

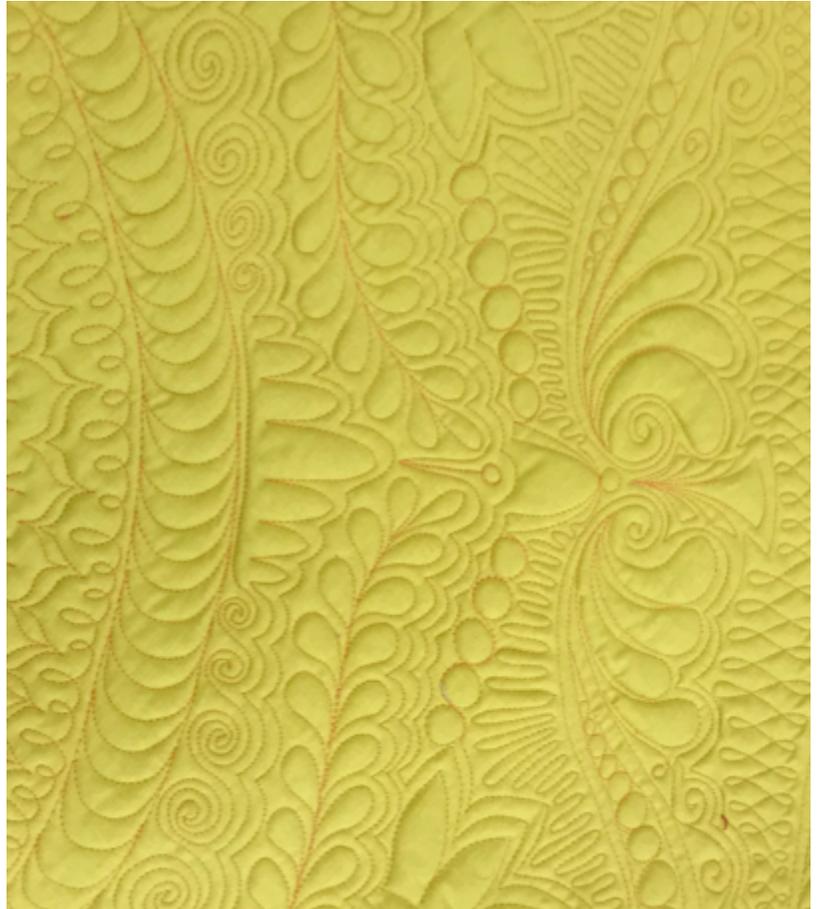
# Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of  
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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A sample of Christina Cameli's machine quilting – what a wonderful workshop and a big thanks to Rose Osuma for all of her hard work.

## DCAF News

Thank you to everyone for a great festival! The Druid City Arts Festival was successful in selling tickets (320 sold!), we did some demos, engaged some kids with our log cabin design wall, sold some quilted items, and put ourselves out there in the community. This was a great opportunity for us and we appreciate everyone who helped make this happen on such short notice. The opportunity quilt looked great and we heard lots of ooos and ahhs about it. Let's make DCAF a permanent part of our calendar, the more we are 'out there', the better!



**President's Letter May 2019**

Happy Easter and beginning of spring:

I am so pumped up this month because of all the quilting in the air. First I want to thank Barbara W and Joyce T for their great program this month on the history of WAQG. We have such a rich history of doing quilting in this community and when I look around and see how we have grown and the events and things we still do after all these years, I am encouraged that we will carry this forward for many many years and welcome new members and friends as we go. I know that those who have gone before us have worked hard to get us to this moment. I want to also thank Beth M and Julie T for all their hard work at the Druid City Arts Festival on behalf of WAQG. It as a great couple of days and they did so well in selling Opportunity Quilt tickets and merchandise. Thanks to Julie for signing us up for next year as well and thanks for everyone who helped during that weekend. Rose O has worked so



hard over the last two years to get Christina Cameli here for our 2019 major workshop and Christina blew in with an Alabama storm to an overwhelming successful two day workshop and lecture. Christina was so friendly and made everyone at the workshop know that they could accomplish what they set their mind to do. Her Friday evening lecture was insightful and helpful and soooo much fun. I know I am even thinking that I can follow her instructions and free-motion quilt in a manner that I have never done before. I know that I am going to try. Thank you Rose for getting us ready and keeping the enthusiasm high as we waited for what was a wonderful learning experience.

Here come summer and we all have lots of quilting projects to do. Mystery quilt instructions #2 will be given out at the May meeting and we are all working on our

Challenge (log cabin block) due in December and our Itch to Stitch items for Caring days due in August. Take a deep breath and go get some new thread or new fabric. Treat yourself to summer!

### **Itch to Stitch Info.....Adult Clothing Protectors, Fidget Quilts, Lap quilts.....**

Below are websites for free patterns to make the adult clothing protectors. The charity chosen this year is Caring Days.

<http://www.outonthetownbibs.com/index.html>

<https://www.maidenjane.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Adult-Bib-Pattern-1-PDF.pdf>



**May 11, 2019 Guild Meeting:**  
**8:45: Basics & Beyond: Mystery Quilt #2 clue**  
**9:30: Business Meeting**  
**10:30 Program: Fay L will present program on “Fidget Quilts”**

**Treasurer Report as of April**  
 Previous Balance: \$12,721.87  
 Deposits: \$ 1121.00  
 Outstanding: \$6572.81  
**New Balance: \$7270.06**  
 \*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.



