Beyond



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the second Saturday of each  
month.