**Membership:**  
 New Members:

Michelle F xxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxx 205-xxx-xxxx xxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.com Birthday: December 20		Kristi A xxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxx 205-xxx-xxxx xxxxxx@xxxxx.com xxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.com December 1
Anita C Xxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx  205-xxx-xxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.com July 26		

**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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**Education**  
**Historian** Anne  
**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

Fun at the business meeting during the name tag drawing with Diane A and Ana S.

**Library News**  
 Can't get enough of Christina Cameli? Her latest book "Step-by-Step Texture Quilting" will be available in the library at the May meeting.  
 ~ Patricia



### Email news/announcements

Bicentennial Quilt at the Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum across from the Tuscaloosa Public Library. It is on display until May 18, 2019, 10:00am – 4:30pm. More info can be found at:



[https://www.ua.edu/events/event/127318?utm\\_source=UA+Faculty+and+Staff&utm\\_campaign=dd52ab97c4-](https://www.ua.edu/events/event/127318?utm_source=UA+Faculty+and+Staff&utm_campaign=dd52ab97c4-)

[EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_04\\_18\\_03\\_05&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c4d3de5457-dd52ab97c4-65133109](https://www.ua.edu/events/event/127318?utm_source=UA+Faculty+and+Staff&utm_campaign=dd52ab97c4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_04_18_03_05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c4d3de5457-dd52ab97c4-65133109)



The Cahaba Quilt Show will take place on May 4 from 9-4.

### Instructions for the Challenge Quilt Event 2019

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.

Voting will be held for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Small, Medium, Large, And Non-Traditional categories, and Best in Show for all categories.

## West Alabama Quilters Guild Meeting April 13, 2019, TDOT Meeting Room Minutes

Ana S welcomed the members present and announced that Mary B has broken her wrist playing basketball and had undergone surgery, so she would not be able to celebrate birthdays this month. Instead, Judy S took her place, announcing the names of those with April birthdays, and Ana led members in the traditional Happy Birthday song.



51 members were present. New members: Kristi A and Anita C. Visitors: Becky H, Sonia B, Mary A, Michele F, Mary B, Peggy H.

Hopping in bunny ears and holding an Easter basket, Dianne A announced the name drawing winners: Joyce T, Karen L, and Patricia W.

Anne E read a thankyou note from Diana M concerning the squares she received from the Guild.

The Cahaba Quilt Show will take place on May 4 from 9-4.

An estate sale held by the family of Dianne H will occur on April 25-27 across from Northport DCH.

Ana thanked Eve E for presenting Basics and Beyond in which Eve demonstrated how to make a quilted hanging from a child's drawing. Next month, Ana will present the second session of the mystery quilt.

Reminder about the Itch to Stitch categories for Caring Days: lap quilt, clothing protector, and fiddle quilt.

Patricia W reminded members that she has been putting out books on Log Cabin techniques and patterns as this is the requirement for the Challenge event later in 2019.

Deadline for information for the Newsletter is April 20.

Julie T shared several sunshine items, including the passing of Barbara M, a long-time former WAQG member.

Julie and Beth M reported on the success of the Guild's booth at the recent Druid City Arts Festival. The Opportunity Quilt was displayed and 320 tickets were sold, as well as other quilted items. \$875 was raised at the Festival, and the Guild has already been invited back and has committed for next year. Julie and Beth thanked everyone who helped with this effort, and then thanked all those who are helping with plans for the 2020 Quilt Show. Donations will be welcome for the baskets.

Rose O made final announcements for the upcoming free motion lecture and workshops on April 19 and 20. The lecture is on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the TDOT building; workshops will take place at the Universal Unitarian Church in Tuscaloosa.

Joann W announced that the August retreat is now full. The January retreat is restricted to the Red Rooster building, and Joann asked members to forward ideas for alternate retreat centers in the event that we need to relocate. She will be away for the months of May and June, and Barbara W will take over for the next 2 months.

A number of quilts and quilted items were shared in the Bring and Brag session preceding the break.

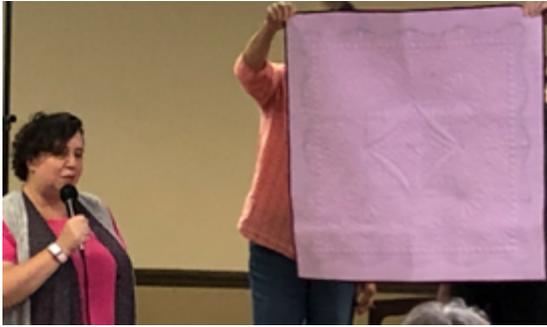
To close the meeting, Barbara W, with Joyce T, gave a talk on the early years and development of the WAQG, asking various long-time members to share anecdotes and information. Newsletters and documents from the beginning of the Guild are in the WAQG archives, which are presently residing with Anne E.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne E, Secretary



**Bring & Brag/Just Finish It**





A big thank you to Beth M and Julie T for heading up the opportunity quilt this year. We appreciate you! Also thanks to members who helped with the blocks and a special appreciation for Michelle H who quilted this beautiful piece.





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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.